

Young Authors' Faire features dozens of student-authored stories now online



The COVID-19 pandemic has not dulled the creativity of Tulare County's young authors. Today, the annual Young Authors' Faire opens online with 38 books written and illustrated by 50 Tulare County students. *Velocirlocks and the Three T-Rexes: A Jurassic Tale* by Joseph W. of Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary School in Visalia reimagines *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* with salad-eating dinosaurs who mix Portuguese phrases into their conversations.

"All of the books are wonderfully imaginative," said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. "Students tell stories of action, adventure, friends, and family through characters that include ordinary humans, animals, mythical creatures, and superheroes. I invite educators and community members to take a few minutes to visit the online Young Authors' Faire and leave positive comments about these remarkable works."



The annual Young Authors' Faire offers budding writers in grades K-8 an opportunity to showcase their work at the county level and be recognized in a variety of genres. Typically, exemplary submissions from county schools are displayed at the administration building for visitors to read and provide comments. This year, the event is being held online during April at too.org/YoungAuthorsFaire. The public is invited to visit and leave their appreciation of the stories in the comments section of each school.

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~ Velocirlocks and the Three T-Rexes: A Jurassic Tale is one of dozens of stories created by Tulare County students for the annual Young Authors' Faire event now online.

Sportsmanship scholarship offered to student athletes

The Tulare County CHARACTER COUNTS! Program is proud to announce that applications are now being accepted for the annual *Pursuing Victory with Honor* (PVWH) Scholarship. The scholarship is available for up to four graduating seniors who plan to attend a college or university in the Fall 2021. *Pursuing Victory with Honor* is the character education program developed by the creators of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a tool for coaches to instill good sportsmanship in their players. The Provident-Salierno Family Foundation generously supports the annual scholarship for seniors who demonstrate exemplary character on and off the field.



Tulare County seniors are invited to submit an application for the scholarship **by May 3** and include an essay on sportsmanship. To apply for the PVWH scholarship, complete the scholarship application available at toe.org/PVWHScholarship. For additional information, contact Kelley Petty, Tulare County CHARACTER COUNTS! coordinator, at kelleyp@tcoe.org.



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~ Senior student athletes are invited to apply for the annual Pursuing Victory With Honor scholarships – an award available to up to four students who will graduate this year and plan to attend a college or university in the fall.

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