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UPHS named California Distinguished School

Last week, University Preparatory High School (UPHS) was named a California Distinguished School. The two-year honor was awarded by the California Department of Education (CDE) based on the school's performance and progress with the state indicators specified on the California School Dashboard – indicators that include test scores, suspension rates, and conditions and climate. This spring, the CDE named 223 schools as California Distinguished Schools. UPHS had previously been named a California Distinguished School in 2019.

"Principal Eric Thiessen, UPHS teachers and staff, and parents are to be commended for creating a supportive and inclusive school environment where students thrive," said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. "UPHS students not only thrive in high school, but they are gaining college experience and credits through our partnership with College of the Sequoias."

UPHS was created in 2009 by the Tulare County Office of Education in partnership with College of the Sequoias. The high-performance, free, public high school welcomes all highly-motivated students looking for a program that prepares them for college success. At UPHS, students experience their high school years in a college setting, participate in college classes, and earn college units before graduating from high school.

For more information, visit tcoe.org/UPHS.



Dinuba senior receives annual College Night Scholarship

Tyra Adair was chosen to receive the annual Tulare County College Night Scholarship. The Dinuba High School senior will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and will be majoring in Animal Science. She aspires to become a veterinarian and open her own clinic.

Tyra is an outstanding scholar with many distinctions awarded for academics, character, involvement in the arts, and involvement in various clubs and service organizations, including Health Occupations Students of America, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Link Crew, ASB, Theater, and Drill and Dance Team. Additionally, her volunteer work has impacted the community in areas of faith, public health, and education.

Tyra, a first-generation college student, credits College Night for providing her family the opportunity to understand the importance and excitement surrounding higher education. College Night helped her learn about colleges and universities she had never heard of before and understand their application processes.



“We were impressed by her poise, her ability to communicate effortlessly, and her determination and drive,” said McKenna Salazar, an educational specialist with College and Career. “She is an outstanding young citizen and a fantastic representative of Tulare County.”

As the winner of the College Night Scholarship, Tyra will receive \$1,000 per year for up to four years while she attends a college or university. The College Night Scholarship committee is composed of Myron Sheklian, retired VUSD Area Administrator; Kelley Petty, CHARACTER COUNTS! Coordinator; Brett Taylor, CEO of Tulare County Association of Realtors and Visalia City Councilman; and McKenna Salazar.

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