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Preregistration now open for virtual College Night, scheduled for September 9

Preregistration is now open for TCOE's annual College Night. Again this year, the higher education information event for high school students and their parents will be virtual with representatives from approximately 90 colleges and universities available online. Prior to the event, students can download a flyer of helpful hints to use when talking with college representatives and making a determination as to which college or university to attend.

Parents and students are encouraged to preregister for the event in order to receive a link to the virtual College Night platform. The preregistration form is available at tcoe.org/CollegeNight. A link to the platform will be sent to registrants approximately two weeks prior to the event. The event will also feature breakout sessions covering topics that may include financial planning, college admissions, and scholarship opportunities.



Arts-focused professional learning offered this fall

Two new arts-focused professional learning series will be offered this fall to support educators in implementing the arts in their classrooms.

The first series is entitled **California Arts Standards 101**. The two-part series will be conducted virtually September 9 and 16 from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m., addressing how school districts can be prepared to implement the standards to address the requirements of LCAP Priority #2. Led by Kate Stover, visual and performing arts curriculum specialist, the series will begin with an exploration of the California Arts Standards, adopted in 2019, including their structure, format, conceptual framework, and instructional shifts. On September 16, participants will have the opportunity to dive deeper into the standards to explore strategies for classroom implementation. The standards feature four artistic processes and 11 anchor standards threaded across all five disciplines – dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

For registration and fee information for the September 9 session, visit tulare.k12oms.org/147-208337. Registration for the September 16 session is available at tulare.k12oms.org/147-208340.



The second series is entitled Arts + SEL and it explores the relationship between the arts and students' academic, social, and emotional learning. Combining California's new Arts Standards and the CASEL (The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning) Core Competencies, Arts + SEL is designed to help educators discover how to utilize the visual and performing arts as a tool for promoting student health and wellness and for improving school climate and culture. The three-part virtual series will highlight a wide range of hands-on activities and research-based strategies to engage learners of all ages and all abilities. Participants will receive resources they can use immediately to integrate the arts into their classrooms to impact student creativity, self-awareness, self-expression, decision making, and positive relationships.

To register for Arts + SEL on September 21 and 28, and October 5 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m., visit tulare.k12oms.org/147-207543.

For more information, contact Kate Stover at kate.stover@tcoe.org or (559) 741-0809.

Around the County

Tulare's Richard Torrez Jr. places second at Olympics



Last weekend, Tulare's Richard Torrez Jr. became the first American boxer to reach the super heavyweight gold medal match at the Olympics since 1988. Torrez took home silver after falling to Uzbekistan's Bakhodir Jalolov in the championship bout.

Regardless of the loss, Torrez returns home from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics to a city bursting with pride for their first Olympic medalist since 1952.

Torrez attended Palo Verde Union School and Mission Oak High School in his youth where he was known for his good character. In 2016, Torrez was nominated as a Kid of Character during the CHARACTER COUNTS! Week campaign. With that honor, he was selected for the Provident-Salierno Family Foundation Award for the Pillar of Respect.

His nomination read:

Richard is one of the very best that Mission Oak has to offer. He is a scholar-athlete, an amateur boxer, an AP student, and a kind and respectful young man. At first glance, you wouldn't want to meet Richard alone in a dark alley. At 6'2" and 227 pounds, Richard is also the president of Mission Oak's high school Chess Club. That's right. Chess. Richard earns the Pillar of Respect for balancing respect for the needs of his body, as well as his mind. In Chess Club, Richard promotes this intellectual game to anyone who will listen. During the club fair last month, he even bet a kid that he couldn't beat him in a game...and the kid actually beat Richard! Richard is not afraid to be vulnerable and the kids and adults on campus respect him for this. The respect he shows his training regimen is unbelievable. He works out at the Tulare Athletic Club 3 to 4 hours a day, 4 to 5 days a week, and then finds time to serve as a mentor to the younger boxers. He also tutors adults in math and even finds time to play guitar and ukulele and write poetry. Richard continues to impress his teachers with his respect for education through his attentiveness, leadership, and collaboration with other classmates.

Photo above:

~ Tulare's Richard Torrez Jr., an amateur boxer, trains with his father, Richard Torrez Sr., in 2019. Vongni Yang/ The Visalia Times-Delta, Tulare Advance-Register.

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