

Schools, law enforcement gather for latest demonstration of ActVnet



Tulare County law enforcement, fire departments, and other first responders gathered last week at Sundale Union School in Tulare for a live demonstration of TCOE's ActVnet – a web-based system that provides designated law enforcement access to a school's cameras, site plans, classroom photos, and other pertinent data in the event of an active shooter on campus or other emergency situations. Law enforcement ran three live scenarios involving an active shooter or shooters on campus. School district personnel from throughout the county watched a projection of the ActVnet system as the scenarios unfolded. With each scenario, dispatchers from various agencies guided onsite law enforcement to apprehend the mock intruder utilizing the Sundale camera system integrated with the school's site plan.

Last week's exercises are the latest in the development of ActVnet, which was conceived by TCOE's CHOICES Program in cooperation with Tulare County law enforcement agencies and other first responders. System developers are working to implement ActVnet at 10 Tulare County school districts, which include 32 school sites.

"We appreciate the support of the staff and administration at Sundale for allowing us to utilize their campus to demonstrate the latest developments to ActVnet," said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. "Every California school is required to develop a safe school plan. This powerful tool takes those plans and converts them into actions in the event of an emergency."



Tulare County fire, law enforcement, medical, and mental health agencies have expressed their universal support for the ActVnet program. Agencies that were available to take part in the exercises included the police departments of Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake; the Tulare County Sheriff's Office; the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; CalFire and Tulare City Fire Department; LifeStar Ambulance and Kaweah Delta Medical Center, and the Office of California Assemblyman Devon Mathis.

For more information on ActVnet, contact Frank Silveira at frank.silveira@tcoe.org.

Photos above:

~ Law enforcement officers from numerous agencies participated in three mock intruder drills at Sundale Union School last week.

~ Educators from around the county were able to watch the drills through the ActVnet system and hear the dispatcher guide officers to the intruder.

Equity Conference moves to March 3



TCOE's annual Equity Conference, originally scheduled for January 27, has been moved to March 3. The interactive day-long virtual institute, entitled *Equity in a Changing World*, will engage participants in a deeper understanding of what equity means, what it looks like in practice, and how it is manifested or stifled on their campuses and in their communities. A wide variety of breakout sessions will include conversations around equity challenges impeding student success and opportunities to brainstorm practical solutions that empower all members of the educational community. Institutions boldly addressing their own equity challenges will share their strategies, obstacles, and outcomes.

The conference will open with a keynote presentation by Dr. Sharroky Hollie, a national educator who has trained tens of thousands in cultural responsiveness. To close the conference, participants will hear from Thomas Valles and Johnny Samaniego, two members of the 1987 CIF State Cross Country Championship team that inspired the film *McFarland USA*.

At the end of the conference, participants will leave with ideas and strategies to implement on their campuses.

Registration: Educators, community members, and parents are encouraged to visit tcoe.org/EquityConference for registration information. The fee for Tulare County residents is \$25 per person; attendees outside Tulare County may register for \$50 per person. Information on breakout session presenters will be added to the site soon.

Dr. Sharroky Hollie is a national educator who provides professional development to thousands of educators in cultural responsiveness. Since 2000, he has trained over 150,000 educators and worked in nearly 2,000 classrooms. Going back 25 years, Hollie was a classroom teacher at the middle and high school levels, a central office professional development coordinator in Los Angeles Unified School District, a school founder and administrator, and university professor in teacher education at California State University, Dominguez Hills. Hollie has also been a visiting professor for Webster University in St. Louis and a guest lecturer at Stanford University and UCLA.



Thomas Valles and Johnny Samaniego were members of the 1987 California cross country championship team. Their state victory inspired the movie *McFarland, USA*, which is based on the true story of a small Central California high school coach that took an unlikely group of immigrant students and transformed them into a distance-running dynasty. Valles and Samaniego will discuss their historic and inspiring running careers, the challenges they faced growing up in a small Latino farming town in the 1980s, and what it was like to see their life portrayed on the big screen.

Photo above:

~ *Equity Conference speakers Dr. Sharroky Hollie (above) and Thomas Valles and Johnny Samaniego (below).*



Registration open for annual counselor conference



K-12 administrators and counselors, and post-secondary counselors, instructors, deans, and student success advisors are invited to register for the Tulare Kings College + Career Collaborative's Fifth Annual Counselor Conference. The free, virtual conference is scheduled for Monday, January 31, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Industry partners and Workforce Investment Board staff members are also encouraged to attend.

Rosalind Wiseman, teacher, author, and founder of Cultures of Dignity, will be the conference's keynote speaker. Wiseman is the author of two New York Times Best Sellers: *Masterminds & Wingmen: Helping Our Boys Cope with Schoolyard Power, Locker-Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of Boy World* and *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and the New Realities of Girl World*. *Queen Bees and Wannabes* was the basis of the movie and Broadway musical, *Mean Girls*. Wiseman is a frequent guest on the Today Show, CNN, Good Morning America and National Public Radio. Her *Owning Up Curriculum*, published in July 2020, is a comprehensive social justice program for grades 4-12 which is in widespread use across the world.

In addition to the keynote presentation, participants can select from numerous breakout sessions, many with a special focus on emotional well-being. Other sessions include presentations on building students' self-management skills and empowering them to choose career paths using relevant labor market data.

To register for the conference, click on the link at tkccc.org/events.

Students invited to submit their stories to the annual Young Authors' Faire



Teachers are invited to register their students who intend to participate in the annual Young Authors' Faire. The Faire is open to students in grades K-8 who write and illustrate original digital books. The deadline to register to participate is February 21 and all books must be submitted by March 21. The books will be displayed virtually on a special public webpage April 1-30.

For more information on the registration process, visit tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire or contact Juliana Davidian at juliana.davidian@tcoe.org.

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