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Annual Tech Rodeo returns virtually, includes sessions on social emotional learning

The Sixth Annual Tech Rodeo is scheduled virtually for Saturday, January 15 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The full-day educational technology conference features learning options for educators, administrators, and coaches to meet the needs of students in all grade levels, regardless of the content area or the devices/applications being used.

Registration is open until the morning of the conference at eventsquid.com/event.cfm?event_id=15317. The fee to attend is \$50 per person.

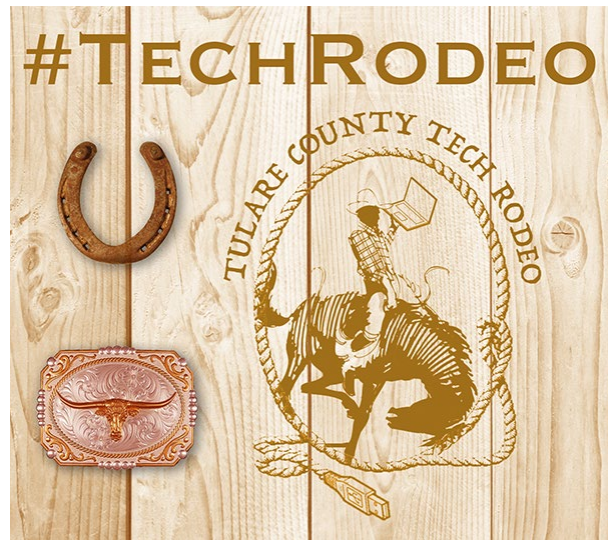
The conference will feature four breakout sessions with multiple topic options designed to help educators engage students in the physical/virtual classrooms of today. Following the first breakout session, attendees will be able to select from a variety of topics and attend a Campfire Chat facilitated by award-winning educators and authors. Within the Campfire Chats, participants will join in guided discussions around hot topics in education.

Among the breakouts and Campfire Chats are sessions on student social emotional learning (SEL).

Ed Campos, a consultant with the Kings County Office of Education and a member of Brown University's Bootstrap program, will provide three sessions addressing SEL. His presentations include *A Classroom that Thinks, Heals, and Brings Joy*; *SEL for You and Your Students*; and *#SocialDisDancing to Music While Learning*.

Katie McNamara, a teacher librarian at North Bakersfield High School, will also conduct an SEL-related presentation entitled *conduct Reimagining Self Care with Wakelet*. McNamara will discuss ways to embed SEL components with course standards and content, and help students incorporate the SEL they need at school and in their communities.

For more information on Tech Rodeo sessions and to register, visit eventsquid.com/event.cfm?event_id=15317.



Joy Soares retires, leaves legacy in the field of college and career



Last month, dozens of TCOE and district staff gathered to celebrate the career of Joy Soares, director of College and Career. Soares retired having served as the program's director since 2015.

Soares had previously served as an instructional consultant and a master trainer for the Project Based Learning program. Prior to joining TCOE, she was a teacher at Kings River Union School and its National History Day coach. Her students regularly took top honors at the county competition and competed at the state level.

Under her leadership, Soares also oversaw the Tulare-Kings College + Career Collaborative (TKCCC) – an organization of school districts, community colleges and universities, workforce development agencies, and business/industry partners. TKCCC is dedicated to developing systems to prepare students for college and career, and ease their transitions from school to college and into the workforce. The collaborative also supports the development of career pathway programs and provides work-based learning experiences/internships.

Under her leadership of College and Career and the collaborative, Soares attracted millions of dollars in support for Tulare and Kings county schools to better prepare thousands of students for higher education and the workforce.

Following Soares' retirement, Martin Frolli, Ed.D., administrator of Leadership Support Services, now serves as administrator for College and Career. McKenna Salazar, one of the program's College and Career engagement specialists, is the director of TKCCC.

Photo above:

~ (l-r) Therese Arnold, TCOE College and Career special projects assistant; McKenna Salazar, College and Career engagement specialist; Joy Soares; and Vicki Leoni, director of College and Career Readiness at Visalia Unified School District pose for a photo at Soares' retirement celebration last month.

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