

Bruce Storer is new director of Information Systems

This month, Bruce Storer became the new director of Information Systems. Storer previously served as coordinator of Information Systems for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) for over 10 years. Prior to his service to KCSOS, he was the Systems and Operations manager at Modesto City Schools for 14 years.



Storer will lead the Information Systems support of TCOE's and Tulare County school districts' transition to the new Harris School Systems (HSS) financial/payroll program, known as OASIS. Storer was a presenter at the recent Quintessential School Systems Users Group Conference where he led several HSS OASIS system sessions. "His HSS OASIS background will be a great resource to TCOE and the districts we serve moving forward into our new financial system," said Dr. Fernie Marroquin, assistant superintendent of Business Services.

"Challenges and opportunities coexist as we strive to implement the OASIS Financial System, but I'm confident in our partners as we work through the data conversion and software configuration options," Storer said. "I'm also looking forward to continuing the good work to expand the Central California Learning Network (CCLN) to provide internet access to all Tulare County students at home."

Bruce Storer lives in Bakersfield with his wife, Mary. He and his wife are proud parents of two adult sons and three grandchildren.

Independent Living Program graduations held Tuesday



On Tuesday, 13 foster youth students graduated from Tulare County Child Welfare Services' Independent Living Program (ILP). Graduates represented Porterville Unified School District, Tulare Joint Union High School District, Visalia Unified School District, and Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE). All of the graduates plan to attend either the College of the Sequoias or Porterville College, and three indicated a long term goal of transferring to a four-year institution. Graduates were supported by six ILP social workers who are based at the TCOE Dream Center.

Thank you to Visalia Unified district administrator Brandon Gridiron for being the graduation's keynote speaker. Thank you also to Tulare County CWS for putting on the event and supporting foster youth in our county!

Around the County

New exhibition on Latino history opens Saturday



On Saturday, June 25, the Tulare County History of Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum in Mooney Grove Park will open a new seven-month exhibition entitled *CAMINOS: Latino History of the Central San Joaquin Valley*. The exhibition was developed by Arte Américas, the Central California center dedicated to celebrating Latinx history, arts, and culture. *CAMINOS*, which is ideal for high school students and adults, will be open to the public Thursdays through Mondays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm through December 23, 2022.

CAMINOS was developed over three years and first exhibited at Arte Américas in 2019 with guidance from Madera native Alex Saragoza, Ph.D., professor emeritus of Chicana Latinx Studies at University of California, Berkeley. The exhibition presents the history of Latinos in the Central San Joaquin Valley since 1772 to the present as the region changed from native to Spanish to Mexican to United States control. *CAMINOS* chronicles the development of Latin American culture in the San Joaquin Valley, and the successes, contributions, struggles, and self-advocacy of its people.

Amy King-Sunderson, curator for the Tulare County Museum, encourages high school teachers to make reservations to bring their classes to the exhibition. Students and the

public are also invited to attend free “platicas,” or lectures, being held the second Sunday of each month from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

For more information about reservations and instructional resources related to the exhibition, contact Amy King-Sunderson at aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov or 559-624-7326.

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