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Upcoming *Children First* special features two TCOE programs



ABC30's latest *Children First* special is entitled "Help Wanted In The Classroom," and it's scheduled to air on Sunday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. and stream on [abc30.com](https://www.abc30.com).

While California is experiencing a teacher shortage, local education agencies are addressing the issue with new ideas. Among the segments in the special are two that feature Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) programs.

The work of the California Center on Teaching Careers (The Center) is highlighted with the recruitment support it offers to school districts throughout the state. The Center's residency programs are also featured, including the STEM-based Teacher Residency For Rural Education Project, which helped Golden West High School (Visalia) math teacher Kaylee Nunez-Ornelas earn her degree and credential.

In the second segment, TCOE's New Teacher & Leadership Development (NTLD) helped a career changer earn his teaching credential through the IMPACT Intern Program. Today, Adam Goldsworthy is using skills from his prior career to teach art throughout the Earlimart School District.

In another segment, Madera high school students are gaining experience in education, helping young children while earning college credit through the Madera Education Pathways program.

For more information about the special, visit www.abc30/ChildrenFirst.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Week kicks off Monday

Next week is CHARACTER COUNTS! Week. Kelley Petty, the Tulare County CHARACTER COUNTS! coordinator, reports that nearly 4,500 students from 153 schools will be honored next week. Teachers, parents, and other community members nominated the students to be recognized in the program's 28th annual celebration.



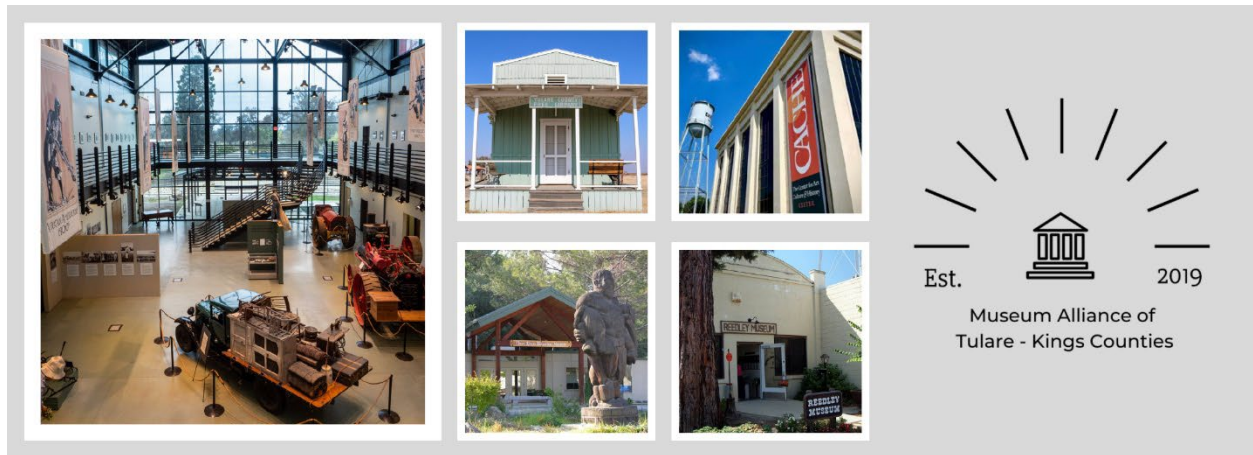
The CHARACTER COUNTS! Program reviewed the nominations and selected a winner and two finalists for each of the Pillars of Character to be profiled in the Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register next week. A story about the students who best represent the Pillars of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship will appear in the newspaper each day next week.

These top honorees and finalists will also be celebrated at the annual Provident/Salierno Family Foundation Awards ceremony on November 1.

"We are excited to celebrate Tulare County's long-standing commitment to character education once again," Petty said. "Please celebrate CHARACTER COUNTS! Week with us by visiting the national office's website for great ideas to use on your school campus, throughout the community, or on social media."

For ideas on how to celebrate CHARACTER COUNTS! Week (October 15-22), visit charactercounts.org/character-counts-week.

Educators invited to Meet the Museums



The Museum Alliance of Tulare-Kings Counties, a consortium of over 20 museums, libraries, and cultural sites in the two-county area, is hosting an open house at the Tulare County Office of Education this month. The event is open to educators on October 27 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Center at 6200 South Mooney Boulevard.

Educators are invited to learn about the wide range of educational opportunities offered by museums and cultural institutions in Tulare and Kings counties, including the Tulare County Museum, community museums in many local cities, the ImagineU Children's Museum, and the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. Information about study trips, guest speakers, and curriculum resources for many of the institutions will be available.

For more information about the museum alliance, visit matkc.org/about. For more information about the event, contact Kate Stover at kate.stover@tcoe.org.

Student Tech Showdown returns in January, teachers invited to register their students

Organizers of the annual Tech Rodeo educational technology conference are pleased to announce the return of the Student Tech Showdown. The event is designed to involve students utilizing their technology skills in a variety of ways.

One way students can get involved is by providing tech support to presenters and



attendees at the event. If tech support isn't for them, they can create a poster presentation that spotlights their unique tech-driven journeys. If they're more interested in taking the stage, they can share their tech fears and dreams in a three-minute Student Boom.

The Tech Rodeo and the Student Tech Showdown are scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2024.

Teachers in grades 4-12 are encouraged to submit their student applications today at bit.ly/TechShowdown. Space is limited.

Around the County

Woodlake High School aviation program wins \$100,000 grand prize

Last month, the U.S. Department of Education announced Woodlake High School as the grand-prize winner in the Rural Tech Project, a \$600,000 challenge to advance technology education and prepare students for the careers of today and tomorrow. Woodlake will receive an additional \$100,000 prize to continue expanding its newest technology education program — an aviation pathway to prepare students for regional aviation careers and postsecondary education. Woodlake was previously awarded \$100,000 after being chosen as one of five finalists from across the nation.



Students in Woodlake's Aviation Pathway learn geometry, aerodynamic principles, and drone operations, and earn industry certifications and college credits. The coursework emphasizes project-based learning, as students use flight simulators and work in "flight crews" to accomplish missions. They can earn OSHA 10 certifications and receive aviation certificates, such as an FAA drone operator license. Select students participate in a paid internship program with Benson Aviation, immediately connecting skills from their coursework to real-world applications. Aviation Pathway students are also achieving higher math grades than the average grades in other sections of the school's integrated math courses.

For more information about the award, visit www.ruraltechproject.com.

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