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Foster & Homeless Youth Education Services' annual Education Summit set for November 30

Registration is now open for Foster & Homeless Youth Education Services' annual Education Summit. The event will be held on November 30 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Center at 6200 S. Mooney Blvd. in Visalia. This year, the summit will feature "Rapping Dad" Derek Clark and engaging breakout sessions. Topics will range from graduation requirements and services for transitional-aged youth to resources offered by Child Welfare Services and the Tulare County Office of Education's Parent Liaisons.



Keynote presenter Derek Clark is a popular motivational speaker who uses the story of his traumatic childhood to offer hope, courage, determination, and strength to overcome great adversity. Clark grew up in the foster care system after being abandoned at age five at a psychiatric facility. It would take years for him to let go and grow, but thanks to loving foster parents and a fantastic social worker, he learned how to cope with adversity and overcome hardship. In addition to being a motivational speaker, Clark is the author of seven books, including *I Will Never Give Up*, *Disable the Label*, and *Never Limit Your Life*.

To register for the free 2023 Education Summit, visit: <https://forms.gle/84aH8vdbKbzy6Jdx5>.

Early bird registration fee available for seventh annual Tech Rodeo

Experience a full day of diverse professional learning, tailored for educators at all grade levels and content areas at the seventh annual Tech Rodeo! The immersive event will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Tulare County Office of Education's Mooney Boulevard Administration Building.

Tech Rodeo is inspired by CUE Rockstar's dynamic approach, which ensures no attendee misses any session. Innovative



experiences crafted for today's classrooms and learners will be presented, along with four breakout sessions led by several experts including three from the Central Valley. The breakout sessions will revolve around classroom UDL (Universal Design for Learning), the effectiveness of eduprotocols, how to use Flip cameras for student engagement, the power of generative artificial intelligence (AI), and much more.

Those interested in attending can register at <https://tulare.k12oms.org/147-243232> or see the [flyer](#) for more information. An early bird registration fee of \$175 per person is in effect until Friday, December 15. Beginning December 16, registration will be \$225 per person. The event includes resources and lunch, but attendees should bring their own devices.

For more information about the event, contact Adam Juarez at adam.juarez@tcoe.org or (559) 651-3031 ext. 3325. For registration information, contact Evelin Lopez at evelin.lopez@tcoe.org or (559) 651-3548.

UC Merced helps organize SCICON Research and Education Symposium

Last month, researchers from UC Merced organized the first annual SCICON Research and Education Symposium. Held at the UC Merced/SCICON Field Station – located on SCICON's Circle J-Norris Ranch – the symposium featured 11 speakers from organizations serving students of all ages.

The focus of the symposium included discussions on bridging science and education, socio-

environmental issues, and the health of the area's oak woodlands. Speakers represented a variety of organizations serving K-12 and postsecondary students, including SCICON, University of California, SocioEnvironmental and Education Network (SEEN), River Ridge Ranch, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, and US Geological Survey.

Following the speaker presentations, tours of SCICON, Circle J, and River Ridge Ranch were offered to attendees who were visiting from other areas of the state. "We greatly appreciate UC Merced and Dr. Jessica Malisch, our field station director, for their continued promotion of the site and our partnership," said Dianne Shew, SCICON director. "The new symposium will certainly advance the use of the field station and further the cooperation between the agencies providing outdoor education for children and adults."

To learn more about the UC Merced/SCICON Field Station, visit scicon.ucmerced.edu.



Photo above:

UC Merced helped organize an outdoor education symposium at the UC Merced/SCICON Field Station last month. Organizations from a variety of land management and K-12 and higher education agencies presented.

Around the County

Tulare Western girls, boys water polo take second at section championships



The Tulare Western High School girls and boys water polo teams finished second in their respective divisions at the CIF Central Section Championships Saturday at the Fresno State Aquatics Center.

Playing in girls Division II, No. 4 Tulare Western upset No. 1 Morro Bay 10-8 last Wednesday to advance to the championship game. In the title match, Tulare Western fell 11-8 to reigning champion, No. 2 Garces Memorial of Bakersfield. Tulare Western finished the season with a record of 27-8 and went 10-0 in league to win the West Yosemite League title.

In the Division III boys game, No. 4 Tulare Western lost 17-13 to No. 2 San Joaquin Memorial of Fresno. Tulare Western's Adrian Tristao led the team with five goals and Chi`el Sanchez had

three. Elijah Parnell and Trey Garrison scored two goals apiece and Mason Bessinger had one. Rex Vander Feer recorded 13 saves.

Tulare Western reached the championship game with a 10-7 win over No. 1 El Diamante of Visalia. The team finished the season 19-13 overall with a 7-3 record in the West Yosemite League.

Photo above:

Tulare Western High School girls water polo poses with a runner-up plaque in the CIF Central Section Division II Championship game at the Fresno State Aquatics Center. Photo by Kason Clark/The Sun-Gazette

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