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Theatre Company set to perform two shows this month



Tickets are now on sale for the Theatre Company's two, back-to-back fall productions – “Willy Wonka KIDS” and “Alice in Wonderland JR.” Four performances will be offered November 21 - 23 at the Rotary Theater in Visalia – three evening shows and a Saturday matinee. Audiences can purchase a ticket to the show of their choice or purchase a ticket to see both.

“Willy Wonka KIDS” is an endearing 40-minute production starring Tulare County students in grades 1 - 6. “Alice in Wonderland JR” is a magical 60-minute production starring Tulare County students in grades 7 - 12. A 20-minute intermission will be held between the two shows.

Evening shows begin at 7:00 p.m. with performances of Willy Wonka, followed by performances of Alice in Wonderland at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person for Wonka, \$12 for Alice, or \$17 for both shows. To purchase tickets, visit tcoe.org/TheatreCo/tickets.

CHARACTER COUNTS! welcomes Zoty Briceño



This week, CHARACTER COUNTS! welcomed Zoty Briceño as its new curriculum specialist. Briceño will continue the sportsmanship and youth development work initiated by Gene Mendes, who retired in July. Briceño will promote and train coaches and athletic directors in the Pursuing Victory With Honor (PVWH) sportsmanship program, and guide the high school student-athlete council known as the Sportsmanship Action Team, which leads two, annual youth conferences known as Huddle and Huddle Jr.

In the spring, Briceño will begin to provide the CHARACTER COUNTS! curriculum, resources, and best practices to Tulare County schools.

Raised in Puerto Rico, Briceño moved to California in 2007 to continue her education. She attended California State University, Fresno, graduating with a bachelor's in criminology with a specialty in forensic behavioral science.

Briceño worked as a probation officer in Tulare County from 2012 until 2018. Simultaneously, she completed her master's in school counseling with a PPS Credential, which she earned in 2019 from National University.

Prior to joining CHARACTER COUNTS!, Briceño served as a counselor for Monache High School, working with students in the school's Manufacturing Construction and Technology Academy.

"We are delighted to have Zoty join our program," said Kelley Petty, Tulare County CHARACTER COUNTS! coordinator. "Her enthusiasm, combined with her background in law enforcement and youth development, are a great complement to CHARACTER COUNTS! and PVWH, which are effective tools in building positive school cultures."

Briceño is currently working on an administrative credential through Fresno Pacific University.

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