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Tulare County College Night scheduled for September 8



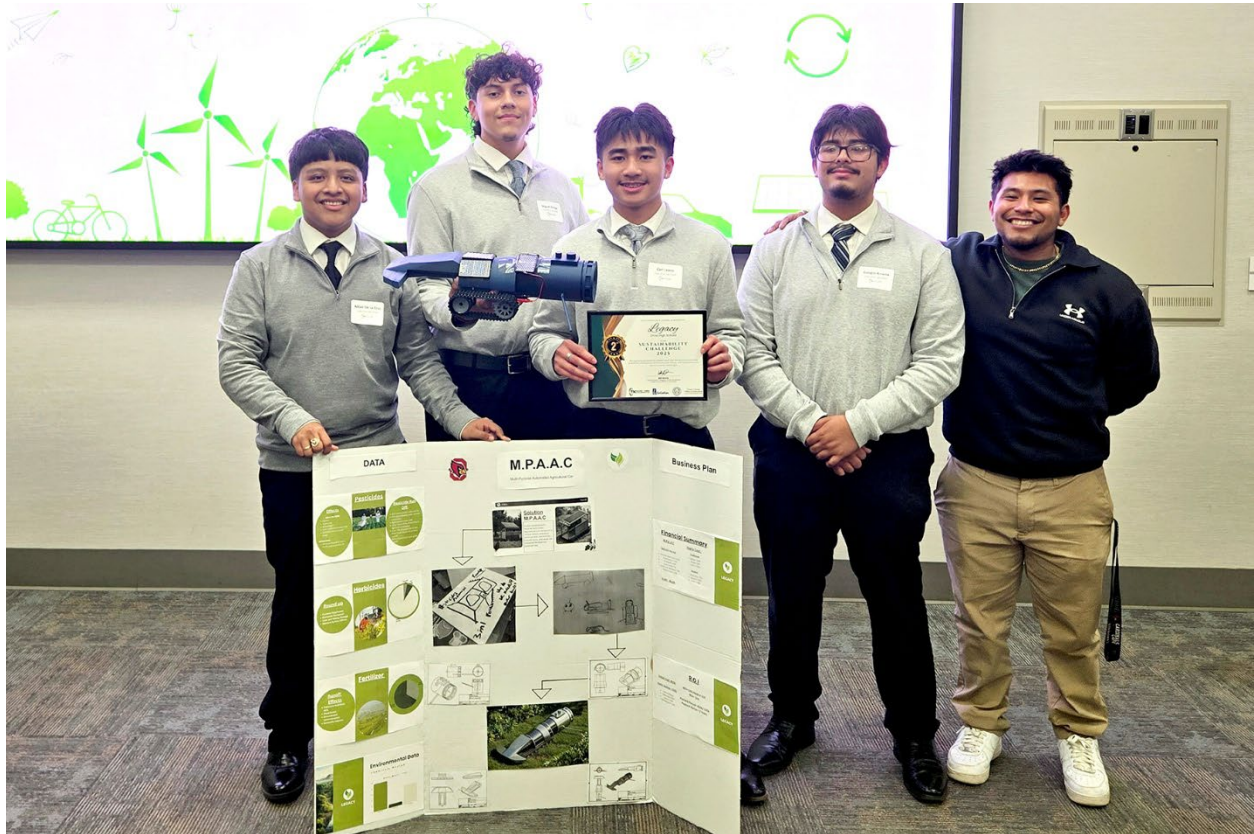
Representatives from 70 universities, colleges, and trade schools will be on hand at the annual Tulare County College Night to answer questions about entrance requirements, available degrees, and tuition expenses at their institutions.

College Night will be held Tuesday, September 8, at the Visalia Convention Center. The event, which will open to high school students and their families at 5:30 p.m., is designed to provide information on preparing for and applying to colleges.

On Monday prior to the event, students can download a flyer of helpful hints to use when talking with college representatives about their institutions. The College Planning Guide for

Parents & Students will also be available to download. For resources, please visit <https://tcoe.org/CollegeNight>.

Registration now open for annual Sustainability Challenge



The Tulare Kings College and Career Collaborative (TKCCC) is holding a virtual information session for high school teachers to learn about one of the program's newer student events — the Sustainability Challenge. Grecia Pacheco, the event coordinator and College and Career Readiness K-12 pathway coordinator, will conduct the information session via Zoom on September 9 at 4:00 p.m. To join the information session, contact Pacheco at grecia.pacheco@tcoe.org.

The TKCCC Sustainability Challenge invites high school students in Tulare and Kings counties to develop a proposal that addresses a local environmental or energy-related issue, including clean energy, air quality, decarbonization, climate resilience, and organic waste reduction. Students will apply creative thinking, research, and career-ready skills to propose a sustainable solution aligned with California's Net Zero Carbon Pollution Goals.

Teams should register to participate in the Sustainability Challenge by October 2 at <https://bit.ly/26Sustain>. Project presentations will be held at the Tulare County Office of Education on December 10 with the top three projects receiving grant awards.

The Sustainability Challenge is supported by SoCalGas.

TCOE Foundation grants available to support Tulare County schools



For the new school year, the TCOE Foundation invites Tulare County teachers to apply for grants to support innovative programs and projects designed to enhance student learning. Grant applications can be found online at tcoe.org/Foundation and are accepted throughout the year. The foundation board meets monthly to review applications, making awards in two grant categories – grants up to \$2,000 and grants up to \$5,000.

In the past year, the foundation awarded nearly \$30,000 in grants to support student learning in science, music, literature, publishing, communications, culinary arts, e-sports, and career exploration.

The Tulare County Office of Education Foundation has been providing financial support to TCOE programs and special events since 2000. Today, the board of directors has a broader vision – to continue to support TCOE programs and to extend grant opportunities to educators throughout the county.

Annually, the foundation receives \$200,000 in contributions from community organizations and companies that want to directly support TCOE programs and events, or support schools that apply for grants. For more information on supporting the foundation, email foundation@tcoe.org.

Photo above:

~ Taste of Tulare-Kings is a new student culinary event, launched in 2026 and supported by the TCOE Foundation.

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