
First Annual Student Tech Showdown held during popular Tech Rodeo

On Saturday, students participating in the Student Tech Showdown experienced something adults often encounter in the workplace: a request to make a presentation on the spot. While students—working in groups of two or three—knew weeks in advance of the new competition

Middle School Division(Grades 6-8)

Collaborative Designer Award: Captain Jack's Sparrow from Sundale Union School

Resourceful Digital Citizen Award: The Big Brains from Sundale Union School

High School Division(Grades 9-12)

Collaborative Designer Award: Mustangs from Tulare Western High School and New Yorkers from Tulare Union High School

Resourceful Digital Citizen Award: SCCA Tech from Summit Charter Collegiate Academy and New Yorkers from Tulare Union High School

The new Student Tech Showdown was part of the Fourth Annual Tech Rodeo conference which was attended by over 150 educators from throughout the Central Valley. The conference began with fireside style presentations by nationally known educators and authors Jon Corippo and Tara Martin. During their keynote presentations and in following breakout sessions, Ms. Martin taught educators to engage students in annotating and analyzing text using Google Slides in a way that leveraged their interest in Snapchat, while Corippo guided educators in using technology with simple, open-ended protocols that are applicable for nearly any content area and grade level.

Following these presentations, attendees were able to choose from a variety of breakout sessions led by award-winning presenters from across the state- all designed to foster 21st century learning in their classrooms through the use of technology. For more information on upcoming education technology trainings, contact Katherine Goyette at katherine.goyette@tcoe.org.

Photos above:

~ Participants in the Student Tech Showdown were challenged with creating a presentation about cyberbullying on the spot utilizing three popular technology applications.

~ Top teams in the elementary, middle, and high school divisions of the Student Tech Showdown are pictured with their medals.

The Tulare County Office of Education is proud to announce annual (PVWH) Scholarship is available for up to eight graduating seniors who plan to attend college or university in the Fall 2020. *Pursuing Victory with Honor* is the character education program developed by the creators of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a tool for coaches to instill good sportsmanship in their players.



Tulare County seniors are invited to submit an application for the scholarship by April 3 and include an essay on sportsmanship. The program will offer \$500 scholarships to as many as eight students at the high school in Tulare County. To apply for the PVWH scholarship, complete and submit the application at tcoe.org/PVWHscholarship by April 3.

Additionally, TCOE partners with the Tulare County School Boards Association (TCSBA) to promote their annual scholarship program. TCSBA typically awards a scholarship to one senior in each Tulare County high school and charter high school that submits an application. This year, \$350 scholarships are being offered. Application packets were mailed this week to all high school counselors. Students may access the application at tcoe.org/TCSBA. Completed applications are due to students' assigned high school counselors by February 21.



Support Staff Conference set for May 5



6:00- 7:00pm, COS Visalia campus, Yokut Room 9, 915 S. Mooney Blvd.

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