
Teachers invited to submit student work for virtual Student Art Exhibitions

TCOE's annual Student Art Exhibitions will be held online this year. Open to students in grades PK-12, the annual exhibitions showcase the county's gifted young artists who create two and threedimensional pieces utilizing a variety of mediums. Instead of hosting two shows in the lobby of the Mooney Boulevard administration building, this year event coordinators will produce one online show held December through February 28.

A panel of local artists will judge all entries submitted to the virtual exhibition. Those pieces receiving a Best of Show award will be recognized in a special exhibition in March during Arts Education Month. Best of Show artwork will also be eligible for additional r

Resource & Referral teams up with First5 Tulare County to distribute COVID-19 cleaning supplies

This week, Early Childhood Education's (ECE) Resource & Referral Program announced that it would again partner with First5 Tulare County to distribute COVID-19 cleaning and sanitation supplies to Tulare County Early Learning care providers. The Resource & Referral staff will hold a drivethrough distribution event for registered providers at the Mooney Boulevard administration building on Monday morning, September 21. Those eligible to receive the free supplies include license exempt providers, and those who operate family resource centers, family childcare homes, and private centers.

This month, First5 Tulare County has provided a variety of disinfecting sprays and cleaners, disposable gloves and masks, and hand sanitizer for distribution. Early Learning care providers must register at tcoe.org/First5Supplies in order to attend the event. Registration closes September 16.

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Registration is now open for TCOE's second annual Equity Conference entitled *Equity for All: Inclusion Starts with "I."* The virtual conference planned for January 21 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. – will feature two prominent keynote speakers, Dr. Jamila Lyiscott and Father Greg Boyle. Additionally, the interactive institute will include a wide variety of breakout sessions engaging participants in deeper conversations around equity challenges impeding student success and brainstorming practical solutions that empower all members of the educational community. Representatives from institutions boldly addressing their own equity challenges will share their strategies, obstacles, and outcomes. Participants will complete the conference equipped with new tools to use in equity strategies at their own schools.

Registration

Educators, community members, and parents are encouraged to visit tcoe.org/EquityConference for more information. The fee for Tulare County residents is \$15 per person; attendees outside Tulare County may attend for \$25 per person. In the next few months, information on breakout session presenters will be added to the site.

About the Featured Speakers

Jamila Lyiscott, Ph.D is a community engaged scholar, a nationally renowned speaker, and a spoken word artist. She serves as an assistant professor of Social Justice Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a senior research fellow at Teachers College, Columbia University's Institute for Urban and Minority Education (IUME). Across these spaces, Dr.

Father Greg Boyle is a Los Angeles native and Jesuit priest. From 1986 to 1992, Father Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Boyle Heights, then the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles with the highest