

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

University Preparatory High School to hold two information nights for students entering 9th-11th grades March 18 and 25, 2010 • College of the Sequoias Campus, 915 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Parents of students entering 9th, 10th or 11th grades – who are interested in obtaining more information about the new University Preparatory High School (UPHS) on the campus of College of the Sequoias (COS) – should attend one of the informational meetings:

- **March 18**, 6:00 p.m., COS Yokut Building, Room 9
- **March 25**, 6:00 p.m., COS Yokut Building, Room 9

UPHS Principal John Kelly will be on hand to answer questions about the school – which opened in fall 2009. UPHS was created by the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) – in partnership with the College of the Sequoias – as a high-performance, free, public high school. UPHS welcomes all highly-motivated students looking for an accelerated and rigorous academic program, including students who may be the first in their family to attend college.

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UPHS students will experience their high school years on the COS campus, participate in college classes and earn college credits. This approach, known as an “early college high school,” is a time-tested method proven to increase academic success and college readiness.

“UPHS is off to a great start,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The students are flourishing on the COS campus – enjoying a selection of college classes and participating in extra-curricular activities including art, guitar and dance. We appreciate the College of the Sequoia’s continued support of our students and the UPHS faculty.”

Parents planning to attend a UPHS Information Night should call the school office at (559) 730-2529 to learn about parking accommodations. Or, for additional information, please call Principal John Kelly call at (559) 730-2529.

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