

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Mt. Whitney senior wins fifth annual College Night scholarship**

Mt. Whitney High School (Visalia) senior Ryan Chung is the winner of the 2010 Tulare County College Night Scholarship. He was one of 85 Tulare County seniors to apply for the award which pays \$1,000 per year for up to four years while the recipient attends college or a university.

Of the 85 students who applied, nine students were interviewed by a panel of educators. Ryan impressed the panelists with his grade point average and his extensive list of volunteer activities, including tutoring fellow students and being a GATE advisor and liaison. In addition, Ryan has been a member of Mt. Whitney's band and water polo team. He plans to attend Stanford University, University of California, Los Angeles or University of California, Santa Barbara in the fall and credits College Night with helping him make important decisions about his future. Through the information he obtained at College Night, he was able to visit numerous universities and learn about their educational programs. Ryan's career goal is to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry and become a university professor in the field.

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“For the past five years, the College Night scholarship has recognized students who not only have outstanding academic records, but a history of school leadership and service to others,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

Members of the College Night selection committee included retired Visalia Unified superintendent Bob Line, Tulare County Office of Education CHARACTER COUNTS! Coordinator Kelley Petty, retired Redwood High School teacher Margaret Moss, Sunnyside Union Elementary superintendent Steve Tsuboi and retired Tulare Western principal Vern Barlogio.

For more information on College Night or the scholarship program, contact Robert Herman, public information officer, at (559) 733-6606.

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