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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

University Preparatory High School to hold information nights for students entering 9th-11th grades

April 15, 20, & 29 and May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2010 • COS Campus, Yokut Bldg., Room 9

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 being held **April 15, 20, 29 or May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010. All meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the COS Visalia Campus, 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 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. In addition to college courses, students may also select from a growing number of fine arts classes, including beginning guitar, folkloric dance and art exploration. Select student paintings and sculpture from the art exploration class will be displayed at the Visalia Convention Center from April 15 – June 1, 2010.

“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. For additional information, please call Principal John Kelly at (559) 730-2529.

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