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And much, much more!
On Thursday, January 30, 2020, Tri-Cities ROP held an informal meet-and-greet event in honor of Dr. John Smith, our new Superintendent. With the "big game" just three days before, we thought the team theme was perfect. Boardmembers, principals, teachers, and staff came together to introduce Dr. Smith to life on the TCROP gridiron. Though there was no score kept, by all accounts, the event scored a touchdown for success.
Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year and head into the second semester of the school year, I’d like to take this time to thank you for your continued service to our partner districts and the students we serve. A new year often brings thoughts of “new year resolutions,” new beginnings, or commitments to finish those things that were started at the beginning of the school year. I encourage you to take time to reflect on what is important. For me, I try to find time to reflect on the work we do every day that help students succeed. It is sometimes about helping students change their trajectory towards a more meaningful career, or helping students become more engaged in their classes. As a life-long teacher, we can never underestimate the impact we have on the lives of the students we serve.

I look forward to meeting with you during the remainder of the school year as we continue to focus on “student success.”

DR. JOHN J. SMITH

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New Decade? When Does It Start?

Happy New Decade! This is not the usual phrase we normally hear every January 1st. However, the start of this year, 2020, began not only a new year but a new decade (or did it?) I recently read an article in USA Today that disputed whether January 1, 2020 was the beginning of a new decade or will December 31, 2020 end the decade and the new decade begins January 1, 2021. Please take time to read the USA Today article, it’s fascinating to think about. Let me share one here.

Here is the article from USA Today:

The coming new year has been widely heralded as the start of a new decade: the 2020s. But an old timekeeping conundrum has led some to contend we’re celebrating too early and that we should actually wait until Jan. 1, 2021.

A decade is a period of 10 years — that isn’t disputed. But a glitch in our calendar system creates a problem if you think decades should begin in years ending with a zero. If you continue the pattern back about 2020 years, you run into a major issue.

That’s because there is no “year zero” in our calendar system, explained Craig Callender, a professor of philosophy at UC San Diego who has studied the physics and experience of time.

The lack of a year zero means the only consistent way to measure decades — or centuries or millennia — is to start them in years ending in one: That’s the theory presented in explanations of the debate published by the Farmer’s Almanac, timeanddate.com, the New York Times and others.

But because a decade is simply a unit of 10 years, there is no right answer said Callender. Here’s the argument explained:
The case for beginning the decade in 2021
The basis of this argument is a single calendar year that happened more than two millennia ago. At that point in time, our current calendar system pivots from years labeled B.C. — “Before Christ” — to years labeled A.D. — “anno Domini” or “in the year of the Lord.” It’s an attempt to center the calendar around the birth of Jesus, although the historical accuracy of that date has been called into question. There is no year zero in the switch, Callender said. The B.C. years count down to 1 B.C., which is immediately followed by A.D. 1. The lack of a year zero means the first A.D. decade started at year 1 and ran until the end of year 10; the second decade started on year 11. Follow the pattern for 200 more decades, and here we are — still one year away from the start of the next decade, which will begin on Jan. 1, 2021.

The case for beginning the decade in 2020
People who say we should wait a year to celebrate the new decade have a point, but it’s not a very good one, according to Callender. Marking the beginning of a decade in a year ending in one is out of step with how we think and talk about time, he said. When we count our children’s ages, we start at zero — not one. When we talk about decades such as the 1960s, we start at years ending with zero — not ending in one. Celebrating the beginning the decade on Jan. 1, 2020, simply makes things easier in the present day, Callender said. It’s a convention that is “pretty good for everything really, unless you run it all the way back.”

The widely documented argument between timekeeping purists and the average person is “pretty silly,” he commented. The reality: There’s no perfect solution that will please everyone.

Year in Review - 2019 Highlights
- Awarded K12 Strong Workforce Program Grant in the amount of $3.7 million (over the course of two years) for Advanced Auto, Health and Medical Careers, and IT & Communication Technology
- MOUs reached with parent school districts for an additional year of funding
- Saw legislation pass that allowed ongoing funding of the Career Technical Education Incentive “CTEIG”
- Held successful 26th Annual Evening of Excellence with over $10,000 given to ROP students
- Reached an agreement for a significantly-reduced premium cost for liability insurance
- Hired two new Program Directors
- Hired an Accounting Supervisor and an additional Accounting Technician
- Hired a new Student Career Services Coordinator
- Expanded our College & Career Pathways Advisors team to six advisors
- Hired a Grant coordinator to oversee the CTEIG and K12SWP grants
- Implemented three new programs: Computer Coding (Ellen Ochoa Prep Academy), Construction Technology (Salazar High), and Drones (Santa Fe High School)
- Worked closely with Rio Hondo College on streamlining the articulation process
- Completed over 1,500 follow-up calls to former TCROP students
- Redesigned monthly newsletter
- Met with organizational consultant to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Implemented a two-day New Teacher Institute
- Bid farewell to outgoing Superintendent Tracie Zercoli and welcomed new Superintendent, Dr. John Smith
- Surveyed 2019 graduating seniors who took an ROP course - 88% of them rated our programs as “Excellent” or “Very Good”
From the TCROP News Desk

Tri-Cities ROP Welcomes New Members to the Team

Katie Meza, Accounting Technician

Tri-Cities ROP extends a warm welcome to the Business Services Department, Ms.Katie Meza, Accounting Technician. Katie has over 20 years of management experience in the retail industry. In 2019, she received her A.S. degree from Mount San Antonio College and decided to change her career path. She most recently was an intern at East San Gabriel Valley ROP where she learned much about the school accounting system. Over the years, Katie has developed a great ability to manage multiple priorities simultaneously with positive results and feels she would be a great addition here. She has a high work ethic and will bring her same passion for success to Tri-Cities ROP.

Richard Montano, Instructional Assistant, Construction Technology

While in high school, Richard was enrolled in Mr. Raymond Guzman's Construction Technology course for two years. Richard received much praise from his teacher and, when this position became available, he felt he would be the perfect candidate. Richard is trained in the use of various skill saws, is a certified forklift driver, and is knowledgeable in the area of equipment safety. Most recently, Richard was a building and lumbar associate where he displayed strong leadership skills, positive energy, and excellent customer service which will be an asset in his new role at Tri-Cities ROP.

Edward Villacorta, College and Career Pathways Advisor

In Edward’s most recent position, he worked with teachers, parents, and students in a school setting, which has broadened his way of thinking and added to his desire to help people. His background also includes experience as a prescriptions clerk/psychiatrist assistant. He has a strong work ethic, friendly personality, and the ability to work under pressure. He holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Merced. He is fluent in Spanish, both speaking and writing. He will make a great addition to our team of College and Career Pathways Advisors and will be assigned to Whittier High School.
GOT NEWS? LET US KNOW!

tcropnews@gmail.com

News items and photos will be proudly posted on our Website, Newsletter, and Social Media.

Need Ideas?
Here's a sample of the kind of news we're looking for:

- Students who earn Industry certification
- Students (current and former) who have landed careers in a field related to the ROP course studied
- Interesting field trips
- Inspiring guest speakers
- Business partners who participate in our Advisory Meetings and/or who donate to our programs
- Engaging class projects
- SkillsUSA and other student competitions
- You earned your Master's or PHd
- You have a baby on the way!

Email your stories/photos to:
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Inside the Boardroom

December 13, 2019

The second Thursday of the month is “Power Thursday” at Tri-Cities ROP. That is when the five members of our ‘Governing’ Board join together to consider and take action on our Agenda.

Our December Meeting is our Organizational Meeting wherein Board Members, reelected and new, are sworn in and an election of officers take place. It is our great pleasure to announce our 2020 Governing Board:

* The Board approved the employment contract for Dr. John J. Smith, Superintendent.

* The Board approved adopted Resolution No. 9-2019/2020 recognizing February as Career Technical Education Month.

* The Board approved the MOU between Tri-Cities ROP, Cerritos College, El Rancho Unified School District, Rio Hondo College, and Whittier Union High School District to participate in the K12 Strong Workforce Program.

* The Board approved the First Interim Financial Report and Budget Revisions.

* The Board appointed Daniel Barajas to the Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation Board.

* The Board appointed Daniel Barajas as the Tri-Cities ROP Representative and Anita Carlos as Alternate Representative to the Whittier Area Schools Insurance Authority and the Whittier Area Liability Property Self-Insurance Authority JPAs.

* The Board approved the Community Classroom training sites and gave authorization to develop and utilize additional sites as needed.

Tri-Cities ROP Governing Board

Loring Davies, President
Jeff Baird, Vice President
Carolyn Castillo, Clerk
Dr. Ralph Pacheco, Member
Dr. Teresa Merino, Member

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13th at 4:00 p.m.
"Classies"
(Selfies – but with classmates!)

Pictured above and at right: Cal High Auto Technology students attended the Rio Hondo Auto Technology Competition & Career Day on January 22. Students heard from industry professionals from companies such as BMW, Tesla, The Car Group, and more. Four of our students participated in the competition portion of the event which tested the students’ skills, knowledge, and professionalism.

Pictured at left: Pioneer High School Dance Team Soloists share the spotlight in this group photo while taking a moment to relax. Below: PHS Dance Team Members look stunning as they begin their competition season.
“No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire.”

-- L. Frank Baum, Author

"Teach Like a Pirate" Book Club

Pictured below: Teachers discuss the next chapter of the book, “Teach Like a Pirate.” Please join us! Our next meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 4 and Tuesday, March 17, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., in Room D-11 at Pioneer High School. All are welcome to attend!
EVENING OF EXCELLENCE
Essay Guidelines for Students

Write a one-page essay on the following subject:

* As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
* What are your career plans now? Are they the same or are they different?
* What advice would you give a high school student about preparing for his/her future?

IMPORTANT! Be sure your essay is one page in length, typed (Arial or Times New Roman font), and that you have given it a title. Submit it to your teacher no later than the March 6th deadline.

Essays received after the deadline will not be considered. No exceptions will be made!

2020 Evening of Excellence will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020

Helpful essay writing tips

PARAGRAPH 1 - OPENING/INTRODUCTION
When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Tell us your career aspirations as a young child.

PARAGRAPH 2 - BODY
Tell us what your career plans are now. Are they the same plans you had as a child?

PARAGRAPH 3 - BODY
Tell us why your career plans are the same or why they have changed.

PARAGRAPH 4 - CONCLUSION
What advice would you give to other high school students about preparing for the future?

FINAL CHECK!
Is your essay typed in Arial or Times New Roman?
Is your essay one page? Does your essay have a title?

ESSAY DEADLINE: March 6, 2020
Tri-Cities ROP and the Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation Announce the 27th Annual

An Evening of Excellence

Thursday, April 30, 2020
five o’clock in the evening

Ceremony will be held at:
First Fundamental Bible Church
11000 Washington Boulevard
Whittier, CA 90606

For more information and/or to learn about advertising opportunities, please contact Mia Burrola at (562) 698-9571 ext. 100 or Mburrola@tricitiesrop.org
Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation Announces 27th Annual “An Evening of Excellence” Slated For April 30, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the 27th Annual “An Evening of Excellence,” scheduled for April 30, 2020. An Evening of Excellence is a student scholarship awards program that honors students who have achieved academic excellence in their ROP/Career Technical Education course(s) of study.

As the second decade of the 21st Century unfolds, educators everywhere are entrusted with the profound responsibility of preparing today’s students for tomorrow’s workplace. Tri-Cities ROP teachers take on this responsibility with confidence knowing they are doing whatever it takes to provide their students with a career-technical education that is rigorous, relevant, innovative, and applicable to the workplace of tomorrow. The challenge, however, is finding financial resources that will allow Tri-Cities ROP to continue to provide thousands of students with state-of-the-art classrooms, equipment, and ever-changing technology. As you can imagine, these items carry very hefty price tags, and we really need help!

Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation humbly requests you to consider supporting our students by making a donation, in a dollar amount of your choosing, or by purchasing an advertisement in the 2020 An Evening of Excellence event program book (see back page for advertising opportunities/costs and where your donation can be mailed). If you choose to purchase an ad, your support will also be displayed on the Tri-Cities ROP website, www.tricitiesrop.org, for a period of one year.

Rest assured knowing your generous donation will be used solely for our students and will help us carry on our mission of providing financial assistance and scholarships to Tri-Cities ROP as they prepare students for college AND careers.

We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation
Located on the Campus of Pioneer High School
27th Annual
An Evening of Excellence
April 30, 2020

The following advertising opportunities are available for purchase in the 26th Annual An Evening of Excellence program:

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If you have questions about placing an ad in the An Evening of Excellence event program, please contact Ruth Sudick at Tri-Cities ROP at (562) 698-9571 ext. 201


Mail your camera-ready artwork and check payable to:

Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation
10800 Ben Avon Street, Unit E
Whittier, California 90606

If you do not wish to purchase an ad, but would like to send a donation in support of our program, please indicate below your donation amount (or other gift) and mail to the address above:

$______________ Other________________

Tri-Cities ROP Educational Foundation Tax I.D. No. is: 91-2007626
2020 Career Technical Education Fall Conference
Tradition of Excellence
Hosted by California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation (CALCP)/
CAROCP: The Association of Career and College Readiness Organizations

PROGRAM COVER CONTEST
Entry Form

All entries must be accompanied by this fillable PDF form and submitted to:

CTE Fall Conference Program Cover Contest
c/o Linda Skipper/Michele Schirmers
North Orange County ROP
385 N. Muller Street
Anaheim, CA 92801

Deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 4:00 pm. Late entries WILL NOT be accepted. Hand printed or incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.

Entry forms must be completed by the student and the instructor using this fillable PDF form. After completing the top student and teacher information sections, please print and obtain student, parent and instructor signatures before attaching to the entry. Hand printed or incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.

Student Information:
Student Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ______________________ Zip Code: ______ Phone: ________________________
Student Email: __________________________________________________________
School: ______________________ Grade Level: _________________________________
School District: _________________________________________________________
ROP/ROCP Name (if applicable): __________________________________________
CTE or ROP Class Name: _________________________________________________

Teacher Information:
Teacher Name: __________________________________ Contact Phone #: __________
Teacher Work Email: ______________________________________________________
Teacher Summer Email Address: ____________________________________________

Signatures: Complete Student and Teacher information above before printing and signing. By signing this form, the student, teacher and parent/guardian agree to the rules and the decisions of the committee which shall be final.

Student Signature: ______________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): ____________________________________
Teacher Signature: _______________________________________________________

Any questions regarding the cover contest please contact: Rebel Harrison, rebel.harrison@gmail.com
Type “COVER CONTEST” in the subject line.
LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Attention, Teachers!

Don't miss these exclusive opportunities!

Cover Contest

The 2020 CTE Conference Committee is seeking entries from middle and high school students for the conference program cover design. First place winner - $500, second place - $350, and third place winner - $150. In addition, up to three Honorable Mention winners will receive $50. The first, second and third place winners will be recognized at the conference and all winners’ artwork will be displayed at the 2020 conference.

Deadline: March 4, 2020

This is a great learning opportunity for your students with a chance to win a cash award and possibly a chance to win a trip to the 2020 CTE Conference in Rancho Mirage!

Log onto www.cteconference.org for more information.
The California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation (CALCP) Board of Directors has established Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholarships for outstanding senior high school students enrolled in CTE programs. The minimum scholarship amount is $500 and the total number of scholarships will be determined based on the quantity and quality of scholarship submissions.

**SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

Students must be nominated by an attendee of the 2019 Career Technical Education Conference held on November 20-22 at the Omni Las Palmas Hotel in Rancho Mirage, CA. Each attendee may only recommend **ONE** eligible CTE student.

CTE Scholarships are open to any graduating senior enrolled in a CTE course who plans to pursue CTE training after high school. This CTE training must result in one of the following:

- An industry certification (CNA, LVN, ASE, etc.) or
- A one-year certificate program or a two-year associate degree, or
- A four-year degree in a CTE major area of study.

Employment goal must be clearly stated in the student's narrative and address 1) what employment the student intends to seek and 2) how the student plans to obtain related employment once training is completed.

Candidates must be a current California resident, and graduate from a California public, charter, or private secondary schools before July 1, 2020.

See the application packet for additional details.

Questions? Please use the contact form on the CALCP website: www.calcp.org

**ABOUT CALCP**

The California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation (CALCP) is the only statewide organization whose sole purpose is to provide up-to-date information and quality in-service opportunities for those who are responsible for technical preparation and related career preparation programs for K-adult levels. CALCP addresses the needs of key staff from secondary Career Technical Education programs, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs, Partnership Academies, Community Colleges, Youth Councils and Adult Education. CALCP is dedicated to supporting educational reform and change that improves student achievement in California.

For more information about CALCP visit our webpage at: www.calcp.org
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. APPLICATION
   - Download the PDF application. The PDF application is located at www.calcp.org.
     Make sure you have the latest version of Adobe Reader installed on your computer.
   - Save the PDF to your computer before entering the information.
   - Complete all areas of the application. Handwritten applications are not accepted.
   - Have someone read your application for spelling, grammar and complete information.
   - Verify that ALL phone numbers and email addresses are correct. CALCP will use this information to contact you.
   - Print application for submission with your packet.

2. APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE AND APPLICATION VALIDATION
   - Include these completed forms in your application package. Make sure ALL four original signatures are included in the application.

3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Two letters are required and they MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURES.)
   - One letter from a CTE teacher in your career pathway.
   - One letter more personal in nature from a friend, neighbor or community person/mentor who knows your strengths and abilities.
   - Verify that each letter is signed by the person writing the letter.

4. TRANSCRIPT OF CREDITS
   - On your unsealed high school transcript HIGHLIGHT all of the CTE courses you have completed.
   - Have your transcripts signed by your high school counselor/registrar or have the transcripts stamped with the official school seal. Original copies only.

5. Mail your application package (all documents above) to the CALCP Board. Application packages must be received by Friday, March 6, 2020.

   CALCP CTE SCHOLARSHIP
   Attention: Vickie Burch,
   School To Career Program Specialist
   Rowland Unified School District
   2100 Lerona Avenue
   Rowland Heights, CA 91748
Coming Soon...

FEBRUARY

Happy CJE Month!

FEBRUARY 4 - 3:30 PM
TCROP Book Club Meeting

FEBRUARY 10
Lincoln’s Birthday Holiday - ROP Closed

FEBRUARY 13 - 4:00 PM
Tri-Cities ROP Governing Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 17
Presidents’ Day Holiday - ROP Closed

FEBRUARY 27 - 29
Educating for Careers Conference

FEBRUARY 28
Final Day to Submit Purchase Order Requests for Instructional Supplies
Happy Birthday!

January

5 - Anita Carlos
18 - Ronnel Farol
29 - Irene Barrasa

February

25 - Richard Alvarez