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## **More than 200 Students Gather to Investigate Careers in Education**

### **Winners of Three State-Level Student Competitions Announced During Conference for High School Students**

**Fresno** – More than 200 students from 11 area high schools are attending the [Educators Rising California Central Region Conference](#) on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to explore careers in teaching. The winners of three [state-level student competitions](#) will be announced during the conference; winners are invited to continue to the national Educators Rising competition this summer.

More than a dozen speakers from local schools and organizations will offer the students insights into teaching careers. California and the nation face a serious shortage of new teachers, especially in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. The Educators Rising California conference is designed to introduce high school students to the teacher preparation pathway by expanding their knowledge about careers in teaching and education.

Winners of the 2017 Educators Rising California competitions in the Children's Literature K-3, Lesson Planning and Delivery – STEM and Creative Lecture categories will be announced.

#### **WHAT: Educators Rising California Central Region Conference**

#### **WHEN: Friday, March 24, 2017, 8am-2pm**

- Opening Plenary Panel begins at 9:00am: Every Day is STEMulating When You're a Math or Science Teacher!
- 2017 Educators Rising California competition winners announced at 1:30pm

**WHERE: Clovis Community College**  
10309 N Willow Ave, Fresno, CA 93720

**WHO: More than 200 local high school students and teachers**

**Speakers include:**

**Carol Fry Bohlin**, Professor of Mathematics Education; Director, Mathematics and Science Teacher Initiative, California State University, Fresno

**Callie LaFlam**, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, Fresno Unified School District

**Anthony Tosto**, Instructional Support Coach and Former Science Teacher, Central Unified School District

**Jamie Vargas**, Physics and Engineering Teacher, Department Chair of the Physical Science Department, Edison High School

**Jacqueline Vera**, Undergraduate majoring in Liberal Studies and Future Fresno Teacher Resident, California State University, Fresno

**Winners of Educators Rising California State Competitions**

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[The conference](#) also includes a college fair with seven colleges and universities. Coordinated by Project Tomorrow, the conference is sponsored by Clovis Unified School District, Madera Unified School District and Sanger Unified School District.

**About [Educators Rising California](#)**

[Educators Rising](#) cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession. Educators Rising is a national network of students and teacher leaders who are inspired and excited by the teaching profession. Educators Rising California is the state affiliate, run by [Project Tomorrow](#).

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