



# 2017 Educators Rising California Central Region Conference

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Educators Rising California Central Region Conference was held on Friday March 24 at Clovis Community College in Clovis, California. Over 140 students from five Central Valley Unified School Districts were in attendance. Students had the opportunity to participate in four different education breakout sessions of their choice. Led by a wide range of Educators, the sessions focused on STEM education, project based learning, special education, career pathways, and teaching strategies.



98% of attending students felt interested or very interested in becoming a teacher or having a job or career in an education field after the conference.

**Here is what the students had to say about the conference sessions:**

*"It was very interactive and gave me the most helpful information!"*

*"I got to see all the other college choices that I didn't know I had"*

*"It was helpful because it encouraged me to pursue a math major in education"*

Conference attendees also had the opportunity to attend an opening panel titled *Every Day is STEMulating when You're a Math Science Teacher! Organized by Fresno State*, the diverse educators who led the panel engaged with students and gave students a glimpse of K-12 math and science teaching!



Between sessions, students attended a lunchtime college and career fair. Students had a chance to ask questions regarding admission and the programs at these prestigious educational institutions.

The conference concluded with recognition of our Educators Rising California state competition 2017 winners. State finalists are eligible to compete at Nationals in Phoenix, AZ this summer.

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