



Press Release

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CALTRANS SPONSORS LOCAL TRIG*STAR COMPETITION

Bishop – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 in Bishop, Ca is sponsoring a Trig*Star competition at both Bishop Union High School and Big Pine High School this April.

Trig*Star is a national math competition for high school students sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors. The purpose of the competition is 1) to have fun and offer awards, and 2) to heighten the awareness of Land Surveying as a profession. The presentation which precedes the competition will show students how trigonometry is used in a real life environment, open student awareness of the profession of Land Surveying. A hands on opportunity will be available for the students using land surveying equipment.

The competition is a one hour exam solving problems involving triangles and circles to determine lengths, angles and areas. The student from each school with the highest score will be the local champion. In the event of a tie, the student with the shortest amount of time along with the highest score takes on the title. Their score and time will be submitted to Sacramento to determine the State Champion, which offers greater recognition and a second monetary award. And finally, the State Champion will be given the opportunity to compete nationally against the best high school students across the nation.

“We are proud to sponsor this competition” stated District 9 Director Tom Hallenbeck. “It is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of trigonometry in everyday life as well as in the work that Caltrans does.”

The presentation at Bishop Union High School is scheduled for April 5th with the test on April 26th. Big Pine High will see the presentation on April 11th with the test on April 17th.





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If you would like to know more about the Trig*Star program, you may contact Sereyna Cagel, Caltrans Right of Way Engineer at 760-872-0778 or go to www.nsps.us.com and click on the NSPS Trig-Star Program tab on the left.

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