

Regional events cancelled in wake of governor's public gatherings ban

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Poetry Out Loud state finals go virtual

The state finals for the Poetry Out Loud competition was one of the first casualties of the public ban on gatherings to be felt locally.

Teacher Kelly Troyna confirmed the state finals were changed to a “virtual competition.”

Instead of attending the finals in Sacramento March 15-16, Del Norte Unified School District's winner, Sunset High School's Alex Armstrong, recorded his three poems on video. Judges from the California Arts Council will watch submissions on Sunday and winners announced Monday.

Northcoast Youth Summit cancelled

Organizers of the 17th Annual Northcoast Youth Summit, that was scheduled for March 21 at the College of the Redwoods Eureka Campus, announced today the cancellation of their event.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of our community and the public at large. In light of the concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19) the Northcoast Youth Summit (NYS) Planning Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 NYS. We plan to have a 2021 NYS so please look for updates next year,” they wrote.

CR suspending classes the week following Spring Break

College of the Redwoods (CR) is suspending classes following Spring Break, March 23-27. The college's announcement comes in the wake of the World Health Organization (WHO) announcing March 11 the COVID-19 virus outbreak is now officially a global pandemic and Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services declaration of a local health emergency throughout the county.

This will allow CR to prepare for the eventuality that they will need to suspend face-to-face instruction. This includes the main Eureka campus, the Del Norte Campus and the Klamath-Trinity instructional site. Instruction at Pelican Bay State Prison will continue with regularly scheduled classes.

Faculty and staff will use this time to prepare to deliver instruction and student support services remotely in the event that face-to-face instruction is suspended. At this time, CR expects the regular class schedule to resume on March 30.

The residence halls will remain open for those students who live on campus.

In addition, CR has also suspended all spring sports.

“Although there are still no known cases of COVID-19 on any district campuses, and while Humboldt County has not seen community spread, it has occurred in nearby counties, and we have decided that the travel inherent to the sports season constitutes an unnecessary risk,” said CR Communications and Marketing Coordinator Jesse Wiedel in a press release. “We will continue to follow health guidelines and will provide updates to the student athletes through their coaching staff.”

Updates provided by the CCCAA and the Golden Valley Conference Commissioner regarding eligibility status of student athlete participation will be distributed when they become available, Wiedel added.