



**Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics**

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OKLAHOMA CITY – May 23, 2008 – Officials at the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics have announced the names of 72 students from across Oklahoma selected to begin classes in August of 2008. Thirty-eight young women and 34 young men have been invited to become the school’s 19th graduating class—the Class of 2010. The finalists represent 28 counties and 48 high schools from across Oklahoma.

OSSM is Oklahoma’s public, residential school for junior and senior high school students with exceptional abilities in science and math. Approximately 250 students from across the state applied to OSSM this year. After review of written applications, the selection committee invited 120 students to Oklahoma City to be interviewed.

“We are very impressed with the scholastic and personal accomplishments of these students, as well as their educational aspirations,” said Dr. Edna Manning, president of OSSM.

While at OSSM, students participate in a rigorous academic program. In addition to college level courses in the sciences and math, curriculum includes exemplary programs in computer science, humanities, the art and physical education. During their two years at OSSM, students must complete nine semesters of science and four semesters of mathematics, English, social science, physical education and foreign language. In addition, two semesters of fine arts and one semester of computer science are required. Each science class features a weekly three-hour laboratory experience. Students must complete 60 hours each of campus and community service and receive satisfactory participation reports in these areas.

Classes begin mid-August and will be held at OSSM’s academic facility in Oklahoma City, near the Oklahoma Health Center. Housing is provided in the Dan Little Residence Hall on campus that accommodates 140 students and six faculty families. The campus also includes a gymnasium, classroom building, science/laboratory building and library. Plans call for a second phase of the dormitory that provides additional space for 140 more students.

OSSM was created through legislative action in 1983 and is designed as a two-year residential public high school for academically gifted junior and senior students in mathematics and science. OSSM serves all Oklahoma schools and students through research, teacher training and outreach activities. For more information, visit the school’s Web site [www.ossm.edu](http://www.ossm.edu).

**Class of 2010**