



## Parents Good News

- Dafang Zhang (Tulsa) has been named a finalist for the William H. and Elizabeth Gray Danforth Scholarship (full-tuition) at Washington University, St. Louis. Nearly two-thousand students applied for the scholarship and Dafang is one of only 38 finalists. He will attend the University's Finalist Weekend at the end of March at the expense of the school to continue in the competition;
- Ben Cook (Harrah) has been selected to receive a President's Scholarship of \$8,000 per year and an Achievement Scholarship of \$2,000 per year from Baylor University;
- Justin Colvard (Hartshorne) has been offered a full-tuition scholarship valued at \$12,000+, from Oklahoma Baptist University. The University only offers 10 of these scholarships a year;
- Morgan Thompson (Roff) has been offered a \$14,000 annual Dean's Scholar Merit Award by Loyola University, New Orleans;
- Emily Dyer (Shawnee) has been awarded a Scholar Award of \$1,250 per year from the University of Oklahoma; and the University of Tulsa has offered Emily their Academic Scholarship for \$6,000 per year;
- Mary Anne Peters (Purcell) has received an \$8,000 per year Academic Scholarship from the University of Arizona;
- Cole Russell (Hobart) has been admitted to the Illinois Institute of Technology.

**Reminder:** The dorm will close at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, March 11, for Spring Break. Students may begin checking back in on Sunday afternoon, March 20, at 3:00 p.m., and *must* be back at the dorm in time to begin the 8:00 p.m. study hour.

### Tune In!

Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 p.m., (until 6:00 p.m.) OSSM students will be manning the phones at OETA, Channel 13, to take pledges from viewers for the PBS annual spring fundraising drive. Students in past years have had quite a bit of on-camera time, so you might see your child on TV. Also, it's a good time for you to call in a pledge for your own family!

### PAOSSM

([www.paossm.org](http://www.paossm.org))

Memorabilia will be on sale on Friday, March 11, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Spring is coming and we have lots of nice t-shirts in stock. We still need a few volunteers to help with the memorabilia sales. Please send us an email at [paossm@ecktec.com](mailto:paossm@ecktec.com) if you can help out.

## Women "Inspired" at Forum

On Wednesday, all our OSSM young women — with Counselor Daisy Hurte, Dr. Shelley Reese, and Donna Roberts, attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Business Leadership Program, in Tulsa. The program is presented every year by the International Women's Forum Leadership Foundation, the Oklahoma International Women's Forum, and the Center for Executive and Professional Development, William S. Spears School of Business, Oklahoma State University. The trip was sponsored by Mrs. Lou Kerr and the Kerr Foundation.

First Lady Kim Henry was among the impressive roster of speakers, talking about *Preparing for Tomorrow Through Education*. Some of you would have recognized (as many of our students did) the third speaker on the program, Dr. Scout Cloud Lee, who recently starred as a Castaway on CBS's #1 reality show, *Survivor Vanuatu*. She is a motivational entertainer, author, storyteller, singer, songwriter, rancher, and corporate executive who has been often called a "female Will Rogers." Her talk was very entertaining.

The first speaker of the day seemed to be the most impressive to our students. Laura A. Liswood is a senior advisor at Goldman, Sachs & Co. of New York City. But she is also the co-founder (with President Vigdis Finnbogadottir of Iceland) of the Council of Women World Leaders. She presented a portion of a video she produced in which she interviewed 15 current and former female presidents and prime ministers. Her organization, The White House Project, is dedicated to electing a woman President in the United States.

During lunch the young women sat with business women and educators and discussed topics assigned to each of the 24 tables. A representative from each table was invited to the podium to summarize the results of the luncheon discussion. Over half of the tables were represented by OSSM students. All of our young women were wonderful representatives for OSSM.

"The . . . Forum was an amazing educational experience. Listening to some of the most successful women in America speak, I felt inspired to aspire to be better, to be greater, and to make a change in order to destroy the "glass ceiling" for all women of the future," Lucy Liu (Edmond, '06)

" . . . the first speaker, Laura Lishwood, was especially empowering. Of course, the lunch alone made the trip worthwhile," Aggie Malatinszky (Edmond, '05)

"I thought it was very interesting, especially the first speaker . . . it was also cool to hear Dr. Scout Cloud Lee from *Survivor* speak," Jordan Yozzo (Tulsa, '06)

### *Happy Birthday to:*

Raquel Phillips	March 8
Daniel Freno	March 11
Caleb Li	March 13



## Counselor's Corner

A representative from the United States Military Academy at West Point will visit campus on Monday, March 21, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to meet with interested students.

## Thank you to . . .

. . . the students who had prospective students shadow them during the week: Coreen Hayes (Hollis, '06), Ashley Raffensperger (South Coffeyville, '06) Carolyn Maher (Moore, '06), Nancy Chen (Tulsa, '06), Adam Hemphill (Forgan, '06), and Nathan Crain (Helena, '06)

. . . Blaine Riggs (Watonga, '05) for giving a campus tour;

. . . Jacob Mayden (Oklahoma City, '05), Nozlee Samadzadeh (Stillwater, '06), Kadi Walker (Duncan, '06), and Shelbi Tapper (Hydro, '06) for helping Ms. Donnolo when a group from Stillwater Middle School visited on Monday;

. . . and to the many, many students (far too many to list here) who served as judges, scorers, timekeepers, and guides when the Middle School Challenge of Champions had their final competition of the school year here on campus last Saturday.

## Students Attend Concert

Thanks to a generous donation of 25 tickets by *Blac, Inc.* for a performance at the Civic Center Hall of Mirrors a number of students had the opportunity to see the *Awadagin Pratt & Zuill Bailey - Piano & Cello Duo* last Friday night. Here's what some students said:

"These brilliant musicians truly demonstrated their virtuoso and passion for music. Educated at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and the Julliard School, no wonder their performance was inexplicably superb." Joy Lomheim (Newalla, '06)

"The concert on Friday night was a wonderful experience. The duo of the pianist and the cellist was splendid. The musical selections were very fitting for the event." Katie Southard (Ponca City, '06)

"The concert was a great experience. The performers were talented young men who exposed us to a wonderful musical performance. The piano and cello complimented each other beautifully to make the most of the music they played." Morgan Boes (Owasso, '06)

## Eye on Sports

from Coach Chasteen

The junior/senior basketball game was a blast last Friday. We had a lot of class spirit on both sides! Here are the results of the game:

- The seniors beat the juniors 34 to 19;
- Christian Clanton was the high scorer for the junior boys with 6 points;
- Cole Russell was the high scorer for the senior boys with 6 points;
- The highest scoring player overall was senior Mary Moon with 10 points!
- Sara Radke was the highest scoring woman in the half time, 3 point shootout with 3 baskets;
- David Walker was the winner of the men's competition with 4 baskets;

**Senior team players:** Sarah Radke, Blaine Riggs, Sarah Kassis, Aubrey Fike, Rebecca Porter, Nicole McMahon, Mary Moon, Thomas Nguyen, Mustafa Zorlu, Jason Chen, Caleb Li, Cole Russell, Chris Crowe, Fozoh Saliki, Michael Liang, and Keenan Smart.

**Junior team players:** Camilla Rollins, Kierston Willoby, Afsaneh Talai, Morgan Boes, Rachel Cannon, Kadi Walker, Brandee Weese, Ryan Fowler, Jonathan Francis, Patrick Versteeg, David Walker, Eric Beaver, Christian Clanton, Jonathan Xia, Mike Ding, and Nathan Crain.

Great job everyone and thanks for coming out for the game! I want to say a special thanks to Hallie England who helped me keep score.

Thanks!  
Coach Chasteen

We have missed **Dr. Lease** and **Coach Armstrong**, who have been absent recently due to illness and injury. We expect to see them back on campus, fit and healthy, in the next week or two.