

Parents

Good News

- Isaac Smith (Henryetta) has been admitted to Colorado College.

Congratulations to Sarah Howell and Steven Zhang, both of Oklahoma City and former students of the Classen School of Advanced Studies. They have been named Student State Winners in the Siemens Advanced Placement Program and listed as winners in the February 26, 2007, issue of USA TODAY.

Congratulations to Michael Henderson (Dale) and Katie Maurer (Enid). They have been selected as *semi-finalists* for the 2007 Sir Alexander Fleming Scholarship at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. The scholarship was founded in 1956 as a way to give Oklahoma's high school and college students "hands-on" experience in basic biomedical research. The program is named for Sir Alexander Fleming, the famed British scientist who discovered penicillin. During the summer months of June and July, the students who are selected as Fleming Scholars will participate in biomedical research with scientists and research personnel in laboratories at OMRF.

From the Dean of Students

Next Friday (3/16) students may begin checking out for Spring Break at 3:00 p.m. if they have no late afternoon classes or labs. Everyone **MUST** be out of the residence hall by 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon, March 25, students may begin checking back in at 3:00 p.m. and all students must be checked in to begin the Sunday evening required study time at 8:00 p.m.

Spring cleaning:

After Spring Break there will be fewer than ten weeks until end of the semester — Spring Break is a great time to whittle down the amount of stuff that's collected in dorm rooms, to take heavy winter clothes home, etc.

Thank you to . . .

. . . juniors Sid Ballard (Owasso), Hayley Lamberson (Collinsville), Sara Hart (Durant), and Tara Sarathi (Bartlesville), and to seniors Alex Perry (Durant), Phil Harris (Oklahoma City), Claire Manning (Oklahoma City), Cameron Goforth (Guthrie), and Jason Tolbert (Howe) for hosting a group of students from Stillwater Middle School when they visited with their teacher on Tuesday;

. . . and to Derek Sealey (Guthrie, '08) for allowing a prospective student to shadow him on Thursday;

. . . and to the dozens of OSSM students who helped at last Saturday's middle school math contest when 197 students and their family members visited the campus for the event.

PAOSSM

At our next PAOSSM meeting on March 25, Mr. Salwierak will be our guest speaker. Senior parents, don't miss this one! He'll have important information and reminders about bits and pieces that perhaps we've overlooked in the college search scramble. Junior parents, this is an invaluable opportunity for you to be more prepared for what lies ahead.

A reminder that nominations for next year's officers should be in by our meeting on March 25, at 6:00 p.m. Don't wait for someone to nominate you – you can do it yourself! Contact us at (405) 721-6406 or mcharris011@cox.net. The positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator and Memorabilia Coordinator. We will be happy to discuss with you what is involved with each position. We'll vote at the April meeting. Junior parents, this will be your organization next year. Your participation can make a tremendous difference in the lives of your students. It's time to step up and get involved!

Chris & Mack Harris

Tune in to OETA (Channel 13) on Sunday afternoon to see OSSM students manning the phones and taking pledges for FESTIVAL 2007, the TV station's annual spring fund raiser. Students will be on the air from noon until 6:00 p.m.

HEADS UP

Our second *Sneak Peek* of the school year will be held on Saturday, March 31, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for 8th and 9th graders. Director of Admissions Suzanne Donnolo will be recruiting many OSSM juniors and seniors to assist with the event. Registration is required for prospective students with a deadline of March 14. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.ossm.edu.

Happy Birthday to:

Crystal Lamptey	March 13
Katie Thornton	March 14
Dr. Chris Hamel	March 17
Mrs. Donna Roberts	March 18



OSSM Women Attend Conference for Businesswomen

On Wednesday the OSSM women attended the 16th Annual Women's Business Leadership Program that is put on by the OSU Spears School of Business. Speakers were Dede Bartlett, a business consultant from New Canaan, Connecticut, who is Chair of the Advisory Board of the National Domestic Violence Hotline; Liane Levetan, former CEO of DeKalb County, Georgia; Renee Werbin, co-founder and editor of *travelgirl* Magazine; and Esther Silver-Parker, Senior Vice President for Diversity, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

All of the talks were educational, motivational, and inspirational. There were also many opportunities, particularly during the luncheon, for the young women to meet with and converse, one-on-one, with many women from the Oklahoma business community.

"I would especially like to thank Mrs. Lou Kerr for sponsoring the OSSM students; I was inspired to become more enthusiastic about being a young woman and take charge of my life. I really enjoyed the encouraging and uplifting speeches that the ladies gave at the conference. The information and tips given are extremely valuable and useful in life. I took many notes that I will refer to down the road and even some apply right now. The luncheon was excellent and the topics that my table discussed were very pertinent ones in today's world. Women need to become more confident and assume a command in our world. Having these inspirational conferences will inspire women to do just that."

Ashley Pinkston (Jones, '08)

"I am deeply appreciative to those who donated the money to allow my classmates and me to attend the conference. I enjoyed listening to the speakers very much; although I am still in high school, I can use much of the knowledge shared at this event. Again, thank you to all who made this trip possible, including Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Jorski, who gave up their time to accompany us."

Leah Weyand (Noble, '07)

Summer Opportunities

(from Mrs. Daisy Hurte)

Cornell University CATALYST
Diversity Programs in Engineering
Duration: July 21-28
Postmarked: April 16
www.engineering.Cornell.edu/

Cornell University
Curie Academy
Duration: July 21-28
Postmarked: April 16
www.engineering.cornell.edu/curie

Global Scholar 2007 (Humanities Program)
Washington & Lee University
New Haven, Connecticut
Duration: July 1-14
This program offers high school students a chance to immerse themselves in college-level coursework on international relations.
Deadline: May 1
www.globalscholar.org

Hillsdale College
Hillsdale, Michigan
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math
Duration: June 17-22
Postmarked: April 9
www.hillsdale.edu/academics/chemistry.asp

University of Oklahoma
Bridges to College Math, Science and Engineering
Duration: July 15-20
Postmarked: March 30
<http://youth.ou.edu>

Smith College Summer Engineering Program
Northampton, Massachusetts
Duration: July 2-13
July 16 -27
Postmarked: May 1
www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep/about/courses.html

Stanford University Math Camp
Duration: July 15-August 11
Postmarked: March 30
<http://math.stanford.edu/sumac/>

Strive Engineering Program
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester, Massachusetts
Duration: July 5-14
Postmarked: March 23
www.wpi.edu/Admin/Diversity/K12/Strive/

University of Missouri Rolla
Rolla, Missouri
Information is available now and applications for their programs will be on line March 23.
<http://summer.umar.edu>

University of Oklahoma
Biological Station on Lake Texoma
Field Studies in Multidisciplinary Biology
Duration: June 10-16
July 1-7
July 8-14
July 15-21
Deadline: March 30
<http://youth.ou.edu>