



## Good News

- Katharine Stroukoff (Stillwater) has received a \$2,000 per year scholarship from the Brunswick Foundation, Inc.;
- Matt Stanley (Edmond), Annalee Embry (Ponca City), and Michael Liang (Edmond) have been awarded National Merit Corporation Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500;
- Jason Chen (Edmond) has received a \$2,500 National Merit Weyerhaeuser Co. Foundation Scholarship;
- Dafang Zhang (Tulsa) has received a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship through the State Farm Companies Foundation.

## Superintendent Garrett Announces Byrd Scholars

The names of Robert C. Byrd Scholars were announced this week and 15 OSSM seniors were among them. Congratulations to Sarah Anoke (Tulsa), Jason Chen (Edmond), Justin Colvard (Hartshorne), Chris Crowe (Ardmore), Ruth Droscher (Norman), Hallie England (McAlester), David Eyster (Ponca City), Ross Hallren (Fairview), Robert Haussman (Harrah), Michael Liang (Edmond), Kjell Sawyer (Blanchard), Daku Siewe (Stillwater), Sarah Stark (Edmond), Angela Sun (Norman), Kevin Woodson (Norman), and Dafang Zhang (Tulsa).

These students will attend an awards ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, May 10, in Tulsa, when they will be congratulated by Oklahoma Superintendent for Public Instruction, Sandy Garrett. The school will provide transportation and lunch for the Byrd Scholars for the Tulsa event.

## Thank you to . . .

. . . seniors Nancy Burger, Jason Chen, Preston Cofield, Sarah Kassis, Sarah Radke, and Nadia Sebastian for giving up the first evening of their extended weekend to host and escort the honorees of the Treasures for Tomorrow Dinner. These students did a wonderful job representing OSSM at the event for over 300 business and community leaders.

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

Mary Ann Boes is the new Events Coordinator. She will be asking for help with finals week snacks and the graduation reception. The officer transition meeting will be Monday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Shedrick Library.

If you can help sell memorabilia from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 14, during the OSSM Spring Open House, please contact the Eckensteins at [paossm@ecktec.com](mailto:paossm@ecktec.com).

## From the Dean of Students

### Junior Parents - end of year notes

1. Juniors may order class rings at the dorm Monday evening following the Mothers Day weekend. A deposit is required. Details here:

[http://www.ossm.edu/~jjpgleason/2006\\_class\\_ring\\_orders.htm](http://www.ossm.edu/~jjpgleason/2006_class_ring_orders.htm)

2. The last final exam is Friday morning, May 27th. Students may move out and check out of the dormitory beginning at noon. Students should have their rooms emptied and cleaned and be on their way home by 5:00 p.m.

3. Every year a few students are assessed a fee to cover damages to their rooms or room furnishings, or lost keys. The dorm staff will conduct a pre-move out inspection in mid-May and let your daughter or son know if she or he has to pay for damages; however, if damages occur any time after the inspection and before the student checks out, these damages must also be paid for at the time of check out. If a fee is assessed we must receive payment at the time of check out. We have plenty of cleaning supplies for students to use, so please discourage your son or daughter from cleaning with harsh cleaners or abrasives as this generally causes more damage. We will be discussing this with the students and ask that parents please take a moment to discuss this with your student so there are no surprises at the time of check out. We can accept payment in cash or by check but are unable to accept credit cards. Damage assessment checks/missing key checks must be made payable to Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

## Happy Birthday to:

Ms. Machaelie Halsey	May 9
Shelbi Tapper	May 10
Ms. Sena Brothers	May 11
Aggie Malatinszky	May 12
Dr. Mark Li	May 13
Zoheb Hajiyani	May 13
Jonathan Xiu	May 15

## Juniors' (Rising Seniors') Summer Academy Acceptances

Students in the Class of '06 continue to receive news of being accepted into summer programs and academies. Here are this week's new listings.

**Rachel Cannon** (Braman) has been invited to the **CURIE Academy at Cornell University**, Ithaca, New York. It is a one-week residential program for high school girls who excel in math and science. It offers classes, labs, and research experiences designed and taught by Cornell's world-class faculty and graduate students. This year's project involves computer graphics. In the course of the project, students will be introduced through lectures and through hands-on experience to important concepts in computer graphics: modeling, texturing and rendering. At the end of the project they will have a detailed 3D computer model of a complex site.

**Michael Chambers** (Rush Springs) has been selected for the **Summer Leaders Seminar (SLS) at the United States Military Academy** in West Point, New York. West Point conducts the SLS for high school juniors going into their senior year. It is a fast-paced program of academic seminars, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics conducted during the second or third week in June each year. West Point cadets serve as squad leaders for all aspects of the week-long seminar. Only 800 high school juniors can attend the seminar each year from an applicant pool of approximately 3000-4000.

**Otis Chodosh** (Edmond) has been accepted into **Stanford University Mathematics Camp (SUMaC) 2005, Program II** in Stanford, California. SUMaC is four weeks of intensive, in-depth, mathematical pursuits and provides an environment that fosters social and intellectual development centered on the study and enjoyment of mathematics. Program II is an introduction to algebraic topology, a field that uses abstract algebra to make a precise study of global properties of surfaces.

**Ilya Sluch** (Stillwater) has been accepted to the **Summer Science Program (SSP)**. SSP is a residential enrichment program in which gifted high school students complete a challenging, hands-on research project in celestial mechanics. By day, students learn college-level astronomy, calculus, and physics. By night, working in teams of three, they take telescopic observations of an asteroid, measure them precisely, and write software to convert their measurements into a mathematical description of the asteroid's orbit. Each team's observations will be submitted to the Minor Planet Center at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (of which the Summer Science Program is an accredited observing affiliate). Stimulating guest speakers and field trips round out the curriculum.

**Katherine Walker** (Duncan) has been selected to attend the summer academy "**Field Studies in Multidisciplinary Biology,**" sponsored by the **University of Oklahoma** and held at the OU Biological Station on Lake Texoma, June 5-11. At the Biological Station, the students will study two disciplines in the life sciences; botany and zoology, in a field setting. All expenses including room and board, supplies, and books will be provided for each participant. The program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to study and research organisms in their natural habitats.

**Rachel Weng** (Edmond) has been accepted to the **2005 High School Summer Science Research Fellowship Program at Baylor University**. The Program will be held May 30<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of the program is to give superior high school students hands-on research experience by working on research projects with Baylor University science professors. Rachel will be performing research in chemistry/biochemistry in the Department of Chemistry/Biochemistry with Dr. Bob Kane.

**Jordan Yozzo** (Tulsa) has been selected to attend the summer academy "**Bridges to College Math, Science and Engineering,**" sponsored by the **University of Oklahoma** and held on the OU campus. The goal is aimed at a mathematical preparatory experience for students considering a major in mathematics, engineering, or science. There is no cost to the students except travel to and from Norman. Topics of study include symbolic mathematical notation, limits, derivatives, truth tables, summation notation and more. There will also be some work in statistics, probability, calculus and logic using symbolic notation. All expenses including room and board, supplies, and books will be provided for each academy student.