## Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics

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## GE Summer Science Academy Hosts Fifty Students at OSSM

OKLAHOMA CITY – July 23, 2018 – The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) hosted its fourth GE Summer Science Academy. This week-long camp is a STEM-focused academic summer camp. Challenging advanced classes are taught by OSSM's renowned faculty with special activities and presentations by GE engineers.

The GE Summer Science Academy is a collaboration between GE, OSSM and the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) that provides diverse students from throughout Oklahoma the opportunity to experience STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education with curriculum tailored to provide a scholastic program of excellence.

More than fifty 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders from across the state were accepted to attend the summer program. OSSM faculty and additional adjunct instructors who are experts in their fields taught a variety of classes including chemistry, math, computer science, physics, video game design, writing, standardized test prep and STEM careers.

GE, OSSM and OCAST have identified promising initiatives to promote STEM education in the state. OSSM worked closely with local school districts across Oklahoma to select 51 students to attend the academy. GE Foundation grants will cover the expenses of students who attend the academy.

OSSM serves all Oklahoma schools and students through math contests, research, teacher training and outreach activities. More than 60 percent of the school's graduates live and work in Oklahoma. In addition, 85 percent of alums have careers in STEM fields that include science, research, medicine, technology, engineering and math. For more information, visit the school's website at <u>www.ossm.edu</u>.

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