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Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Hosts Governor at Governor's Scholar Award

Oklahoma City, OK. (January 11, 2018) – The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) hosted business leaders, parents and elected officials today on their 32-acre campus for the kick-off of the Governor's Scholar Program. Members of the Class of 2018 were presented with a medallion* by Governor Mary Fallin designating them a Governor's Scholar.

Students who are selected from statewide to attend the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) based upon their high academic potential and achievement receive a two-year immersive and highly challenging high school academic experience for their junior and senior years that is second to none, public or private, in the United States. Under this newly established program, a student, past, present or future, who has successfully completed their first year and who returns at Convocation for their senior year will be designated a Governors Scholar. Beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, incoming seniors will be awarded the title Governor's Scholar and given a medallion during OSSM's Convocation Ceremony.

OSSM president Frank Wang explained: "The Governor's Scholar program arose out of a desire to recognize those students, who have been selected from statewide to attend OSSM and who have successfully completed their junior year and returned to begin their senior year, as well as the schools from whence they came. In addition to this ceremony recognizing the students, I personally will be visiting schools that have sent students to OSSM to recognize them for preparing these students well for rigors of OSSM. We want to work in partnership with all the schools of Oklahoma, ensuring that students who have the inclination and preparation in STEM can have the opportunity to come to OSSM to learn and thrive. My hope is that students who receive an OSSM education will return the favor and give back to the State of Oklahoma through their knowledge and skills." .

In addition to the main campus in Oklahoma City, OSSM has 8 satellite locations (in Drumright, Enid, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stilwell, Tahlequah and Wayne) where students attend for half a day and take classes in calculus and physics. Newly established is a Virtual Regional Center program where students can receive instruction online combined with periodic face-to-face visits from an instructor based in Oklahoma City who will conduct the science labs with the students. For more information, call 521-6436 or log on to www.ossm.edu.

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