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**Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Launch Cultural Exchange Program**

Oklahoma City- (August 14, 2018)- The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) announces its first cultural exchange program with Lycee Marie Curie, Nogent-sur-Oise, France.

This new exchange comes from the Memorandum of Understanding, which is a partnership between the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Académie d’Amiens. In the inaugural program, OSSM and Lycee Marie Curie will collaborate and develop an exchange program between the two STEM schools as well as a faculty research exchange. The cultural exchange will begin with students from OSSM attending a 10-day program at Lycee Marie Curie in the Spring of 2019. More details are being worked out between the two schools regarding the faculty research exchange.

“We are very excited to finally launch this exchange program with Lycee Marie Curie in France,” said OSSM President, Dr. Frank Wang. “We are both STEM schools and the opportunities for research opportunities between the two schools is endless.”

Lycee Marie Curie focuses on teaching of the sciences and technology. The high school is located in Nogent-sur-Oise, 30 miles north of Paris and offers housing and boards students who live far away. Students follow courses in biotechnology, mathematics, physics, chemistry, engineering and industrial technology.

Grant Moak, Honorary Consul of France for Oklahoma, said, “The exchange with Lycée Marie Curie strengthens Oklahoma’s educational ties to the Académie d’Amiens in the Hauts-de-France region and gives OSSM students the opportunity to participate in the life-changing experience of studying and living abroad.”

The Lycée Marie Curie and OSSM both feel that this partnership will be a fantastic opportunity for the students to share ideas and learn from each other while developing their language skills.

OSSM is a residential high school for juniors and seniors from across the state and is the only one of its kind in Oklahoma. Its mission is to prepare young Oklahomans to think critically by excelling in the studies of science and mathematics. The curriculum is designed not only to immerse students in a rigorous two-year program of advanced physics, mathematics, biology, chemistry and humanities, but also to instill in them a sense of community service. For more information: [www.ossm.edu](http://www.ossm.edu).



Pictured: Barbara Thompson, Cyndy Shaw, Lynn Morgan and Catherine Armitage  
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