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OSSM Regional Center receives grant from Carson Foundation

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) Stilwell and Tahlequah Regional Center located at Indian Capital Technology Center recently received a grant for a second consecutive year from the Carson Foundation, which generously contributes to Adair County schools and helps meet the needs of local youth.

The grant will reimburse test fees for Stilwell and Tahlequah OSSM students who pass the Advanced Placement Calculus and AP Physics exams. The cost for both tests is \$120, but if students pass, they will receive college credit for Calculus I, Calculus II, and Engineering Physics. This could potentially save a student \$3,000-\$5,000 depending on which college or

university they plan to attend. OSSM has been serving Stilwell and Tahlequah students for 18 years and has had approximately 400 graduates which includes over 40 engineers, five medical doctors, five veterinarians, two optometrists, and five registered nurses.

“We want to thank Jim Carson and the Carson Foundation for the grant they generously donated to the OSSM Stilwell and Tahlequah Regional Center two years in a row,” said Gil Brown, OSSM instructor. “This is a tremendous benefit to our students and will help many of them achieve their goals of completing a college education.”





Hart and Ward named March Lions of the Month



Kaycee Ward



James Hart

Chandler High School seniors James Hart and Kaycee Ward were chosen as Lions of the Month by the Lion's Club for the month of March.

James, the son of Jim and Lisa Hart, holds a 3.9 grade point average while taking advanced classes in English I, II, III and IV; Algebra III; Chemistry II; and concurrent college-level classes in Trigonometry and Psychology.

He participates in the CHS Gifted and Talented Program and consistently earns a spot on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. He was selected as a Regional Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholar for his sophomore year.

James is a member of the CHS Academic Team, serving as captain for two years. He was named Third Best Individual Scorer in the I-40 Academic Conference in 2017 and Second Best Individual Scorer in 2018.

He served as secretary of the school's chapter of Health Occupations Students of America and was also involved in Postponing Sexual Involvement, Positive Peers and Business Professionals of America.

As a member of Chandler First Baptist Church youth group, James has served on local and out of state mission trips and was a youth small group leader.

His community service also includes volunteer work at the local and regional food banks and tutoring elementary students through the Outreach Program. He donated blood through Red Cross Blood Drives and participated in the Pen Palz program, a community service project.

James worked for Central Oklahoma Telephone Company. Following graduation, he plans to attend college to study English and history working toward a career in teaching or publishing.

Kaycee is the daughter of Jackie and Cindy Ward. She has shown great dedication to achieving success in her schoolwork earning an Academic

Letter and the Academic Excellence Award multiple times. She is a member of the Oklahoma and National Honor Societies and was selected to serve on the BancFirst Student Board of Directors. Kaycee is an Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Regional Center graduate.

As an attendee to American Legion Girls State in 2017, she participated in the choir, was a candidate for the Sooner Party treasurer and elected to serve as Keister City treasurer and party committee member. Kaycee was chosen to serve as a 2018 American Legion Girls State junior counselor.

Her athletic involvement includes cheerleading, track and field, cross-country and soccer. She has been captain of a competitive soccer team for four years and has played on several championship soccer teams, earning various honors as an individual soccer player.

Kaycee has also been involved in Rotary Youth Leadership, Postponing Sexual Involvement, Positive Peers, Business Professionals of America and Science Club and served as class treasurer.

Her community service includes working at the local and regional food banks, helping elementary students through the Outreach Program, raising funds for leukemia research through Pennies for Patients and helping out those in need at Christmas time.

Kaycee volunteered her time and skills as an assistant soccer coach and serving others through various community projects and activities. During high school she has earned money by cleaning for a local business.

Kaycee is the first Chandler High School student to sign a letter of intent to play collegiate soccer.

Following graduation, she will attend the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha to study Pre-medicine with a major in Biology and Chemistry and a minor in Psychology.

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CNF lists scholarship recipients

The Cherokee Nation Foundation announced Wednesday scholarship recipients for the 2018-19 academic school year. CNF is awarding \$210,000 to 29 high school graduates and 59 current university students.

“We received a record number of applications this year and are thrilled to have the opportunity to support these students as they pursue their dreams of higher education,” said Janice Randall, executive director of Cherokee Nation Foundation. “Thanks to our loyal donors and support from Cherokee Nation administration and Tribal Council, we continue to advance our mission to provide educational opportunities to Cherokee students so that they can reach their full potential.”

Included in the awards were

the first round of scholarship recipients benefiting from the organization’s Leave a Legacy endowment matching program.

CNF launched the initiative in 2016 in an effort to create new opportunities for Cherokee youth and achieved their campaign goal in October 2017. With full support from their board of directors, CNF is continuing to matching qualifying donations as their funds allow.

Applications were evaluated based on academic achievement, community and culture involvement, and future plans to serve the Cherokee people.

The Cherokee County scholarship recipients are: Aspen Ford, Sequoyah High School, James R. Upton Memorial Award; Mackenzie Hackworth,

Sequoyah, Cherokee Scholars; Ryan Hembree, Tahlequah High School, Cherokee Scholars; Katelyn Morton, Sequoyah, Sequoyah High School Alumni Scholarship; Nicholas Neal, Northeastern State University, Anna Belle Mitchell Scholarship; Sara Ryals, NSU, Cherokee Nation Businesses Scholarship; and Garrett Tune, Sequoyah, James R. Upton Memorial Award.

Additional recipients from this are: Morgan Grooms, Westville High School, Harold “Jiggs” Phillips Scholarship; Michelle Hughes, NSU, Audie Baker Memorial Scholarship; Emily Johnson, [Oklahoma School of Science](#) & Mathematics, Cherokee Scholars; and Dante McCoy, NSU, Kenneth Comer Scholarship.