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Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics History Teacher Named Oklahoma History Teacher of the Year

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (June 5, 2019) -- The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) announced today that Michelle McCargish, Ph.D., has been named 2019 Oklahoma National History Day Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society and Sonic America's Drive-In.

The History Teacher of the Year Award is given to the teacher who best exemplifies the mission of the Oklahoma National History Day (OkNHD) by using a social studies mindset to create students who think critically. Chosen by the OkNHD team, the prize is based upon teachers' passion, work ethic and drive to help their students succeed using its curriculum.

"This award enables us to recognize great history teachers. Michelle was selected for her dedication to her students and the creativity she brings to the classroom with history and social studies content," said Sarah Dumas, director of education and OkNHD state coordinator.

Dr. McCargish, who holds a Master's in American History with an emphasis on the Gilded Age and Progressive Era from Oklahoma State University, also completed her doctorate in 19th Century American History. Before joining OSSM, Michelle taught in higher education in both face-to-face and online classrooms. At OSSM, Dr. McCargish teaches American History as well as elective seminars, including History of Medicine, Modern World Politics and other special topics.

The Oklahoma History Center is a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, National Archives and is an accredited member of the American Alliance of Museums. The mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share the history and culture of the state of Oklahoma and its people. Founded in 1893 by members of the Territorial Press Association, the OHS maintains museums, historic sites and affiliates across the state. Through its research archives, exhibits, educational programs and publications the OHS chronicles the rich history of Oklahoma. For more information about the OHS, please visit www.okhistory.org.

The organization has partnered with Sonic, America's Drive-in, since 2012 to bring the Oklahoma National History Day to thousands of students, adults and families. Each year, more than 750,000 students participate in this highly regarded academic program for students in grades six through 12.

About OSSM

Nationally ranked as a top public high school in the United States, OSSM provides an academically advanced curriculum in science and math to juniors and seniors across the state. Created through legislative action in 1983, the two-year residential public high school also serves all Oklahoma schools and students through math contests, research, teacher training and professional development and outreach activities. For more information, call 405-521-6436 or log on to www.ossm.edu.

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