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Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Hosts Governor Kevin Stitt at Annual Convocation Ceremony

Governor Recognizes 73 Members of the Class of 2020 as Governor's Scholars

Oklahoma City, OK. (August 13, 2019) – The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) hosted business leaders, parents and elected officials on Sunday on its 32-acre campus for the Governor's Scholar Program and Annual Convocation Ceremony. Governor Kevin Stitt presented all 73 members of the Class of 2020 with a medallion* designating them a Governor's Scholar.

In his message to the students, Governor Stitt urged them to ultimately make their homes in Oklahoma and build their careers and companies in the state.

OSSM students are selected statewide to attend OSSM based upon their high academic potential and achievement. At OSSM, students receive a two-year immersive and highly challenging high school academic experience for their junior and senior years. Under this program, students, past or present who have successfully completed their first year and return to Convocation for their senior year, is designated a Governor's Scholar.

OSSM president Frank Wang explained: "The Governor's Scholar program arose out a desire to recognize that students who attend the OSSM are chosen in a rigorous statewide selection process for their high academic achievement and potential. Students from all 77 of Oklahoma's counties have attended OSSM. To be recognized as a Governor's Scholar, students must have successfully completed their junior year at OSSM and have been invited back to complete their senior year here. The Governor's Scholar program also honors the sending schools of the students for preparing them to succeed the academic rigors of OSSM; I crisscross the state and personally visit high schools to present a plaque listing that school's Governor's scholars to the school principal."

As a state agency, OSSM partners with the state and the Department of Education to provide an advanced STEM education. It does this through its residential program located in Oklahoma City, seven regional centers located throughout Oklahoma, its Virtual Program and other Middle Division Enrichment programs.

"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," continued Dr. Wang. "I echo Governor Stitt's call to the students to return to Oklahoma where they can make a significant impact."

In addition to the main campus in Oklahoma City, OSSM has seven regional locations (in Drumright, Enid, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stilwell, Tahlequah and Wayne) where students attend for half a day and take classes in calculus and physics. OSSM's Virtual Regional Center program also provides students with online instruction

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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*No public funds were used to make the medallions. The funds to pay for them was provided by OSSM Foundation Board member Mr. Jerry Burger.