



Stillwater student wins national writing award

The **Oklahoma School of Science** and Mathematics announced today that Anusha Fathepure, a rising senior, won a 2021 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Certificate of Superior Writing. She is among 136 other student writers from across the nation.

A resident of Stillwater, Anusha dreams of being a journalist and came to **OSSM** to be a well-rounded student, knowing its college-level humanities classes would challenge and inspire her.

“I came to **OSSM** because I wanted to advance and push myself in my studies,” said Anusha. “Although it’s a STEM school, I was very interested in the humanities department. As someone who, in the future, wishes to major in the humanities, I knew **OSSM’s** humanities classes would push me to work harder than ever before and excel in my future.”

To be considered, students must be nominated and endorsed by a faculty member. Anusha was nominated by



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Professor Scott Wilkins, **OSSM** professor of humanities, earlier this year. Each student then submits two pieces of writing, and two independent judges score each submission on expression of ideas, language use, and unique perspective and voice.

“The NCTE is a very respected organization among English and Literature faculty and to meet their high stan-

dards for this writing award is an achievement,” said Professor Wilkins. “Anusha’s application portfolio included some pieces that were personal, yet powerfully expressed as well as some first rate literary analysis. She showcased her ability to write in several genres and should be proud of this accolade.”

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