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*In-person classes started Monday. Welcome to campus!*

## OSSM Student News: Issue #1, August 18, 2021

## Have a Passion for Writing?

Here's your chance to both pursue your passion and earn service hours. The communications department needs students to write for this newsletter, the website, the OKC Friday newspaper and social media.

We can also use photographers and artists!

Also, shall we rename the OWL? If you have any ideas, send them to Ms. Waters.

If you're interested, contact Ms. Waters at [linda.waters@ossm.edu](mailto:linda.waters@ossm.edu), and she'll get you set up!



## Governor Stitt Encourages Students to Pursue Their Dreams at Annual Convocation

Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt addressed the OSSM community on Sunday at the annual Convocation, the official start of the 2021-22 school year.

Emphasizing leadership and innovation, the Governor encouraged students to follow their dreams and cited his own seemingly far-fetched dream as a college student to



## Meet the New Residence Hall Director

Jonathan Triplett is our new director of the Residence Hall. He comes to OSSM after serving most recently as the founder and executive director of First Class Individuals, a non-profit organization he founded in 2012 that specializes in life skills development and motivational speaking.

Experience also includes serving as the assistant boys' basketball coach at Stillwater High School in Stillwater, Okla. and director of residence life at the University of Guam in Mangilao, Guam, for three years. In Oklahoma, he also worked as director of student activities at the University of Tulsa.

Triplett earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma City University (OCU). Prior to attending OCU, he was a professional basketball player in Calais France and Buenos Aires Argentina for six years.

Welcome Mr. Triplett!

## Opportunities for Student Participation

Dr. Rahman distributed a list of upcoming volunteer and competition opportunities. Contact him to register and/or for more information.

1. Test of engineering in math and science ( TEAM+S), sponsored by TSA. Normally 20/30 students can participate in three groups. Eight members in each team with two alternates. Teams are selected based on six weeks grades, a written essay,

become the governor of Oklahoma. His remarks encouraged the students to make this school year their best.

"The 2021 convocation made me proud to be a student attending the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics," said Reynaldo Fuentez, senior at the school. "It was an honor to receive the Governor's Scholar medallion from Governor Stitt as well as hear his fantastic motivational speech. All this inspires me to make the most of my last year at this one-of-a-kind school."

dorm report, faculty input and students ability to work together.

2. National science bowl competition sponsored by US Dept. of Energy. Five students on each team. Normally one senior team and two junior teams for a total of 15 students.

3. Chemistry Olympiad international competition. We will offer an invitational class to interested and selective students who aspire to be future chemistry Olympians.

4. Chemistry research programs and in-house research mentorship. Dr. Rahman will take two or three students. Mostly seniors but enthusiastic/ advanced juniors will be considered.

5. Science journal club and OSSM's 30 year celebration in 2022. Will need a 10 student volunteer group in this project. Specific objectives, duties, opportunities will be clearly defined.

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