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# Two Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics alumni make prestigious Forbes' List of "30 Under 30"

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Dec. 13, 2021—OSSM announced today that two of its graduates were named to Forbes magazine's annual 30 Under 30 list, which identifies young leaders from 20 different industries who leverage their unique influence for entrepreneurial or social growth. This year's group of 600 includes the brightest young leaders, including two OSSM graduates: Whitley O'Connor and Caleb Lareau.

A member of the Class of 2010, O'Connor is the co-founder of Curbside Enterprises. He is listed on Forbes' List of 30 Under 30 in the Social Impact category. He is committed to helping others and launched the publication Curbside Chronicle as a college student at Vanderbilt. The Chronicle is partially written and completely sold by individuals experiencing homelessness and provides a source of income as well as a platform

to educate the community. The organization has sold about 1 million magazines and helped upwards of 300 people move into affordable housing. O'Connor and Rayna Forgotson, co-founder of the Chronicle, were also recently awarded the Rodney Bivens Innovation award by the Oklahoma Center for Non-Profits.

"Although honors like this are awarded to individuals, I have been very fortunate to have the support of wonderful mentors, peers, and colleagues along the way, and the entire Curbside team deserves immense credit for their work building and implementing our employ-

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## Weather

### Wednesday Night

Patchy blowing dust before 8pm. Mostly clear, with a low around 38. West southwest wind 7 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 23 mph.

### Thursday

Sunny, with a high near 58. North wind 6 to 8 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

### Thursday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

### Friday

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

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ment, housing, and case management programs,” said O’Connor.

Lareau, a 2011 OSSM graduate, is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford, where he researches the molecular basis of cancer. He is also a scientific cofounder of Cartography Biosciences, a “stealth start-up” developing precision immunotherapies for cancer. He is listed on Forbes’ list in the Science category. From OSSM, he went to the University of Tulsa, after which he went on to Harvard University for both his master’s and doctorate.

### About OSSM

OSSM is the 2022 Best Public High School and Best STEM School in Oklahoma as named by Niche, a leading ranking organization. It is also ranked #20 out of 19,984 high schools in the nation. This is the third consecutive year OSSM as named as the state’s leading high school.

OSSM provides a college-level curriculum in science and mathematics to juniors and seniors. Created through legislative action in 1983, the two-year residential public high school and its satellite locations in rural areas of Oklahoma serve all schools and students through math contests, student workshops and summer academies, teacher professional development, and outreach activities for students of varying ages.

In addition to its residen-



Whitley O’Connor



Caleb Lareau

tial program, OSSM has five regional locations as well as a virtual program, through which students participate in rigorous academics while maintaining their local high school affiliation.

For more information, visit [www.ossm.edu](http://www.ossm.edu) or call (405) 521-6436.

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