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About OSSM

Nationally ranked as a top public high school in the

United States, OSSM provides a college-level, academically advanced curriculum in science and mathematics to juniors and seniors across Oklahoma. Created through legislative action in 1983, OSSM started first as a two-year residential public high school serving all Oklahoma schools. It also has five satellite locations plus a virtual program. The school also hosts statewide math contests and day workshops for middle school students and residential summer academies and conducts teacher professional development and outreach activities for students of varying ages.

For more information, visit www.ossm.edu or call (405) 521-6436.

OSSM offers a college-level, tuition-free education for students in Oklahoma.



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On the hill

SWOSU hosts MLK event speaker Tuesday

Dr. Noor Jihan Abdul-Haqq, M.D., will be the featured speaker during Martin Luther King, Jr. Week on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford.

Dr. Abdul-Haqq will speak 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 18, in Room 104 of the Gen. Thomas P. Stafford Building. Masks are encouraged for the event and the public is invited.

Abdul-Haqq is a board-certified pediatrician from Oklahoma City. She is a graduate of the [Oklahoma School of Science](#) and Mathematics and graduated from Spelman College with honors with a degree in biochemistry. Her medical school and residency training were completed through Morehouse School of Medicine where she was active with various medical organizations.

She has done medical work in Barbados, Dominican Republic and Mexico. Her awards include the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, Practitioner of Excellence Award from Sisters United Organization, Journal Record's Achievers under 40 award and an outstanding minority owned business leader.

This past summer she received a regional award for her work in the OKC chapter of Jack and Jill of America for providing STEM opportunities for youth. Abdul-Haqq has been interviewed numerous times on local radio, television and print media.

Abdul-Haqq opened her current practice Peace of Mind Pediatrics in September of 2015 to serve the community that she grew up in. She opened a second location in the spring of 2021. She serves as a mentor for high school and college students and has assisted other physicians with starting their own practices.

In September 2020, she helped open the Clara Community Health Center in Oklahoma City which is a free clinic for the uninsured. She and her husband are the proud parents to three children.

"We are excited to host an Oklahoma native that is stimulating change and progress in the medical field," SWOSU student and Student Government Association Court Justice Caden Bowles said. "As a future medical professional, I am looking forward to hearing from such a great public figure."

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