



OSSM's Wang to retire after 12 years at helm

OKLAHOMA CITY --- The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) announced Wednesday it will honor the retirement of President Frank Wang, Ph.D. on Friday.

The free event is open to the public. The school's trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, state legislators and other guests will honor his contributions to the leading STEM and public school of Oklahoma. It will be held on campus and include a selfie-station, an activity for which Dr. Wang is widely known.

"On behalf of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics and the state of

Oklahoma, I express great appreciation and admiration for the leadership and many accomplishments of Dr. Frank Wang during his tenure as president of OSSM," said Dan Little, chairman of OSSM's Board of Trustees. "Faced with financial crises and budget cuts, Dr. Wang used his own ingenuity and entrepreneurial abilities to create opportunities for OSSM to earn its own monies by providing more academic opportunities to more students and teachers. Working tirelessly often day and night, Dr. Wang visited nearly all 77 counties

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and an estimated 300 schools across the state to share the OSSM story of academic opportunities and excellence both nationally and internationally.”

Appointed in 2012, Dr. Wang is the school’s second president since its inception in 1983. Under his leadership, contributions to the OSSM Foundation Faculty Endowment increased from \$4.2 million to \$10 million. This fund was established to achieve long-term stability for the school and to ensure the recruitment and retention of the exceptional caliber of faculty it has employed since its opening.

Additionally, Dr.

Wang was instrumental in creating a program for international students to attend OSSM, resulting in more than \$500,000 in revenue for the school and launched summer residential programs that brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue. He has also traveled throughout Oklahoma to provide free math instruction to middle school students, an important project following an extended period of virtual instruction due to the global pandemic of 2020.

Founded through Oklahoma legislation, the school graduated its first class of 44 seniors in 1992 under the direction of Founding President Edna Manning, Ph.D. Dr. Manning was hired in 1988 and re-

tired in 2012.

Prior to joining OSSM, Dr. Wang served as chairman and chief executive officer of Saxon Publishers, a major textbook publishing company. Under his leadership, Saxon grew to 250 employees and had annual sales approaching \$100 million. He left his position in 2003 to pursue his lifelong dream of teaching.

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 the state. Created through legislative action in 1983, the two-year residential public

high school serves all Oklahoma schools and students through statewide math contests, day workshops for students, residential summer academies for students, teacher professional development workshops, and outreach activities for students of varying ages.

In addition to its residential program, OSSM has six regional locations as well as a virtual program, through which students participate in a one- to three-year scholastic program while maintaining their local high school affiliation. These locations include Enid, Okmulgee, Poteau, Stilwell, Tahlequah and Wayne.

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