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Academy of Arts

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The Academy of Arts at Capitol Hill High School is going through some exciting and major changes for the 2021-2022 school year. Capitol High School Alumni, Ms. Stormi Luney will be stepping into the coordinators' position as Mrs. Tristianne Asbury is leaving OKCPS to return to her Alma Mater, Noble High School.

We would also like to welcome 2 new members to our AOA team, Caroline Smith director of piano, and choir, as well as Dana Butler who will become the new director of band, drumline, and flag squad.

We graduated 31 Academy of Arts Seniors on May 17th. They have done an outstanding job navigating the pandemic while excelling in community service and various performances.

Our combined Spring showcases that took place on April 27th & April 29th were a huge success. We had performances from band majors, drumline majors, flag squad majors, guitar majors, choir majors, film majors, and dance.

Northwest Classen



Academy of Culinary Arts

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The Academy of Culinary Arts is for students interested in pursuing a career in the food service industry. Emphasis is placed on the principles of planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling the management of a variety of food service operations. The academy will provide insight into the operation of a well-run restaurant, food production skills, various levels of industry management, and hospitality skills.



The academy is recruiting students from all grade levels for the 21—22 school year. Carlye Carter, the academy coordinator, hopes to begin the academy with 40 to 50 students.

To learn more about the academy, log into the OKCPS website and you can find out more information under the Departments page by clicking on the Career Academies title.

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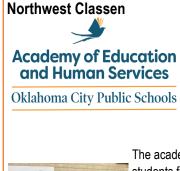
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Have you ever considered the rewards and joy of being a teacher, school counselor, principal, coach, school psychologist or special education teacher? Or learning about occupations in the fields of Human Services? The Academy of Education and Human Services is designed to introduce high school students to various teaching, educational and human service careers. The academy also has an internship component allowing the student to gain "real life" teaching experience with students in various academic settings.



The academy coordinator, Chelsea Reppert, has been speaking to 8th grade students from Taft and Mary Golda Ross about the many opportunities of being a member of the education academy. Advance planning for the 21—22 school year includes many work based learning experiences, education speakers and events related to education and the human services career pathway.

Capitol Hill





Capitol Hill High School Academy of Engineering is

proud to announce that one of our academy students, **Brandon Decker** is one of 20 students across the state selected to be a part of Oklahoma STEM Signing Day.

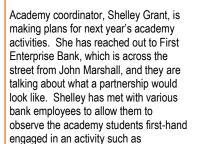
About STEM Signing Day:

STEM Signing Day is an annual event celebrating high school seniors choosing to pursue STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) degrees at technical programs and two and fouryear colleges and universities. Just like signing days for athletes, STEM Signing Day is full of excitement and fanfare, and honorees sign a letter of intent to pursue their STEM goals.

Created in South Carolina in 2017, STEM Signing Day has recognized thousands of students over the last four years. This is the first year Boeing has hosted a STEM Signing Day program in Oklahoma.

Congratulations Brandon Decker – Capitol Hill High School



John Marshall Academy of Finance Oklahoma City Public Schools

VITA. Shelley will be meeting with additional bank employees to work out a plan so that they can work together and talk about internships potentially for next year.

Working with UCO through their Finance program, JM has started a new group called "Invest in Girls". Since returning to school, 12 ladies have shown an interest to participate, their first meeting was a great success.

The current academy students are designing a new Academy of Finance T-shirt, and also creating an academy T-shirt for the "Invest in Girls" group.

A few new plans for the academy students for next year will be: Academy students participating with the UCO Ethics bowl

Academy students will have the opportunity to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind

- the team will be able to pick a situation that most closely matches the AOF curriculum

Enrollment for the academy has currently increased by 25 freshmen for next school year. Twenty-nine graduating seniors from the Academy of Finance received their cords and a certificate of achievement for their involvement in the academy.



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Star Spencer





The Academy of Hospitality and Tourism graduated 18 seniors on May 22. Each senior received their academy cord and a certificate of achievement for their involvement in the academy. A senior academy graduation luncheon took place on May 12 at Ludivine in OKC.

Internships this year in the hospitality industry are difficult to locate, but academy coordinator, Chaya Fletcher, has been fortunate to secure 14 internships for juniors this summer.





Recruitment and enrollment for the academy has been moving forward this year. Presently 32 soon to be 9th graders have turned in applications. There will be 22 seniors in the academy for the 21/22 school year. Plans are underway with the Spanish teacher and Ms. Fletcher to work together on a cross-curricular project since the hospitality industry is such a diversified and bi-lingual career path.

Engaging advisory board members is an ongoing process for the academies. Mrs. Fletcher is working with hospitality and tourism partners to bring on new advisory board members from the new Omni Hotel, the Zoo and the Oklahoma Restaurant Association.

Southeast

Academy of Information Technology

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Southeast High School graduated 160+ seniors on May 19th, several of whom were the first in their family to graduate high school.

Metro Tech and SEHS are excited to announce their partnership together to bring their aerospace program to the campus.

SEHS students hosted incoming Southeast Middle School students recently with an event designed to show off the campus and let them know about all the academic and extracurricular activities at the academy. Recent guest speakers have included three individuals from AT&T.

We are all looking forward to next year and have high hopes for our ability to handle whatever life throws





Congratulations to the Class of 2021 Academy of Law & Public Safety graduates! Frederick A Douglass Academy of Law & Public Safety has twenty-two (22) graduating seniors. Frederick A Douglass the first high school in the country to have a high school chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ). Three (3) graduating seniors served on the NABCJ Cabinet. These three students are the first in the country to serve in these positions. Seven (7) of our AOLPS seniors are ranked in the Top 10% of their graduated locas as well. We are so proud of their accomplishments, applied their perseverance, and anticipate their future endeevors. They personify Eastside & Trojan - Pride!

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Classen SAS @ NE

Academy of Health Sciences

Classen SAS @ NE Health Science academy students were recognized at their graduation on May 18. Fifteen seniors received their graduation cords for completing their

academy courses and being members of their student organization, HOSA.

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Students in the academy work with some of the same equipment and tools used by lab professionals. By learning these skills, students are prepared for entry into medical

research fields and health related jobs.

Kristine Sigman, academy coordinator, has plans for the 21 – 22 school year for the students to be able to work through all the hands-on labs that were missed this year due to virtual learning. When students return to the classroom in August they will work in teams to perform labs such as, forensic, bacteria, ELISA Blasts, DNA gel electrophoresis. Including individualized student health labs as EKG, Heart Rate, Reflexes, Vital Signs, Eye Exam tests, Spirometry tests, and investigations into diseases.

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Academy of Health Sciences

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Northwest Classen Academy of Health Science students recently received their scrubs. Students wear their scrubs once a



week to school with great pride. They are easily identified as health academy students. Their purple scrubs were donated by an advisory board member who works at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital.

NWC' graduation took place at the Jim Norick Arena on Tuesday, May 18th. Eight Academy students graduated with the highest honors. The Senior awards were presented virtually. Three of the ten Classen award winners were Academy students.

Eighth grade students from Taft and Mary Golda Ross have visited NWC to learn more about the academy and how to get involved.



Presently the academy has 14 new students for the coming fall semester. Recruitment will continue throughout the summer and at the beginning of school in August. US Grant Academy of Health Science presented 12 students their academy cords at graduation this year for completing their 4 courses in their pathway. The academy also graduated 15 seniors that had been new to the program. Beginning in August, there are 41 juniors that are involved in the academy and excited to step into their senior shoes.



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The 2021-2022 school year will most likely begin the same as this year, all classes will start with a look at immunology. Students will focus on how the body's immune system works and how the healthcare system manages illness. Since teaching this class, the academy coordinator feels that this is the best way to start the year, it allows students an opportunity to get answers to a lot of the questions and fears they have in our current climate. In the classroom, students will have the opportunity to track down and contain a medical outbreak at a local hospital, simulating a unique situation similar to their 20—21 school year of COVID.

The academy is looking forward to the opportunity to incorporate more lab processes into our curriculum next year, such as investigating a crime scene to solve a mystery, diagnosing and proposing treatment to patients in a family medical practice, to stabilizing a patient during an

emergency, and collaborating with others to design solutions to local and global medical problems.

Students are excited that the school district is considering allowing visitors back into our buildings. Allowing visitors into our classrooms will provide live speakers in the room which generates more excitement and a better connection between students and industry professionals.

