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Capitol Hill



## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> & April 29<sup>th</sup> 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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### Academy of Education and Human Services

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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



### Academy of Engineering

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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 four-year 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**

Academy coordinator, Shelley Grant, is making plans for next year's academy activities. She has reached out to First Enterprise Bank, which is across the street from John Marshall, and they are talking about what a partnership would look like. Shelley has met with various bank employees to allow them to observe the academy students first-hand engaged in an activity such as 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.

## John Marshall Academy of Finance

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Star Spencer



## Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 at us in 2022!



Douglass

## Academy of Law and Public Safety

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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 High School is the first high school in the country to have a high school chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCI). Three (3) graduating seniors served on the NABCI 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 graduating class as well. We are so proud of their accomplishments, applaud their perseverance, and anticipate their future endeavors. **They personify Eastside & Trojan Pride!**

**Juanita Hendricks:** Valedictorian, Top 10% of Graduating Class, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member, E.P. McCabe Scholarship recipient (Langston University)

**Aqueda Espinoza:** Salutatorian, Top 10% of Graduating Class, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter **President**, sworn into the United States Navy

**Angela Renae:** Top 10% of Graduating Class, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Jada Thomas:** Top 10% of Graduating Class, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Emily Cervantes-Basabe:** Top 10% of Graduating Class, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Elvira Lopez:** Top 10% of Graduating Class

**Lejand Collins:** Top 10% of Graduating Class, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter **Vice-President**

**Teani Colbert:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Lawyer Rose**

**Tierra Walker**

**Donye McDonald:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Lane Elmquist:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Parliamentarian

**Ervin Taylor**

**Ja'nazia Wallace:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Kenyun Williamson:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Quinci Blade:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Kalin Tyner**

**Aqua Mathis-Royal**

**Tyonna Johnson**

**Jacquette Wade:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter Charter Member

**Taelon Cogburn:** National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Douglass High School Chapter **Treasurer**

**Stephanie Balderas-Fowler**



