



# OKCPS Career Academies

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Capitol Hill



## Academy of Arts

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Though this year has been particularly challenging for the performing arts, Capitol Hill Academy of Arts students and directors have adapted beautifully to the changes thrown their way. They have been able to put together several recorded performances to share out with the public, as well as a few live performances at athletic events. Students are working harder than ever to prepare for their upcoming spring performances at the end of April. Even though the students have not had the same amount of rehearsal time that they have had in previous years, CHHS students are more than making up for it with their increased efforts. The Arts directors are grateful that the Class of 2021 will still be able to experience important end of year events including Prom, Graduation, Spring Concerts, and Awards Ceremonies. CHHS Spring Band, Drumline, Flag, and Piano Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00PM in the CHHS Auditorium. The Spring Choir, Guitar, Dance, and Film Concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 29th at 7:00PM in the CHHS Auditorium. Both performances are free of charge.

Northwest Classen



## Academy of Culinary Arts

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The Academy of Culinary Arts has been developing their curriculum plan and setting their academy goals during their year of planning. The academy is part of the Hospitality and Tourism career cluster. Students, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will follow a 4-year plan of courses in Family and Consumer Science Basics, Introduction to Culinary Arts, Culinary Basic Skills, completing their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year with Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness. Students will have the opportunity to earn certifications in ServSafe Manager and their OKC Food Handlers. Enrollment opened this year for all grades, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, applications have been completed by many students. In the junior and/or senior year, students will be encouraged to complete an internship from 80 to 120 hours. The academy coordinator, Carlye Carter and her students will work on a business plan to open the student store as a coffee shop. Carlye has been building her advisory board with members from the Hospitality industry. Present members include: Rusty Loeffler – Interurban, Tom Cheatman – NWC graduate, Nora Brunnett – NWC graduate and a bakery owner in Connecticut, Dale Tanner—Sysco Oklahoma, Jonathan Groth—Epworth Villa and Dr. Sunie Killiam, NWC admin.

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### Academy of Education and Human Services

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Although this year has seen many challenges, the Academy of Education and Human Services has accomplished so much! We have been actively recruiting future academy students by creating posters, flyers, and speaking to underclassman about our program.

We just recently finished a volunteer project for the Department of Libraries where students package up books and activities to give to Oklahoma Public School's pre-k students to promote literacy. We have done secondary education exploration within education and human services by listening to guest speakers from our local technology center, OCCC, and Oklahoma State University. We joined the University of Central Oklahoma's Prospective Teachers' Academy to learn more about their education pathway. We also explored education and human service career opportunities using our

Career Trees and researching student's interests.

Our advisory board has been as helpful as ever with representatives from OSU, UCO, OKC Foundation, Metro Tech, and Oklahoma City Public Schools just to name a few. Lastly, we are excited to announce the addition of the Principles of Human Services course to our current academy course pathway! The academy has high hopes that next year will be the best yet!

## Capitol Hill



### Academy of Engineering

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Academy of Engineering is finishing up the year with high hopes for the future. The academy expanded their curriculum this year to include: Computer Science, Manufacturing,

STEM and Agriscience. The academy coordinator and counselors have strongly encouraged MetroTech for our academy students. Several of our outstanding Graduating Seniors are currently attending MetroTech and at the same time taking all AP classes at Capitol Hill High School. Exemplary students that we are very proud to say are members of the Academy of Engineering include:

Brad Alvarez - Graphic Design

Fernando Chavez-Hernandez - CAD

Ana Davis - BioMedical

Brandon Decker - Engineering

Juan Montoya - finishing his senior year with FIVE AP classes and Physics. Unfortunately, Fernando and Juan's Boeing Internship was cancelled last year due to COVID-19.

This spring the academy had an awesome Career Week due to our wonderful Advisory Board and were able to have several guest speakers in divergent careers. Academy students are continuing Career Week exploration even now with MetroTech CAD and Boeing by attending a Google Meet this week and plan to do virtual Mock Interviews soon.

## John Marshall

Federal Executives International recognized the AOF again this year by awarding Malachi Scurra a \$1000 scholarship, JM AOF is the only high school recognized by FEI. The AOF board agreed to create a \$2500 scholarship for an academy student beginning this year, 2021 graduating class.

Shelley Grant, the coordinator, is working with OCEE and UCO to develop on a program for ladies in the finance world. Together, they have created a "Females in Finance" group beginning with just those in the academy, expanding next year. 12 of the Academy of Finance students will be receiving community service cords for completing two or more years of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax services. VITA has looked different from the drop-off/pick-up format this year; however, we have already completed almost 100 returns in three weeks.

Banc First will work with 6 of AOF students for summer internships, and the Online Internship created with TFCU will continue to be utilized for our AOF students that need it. All AOF seniors are set to graduate this year.

### Academy of Finance

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Star Spencer



Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

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2021, Ludivine will host 24 academy students for lunch.

The academy students host many events at Star Spencer, including the prom. To learn more about catering, dining services, budgeting and event planning, Andre Coleman who is the Director of Dining at OCCC spoke with the students. Andre provided the students with insight into the food and beverage industry by discussing his work history and operations background in the hospitality industry.

A few activities still remaining for the academy students, include lunch at Vast in the Devon Tower in downtown OKC; a tour of the Omni Hotel, which is located next to the new OKC Convention Center; and a visit to Green Pastures Studios in Spencer, OK.

Star Spencer HS Academy of Hospitality and Tourism has had the opportunity to have some great speakers during their time of virtual learning.

LaTasha Timberlake from Lillian Timber Farms spoke to the students about how the farm is dedicated to growing and creating organic produce and products for healthy living practices in underserved communities. The farm also provides an educational and community environment through project-based programs.

Ludivine's restaurant general manager, Andy Bowen, shared information about restaurant management and event planning. Ludivine opened in 2010 in Oklahoma City in the area that was becoming known to locals as the Midtown District. It was the beginning of a period of exciting and dramatic transformation in the city's urban core. Andy explained how Ludivine has earned a reputation as one of the crown jewels of the Oklahoma culinary community. Before school ends in

Southeast



Academy of Information Technology

Oklahoma City Public Schools

Southeast High School Academy of Information Technology has had a busy year. Don Stephens, Trade and Industrial Education Digital Design teacher became the new coordinator in August.

The students have had the opportunity to engage with guest speakers virtually this year. Guest speakers include: Sgt. Barrios from the Oklahoma Army National Guard, Nepris partnered with Verizon and we had several speakers: Deepika Chanamolu, Marc Blumberg, and Gina Ottis. In addition, students heard from Les Thomas, the game day host for Oklahoma State University.

The academy advisory board has been rebuilding this year. The coordinator is adding additional people in the PR industry, a former OKC-chamber employee, IT industry, and building a good relationship with SEHS alumni who work with the school.



The Frederick A. Douglass High School Academy of Law & Public Safety prepares students for academic excellence in college as well as challenging & rewarding professional careers in the areas of law, public safety, criminal justice, corrections, law enforcement, and, government/politics. We engage our students by utilizing *law & public safety* as a lens; through which current problems are analyzed, approached, and solved. Students learn how to think as professionals and rediscover the wonder & joys of learning.



Douglass

Academy of Law and Public Safety

Oklahoma City Public Schools

Our guest speakers this year have included:

- Andre Caldwell (Attorney)
- Belinda Stewart (1st Black Female Prison Warden)
- LaShawn Thompson (City of OKC Court Administrator)
- Vanessa Morrison (BlackSpace Oklahoma)
- University of Oklahoma Black Lawyers Association
- Jaycee Booth (Crowe & Dunlevy Law Firm)
- Sgt. Jamal Brown (OKC Fire Department, The 5th Quarter)
- Michael Owens & Lisa Foster (The Light Bulb Room, Ralph Ellison Foundation)
- LaTasha Timberlake (OKCPS School Climate Specialist)
- Jaelah Rose (OKCPS School Counselor)
- Jericha Scales (OKPS Social Worker)
- Sheba Fisher (entrepreneur)
- Jodie Shavers (entrepreneur)
- Sharda Allen (Boeing Aerospace Company, Douglass HS Class of 2003)
- Nia Stepany (OKCPS Educator, Douglass HS Class of 2013)
- Jarae Williams (King Preparatory Educator, Douglass HS Class of 2013)
- Major Washington Butler (OKC Police Department, AOLPS Advisory Board)
- Deputy Chief Ron Bacy (OKC Police Department, AOLPS Advisory Board)

While the pandemic caused the Academy to make adjustments and limit excursion trips and internships, our students' zeal for academic and professional excellence has not subsided. The Law & Public Safety Academy has a total of 25 graduates from the Class of 2021; four with distinct honors. We anticipate the 2021-2022 school year to include more applicants, enrichment & engagement of many facets, and exceptional exposure opportunities for their students!

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Classen SAS @ NE

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Junior Achievement Career Guest Speaker Ebony Coleman, a Nurse Practitioner.

In October, 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the academy took part in the Junior Achievement Virtual Career Expo.

The academy students participated in the OBI annual Blood Drive for CSAS. The students made appointments for donors, checked donors in, gave out the snacks and drinks and made sure that the donors were feeling good after their blood donation.

Since being back in the classroom, students have been doing bacteria labs, water testing for coliforms and bacteria, vital tests, eye tests, DNA PCR and forensic labs, just to name a few. The academy has 18 seniors graduating in May. Seven of the seniors are involved in the student health organization, Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA).

The Health Science Academy at Classen SAS @ NE had a great start this year. Students in the academy had the opportunity to hear from

Northwest Classen



## Academy of Health Sciences

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During the virtual year, NWC AOHS students have been working a lot in producing informative and visually appealing graphics. Not being able to create posters or real-life models has pushed students to all sorts of virtual resources that can actually be sent out more easily through social media! We have also seen a much higher level of competency when it comes to research-based writing as well as providing citations for their work. Students have used simple tools like Google Docs to create blueprints to Emergency Rooms they developed, contact tracing to a meningitis outbreak and so on! AOHS students took on the role of a Genetic Counselor and held mock genetic counseling sessions via Google Meets.

The academy had an awesome opportunity to host a Career Exposure Week in which students interacted with professionals from a wide range of health and helping careers. The event included 16 speakers, each presenting for 40 minutes to our entire Academy student body. This was accomplished by cohorting classes virtually as well as recording all sessions to provide a library of videos! Many of the speakers introduced the discussion of cultural and racial diversity in their industry. This began an ongoing conversation amongst the students. Many students have been empowered and inspired by these conversations recognizing that the NWC campus is dually blessed with diversity and an Academy of Health Sciences. When the students began to research the statistics, the students could see they were unique position to help.

AOHS has about 65 students enrolled for next year, this does not include incoming freshmen.



U. S. Grant

## Academy of Health Sciences

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Since returning to school, students at Grant HS who are members of the Academy of Health Science have been engaged in labs. One of the labs that has been conducted is urinalysis.

Students tested artificial urine samples for the presence of glucose and protein. Students examined the samples by sight, protein testing, pH testing, and glucose testing. They used their results to determine whether the patient has kidney disease or diabetes. (see pictures below)

An upcoming activity for the students will be the 2021 Virtual Academic Advantage event with Oral Surgery Specialists of Oklahoma. The online medical career fair will take place on Saturday, April 24, at 9:00 am. Events for middle school students, high school students, college students, and parents will include insider knowledge about what it takes to get into an ideal college or medical school and how to have a successful career in healthcare.

There will be a panel of medical professionals to provide insight into different specialties and discuss how to be successful in college and beyond. Plus, students could receive a scholarship or one of our other prizes!

Panelist will be from backgrounds in: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontist, a Neurosurgeon at INTEGRIS Medical Group and a Career Counselor at Putnam City Schools/Putnam City West High School, and Educational Consultant at Dream Driven Inc.

