

Achievers

Dr. Chad Ternes receives Ph.D. in plant science from OSU

Dr. Chad Ternes, a 2004 graduate of Chisholm High School and **OSSM**, has received his Ph.D. in plant science from Oklahoma State University and was awarded with his degree at the graduate commencement ceremony on Friday in Stillwater.

Ternes significantly contributed to the genome project of *Galdieria sulphuraria*, a microscopic alga that lives in and around volcanic areas.

The genome project received international recognition, including an article in *National Geographic*.

He also was the first graduate student in the Department of Botany at Oklahoma State University to receive the Otto S. Cox Graduate Fellowship for Genetics Research.

Ternes has accepted a postdoctoral research position at Michigan State University, where he will work on vitamin biosynthesis in plants for bioengineering applications.

Ternes is the son of Steve and Kay Ternes of Enid.



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