

"Dr. Liu inspired my thinking and opened my eyes in physics. His passion for teaching, and his knowledge made his class special."

T.J. Bay, Chandler, Oklahoma - OSSM Class of 1996 - PhD candidate, Stanford university

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"It is a wonderful experience teaching gifted, motivated students at OSSM. I set high standards to challenge myself in different ways in addition to challenging my students." Dr. Xifan Liu

XIFAN LIU, PH.D., PHYSICS

- OSSM Professor of General Physics; Mechanics; Thermal Physics, Waves and Optics; Electricity & Magnetism; Modern Physics I & II

- Sports Photojournalist
- Mountaineer
- Coach: OSSM US Olympiad Contenders

Favorite Book: *The Story of Everest (1921-1952)* by W.H. Murray

Favorite Movies: *Apocalypse Now* and *Tora, Tora, Tora*

Favorite Charity: Red Cross

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Dr. Xifan Liu has been teaching physics

at OSSM since 1992. Under his teaching and coaching, eight OSSM students have progressed to compete internationally on the United States Physics Olympiad Team, one winning a gold medal in 1995.

Dr. Liu "moonlights" as a professional photographer for a daily newspaper on the sidelines of the University of Oklahoma football and basketball games. He spends his summers conquering mountain summits around the globe. He is also a husband and father. Dr. Liu brings all of his life experiences to the classroom which enhances the education of OSSM students. Thanks to the generosity of the McCasland Foundation, and other organizations, corporations, and individuals, OSSM is able to attract and retain faculty of Dr. Liu's experience and caliber.



Dr. Liu
On the Summit
of Mt. Rainier 2001

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