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In 2004, James Everest, Gary Fuller, and Edmund O. Martin formed The Awesome Men of OSSM with the specific goal of assisting the efforts of the OSSM Foundation's Board of Trustees to fund a now \$10 million endowment for OSSM faculty salary supplements. In order to sustain its high academic standards and rigorous college-level curriculum, OSSM must retain its outstanding faculty, some 70% of whom hold Ph.D.s in their areas of instruction. When the salaries for OSSM teachers were set at \$38,000 in 1989, they were competitive with college associate professors salaries, the positions for which they are qualified. Twenty-five years later, OSSM faculty salaries have not remained competitive. Today these talented teachers receive only about \$45,000 a year; whereas associate professors at OU and OSU command salaries in the mid-60's to mid'90's.

The OSSM Foundation has raised more than \$6.75 million toward its endowment fund goal. Awesome Men membership requires a commitment of \$5,000, payable at once or over five years. Our goal is to admit at least 150 members to The Awesome Men, providing at least \$750,000 for faculty awards from The Awesome Men, which will be a designated, special component within the Faculty Endowment Fund. We also work to have Awesome Men contributions matched by other foundations supporting education. Awesome Men's combined giving provides a compelling reason for foundations to become engaged and to match that strong support.