

2023-24

ANNUAL
REPORT



OKLAHOMA SCHOOL of
SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS
FOUNDATION



TONY CORNFORTH

President, OSSM

“ This past school year, we celebrated the graduation of 44 exceptional students and welcomed 71 new juniors, marking a significant period of growth for OSSM.

Through their hard work and dedication, the Class of '24 earned a total of \$3.6M in scholarship/financial aid packages. As we look ahead with excitement, we remain committed to expanding our programs and enhancing our offerings, ensuring that our students have every opportunity to thrive. Our rigorous residential program not only equips students with mastery in science, mathematics, and technology but also nurtures critical thinking and creativity. Ranked as the #1 high school in Oklahoma and once again as a top 5 school in America, OSSM fosters an environment where lifelong friendships are formed and collaborative experiences inspire personal and academic growth.

Reflecting on my first year as President, I have witnessed firsthand the remarkable transformations our students undergo. OSSM changes hopeful potential into tangible achievements, guiding our students toward becoming bold leaders for Oklahoma who are ready to embrace their futures. This profound journey is made possible by our dedicated faculty and staff, whose mentorship and support empower each student to realize their full capabilities. Our student-centered approach ensures that every individual feels valued, respected, and inspired to excel—not just in their studies, but in every aspect of their lives. ”



KATIE ALTSHULER

Chair, OSSM Foundation

“ It has been an exciting time at OSSM with many new beginnings.

We welcomed a new President of the School in June of 2023 and a new Development Director in June of 2024. We have a strong student body. We continue to provide essential funding for our 90 percent Ph.D-level faculty and continue to offer top notch educational opportunities through our residential program and regional centers. The Foundation also provides critical support for professional development with the Teacher Summer Math and Science Institutes and for students through the Summer Middle School Math and Science workshops.

OSSM is consistently ranked as one of the top high schools in the country. We are proud to provide unparalleled, rigorous STEM education opportunities for students across Oklahoma. Foundation partnerships with Oklahoma's top industries and companies provide tremendous internship and mentorship experiences for students and set them up to succeed. We support the state's STEM workforce pipeline and are developing the future innovators and leaders of Oklahoma.

None of this would be possible without support from the many corporate donors, parents, alumni, community foundations, and organizations that believe in our mission. We are grateful to each and every one of you; and we look forward to a banner year ahead. ”

Awesome Evening

Molly Wehrenberg, a member of the OSSM Foundation Board of Trustees, along with her late husband, Paul, hosted a reception at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club to welcome OSSM's new president, Tony Cornforth, M.S. The event was an enjoyable evening celebrating the introduction of OSSM's third president. Thank you to the event committee with Jerry Burger as Committee Chair and Katie Altshuler as Foundation Chair.



International Night

OSSM International Night is a celebration of the diverse cultures that make up the OSSM community. This annual event provides students, families, faculty, and staff with a unique opportunity to explore and appreciate the richness of global traditions through food, performances, and cultural displays.

A highlight of the evening is the performances, during which students showcase traditional dances from their native countries or regions. These performances bring a variety of cultural expressions to life for everyone.

One of the most anticipated parts of the event is the sharing of international cuisine. Families prepare dishes representing their cultural heritage, offering guests the chance to sample flavors from around the world.



Teacher Appreciation Day

OSSM Teacher Appreciation Day honors former teachers of OSSM students, recognizing the significant impact these educators had on their academic journeys. This event provides an opportunity for OSSM seniors to thank those teachers who contributed to their success in their formative years. In February 2024, OSSM held its first Teacher Appreciation Day in several years. Around 40 teachers from across Oklahoma attended, reconnecting with former students and hearing firsthand about the lasting influence they had. State Senator Adam Pugh also spoke at the event, reflecting on the profound impact his History and Civics teachers had on his life.



CLASS OF

2025



- 18
(39%)

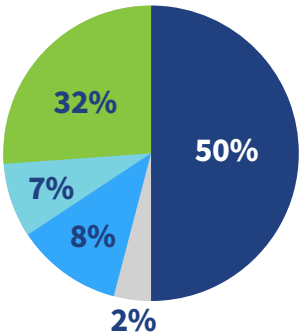
National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
- 12
(25%)

Investigative Research scholars Program participation
- 28.7

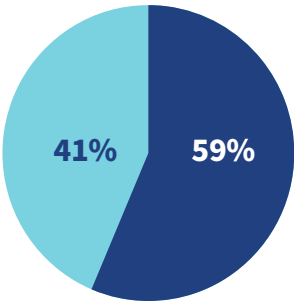
Average ACT Score
- 18%

Free/Reduced Lunch Before Coming to OSSM
- 8%

First Generation College Graduate



- American Indian
- African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Causasian
- Asian



- Males
- Females

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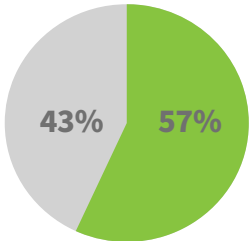
2024

Scholarships

\$3,610,000

Total

- University of Tulsa National Merit Semifinalist Package- **1 Student, \$245,000 over 4 years + \$6,000 Stipend**
- QuestBridge National College Match- **\$330,000, Full tuition, room, and board x 4 years, 1 Student**



- Out of State College
- In-State College

16 Mentorship Program

31 Average ACT Score

Class Of 2024 College Matriculations

Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Emory University
Fordham University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Howard University
Loyola University (IL)

Rochester Institute of Technology
Stanford University
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Trinity University
UC Berkeley

University of Central Oklahoma
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University of Rochester
University of Tulsa
Washington University in St Louis

Jessica Todd



**COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST**
Nestle Purina

OSSM CLASS OF 2011
Holdenville, Ok

**Bachelor of Arts,
Journalism**
University of Oklahoma

Attending the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics was like stepping into a parallel universe—one where I could grow stronger, more rooted, and aspire to greater heights. The respect I received from professors and the inclusivity among my peers created a nurturing environment that shielded me from the risks of teenage pregnancy, underage drinking, and a tumultuous divorce. I am eternally grateful that my spark was recognized and that I was chosen to step into this multiverse through OSSM.

Professionally, I am the first Communications Specialist at Nestle Purina in Oklahoma City, a transition I made after dedicating 12 years to the Department of Defense. My time in the Army allowed me to earn an associate's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the Defense Language Institute and work as an Arabic Translator, a passion sparked by my fellow OSSM alumni who introduced me to their rich culture. I also hold a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma. I plan to return to school to get in my master's in industrial and organizational psychology. Currently, I live in Midtown here in OKC with my husband, young son, and two pets.

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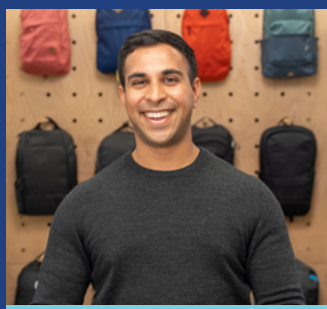


OSSM CLASS OF 2025

I'm originally from Southeast High School, and I came to OSSM because of the early access to resources and opportunities I wouldn't get anywhere else. OSSM is the best decision I've made; it gives me the tools to learn, and with what I've learned, I've opened numerous doors that were shut before, and now, from my own experiences, I see that knowledge is powerfully advantageous. Here, learning is no longer boring; it's fun and cool, and I truly enjoy it.

I get to attend my cardiovascular mentorship, which, while challenging, is an amazing hands-on learning opportunity. I learn from incredibly intelligent professors like Professor Wilkins and Professor Bodenstein. It's been tough, and there's been a lot of pressure, but I wouldn't have it any other way. That pressure shapes us into diamonds, and in the end, every student who graduates from OSSM emerges as brilliant, well-rounded individuals, ready to tackle any obstacles in our way.

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OSSM CLASS OF 2010
Booker T. Washington
High School, Tulsa

**Bachelor of Science,
Physics and Mathematics,**
Rice University

**Master of Science,
Computer Science,**
Stanford University

OSSM was a transformative experience where I was pushed and driven academically to my limits and developed habits that made college manageable and enjoyable instead of vast and overwhelming. I have very fond memories of both the academic journey but also the social experience of living in a boarding school that resulted in some close friends that I still keep in touch with almost 15 years later!

I live in the San Francisco Bay Area with my wife and work as a software engineer. In my free time, I enjoy weightlifting, travel, and the performing arts.

**STAFF SOFTWARE
ENGINEER**
Databricks

OSSM FOUNDATION FINANCIALS



REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

CONTRIBUTIONS

(net of discounts and allowances)

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Undesignated	\$ 314,853	\$	\$ 314,853
• Restricted for specific purpose or time		238,541	238,541
• Restricted in perpetual nature		112,799	112,799
Interest income (net offees of \$55,663) (Note 4)	72,600	310,014	382,614
Net unrealized and realized gains (losses) (Note 4)	159,378	1,617,561	1,776,939
• Total revenue, gains, and other support	546,831	2,278,915	2,825,746
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 8)	482,697	(482,697)	
Total revenue, gains, and other support	1,029,528	1,796,218	2,825,746

EXPENSES (NOTE 11)

PROGRAM EXPENSES

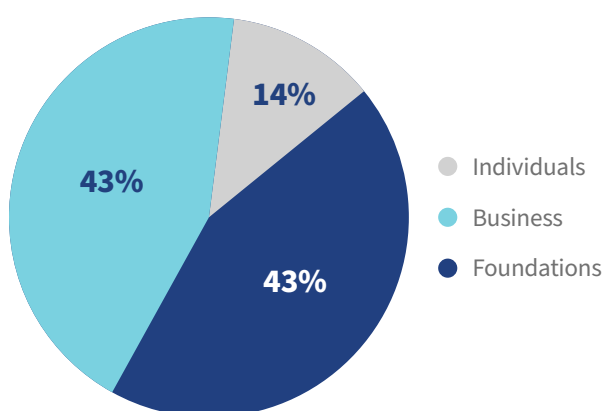
(contributions to OSSM)

Support of school programs	651,760		651,760
• Total contribution to OSSM	651,760		651,760

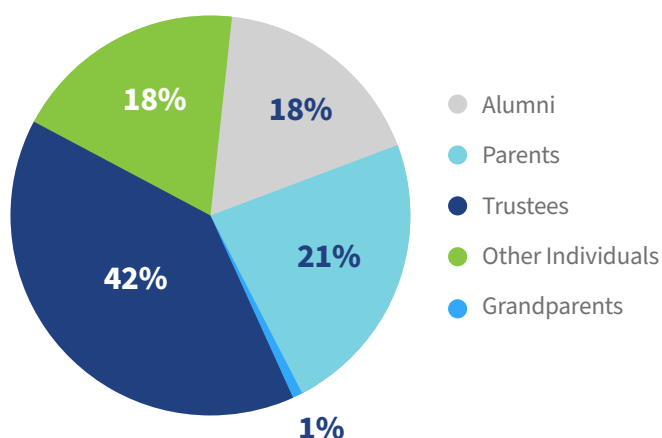
SUPPORTING SERVICES

Administration	134,829		134,829
Fundraising	12,433		12,433
• Total supporting services	147,262		147,262
Total expenses	799,022		799,022
Increase (decrease) in net assets	230,506	1,796,218	2,026,724
Net assets at beginning of year	927,264	14,005,872	14,933,136
Net assets at end of year	\$ 1,157,770	\$ 15,802,090	\$ 16,959,860

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