

The OSSM Alumni Association Newsletter

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Greetings!

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This is the first issue of our OSSM Alumni Association newsletter. Recently, our alumni group has been undergoing reorganization. Once a part of the OSSM Society, our alumni group is now called The OSSM Alumni Association (OSSMAA). OSSMAA officers are currently working hard on updating the alumni website and planning alumni events. Upcoming events include the Winter All-Class Reunion in December, the Student-Teacher-Alumni Volleyball game in the spring, and the 20 year reunion for the Class of 1997 in May.

Why the change? For a long time, the OSSM Society has functioned as the de facto Alumni Association. However, its organization, complicated history, and unclear name have made it a less than perfect group for networking alums.

That is why several members of the Society and Alumni at large have decided to form The OSSM Alumni Association. Its main purpose is to facilitate alumni networking by: sponsoring reunions, distributing information through this newsletter, and providing a central place for alums or other groups trying to reach alums to connect. The secondary purpose, but no less important, is to help the school in any way we can, including: hosting events, volunteering, and promoting the school in our communities. OSSMAA is still in the beginning stages of being created. We hope to have elections early in the next year.

The more alumni involved in OSSMAA, the better, so mark your calendars for Dec. 27th. We will be having an OSSMAA meeting immediately prior to the Winter Alumni gathering, at 2 pm. All alumni are welcome, and we especially need the assistance of anyone with experience in web design or accounting. Then, the official alumni gathering is from 3-5, in the Great Hall. The OSSM

Parent Association will be there selling OSSM merchandise such as T-shirts and coffee mugs. Then the after party will be at 5 at McNellie's Pub in Midtown OKC. Hope to see you all there!

Winter
Alumni
Gathering
Tuesday
Dec. 27th

2 PM: OSSMAA meeting
3-5 PM: Come and go reception,
Great Hall, merchandise sales
5 PM: McNellie's Pub

Student and Alumni mingle at Pumpkin Carving Event

On Saturday, October 22nd, the OSSM Alumni Association hosted its first pumpkin carving event at the school. OSSMAA provided pumpkins, the students provided music, and mother nature provided beautiful weather to make this a fun filled and relaxing afternoon. Students and Alums chatted about recent OSSM events, college choices, and how much time was really necessary to write a paper. Later the students voted on the best carved pumpkins and Dr. Wang provided iTunes gift cards to the winners.



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Also, you can support the OSSM Foundation directly by visiting www.ossmfoundation.org and clicking on "Donate Now."

Mock Interviews

On Oct. 10th, OSSM hosted its annual Mock Interview night. For those alumni who are unfamiliar, Mock Interview night is an event where OSSM seniors get to practice their interview skills through a series of three practice interviews. The "interviews" are conducted by friends of the school, including alumni. The seniors are grateful for the experience, and it gives alumni the chance to meet current students. Look for the call to participate next September if you would like to be involved next year.



Mini-Reunions



Dr. Frank Wang has been active in organizing mini-reunions around the country. Here is a photo of him and some OSSM alumni in Boston in November.

If any alumni would like to send any photos of OSSM mini-reunions to this newsletter, send them to pubs@ossmaa.com.

Class Updates

We want to hear from you! Our next issue will include “Class Updates,” and we need your help. What big news happened for you in 2016? Did you get married or have a child? Did you travel anywhere exotic? Did you finish a degree, publish a paper, or open your own business? Your classmates want to know! Send your news to pubs@ossmaa.com, and let’s see which class has the most respondents!

Stay connected

You can stay connected to OSSM alumni news through Facebook, by joining the group “OSSM Alumni Association,” or through our new website ossmaa.com.

To stay connected with current OSSM news, “like” the “Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics” Facebook page. Or visit the ossm.edu webpage, where you will be prompted to enter your email address. This will keep you connected to both this newsletter and current OSSM news.

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