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STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Joy Hofmeister

**DATE:** March 28, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Michelle Rahn and Macey Stewart the latest Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Awardees

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister recognizes and commends Michelle Rah and Macey Stewart for being awarded the Presidential Award For Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. This is the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science.

The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. Each year the award alternates between teachers teaching kindergarten through 6th grade and those teaching 7th through 12th grades. The awardees named this year teach 7th through 12th grade.

On June 25, 2018, President Trump named 140 mathematics and science teachers as recipients of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The Oklahoma recipients of this distinguished award were Michelle Rahn and Macey Stewart. Michelle is a sixth-grade science teacher at Will Rogers Junior High in Claremore. Macey Stewart is a second-grade teacher at Washington Elementary in Norman public schools.

As the Oklahoma state recipients of this award, Michelle and Macey received a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They were also invited to Washington, DC this summer for an awards ceremony, as well as educational and celebratory events, and visits with members of the Administration.

Since 1983, more than 4,500 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.

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