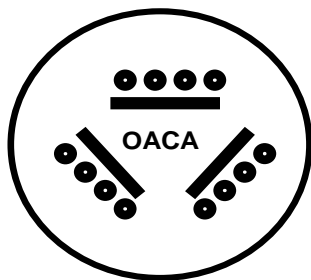


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Letter from the President



It has truly been an honor serving on the OACA officer panel for the past three years. When I first began, I had no idea what I was getting myself into, but along the way, I've been mentored by many wonderful people. Oklahoma is truly blessed to have such an outstanding group of Academic coaches, and I believe the quality of competition continues to grow with each season due to your dedication to Academics.

Serving as an officer has shown me the dedicated effort that goes into the Fall Conference and All-State Banquet, and has given me an appreciation for those who've gone before me, streamlining the process. Thank you for your diligence in building this Association, and thank you to all who follow and continue the legacy.

If you have the desire to serve on the officer panel, please don't hesitate. It is such a fulfilling role. You will learn so much about the other coaches in Oklahoma; you'll learn a vast amount of information regarding the ins and outs of coaching in small and large schools; and you will get to meet some of the most wonderful students in the state when you work at the All-State games. As an officer, that has probably been the biggest highlight—the students. They are the absolute best our state has to offer, and I have truly enjoyed getting to meet them and see their excitement.

I will say good-bye as President at the Fall Conference on September 12th, but I will still be around. I hope you all had a wonderful summer vacation, and I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference when 1st Vice-President Martha Ward will take the podium.

-Tonya Daniel
OACA President

About the Oklahoma Academic Coaches Association

The Oklahoma Academic Coaches Association (OACA) is a non-profit organization whose primary goals are to promote academic competition among Oklahoma secondary schools and to recognize and honor an All-State Academic Team at the conclusion of the Academic Bowl season. The OACA works closely with the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (OSSAA) which governs all competitive extra-curricular activities in Oklahoma secondary schools.

Our organization holds an annual fall conference every September in which both new and veteran coaches are provided many different workshops that cover all aspects of Academic Quiz Bowl competition. The fall conference will be **at Redlands Community College in El Reno Saturday, September 12, 2015**. Please plan to attend.

Remember: OACA is funded through your annual membership dues, net proceeds from our fall conference, and donations. **Your membership keeps this organization strong and active.** The OACA is the driving force behind the promotion and recognition of Academic Bowl participation.

An OACA membership costs \$40. This is a small price for what we do for our students. Fall conference cost is \$60, and this includes the membership costs, workshops, and lunch.

OACA Fall Conference 2015

The OACA Fall Conference will be on Saturday, September 12th at Redlands Community College in El Reno! Start making your plans to attend today. The registration forms are attached. If you are interested in being a presenter at the fall conference, contact [Second Vice President Patrick Phillips](#) at Stigler.

2015 Fall Conference Sessions - Tentative

Academic Basics Part 1 "Where Do I Begin?.....Please HELP!!!"
Academic Basics Part 2 "What in the World Does a Game Look Like?"
Potpourri for Practice
New coaches----coaching strategies
Hosting an OSSAA Tournament
OJABA
HS Tournament of Champions
OAAC Opportunities
Math Tips
Hosting an Invitational Tournament
Fundraising for Academics

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2015-2016 Rules Meetings

(For Coaches and Officials)

September 12, 2015 Redlands Community College 11:00 a.m.
El Reno (**Fall Coaches Conference**)

All other rules meetings will be conducted online (see OSSAA Advisory Board News).

OSSAA Advisory Board Minutes

The Academic Bowl Advisory Committee met in the OSSAA office at 4:00 pm on April 22, 2015. Committee members present were Roger Gossen, Kremlin-Hillsdale; Martha Ward, Caney Valley; Patrick Phillips, Stigler; Karen Jennings, El Reno; Jon Robertson, Preston; Tonya Daniel, Bennington; Dixie Kellogg, Yukon; Ginger Kelso and Mike Clark, OSSAA.

The following recommendations were submitted to the OSSAA Board of Directors for consideration:

1. Change the working on game procedures (AC6 Rule VI. A. 26)
The moderator will say "Are there any questions?" Coaches may approach their team table and confer with their team members at this time. Coaches may lodge...
2. Allowing a team time out each half, instead of one per game. (AC5 Rule V.J)
3. Clean up definition for team Captain. (AC3 Rule II. J)

TEAM CAPTAIN- A team captain is the spokesperson for the team. The captain must be designate prior to the beginning of the game. A new captain can be designated at half-time and/or prior to sudden death. A new captain would also be designated if the current captain is replaced at the end of the quarter. He/she, with the help...

4. Define when the moderator can cut off an incorrect answer. (AC7 Rule VI. B 15.)

The moderator will say "yes" for a correct response and "no" for an incorrect response as soon as the response is deemed incorrect.

Discussion items with no action taken:

- Allowing substitutions after 60 second categories are read
- Allowing team captains to defer to teammate
- New "All State" form
- New "Team Score Sheet"

OSSAA State Academic Bowl Tournament Results

The OSSAA State Academic Bowl were held on Saturday, February 7th at Redlands Community College in EI Reno. The OACA congratulates the following teams:

Class 6A

Champion: Claremore
Runner-up: Edmond Memorial
3rd place: Jenks
4th place: Choctaw
others: Booker T. Washington, Ponca City,
Norman, Norman North

Class 4A

Champion: Cascia Hall
Runner-up: Anadarko
3rd place: Plainview
4th place: Stigler
others: Morris, Oologah, Weatherford, Lone Grove

Class 2A

Champion: Drummond
Runner-up: Rock Creek
3rd place: Ringling
4th place: Riverfield Country Day
others: OK Bible Acad, Preston, Carnegie,
Burns Flat-Dill City

Class 5A

Champion: Bishop Kelley
Runner-up: Deer Creek
3rd place: Bishop McGuinness
4th place: Duncan
others: Tahlequah, Collinsville, Eisenhower,
Skiatook

Class 3A

Champion: Oktaha
Runner-up: Latta
3rd place: Caney Valley
4th place: Dale
others: Tushka, Chelsea, Colbert, OK Christian

Class A

Champion: Regent Preparatory
Runner-up: Coleman
3rd place: Cheyenne
4th place: Kremlin-Hillsdale
others: Bennington, Vici, Mulhall-Orlando,
Corn Bible Academy

2014-15 OACA All-State Academic Team

On March 7th, the OACA Board of Directors met to select the All-State Academic Team and the All-State Honorable Mention Team. The selection process was headed by First Vice-President Martha Ward of Caney Valley. Martha handled all of the nomination forms and did an excellent job of tabulating the forms, making sure all forms were filled out correctly, and double-checking all calculations. We were very pleased to have a large number of submissions this year! Based on the points earned by the students, both individually and as part of their team, the following students were named to the All-State teams.

2014-15 OACA All-State Academic Team:

All-Stater	School	Coach
Hunter Antonisse	Choctaw	Paula Sendall
Connor Bannon	Bishop McGuinness	Nicky Goff
Samantha Barclay	Jones	Curtis Moses
Hayden Bartlett	Bishop McGuinness	Nicky Goff
Peter Beierle	Edmond Memorial	Greg Oppel
Finnian James Bender	Edmond Memorial	Greg Oppel
Kyla Bruegel	Plainview	Melinda Wallace
Seth Bryant	Stigler	Patrick Phillips
Colton Calvert	Caney Valley	Martha Ward
Caelen Camplain	Ringling	Tess Butler
Bailey Chaples	Paoli	Randy Shackelford
Aaron Cornell	Drummond	Anita Hughes
Cara Crain	Timberlake	Travis Lyon
Wil Crawford	Latta	Chase McMichael
Madison Currie	Coleman	Tina Eldridge
Caleb Dethloff	Lone Grove	Michael Cathey
Kaylyn Edwards	Kansas	Kam Cochran
Wyatt Evans	Bishop Kelly	Medea Bendel
Clayton Fulton	Oktaha	Lisa Highfill
Benjamin Hamar	Coleman	Tina Eldridge
Sammie Hottel	Plainview	Melinda Wallace
Wesley Javorsky	Corn Bible Academy	Joyce Creed
Austin Kennedy	Caney Valley	Martha Ward
Conner Kirk	Cheyenne	Melisa Moorman
Trevor McWilliams	Bennington	Tonya Daniel
Kelton Nance	Vici	Janet Foutch
Jacob Ray Pekrul	Kremlin-Hillsdale	Roger Gossen
Ryan Perridge	Rush Springs	Cheyl Rolin and Amy Haskins
Carter Postier	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	Samuel Young
Jacob Tyler Provence	Chelsea	Debbie Hoskins
Joanna Robertson	Preston	Jon Robertson
Gus Robinson	Wilburton	Gordon Bockus
Connor Smith	Lindsay	Tom Herrin
Trenton Thornburg	Dale	Larry L. Capps
Cannon Vogel	Collinsville	Betty Lynn Gowler
Shawn Wier	Stigler	Patrick Phillips

The 2014-15 All-State Honorable Mention Team:

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Jacob Boyce	Catoosa	Cindy Smith
Morgan Brantley	Morris	Becky Haworth
Darby Bryce	Bridge Creek	Adam Carr
Luke Cagle	Jones	Curtis Moses
Dustin Cochran	Tushka	Pamela Dickson
Savannah Blue Collins	Oklahoma Christian Acad	Becky Campbell
Aspen Cook	Vici	Janet Foutch
Nathan Cook	Kingston	Kelly Shipley
Alex Courtney	Tushka	Pamela Dickson
Dylan Dorsey	Hinton	Kelly Fuerstenau
Jacob Eddy	Inola	Trudy Stumpff
Chance Haile	Colbert	Justin White
Grayson Hall	Kiowa	Catherine Tadlock
Tyler Hudson	Sterling	Jessica Smart
Trenton Julian	Mountain View-Gotebo	Chandi Thompson
Mackenzie Kendall	Pauls Valley	Melinda Alfred
Devon Lam	Dale	Larry L. Capps
Katelyn Locy	Big Pasture	Charles Storm
Edwin Martinez	Hinton	Kelly Fuerstenau
Whitney McGee	Bennington	Tonya Daniel
Miranda Moore	Cheyenne	Melisa Moorman
Jayce Moore	Hilldale	Krystle Lindsey
Garrett Negen	Wilburton	Gordon Bockus
Cameron A. Newport	Carnegie	Miranda Clift
Ramsey Phelps	Ringling	Tess Butler



All-State Games and Banquet

The annual All State Games and Banquet was held on Saturday, April 25th at Redlands Community College in El Reno. The day began with the all-state games, where-in the 36 All-Staters were placed onto 6 different teams and competed against one another for supremacy. A new format was auditioned, in which the 60 second categories were read before teams made the decision to play/defer/substitute. We discovered wrinkles that could use ironing out, but had loads of fun in the laid-back atmosphere. After the round robin tournament concluded, 8 All-Staters were randomly drawn to take on a team of coaches. For the first time in many years, the All-Staters beat the coaches in a 270-240 decision!

After a break, the All-Staters, their coaches, and parents headed over to the banquet room for the All-State meal and banquet. The keynote address for the evening was given by Dr. Frank Wang, President of the Oklahoma School of Math and Science. OACA President Tonya Daniel and 1st Vice President Martha Ward, with the assistance of 2nd Vice-President Patrick

Phillips, presented the awards for All-State and Honorable Mention to the well deserving students.

The high-scorer from the games, Wyatt Evans from Bishop Kelly, was given a special medal. In addition, the winning team from the games was given medals. This team was composed of Aaron Cornell (Drummond), Gus Robinson (Wilburton), Kelton Nance (Vici), and Wyatt Evans (Bishop Kelly). Finally, six \$350 cash scholarships were awarded from the OACA to the following students: Gus Robinson (Wilburton), Trevor McWilliams (Bennington), Jakob Pekrul (Kremlin-Hillsdale), Shawn Wier (Stigler), Conner Kirk (Cheyenne), and Kelton Nance (Vici).

The OACA Coach of the Year was Greg Oppel from Edmond Memorial, who was unable to attend, due to a coaching event in Washington D.C. He was honored with a round of applause from those in attendance, and his honors sent to him after the banquet.

Retiring OACA President Tonya Daniel was also honored with a gold plated desktop clock and pen mounted on a pedestal, along with a personalized pad portfolio.

Important dates:

- 9/9- OSSAA Entry forms due
- 9/12- Fall Conference & Rules Meeting
- 10/12- District Tourn
- 11/14- Regional Tourn
- 1/16- Area Tourn
- 2/6- State Tourn
- 2/16- Nominations due for All-State
- 4/23- All-State Games and Banquet

Special thanks to our Sponsors

We would like to thank Redlands Community College, once again, for their assistance the All-State banquet. Their donated venue, along with your membership dues, help cover the expenses associated with having the All-State games and banquet.

OACA – The Oklahoma Academic Coaches Association was started to formalize a network of academic coaches throughout the state. The Association provides a newsletter, a fall coaches conference, and All-State competition and recognition. High School academic team coaches are eligible for membership and middle/junior high and elementary coaches are eligible for associate membership which entitles them to have all the privileges of membership except for nominating students for All-State recognition. The OACA is funded through annual membership dues.

