

## Boarding school in Oklahoma City offers unique education

Written by Administrator  
Thursday, 17 September 2009 19:50 -

---

***By Alfredo Curiel***

Hugo High School  
Student Reporter

Oklahoma is well known for its schools and colleges, but there is a hidden gem located in Oklahoma City. It's called the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, or O.S.S.M. for short. The school was founded on the mission to "foster the educational development of Oklahoma high school students."

The school has had countless students go off to colleges such as Harvard, Brown, Yale, Dartmouth and Amherst, yet 60% of students keep their Oklahoma pride and go to colleges' in-state.

Can you imagine going to a prestigious boarding school for your junior and senior year? It can happen to you. The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics is offering openings to gifted sophomores. The rigorous application process is worth the effort. If a student can prove they have what it takes, they might be chosen to live their last two years of high school on campus in Oklahoma City.

If you are a serious student, who has a high GPA, a good ACT score, proof of community service and good character, then you are a probable candidate for this school. It is a good place to go if you want to further your education and broaden your horizons before you go off to college.

Now, you may think that students from around here couldn't go to a place like that, yet there have been three students from Hugo High School selected to attend, so far. The most recent was my sister, Estella Noella Curiel, who graduated from O.S.S.M. and is currently attending Amherst University in Massachusetts.

I had a chance to talk to her about her experience there. I asked her how O.S.S.M. benefited her life. She said, "It has given me the academic and personal security I needed for college." I also asked what her favorite part of O.S.S.M. was and she said, "the connections that I made, not only with the students, but also the faculty and staff." She said that to get in, students need "academic rigor and maturity."

"Don't stop pushing yourself towards whatever goals you wish to accomplish," she said to the students of Hugo High.