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Congratulations Class of '06 Graduates!

Twenty-four students turned their tassels and tossed their caps as the commencement ceremony concluded on May 25. Street School is proud to announce the class of 2006: Rianda Akins, Steven Brothers, Samantha Deeter, Bridgette Grundy, Karena Hobgood, Lucas Holmes, Nadia Ibrahim, Chermayne Jackson, Jessica Kearns, Max Kelsay, Rusel Kernaghan, Miranda Marshall, Mario McCaskill, Julie Niemi, Takneshia Norris, Leah Paquette, Shalamar Ratliff, Gerardo Rendon, Megan Reynolds, Phillip Robbins, Sarah Slane, Jessie Smith, Kessiah Sopko, and Laura Tropepe.

Eighteen graduates will attend college this fall. Fourteen will be going to Tulsa Community College, one to the University of Oklahoma, two to Oklahoma State University, and one plans to attend school out of state. Three students plan to attend Tulsa Technology Center in the fall. Two students will be staying home in the fall

A total of 137 teenagers were a part of the Street School program this past school year.

with their babies and one student plans on attending a beauty academy. Some of the majors for the student who are attending college are: journalism, marine biology, European history, nursing, art, psychology and business management.

The 24 graduates reflect a portion of the youth who benefit from our program each year. A total of 137 teenagers were a part of our program this past school year. Each nine-week session, approximately 20

students are on our waiting list with an additional 20 teens being referred to other alternative programs once enrollment reaches capacity. Our one-of-a-

kind program is in great demand as youth understand the benefits of our program, but keeping our student body at 90 students per six-week session is critical to our success.



This year's graduation was hosted by Will Rogers United Methodist church located directly west across Yale Avenue from Street School. Dr. Mary Meritt, Assistant Superintendent of School Improvement, was one of the guest speakers. Graduating seniors Nadia Ibrahim and Julie Niemi also addressed their classmates.

Commencement took place at 6:30 p.m. followed by a catered reception. Street School wishes to thank the Tulsa Community Band for donating their services and the Will Rogers United Methodist church for hosting the graduation ceremonies.

Good luck to our graduates!



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Street School is a private, non-profit alternative school of choice and therapeutic counseling program for students in 9th – 12th grade.

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Street School Alum Supports Alma Mater at CITGO

It's after dark and Johnathan Marlow needs milk for his family's breakfast, and to fill up before tomorrow's commute. Good thing he has his CITGO cash card complements of Street School.

Currently, financial contributors to the nationally recognized dropout prevention program can receive a generous gift complements of CITGO Petroleum simply by mentioning this promotion. For every \$25 donation, a donor will receive a \$10 CITGO gasoline gift card. If a donor gives \$50, they will receive \$20 in gasoline, and the increments continue as the gift increases.

"I had been looking for an opportunity to pay back to the institution that made such a difference in my life. The CITGO cash cards just make it that much easier to give even more." Marlow now makes regular stops at his neighborhood CITGO in San Angelo, Texas. "Using the cash cards has made going to CITGO a regular habit. I now stop there whenever I need something quick; even if I already used my cash cards. I'm so grateful to CITGO for supporting Street School. They get all my business."

Marlow, Street School class of '81 and '82 states, "I attribute all my academic success to Street School. I was a two-time dropout with no place to go. Street School made a place for me to learn and prepare for a future I wasn't sure would ever come."

Marlow is one of thousands of former Street School students who have gone on to enjoy

success in life, following intense problems during the teen years. "Had Street School not been there I don't know where I'd be today. They prepared me for the GED which made attending Tulsa Junior College possible."

"Sure, I had lots of teachers in college that had an impact. But, had I not attended Street School, college would not have been an option."

"What I got from Street School is immeasurable. I can never fully repay those who gave me the tools that made college possible. The least I can do is send a contribution each month to insure that others can benefit the way I did."

Dr. Marlow, a professor of communication at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, recently completed his dissertation and received his PH.D. in education.

Marlow's monthly contribution to Street School goes out automatically through his credit card. Marlow said, "I don't know the money is even gone. All I know is within a week I get new cash cards. How fun is that?"



SEE THE ENCLOSED CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE TO

GET YOUR OWN CITGO GASOLINE GIFT CARD

New Bus Delivered!

Thanks to the UPS Foundation, Hille Foundation and Inasmuch Foundation, Street School received a new 15 passenger mini-bus for student field trips on May 23, 2006!



Learning the Ropes

Seven seniors took part in Street School's *Internship Program*. For six weeks, students worked closely with their mentors learning what life is like in the business world they will soon be entering. Kim Camp, Street School life skills instructor, organizes the internship program each year. "We want to provide students with learning experiences that prepare them for employment because we know employers want workers who possess a variety of skills which include teamwork, communication, and leadership," said Camp. A special internship luncheon, donated by Stonehorse Café, was held where students learned dining etiquette for utilization in business meetings.

Street School intern Laura Booth said, "I had a wonderful time at the Tulsa World and learned many of the skills I'll need to one day get a job at a newspaper or simply as a writer. I encourage all my peers to sign up for the internship

program. They won't be disappointed."

Interning students and their sponsoring company were Laura Booth at Tulsa World, Nadia Ibrahim at Syntroleum Corp., Max Kelsay at Academy Sports, Rusel Kernaghan at Mark Twain Elementary, Kara Littlefield at Day Schools, Patricia Pearson at Cox Communications, and Phillip Robbins at Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. At the conclusion of the internship program, interns organized a special luncheon in appreciation and to say thank you to their sponsoring companies.



Pictured above is the Internship Class along with Kim Camp and Lorraine McReynolds (second and third from left).

We The People

Congratulations to Adam Wilson, Street School social studies teacher,

for being one of 36 teachers across the country selected to participate in the *Institute for Teachers of Urban Youth* summer conference. This all-expense paid professional development



program is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and takes place at Boston University the first week of August in Boston, Massachusetts. Educators from across the country will work with constitutional scholars from a variety of disciplines dedicated to the content and teaching methods appropriate to the *We The People* curriculum. Wilson will also bring back a selection of constitutional literature, and a set of textbooks for his classroom designed to help students understand the history and principles of our constitutional government, and help prepare students for a class competition in the next school year.

Wishes Do Come True – Don't They?

With help from you, wishes do come true! Being a non-profit school, our teachers have created lists of the things they need in order to teach and counsel students each day. We welcome your generosity in providing any of the items listed on our website. Please visit our website at www.streetschool.org and click on *Donate* then *Teacher Wish List* to view the Wish Lists. Thank you!



Pictured left to right: Kim Shannon, Sutton Avian Research Center; Leah Paquette; Carrie Wilson, F&M Bank & Trust Company.

Leah Paquette Wins Sutton Scholarship

Leah Paquette won a \$250 scholarship for her entry in the Second Annual Sutton Awards. Financial awards were given to talented high school students who demonstrated the ability to communicate a current conservation topic, such as water, air or soil quality or wildlife conservation, in an artistic, dramatic or compelling way. The Sutton Awards consisted of \$14,000 in U.S. Saving Bonds awarded to students as scholarships.

Leah, a Street School senior, entered her work which was made from a mannequin's head. Leah chose this because, "I think conservation should be on everybody's mind because it affects everyone." Leah plans to attend OSU Stillwater and begin her studies in zoology after graduating from Street School.

The Sutton Avian Research Center is a nationally-renowned, non-profit organization, affiliated with the Oklahoma Biological Survey and College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma, whose mission it is to find cooperative conservation solutions for birds and the natural world. The F&M Bank & Trust Company of Tulsa served as the presenting sponsor for the student scholarships.

Key Club Scholarship Award Winner

Lucas Holmes, Street School class of '06 graduate, received a \$500 college scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Tulsa. Students seeking scholarships completed an application and an interview, and were judged based on leadership ability, participation in school and community activities, Key Club work, need for financial support and evidence of ability to succeed in college. Holmes was presented the award at the Kiwanis Club of Tulsa's Key Club Scholarship Luncheon held on April 24th. He was one of 30 Key Club students in Tulsa to receive a scholarship.



scholarship and begin studying for a degree in business. His goal is to continue his education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and then begin a landscaping and irrigation business.

Sheila Jones, English teacher, and Pat Moran, counselor, are sponsors for Street School's Key Club.

Key Club's purpose is the give back to the

community. Key Club members volunteer monthly for Emergency Infant Services and the Tulsa Food Bank by sorting and packing food and clothing items for these agencies whose mission is to assist people in need in the Tulsa area. The Key Club also operates a student store in order to raise money for the annual Street School student prom, and has adopted Admiral City Park.

Holmes plans to spend his summer working with heavy machinery at Prescor before entering college this fall. He has enrolled at Tulsa Community College where he plans to use his

Street School Science Teacher Wins Award

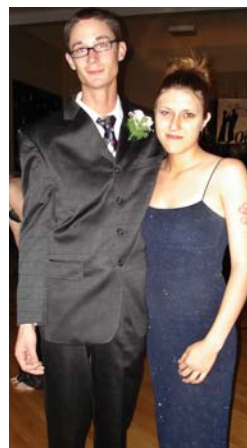
Every year the Tulsa Geological Society awards the Geological Society Earth Science Teacher of the Year Award to a Tulsa area Teacher. This year's \$1,500 award was presented to Ryan Henry, Street School science teacher, for his efforts educating students about natural resources in earth sciences. The award included \$500 for use in the classroom for educational purposes, and \$1,000 as a personal award. Because Henry was the recipient of the 2006 award, he has been entered into the national competition hosted by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Henry's teaching included the scientific study of natural resources, their origin, discovery, extraction and historical and present use. He also educated students on the preservation of the environment, reclamation and conservation of resources. Henry said, "Knowledge of how we get and use our natural resources is one of the most important subjects in human history and will continue to be so in the future. Street School provides me the flexibility that most schools can't as I am able to have my students visit oil fields, study local rock formations, and visit with local scientists in the field."

A Night to Remember

It was *A Night To Remember*, this year's prom theme, for the students that attended their high school prom held on May 20th. This all-student prom was organized by the Street School Key Club, which has 13 members along with Street School representative faculty Sheila Jones and Pat Moran. Key Club members decorated the school gym for the very special occasion. A total of 50 students participated dressed in their formal attire with corsages and boutonnieres for a night to remember.

Students danced the night away to their favorite music, had their portraits taken and received flute glasses as keepsakes. All this wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Canada Company and Williams, whose donations helped provide food, decorations, music and supplies.



Pictured at right: Zachary Selvidge and Alana Hunt. Center photo: Steven Lowry and Amanda Brown. Top right photo (pictured left to right): Erin Collier, Amanda Brown, Lacey Brown, Billie Russell and Ronelle Ward.

Patrick Gresham

What will you do on your summer vacation? Maybe you'll want to join Patrick Gresham, Street School senior, who will be working as a whitewater raft guide on the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Gresham got his job as a result of Street School's Wilderness Adventures program. While on a canoeing trip with Ryan Henry's Street School science class, Patrick met a park ranger and tour guide who saw Gresham's love for the outdoors and offered him the position.

Gresham found himself wanting to be outdoors and not paying attention in his classes at both Edison and Memorial high schools. This led to him skipping class and then dropping out of school. With his mother's help, he came to Street School. Here he found faculty that focused on his strengths and encouraged him to continue his education in earth science and geology, which he plans to do when he begins college.

Gresham said, "The good thing about Street School is that it's like family. It has positively influence my life and I am finally on the right track. Thank you Street School and Ryan."



Patrick Gresham

Not finding a pulse on the person who was driving the car, they hurried to the attention of the driver who was hit head on. The driver was in shock but alive and pinned in his car. Gresham then helped the firefighters who just arrived tear off the roof of the car with the Jaws of Life. Gresham worked side-by-side with the paramedics helping the driver with his broken leg and arm as well as administering oxygen and moving him into an ambulance.

Street School recognized and thanked both Gresham and Henry for their heroic efforts. It was a chilling experience and one they won't soon forget.

Local Heroes

Envision a school van full of students returning from a day of rock climbing driving down a two lane road near Dow, Oklahoma when suddenly an oncoming car comes around the bend too fast and out of control. What happens next is a story of courage in a grim situation.

Ryan Henry, Street School science teacher, had just completed a rock climbing Wilderness Adventure and was driving students back to Tulsa when he found himself swerving to miss an on coming car. The car narrowly missed the van but did collide with the two cars following the van; the second one head-on.

Patrick Gresham went with Ryan Henry and worked to save lives, having been trained in CPR and first aid. They stopped oncoming traffic and got fire extinguishers from drivers. While working to put out the fire, Gresham saw a child's car seat in the smoke filled car. He then broke out a passenger window to get in, but no child was found.

The World As Our Classroom

The World As Our Classroom program teaches students through real world hands-on lessons about the world and cultures in which we live our everyday lives, and provides experiences for youth in which they would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate.

Our goal is to educate students with the skills they need to graduate from high school, gain employment or continue their education, and become contributing independent members of our community.

Curriculum is taught both inside and outside of the classroom with the primary emphasis being real world experience. For example, the science teacher will educate students about rocks and vegetation in the classroom and then take his class on a hiking and rock climbing field trip to reinforce classroom lessons and take their knowledge and comprehension to a higher level in the natural environment. But the learning is

multiplied even further by these experiences. Students also build self esteem, learn communication skills, leadership skills, and team work.



Street School students visit the Anchor Rock Quarry.

In addition to academics, students learn how to interact with and become a contributing part of the community. We provide numerous volunteer community outreach activities for our students to support other organizations. Students learn the importance of giving back to the community while providing a valuable community service.

Your support is needed! Street School is working to raise money to support the expansion of this program so that more opportunities can be provided. Teachers would like to increase the number and types of out of the classroom field trips offered. Please see the enclosed contribution envelope.



Prom Sets Record!



Street School supporters decorated the gym, dressed in retro-prom attire and crowned the prom king and queen at the second annual Street Party Prom fundraiser held Saturday, April 15, at Tulsa Community College Metro Campus. The record-setting event, which took in over \$87,000 for the Street School program, was attended by 300 patrons. This adult-only fundraiser had a prom theme which provided ample opportunity for guests to have a great time reliving those high school years while supporting a youth services program that is critical to our community.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Prom King and Queen. Five Prom Court couples solicited votes from supporters at \$20 each. This year's King and Queen were Kathleen and Ron Berger, who raised \$4,520. Kristin and Jim Bender were runners-up. Others on the prom court were Kerry Malone and John Stancavage, Jennifer Pense and BK Rogers, and Sandra and Kelly Thornton.

The winners of the Best Dressed contest were Jennifer Roop, attired in a teal green ball gown from her sophomore prom, and Ron Berger in a powder-blue tuxedo.

Handmade student artwork auctioned during the evening generated \$5,200. "The students are proud to give back to the school this way," said Dr. Lori McGinnis, Street School executive director. "Students are excited about having an opportunity to show their support because the school means so much to them."

Kim Smith, Street Party Prom chair, expressed special thanks to Doug Dodd, who served as the Prom's "Principal" by emceeing the event, and Jay Litchfield, who auctioneered the live auction.

Street School genuinely appreciates the support of our sponsors: Oklahoma's NewsChannel 8; Bank of Oklahoma & George Kaiser Family Fund of Tulsa Community Foundation; SemGroup; John Steele Zink Foundation; Patty & Joe Cappy; Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson, L.L.P.; Tulsa Community College; Tulsa World; The Zarrow Families Foundation; Williams; SolArc; Bama Foods Limited

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Kathleen and Ron Berger, Street School Prom Queen and King, are congratulated by other Prom Court couples.

of Oklahoma; Jill & Phil Burns; Donna C. Hiner, CFP; Curtis M. Long; Lori McGinnis; Becki & Lanny McIntosh; Merrill Lynch; Paragon Films; PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; Public Service Co. of Oklahoma; Joan Stauffer; Laura Stauffer Daniel; and Paul J. Woodul.

Outside The Lines

Two Street School students won Honorable Mention in the *Outside The Lines* 2006 poetry writing contest sponsored by Tulsa Community College, and were published in the annual anthology. Over 350 poems from students at nine area high schools were submitted.

Congratulations to Rianda Akins who wrote "La Vie Est Belle" and to Mitchell Wilkerson who wrote "In Moments of Reflection." Both students were honored at an awards ceremony held at Tulsa Community College. They each received award certificates and cash prizes and a copy of the *Outside The Lines* 2006 anthology.

Other Street School student poems published in the *Outside The Lines* 2006, include "If Everything Was Beautiful" by Mitchell Wilkerson, "Moments Like These" by Nadia Ibrahim, and "If You Could" by Holly Alexander. "It's an honor and an accomplishment to be published," said Michael Cross, editor of *Outside The Lines*.



Rianda Akins and Mitchell Wilkerson

Thank you to our participating restaurants: Bodean's Seafood, Council Creek Cheese & Cuisine, Doe's Eat Place, Fuddrucker's, Ludger's Cakes & Catering, Panera Bread, Stonehorse Café, The Chalkboard, and White River Fish Market.

Street Party Prom chair was Kim Smith, honorary chairs were Stacey and Thomas K. McKeon, and the steering committee members were Kathleen Berger, Rachel Blue, Gina Carroll, Candice Cheeseman, Brad Cheffey, LeAnna Cook, Bobbie Crumb, Annette Ellis, Julie Evans, Sarah Hansel, Debbie Lewis, Kerry Malone, Gaylyn Murray Wattman, Jane Ogden, Kathryn Offermann, Joan Parkhurst, Fiona Rhea, Jennifer Roop, Melissa Sanden, Susan Scott, Paula Settoon, Laura Stauffer Daniel, Anne Tarbel, Kelly Thornton, Jacque Woods and Jamie Zink.

Teens' Way Launched with Success

Street School students supported the United Way's Teens' Way program to make a difference in our community. Street School was one of only four schools that participated. The other schools were Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences, Tulsa School for Science and Technology, and Holland Hall Upper School. Teens' Way was supported through a collaborative relationship among the Tulsa Area United Way, YMCA of Greater Tulsa, and Williams.

Kim Camp, Street School instructor and Teens' Way faculty leader, said "The goal of Teen's Way is to instill in young people a sense of responsibility for the welfare of

our community." Students organized school fundraisers while coordinating and encouraging their peers to volunteer and participate. As the decision makers, the students decided how, when and where the funds were raised and distributed to vital youth programs.



Pictured left to right: Sherita Moses with YMCA of Greater Tulsa; Zachary Selvidge and Alana Hunt, Street School students; and Rae McSweeney with the YMCA of Greater Tulsa.

Street School students, led by Zach Selvidge, Alana Hunt, and Shala Bluford, organized a money jar classroom competition fundraiser, a raffle for McDonald's gift certificates, and held an all-school kickoff and celebration assembly. Adam Wilson's social studies class won the money jar classroom

competition. Street School students raised over \$800, the most of all four schools, and this support went to Youth at Heart, Inc.; the Margaret Hudson Program; and Palmer Continuum of Care, Inc.

For more information about the Teens' Way program, contact Sherita Moses at 728-3928.



Reading is in Focus



Eighteen students improved their reading grade levels between 1 and 5 grade levels over the school year thanks to a grant from the Good Neighbor Fund of Spirit AeroSystems. Donna Shelton, Street School teacher, purchased and implemented a new reading comprehension program called *Focus on Reading*.

Shelton said, "This is a proactive program designed to transition readers from where they currently are to proficiency as high as the college level. It is open to any student that wants to improve their reading and comprehension skills." Because of Street School's small student class size, with no more than 15 students per class, individualized instruction makes this program possible. Differentiated instruction exists for each student in reading comprehension, vocabulary, English language skills, and study skills.

The *Focus On Reading* program does require hard work and intense attention to computer delivered information, but offers extremely high rewards for that effort. All of the students who have invested the effort have seen those rewards. Shelton is working with Street School's English teachers to incorporate the *Focus On Reading* program as a unit within next year's English classes in order to reach more students.

Second Year for OAEA Award

For the second year in a row, a Street School employee was awarded the 2006 Steven Cowden Advocate Award by the Oklahoma Alternative Education Association (OAEA). Lorraine McReynolds, Street School program director, was presented the award at the association's Spring Conference held at the Greenwood Cultural in Tulsa. This statewide award is bestowed upon individuals who are exemplary advocates for at-risk youth. Last year, Lori McGinnis, Ed.D., Street School executive director, was recognized with this award.

McReynolds has devoted more than 25 years to the counseling and education of youth who are in at-risk situations. She has worked diligently within the community to promote Street School's

mission for at-risk youth by communicating the importance of such programs for this population. She has also built and strengthened the Street School program into a model for other alternative schools to emulate.



Lorraine McReynolds and Kim Camp.

During the conference, Kim Camp, Street School teacher, was elected secretary of the OAEA. Street School instructors, Ryan Henry and Donna Shelton, gave presentations on bringing the community into your classroom in a brain compatible, cross curricular way.

The OAEA was started approximately 20 years ago to provide alternative education instructors with the resources they need to be successful in providing good quality education to students with different needs in a non-punitive way.

U.S. Cellular is #1 with Street School

U.S. Cellular came out in force helping Street School with some serious “spring cleaning.” Approximately 70 employees volunteered for a day cleaning windows, painting baseboards, landscaping, and painting the cafeteria and new library. It was a huge undertaking, which made a significant difference.

Michael Edwards, U.S. Cellular director of sales, said, “Our employees were excited about volunteering at Street School, and viewed it as an opportunity to give back to the community. We rolled up our sleeves and worked hard as a team to give Street School a well deserved facelift and had a good time in the process.”

Street School sincerely thanks U.S. Cellular employees for their time, effort and talent.



Pictured at right: A group of U.S. Cellular volunteers gathers outside of Street School.

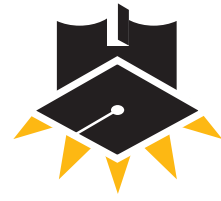
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- First Day of Classes 8-21-06
- Labor Day 9-4-06
- Student
- Fall Break 10-19 to 10-20-06
- Parent Teacher
- Conference. 11-3-06
- Thanksgiving Dinner 11-21-06
- Thanksgiving
- Break 11-22 to 11-24-06
- Winter Break . . . 12-21-06 to 1-2-07
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