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Internship (Real Life) Education

Seeing a need for students to experience a fun and hands-on work experience that links schoolwork with “real life,” Kim Camp, Street School Instructor, created a class to meet that need. Kim said, “We want to provide high school students with learning experiences that form bridges between education and employment because employers demand workers who possess general workplace competencies which include teamwork, communication, leadership, critical thinking, decision making and interpersonal skills.”

This is the first year for the student internship program, which lasts six weeks. A total of 11 companies hosted 13 students. “We want students to participate in a partnership between the classroom and the workplace,” said Kim. Street

School Intern Todd Love said, “This was a wonderful experience that every school should have because you learn real life skills you will use after graduation.”



Sharmon Armstrong – Day Schools

“Dress for Success” was an important part of this learning experience and to make that possible, corporate friends Williams and the Canada Company came through. Treasa Savill with Williams led this effort, collecting hundreds of pieces of professional clothing. The Canada Company donated \$500 and Kim took her students on a shopping spree. All 13 students were able to purchase career clothes and a pair of shoes.

Interning students and their sponsoring company are: Sharmon Armstrong – Day Schools, Jennifer Byrum – OMNI Medical Group, Megan Fifield – Light House Hospice, Jessica Gonder – Light House Hospice, Lucas Holmes – Williams, Anna Hudson – DVIS, Nate Kelso – Tulsa Packing Specialist, Juan Marquez – McGraw Davisson Stewart Realtors, Todd Love – Williams, Christina Morris – Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center, Elizabeth Pearson – HiCorp, Ashley Wales – Mental Health Association, and Brendon O’Brien – Lamar Advertising.

Rotary International Speech Contest Winners

Thirty Street School students participated in a speech contest sponsored by Tulsa Rotary International. Students wrote and presented five-minute persuasive speeches based on the Rotary’s Four-Way Test. The four criteria were: 1. Is it the truth, 2. Is it fair to all concerned, 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships, and 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Speech topics included abortion, celibacy, role models and anti-gangs.



Students pictured from left to right: Jillian Leigh Smittle, Shalamar Ratliff and Callie McKinney.

After completing a round of initial judging at Street School, students presented at a Rotary club meeting before a panel of judges. Jillian Leigh Smittle won first place and received \$100 from the Rotary for her speech on living right. Callie McKinney and Shalamar Ratliff were runners-up and each received \$50. Their topics were prescription drug abuse and the teen curfew respectively.

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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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Record Setting Class of 2005

With a record 38 graduates, Street School is proud to announce the class of 2005: Chris Anderson, Sharmon Armstrong, Robert Bailey, Aimee Baker, David Boyer, Jodi Brayton, Brent Brown, Marlee Bruner, Nathan Collins, James Crow, Marvejean Fields, Meagan Fifield, Jessica Gonder, Jacquelyn Graham, Juan Hernandez, Anna Hudson, Tyler Jones, Kalli Jordan, Shauntea Keel, Nathan Kelso, Brandon King, Matthew Lawfer, Todd Love, Juan Marquez, Gilberto Martinez, Jesse Moon, Christina Morris, Deanna Nugent, Brendan O'Brien, Brett Patterson, Felicia Regan, Phillip Robinson, Whitney Ruggles, Misty Springer, Megan Tilford, Ashlee Wales, James Whitsel and Virginia Wood.

This year's graduation will be hosted by Will Rogers United Methodist church located directly west across Yale Avenue from Street School. Shawn Black, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services, will be the guest speaker.

Commencement will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a catered reception following. 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.



Volunteer Spotlight: Kelly Thornton

Meet Kelly Thornton, President-Elect Street School Board of Directors. Kelly will begin serving his term as president July 1, 2005, with plans to continue the success of the Street School program.

Kelly is Vice President, Senior Human Resources Manager at BOK Financial. A native of Houston, Tx. and graduate of Texas Southern University, Kelly moved to Tulsa and joined the Bank of Oklahoma where he has worked for 11 years. The Thornton family includes wife Sandra and Kelly Jr. Sandra works at the Tulsa Area United Way and Kelly Jr. is completing his freshman year at Oklahoma State University.

Kelly was introduced to Street School six years ago at the school's annual Thanksgiving dinner. Street School's approach to educating and counseling youths struck a cord with him

because of problems his brother had as a teenager. He believed that approach could have made a difference in his life. "The effectiveness of Street School's programs and the dedication of the staff are amazing," said Kelly.

As the 2005 – 2006 president, Kelly appreciates the efforts and success of the 2004 – 2005 leadership especially in the areas of fundraising and personnel. With that success, he plans to focus on programs, long range planning, and building a professionally diversified board of directors.



Street School Mission Statement

Street School, Inc. is a private, non-profit alternative education and therapeutic counseling program whose mission is to create a supportive community for students who have chosen to continue their education in a non-traditional setting. Our comprehensive and individualized services enable students to reach their own potential and become responsible and productive adults.

Street School Executive Director Receives OAEA Award

Lori McGinnis, Street School Executive Director, was awarded the 2005 Steven Cowden Advocate Award by the Oklahoma Alternative Education Association (OAEA) at the association's "Changing Landscapes" Spring Conference held at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma. This annual award is bestowed upon one individual each year who has been an exemplary advocate for alternative education.

McGinnis has worked diligently with state legislators for continued funding of services for at-risk youth by communicating the importance of such programs for this population. She currently serves on two legislative committees to further the mission of the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services and the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy. She is also the past president of the Oklahoma Alternative Education Association.

During the conference, Lorraine McReynolds, Street School Program Director, was elected Treasurer for her third term and Mike Brungardt was elected President. Street School instructors Mike Brungardt – English, Ryan Henry – Science and Stacy White – Math gave presentations. Henry and White presented on integrating math and science into student's lives while Brungardt presented on how to teach English with an artistic flair.

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.

One Cool Grant!

Children Medical Charities Association (CMCA) has awarded a grant to Street School to provide the school with seven classroom drinking water coolers. This grant will provide students with a healthy alternative to soft drinks and a way to keep their minds and bodies hydrated while in the classroom. Research shows that proper hydration of the body is essential for proper functioning of the brain as well as the rest of the body's vital organs. The brain is 75% water and even moderate dehydration can cause a myriad of physical as well as mental problems to occur. Besides the need for hydration, there is a need to provide a healthy alternative to soft drinks. Research has shown that sweetened drinks can lead to students being overweight and obese. Sweetened drinks can also cause tooth decay and enamel erosion.



Not only will students have water readily available in their classrooms, they will be learning about the need to be hydrated and the healthful benefits of being hydrated through lessons taught in their classrooms. The coolers will be placed in the classrooms prior to classes beginning August 22nd.

CMCA, formerly the Children's Medical Center Auxiliary earns its grant money by selling new and gently used household goods and clothing at its upscale resale shop located at 1125 S. Utica in Tulsa. The resale shop is run entirely by volunteers to keep expenses at a minimum. The CMCA supports nonprofit organizations located in the Tulsa MSA that provide healthcare, welfare, and education services benefiting children who are 18 years of age or younger.

I Am Sorry

I am sorry for all the times I lost my temper,
for the times when I was rude.
For all the gifts that were given,
and never received thank – yours.

For all the love you've give me,
and I haven't given back.
For all the times you were patient,
a virtue that I lack.

I am sorry for all the people,
to whom I was so cruel.
To all the people that I laughed at,
I acted like a fool.

I couldn't see past your imperfections;
I couldn't see past my pride.
Your feelings I trampled all over;
on my high horse I would ride.

I am sorry for all the times I lied,
for the people I hurt along the way.
Not a day goes by that I don't regret it;
I would take it back any day.

The only person I cared about
was me and only me.
And I am truly sorry;
I only wish I could make you see.

I am sorry for everything I've done,
for all the times I let you down.
I am only asking for a second chance,
so I can turn things back around.

I know that it's a little late;
my deeds can't be undone.
I realize now that I was wrong,
and I'm sorry everyone.

– *Samantha Potter*
9th grade student
1st year at Street School



"Prom Night"

Fundraiser a Success!

Street School supporters decorated the ballroom, dressed in retro-prom attire, and spiked the punch for the first Street School Prom Night fundraiser held Saturday, April 9, at Cain's Ballroom. The record-setting event, which took in \$67,000 for the Street School program, filled Cain's Ballroom. The event brought in funds through sponsorships, ticket sales, live and silent auctions, raffles, corsage and boutonniere sales, prom-night portraits and our Prom King & Queen contest. This adults-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.



Jesse Guardiola, Janice Moreau and Lorraine McReynolds



Brian and Rachel Lavarney

Four couples formed the prom court, soliciting votes from supporters at \$20 each as a donation to Street School, and the couple with the most votes by the end of the evening was crowned. This year's King and Queen were Tom Vincent II and wife Rachel Blue. Debbie and Rick Palazzo were runners-up. Others on the prom court were Annette and Bob Ellis and Susan Scott and Dan Katz.

The winners of the Best Dressed contest were Sarah

Hansel, attired in an early '80s lavender gown, and Jeff Bethel, in a classic powder-blue tuxedo.

Rachel Blue, Street School board member and fundraising chair, expressed special thanks to Doug Dodd, who served as the Prom's Principal by emceeding the event, and Stephanie Bynum, who auctioneered the live auction.

Street School genuinely appreciates the support of our sponsors: Bank of Oklahoma & George Kaiser Family Fund of Tulsa Community Foundation; John Steele Zink Foundation; Central Plains Concrete Cutting Co.; Kim & Rob Coretz; Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson, L.L.P.; Riggs Abney Neal Turpen Orbison & Lewis; The Zarrow Families Foundation; SolArc; The Bama Companies, Inc.; Samson; BK Rogers;



Melissa and Jeff Sanden with Jacque Woods



Tom Vincent II and Rachel Blue were crowned King and Queen of Street School Prom Night 2005.

Sarah E. Hansel & Michael D. Cooke; Paragon Films; Rachel Blue & Tom C. Vincent, II; Laura S. Daniel; Lori McGinnis & Dan Simpson; Indian Health Care Resource Center; Mary & Mike McGraw; Becki & Lanny McIntosh; PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; Public Service Co. of Oklahoma; ServiceMaster Advantage; Joan & Dale Stauffer; James W. Tilly, and Paul J. Woodul.

Thank you to our participating restaurants: The Bistro at Seville, Bodean's Seafood Restaurant, Camille's Sidewalk Café, Doe's Eat Place, El Chico, Lola's at the Bowery, Palace Café, Stonehorse Café, Thyme Bistro & Catering, and Timothy Sean Fitzgerald Catering.

Street Party Prom Night steering committee members were Rachel Blue, Sarah Hansel, Laura Stauffer Daniel, Kelly Thornton, Kerry Malone, Kathryn Offermann, Brad Cheffey, Annette Ellis, Gina Carroll, Brian Lavarney, Jamie Zink, Jacque Woods, Lisa Riggs, Kristin Bender and Robin Green.

Prom Night attendees enjoy a variety of food and beverages while bidding on silent auction items.



Student Artwork a Hit at Prom Night Fundraiser Silent Auction

Handmade student art work auctioned during the evening generated \$4,100. James Whitsell's eight paintings all sold quickly at top "buy it now" prices as patrons were taken with his unique style.



Street School Art Teacher Laura Abbott worked with students to create 56 pieces of art, which included garden gazing balls and stepping stones. Laura's art class is very hands-on and creative, and for many students, it was the first time they worked with clay or ceramics. "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."

Students began working on the gazing balls and stepping stones in January for the April event. The gazing balls were made from a clay form that involved an eight step process including glazing and firing them twice over a 14-day period. Students hand-crafted the decorative clay pieces, which required careful and delicate work.

Each stepping stone took approximately three weeks to make and cure involving seven different steps in the process. All the decorative inlaid ceramic pieces were one-of-a-kind and hand made by each student for their specific stone.



Student James Whitsell works on paintings for the Prom Night silent auction.



Classroom Computer Funding Sought

Through grants from generous foundations in the late 1990s, Street School purchased classroom computers. Those computers are still in use today, but over the years they have become obsolete, slow, un-repairable, and incompatible with current software. Currently, we have 26 classroom student computers. Thirteen of them work at some level, but most of them cannot run current software. Our eight teachers have asked for 39 computers with current software capabilities to adequately meet their classroom teaching needs.

Our goal is to educate students, in-part through the use of computers and current and future educational software, with the knowledge and computer skills they need to graduate from high school, to gain employment or to continue their education. Our objective is to replace obsolete computers, printers, copiers, infrastructure and software with state-of-the-art IT products that can be used for years to come and

refreshed easily in the future. We've estimated our computer needs, which includes everything from computers and printers to electrical and infrastructure to be \$59,203.

To date, \$35,000 has been secured through a grant from the H.A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust and a challenge grant from the Grace and Franklin Bernsen Foundation. To receive the \$20,000 challenge grant, we need to raise \$39,203 specifically for classroom computers, and we have until September 1, 2005 to meet this challenge. So far, we have \$24,203 left to be raised.

Your help is needed! Please see the enclosed donation envelope and make a donation to our Classroom Computer Fund. As an added bonus, you'll receive a \$10 CITGO gasoline gift card for every \$50 you donate by August 1, courtesy of the CITGO Petroleum Corporation.

Kim Camp: Teacher of the Year

Kim Camp, Street School Life Skills Instructor, received the MetLife Foundation Ambassadors in Education Award. This award recognizes and honors outstanding teachers who make extraordinary efforts to improve their schools and their school's relationships with community members including parents, businesses and organizations.

The MetLife Foundation understands the important role schools play in their communities. Secondary school educators face considerable challenges in achieving a sense of community within their schools and extending that relationship to those who live and work in the surrounding area. The MetLife Foundation recognizes those special individuals who are making an impact within and beyond their schools. This award was established to strengthen communities, promote good health, and improve education.

Street School Executive Director, Dr. Lori McGinnis, said "Kim works assiduously to connect her students to their community by giving them tremendous experiences in which to learn and in which to "give back." Kim walks the walk every day."

Kim has made an impact on the Street School community. She is asked not only to serve a disenfranchised population of often difficult to motivate students, but she is asked every day to teach to a variety of academic levels in multi- age/grade classes, and make it fun! Camp teaches everything from life skills, parenting, art's alive and physical education to careers.

An example of Kim's work is her Internship class. Kim took a critical look at her students' preparedness for the job market and realized much work needed to be done. She created and launched a new class, Internship, which places students in companies and businesses in the community. Kim worked diligently with community and business leaders to "sell" the program. She designed the curriculum so that students work on job skills two days per week in school, and two days per week they are on the job shadowing during their internships. She garnered donations for



Kim Camp

business attire and took the students shopping for appropriate clothing.

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Kim was recognized at a MetLife Foundation public ceremony on May 24, and Street School received \$5,000 on her behalf from the MetLife Foundation to help continue community work and relationship-building projects.

Students Stomp

After watching *Stomp*, a video showing performers using ordinary objects to make extraordinary sounds, students in Kim Camp's Art's Alive class created their own *Stomp* performance. Students discussed and analyzed the video noting the way objects were used as a means of communication and expression.

Utilizing objectives found around the school, such as basketballs, pool sticks, trash cans and chairs, students worked in small groups creating their unique musical piece. Students created wonderful rhythms out of these everyday objects. They drummed, shook, rattled and rolled. The finale was a choreographed stomp of their own combining all the groups together in an extraordinary progression of mixed music. The student audience was so focused you could hear a pin drop until the finale when the gym was filled with applause.



The student's *Stomp* performance was one of three Arts Alive class performances this school year – a first for Street School. Other presentations included students singing, acting, and playing musical instruments. Kim said, "The respect and encouragement shown by fellow students in the audience to those performing was awesome! The support has made a definite increase in students getting up in front of their peers. These programs really showed the family-like atmosphere we have here!"

Shown left to right: Nadia Ibrahim, Chris Anderson, Jennifer Byrum and Juan Marquez.

Student Capitol

Five Street School students participated in Alternative Education Day at the state capitol on April 26th. Lori McGinnis, Street School Executive Director, took students on the trek to be a part of one very important day. McGinnis said, "This is an opportunity for students to talk with their legislators about the importance of alternative schools from their own personal experience."

Alternative schools across the state take this day to educate the legislature on alternative schools. Street School students will set up and man a display and share with legislators the many good things happening at Street School.

The trip to Oklahoma City is also a great learning experience for students as they learn about the larger picture of alternative education, watch a legislative session, and take a tour of the capitol.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Lori McGinnis, Lorraine McReynolds, State Senator Tom Adelson, Laura Booth, Kevin Poplin, Jennifer Byrum, Adam Wilson, Nadia Ibrahim, Chris Anderson and Mike Brungardt.

LEVIT ART AWARD

anna hudson

Anna Hudson, Street School Senior, is a Levit Art Award winner in the Tulsa Public Schools 24th Annual District Art Show. Anna won second place for her 3-D mosaic table for 12th grade students. She received her award at the district art show reception on April 26th and her art was on display from April 25 through the 29th at the Fulton Teaching and Learning Center.

Anna's inspiration came from the band Sublime and their song Santeria. The lyrics, "I don't practice santeria, I ain't got no crystal ball," moved her to include a crystal ball on the table in memory of the deceased lead singer, Bradley Nowell.

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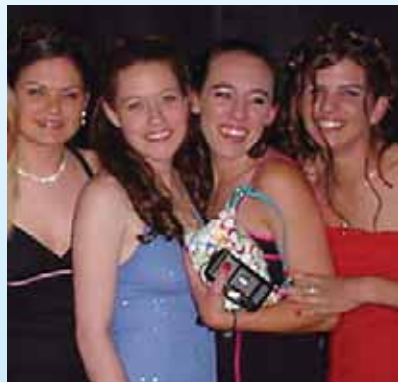
Beyond Tonight

Beyond Tonight was the theme of this year's student prom held May 7th. 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 worked for several days decorating the school gym, transforming it into a beautiful ballroom with hand-made decorations. A record 80 students attended, 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 Williams Homegrown Giving Program, whose donation helped provide food, decorations, music and supplies.



Street School student Todd Love with date Lindsey Nguyen.



Street School students Erika Fifeild, Jessica Gonder, Marlee Bruner and Megan Fifeild.



Street School student Billie Russell with date Daniel Stevens.



Street School student Kalli Jordan with date Jennifer Wadlow.

United Methodist Women Host Street School

Will Rogers United Methodist Church and Street School have a long-term nurturing relationship. Not only does their congregation mentor Street School students, but they also hosted a special lunch at the church on April 14th to show their appreciation of Street School and treat the students to something special. The United Methodist Women cooked, baked and prepared a special meal for Street School students and staff.

Lucy Bennefield, Betty Helen Lawson, and the United Methodist Women's members organized the lunch for the whole school and staff. This included everything from raising needed funds, to cooking chicken, baking brownies and decorating the church's activity center.



"This is our gift to the school," said Bennefield. "We appreciate the opportunity to support the good work of all the students and staff at Street School."

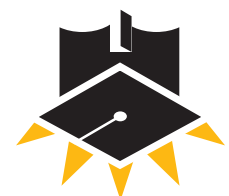
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Commencement 6-2-05
- Classes End 6-9-05
- First Day of Classes 8-22-05
- Labor Day 9-5-05
- Open House 10-13-05
- Student
 - Fall Break 10-20 to 10-21-05
- Parent-Teacher
 - Conference 11-4-05
- Silver Screening Event 11-17-05
- Thanksgiving Dinner 11-22-05
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