The time is quickly approaching for our annual OKA+ principals and advocates leadership retreat! While we are planning a virtual retreat this year, you will not want to miss our salon experience and day of learning and networking with leaders from our statewide cadre.

**Salon October 20 5:30-6:30 p.m.**
**Session October 21 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

*Be sure to register [HERE](#)*

LaShandria Redman will kick off our event with a virtual evening salon on October 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Redman is a dance specialist who received her MA in Dance Education from the University of Northern Colorado. She also has a Bachelors degree in elementary education and has taught pre-k, first, second, and third grade as well K-5 music and performing arts. She currently serves as a K-5 music teacher as well as a dance and movement teaching artist in Enid, OK.

*Please refer to the [listing](#) of OKA+ Schools*

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**Register now for upcoming TLC Workshops: Teachers Learning Creatively**

**Register [HERE](#) for Oct. 3**
**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!**

**GRADES 4-12: FORMatting Digital Lessons for Historical & Current Events**

WHEN: Saturday, 10/3
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
WHERE: Zoom!

*Our elementary session over Bitmoji classroom is full for October!*

**SECONDARY: Poetry Out Loud: Selection, Analysis, Competition**

WHEN: Saturday, 11/14
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
WHERE: Zoom!

See the full list and descriptions of upcoming TLC workshops by clicking [HERE](#).
OKA+ Presents THE Art Auction

Each year Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute hosts an art auction at the CHK Boathouse. THE Art Auction is the signature fundraising event for OKA+, which depends on private, corporate, and foundation support to provide the transformational services to schools across the state as they create #schoolsthatwork4everyone and prepare children to be successful in their adult world.

THE Art Auction includes a fixed-price sale, silent auction and live auction. There will be live entertainment, specialty foods, drinks, and a celebration of art, creativity, and education beginning at 6:30 p.m. $100 per person. Cocktail attire, please.

*Purchase tickets to attend the in-person, live auction event HERE*

Due to COVID-19, we are offering a virtual option to attend this year. By registering as one of our virtual guests you will be able to view and purchase gallery art beginning at 6:30 pm as well as enjoy the party and bid on live auction items via a live-stream connection beginning at 7:00pm. Please register to attend, at no charge. Donations are appreciated.

*Register as a virtual guest and to purchase art HERE*

Click HERE to learn more about this event, and HERE to meet the amazing artists!
Naomi Rothrock teaches French 1-AP at Harding Fine Arts Academy and is also the sponsor of Student Council. She earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in French from The Florida State University. Naomi is the 2020 recipient of the OKA+ DaVinci Teacher of the Year award.

When asked what initially drew her to a career in the classroom, Naomi said, "I really loved my French class in high school and I didn't want to be one of those people who would say, 'Oh, I took French, but all I remember is bonjour.' I knew I wanted to use it every day and I have some really great teachers (still in my life) who inspired me to bring my passion for French to my own students."

Naomi credits OKA+ with helping her be more deliberate about the experiences she creates for her students.

Finally, when asked about what she wanted her student's greatest "take-away" from time in her classroom to be, Naomi shared, "I want them to know that I cared about who they are as people and how they learn, and to know that I used that to influence how I taught them."

We think Naomi was an outstanding selection for this prestigious award, and are honored to have her in our cadre of OKA+ Fellows! Congratulations, Naomi!

Check out the latest video in our new Facebook series, T.E.A. Time with OKA+!

Q: Harry Potter or LOTR?  
A: HARRY POTTER! I'm obsessed and even won a game of HP trivia once

Q: Travel or Stay-cay?  
A: Travel for sure. I usually take a trip every summer!

Q: Early Bird or Night Owl  
A: More of an early bird! I'd rather get up early and exercise and then start my day.

Q: Paint, sing, dance, or act?  
A: I like to watercolor! I'm no pro but I have fun playing around.

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