

Oklahoma A+ Schools® Institute

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA



2021 Oklahoma Poetry Out Loud Champion, Stephanie Thanscheidt, and her coach, Paul Baker

Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute and the Oklahoma Arts Council is proud to announce that Stephanie Thanscheidt, 11th grader at Bethany High School, is the 2021 Oklahoma Poetry Out Loud™ champion. Rounding out the top five students were Adylynn Anderson of Lawton High School, first runner-up; Veronica Hobbs of Southeast High School, Payton Marshall of Madill High School, and Sunny Watters of Walters High School.

The competition, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. High school students from 11 high schools in Oklahoma participated in the Poetry Out Loud state finals, with the awards ceremony held virtually on March 4, 2021.

Stephanie will receive a \$200 cash prize and will compete in the national championship. Bethany High School will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry materials.



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**Made You Look-
Saturday, 4/10**

**Elementary & Secondary
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10:00 - 11:30**



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Focus on simple photography skills that are useful for interpreting and creating photographs, allow students to examine and create primary sources, and bring the power of photography as an art form into your classroom. Participants are encouraged to bring a device to use as we create our primary sources with personal photography at the core.

Visit okaplus.org/tlc-workshops for more information and to register

OKA+ Spotlight Series: Meet Audrey Charlson, Project Specialist



Audrey is the project specialist for Oklahoma A+ Schools Institute at the University of Central Oklahoma. She has been with OKA+ Schools since 2016 and handles the many details of events throughout the year as the project specialist.

Born and raised in Iowa, she graduated from the University of Iowa before moving to sunny Arizona where she lived for a number of years. Audrey and her husband Mark migrated to Oklahoma to be near family and raise their two boys- Erik, a soon to be OU graduate, and Tyler, a high school sophomore. As an involved parent, Audrey would often volunteer at her boys' schools so she greatly appreciates the mission of OKA+ Schools!

Q: Coffee or tea?

A: Coffee. Every single day since I was 14.

Q: Book or movie?

A: I do love to read, but am a huge movie person. Best case scenario is seeing a movie based on a book I've read!

Q: Introvert or extrovert?

A: I extrovert to exhaustion! However the older I get, the more introverted I have become.

Don't MISS

UPCOMING EVENTS:



- [April TLC Workshop - 4/10](#)
- Last day for OKA+ PD - 4/15
Pre-recorded workshops available by arrangement

- [NYAC 2021 - 6/8](#)

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