Season's Greetings
FROM THE OKLAHOMA A+ SCHOOLS INSTITUTE STAFF

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE FILLED WITH CHEER!

Daniel  Destiny  Elizabeth  Sandy  Julie  Danyel  Kari
SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW TEACHER MINI-SUMMIT

For any teacher at a new A+ Network school who was unable to attend the 5-day Year 1 Summit this past summer, or any newly hired teachers at other A+ Network schools.

**Wednesday, February 7th**

8:30-4:00 @ UCO

Registration is OPEN!:


ARTS INTEGRATION WORKSHOP

**Saturday, February 24th 2024**

9:00 AM-noon @ UCO

Registration opens January 2024

BOTH EVENTS FREE FOR ALL OKA+ SCHOOL STAFF!
Attention Oklahoma A+ Educators:
We want to feature YOUR A+ teaching in our monthly newsletter!

Send us some pictures and a description of your experiential or arts-integrated lesson (including academic and arts standards) and it might be selected for featuring!

Email submissions to Daniel Tippin at dtippin@uco.edu

Thank you and good luck to our participating Poetry Out Loud schools this year!

Shawnee High School
Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry
Dewey High School
Holdenville High School
Lawton High School
Coweta Intermediate High School
Putnam City North High School
Augustine Christian Academy
Oologah High School
Epic Charter Schools
Atoka High School
Harding Fine Arts Academy
Marietta High School
Haworth High School
Idabel High School

Madill High School
Oklahoma School for the Blind
MacArthur High School
North Rock Creek High School
Byng High School
Bethany High School
Sweetwater High School
Union High School
Muldrow High School
Chandler High School
Jenks High School
Eisenhower High School
Muskogee High School
Lawton Academy of Arts & Science

POETRY OUT LOUD®

Want to know more about Poetry Out Loud?
Contact Destiny Turner at dtturner18@uco.edu
Elizabeth is OKA+’s new Regional Coordinator for the eastern part of the state! Elizabeth grew up in Yukon, OK, and is the middle of three sisters. She and her sisters were encouraged to explore their creative sides growing up which has led to Elizabeth loving to make music, art, and food. She was involved in Yukon’s band and choir programs, activities she strongly believes helped shape who she is today. She went on to study music at the University of Central Oklahoma and received a Bachelor of Music Education in 2011. After graduating she taught choir at Western Heights Middle School and, later, Epic Charter Schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elizabeth joined OKA+ because “[our] mission to encourage educators and school administrators to teach differently sparks excitement for me not only professionally, but on a personal level as well. As a student, I struggled to learn within a cookie-cutter school model. It was through the arts and teachers who taught ‘outside of the box’ that I was able to identify my strengths and develop new disciplines I could then apply to other areas of learning.” She’s been impressed with OKA+’s research-driven efforts to make a difference in Oklahoma schools as well as the passion and knowledge of our staff.

When not regionally coordinating, Elizabeth tries her hand at baking--decorative sugar cookies in particular--though she claims she’s only an amateur. She also plays Dungeons and Dragons on the weekends and likes to spend time with her best buddy, a dachshund-mix named Charles.

Be sure to say hello to Elizabeth when you see her at the next OKA+ Event!