Congratulations to

Ashlyn Sears

Oklahoma's state Poetry Out Loud winner for 2022!

Ashlyn, a senior at Bethany High School, won this year's state POL competition with her recitations of "Under the Lemon Tree" by Marsha de la O; "The Last Performance" by Thomas Hardy, and "Stanzas ["Oh, come to me in dreams, my love!"]" by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley. She is active with Bethany HS's show choir, all-school musical, and speech & debate, and is a member of the National Art Honor Society and International Thespian Society. After high school, she intends to pursue a degree in theatre. Congratulations again, Ashlyn, and best of luck in representing Oklahoma at the national POL competition on May 1st!

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[n. ] the action or process of moving or being moved

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Candice is the principal of Emerson Middle School, one of our A+ Network demonstration schools! A graduate of El Reno High School, she has spent quite a bit of time overseas, including as an exchange student to San Luis Potosi, Mexico during her junior year at El Reno HS. After graduating she earned her B.A. from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and her M.Ed. from UCO, then lived in Germany and Japan for eleven years while working for Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools.

She began at Emerson Middle School in 2014 and helped lead them to demonstration school status with OKA+ in 2017, which she says is “the BEST thing that has happened to EMS in its 100 years!”

Candice is definitely a family person, with three grown children and five grandchildren. Be sure to stop and say hello to her at NYAC, leadership retreat, or any other OKA+ event!

Emerson Middle School in Enid, Oklahoma, is celebrating its centennial starting next school year.

Opened in 1923, Emerson was originally known as the “greenies.” Over time, they changed to the “Shamrocks,” then to the “Irish,” and are now back to being the Shamrocks.

Not Your Average Conference 2022 is coming June 14th! Click below to hear a message from Sandy Kent, Executive Director of OKA+, about what’s in store!

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