

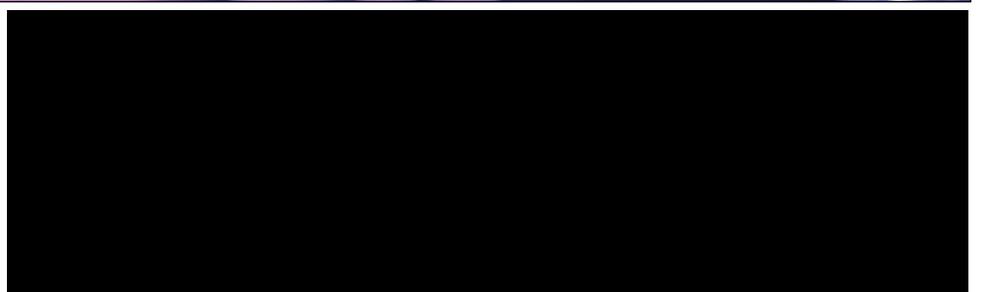
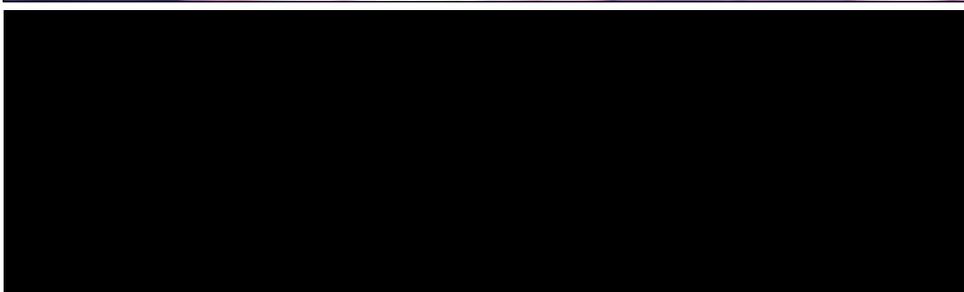
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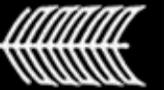
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## Senior Prom - A night to remember





## Students dance the night away at prom

by Reid Smith

Broken Arrow senior prom took place on Saturday, April 18 at the Jenks Aquarium from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. All seniors at Broken Arrow High School were invited and were able to bring one guest.

Students who attended experienced a "Paris" themed evening complete with cafe lighting, a chocolate fountain, and miniature Eiffel tower decorations. Attendants enjoyed the decorations, as well as spending time on the dance floor with their friends.

"Prom was so much fun," senior Jade Westhoff said. "I loved being able to hang out with my friends and dressing up like a princess and having a fairytale night with my date. It was awesome."

Several members of the Broken Arrow staff and principals attended the prom as well.

"I had a blast watching students enjoy a few hours that they'll most certainly remember for the rest of their lives," English teacher Spencer VanDolah said.

Photo booths were set up for the attendants who wanted to take pictures with their dates. Thousands of

pictures were taken to remember the great memories of prom night.

"I loved getting all dressed up and looking pretty with my friends," senior Jazmen Shaw said. "Being able to dance to the music and just let loose is such a great feeling."

The DJ for the event played songs including: "Thinking Out Loud," Party Rock Anthem," and "Uptown Funk." Several line dance songs were also big hits with the student body. Throughout the evening, most chairs were empty, but the dancefloor was at full capacity.

Students enjoyed the venue of the aquarium, and many took advantage of the chance to view the fish and sharks that are housed there. They even were able to touch some, including stingrays, starfish, and shrimp.

"Organizing prom required extreme organization skills," junior board sponsor Mrs. Westcott said. "Students had a great time dancing, and there was never a dull moment."

Overall, Broken Arrow senior prom was a memorable night filled with friends, fun, and fish.

A photo gallery and a highlight video prom are available at [www.bahspulse.com](http://www.bahspulse.com).



## What made your senior prom memorable?



"My prom was memorable because I got to hang out with my best friends all night and have fun."

**Sierra Abbott, 12**



"Dressing up in fly outfits and dancing with friends most definitely made my senior prom memorable."

**JP Ray, 12**

"I will remember the people. Everyone looked so good and fashionable."

**Kiyree Puckett, 12**



"I will remember JP teaching me how to whip and running outside in the rain."

**Kylie Hester, 12**

"I will remember dancing the whole night with all of my friends. I was sore the next morning!"

**Madison Moses, 12**

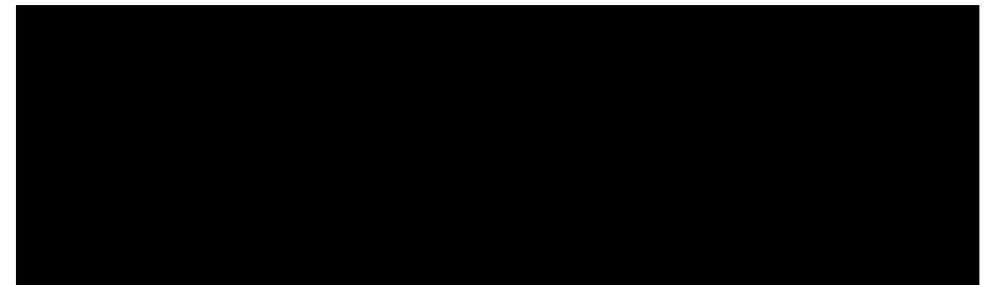
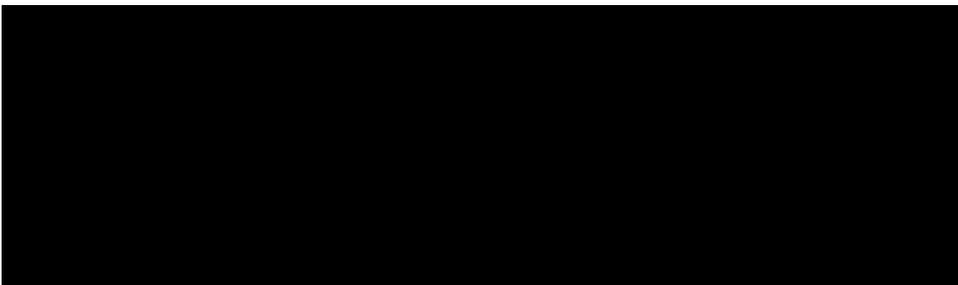




PHOTO BY ERYN SCHROCK

Several spring sport athletes signed letters of intent to the colleges of their choice on the morning of April 15.

## Spring athletes sign letters of intent

by Eryn Schrock

Thirteen seniors woke up a little bit earlier on April 15 in order to be sure to get to the high school by 7:30 to sign to their future college. These students were signed to a variety of universities, which sponsored a variety of sports. Many sports were represented during this ceremony, from basketball and cheer to track and soccer. Each student athlete was able to commit to a school to play their chosen sport in the upcoming years of college.

Senior Gabe Sams signed to Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas for track.

"Signing was a great experience," Gabe said. "I'm so glad to finally, officially, be committed to Emporia State. It was awesome having everyone there, and we all loved the support."

Senior Trenton Cantrell signed for boys' basketball at Northeastern

State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

"I woke up late, but very excited," Cantrell said. "I knew I was making the right decision because I got a good night's sleep. I wasn't nervous about anything; I was excited. I am most excited that I get to play basketball in college, though."

Senior Chase Snider signed for track and field at Emporia University in Kansas.

"Signing was a blast. I am most excited to train as a college athlete and try to become an all-American pole vaulter," Snider said.

There have been multiple signing days throughout the year, during which student athletes have committed to their future colleges.

Over 50 Broken Arrow High School students have signed to different universities for athletics. These students are excited to further their athletic endeavors at the colleges of their choice.

### The list of signees included:

Steven Allen, wrestling, University of Oklahoma  
 Keleb Betts, track, Oklahoma Wesleyan University  
 Trenton Cantrell, boys' basketball, Northeastern State University  
 Tyler Crooks, boys' golf, Oklahoma Wesleyan University  
 Janae Dennis, girls' basketball, Kansas Wesleyan University  
 Jesse Falling, track, Oklahoma Wesleyan University  
 Lauren Holland, cheer, Trinity Valley College  
 Josh Holiday, boys' basketball, University of Central Oklahoma  
 Taylor Jones, girls' basketball, Northeastern State University  
 Scotland Keck, soccer, Hannible LaGrange College  
 J.P. Ray, boys' golf, Central Christian College  
 Gabe Sams, track, Emporia State University  
 Chase Snider, track, Emporia State University

## Students slam poetry

by Cheyenne Pauls

The Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council hosted a community-wide poetry slam at the Broken Arrow Community Playhouse on Tuesday, April 21. Students were encouraged to attend and compete in the event for extra credit in their English and elective classes. Several members of the Broken Arrow community also participated and attended.

"I told my English teacher Mrs. Dyer that I would go and watch, and she asked me 'Why not compete in the poetry slam?' So I did," senior Kiyree Puckett said.

The slam maxed out its list of competitors with twenty-five entrants. Several others were wait-listed because of the full list of performers. The judges quickly reduced the number of contestants from twenty-five to seven in the second round, and then to four in the third and final round.

"I loved the poetry slam so much that I want to start going every time," sophomore Skylar DeSirey said. "I felt really inspired afterwards."

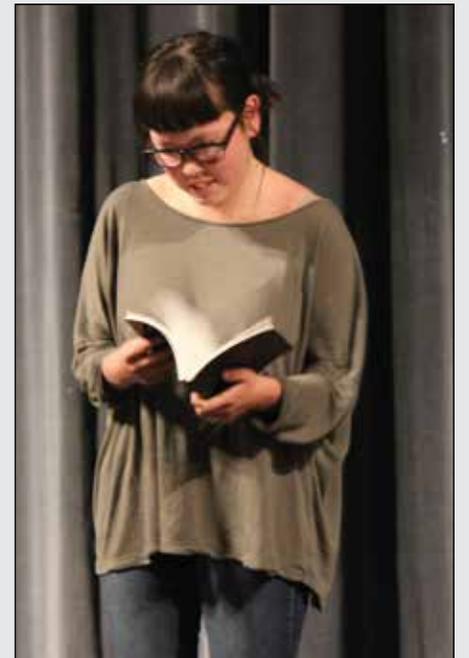
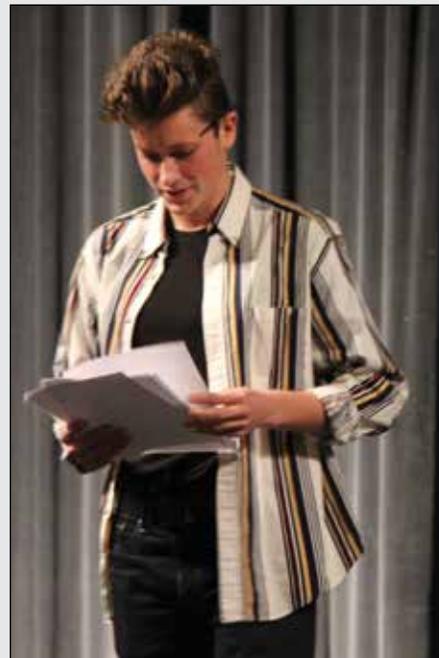
Judges were chosen at random from the crowd; the host chose

people who had no connections with any of the competitors and who only came to enjoy the show, in order to eliminate bias. Overall, the judges' scores were based mainly on the poem itself, although a few graded the poets and their pieces in different ways.

"Personally, I graded the poetry based on the deliverance," guest judge and sophomore Trevor Brown said. "If you go on stage to stand and read off a paper then anyone can do that, but if you go on stage and you're screaming your words and letting the poem take over your body movement, then you've made everyone in the room feel what you feel," sophomore Trevor Brown said.

The winning poet was Phetote, while second place was taken by Tony B. and third place by Andy Weaver.

The packed house at this event became completely silent with each performer, although several audience members rewarded the performers by snapping their fingers at the most powerful moments. The Arts Council is already working on planning the next slam event, which will take place in fall of 2015.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Sophomore Noah Osborne and senior Christiana Martinez read their poetry at the Poetry Slam.



## Administrative professionals make life easier

by Meagan Shrader

Administrative professionals, or secretaries, as they are more commonly referred, are an integral part of the multi-gear system of which modern life rests in the balance. They often have well-developed service characteristics that help them handle any questions that the students or staff may have.

"I wanted to be an assistant because it can be such a diverse job with so many different aspects," A-office admin Ms. Bonnie Stout said.

Stout has had experience not only as an office assistant, but also a principal's secretary at Oliver for seven years, which gave her the opportunity to see many different viewpoints of the school system. Ms. Joni Miller has had fourteen years of experience at NIHS as well as BAHS and wanted to become an assistant in order to have the same schedule as her children.

"Being organized, consistent and a people person are necessary skills for administrative assistants," Stout said.

Miller, also located in office A, agrees that organization and being successful with multi-tasking are important attributes.

"The people I work with and the students that I have contact with are my favorite things about this job," Miller said.

Keeping track of over 3,000 students would be tricky for anyone, but the administrative assistants at the high school succeed with ease.

"The hardest part of my job is the volume of students," Miller said.

Administrative assistants are responsible for coding absences, inputting attendance, and recording late arrivals or early dismissals. All of these duties help to keep records up to date and impact transcripts, testing, and finals.

All kinds of people, from businessmen to school principals, need help with their work, so they have administrative assistants to turn to for the tasks and responsibilities that they cannot tend to in their daily schedules. These men and women are very important to the continuing modern age, and will continue to be far into the future.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Ms. Joni Miller (top) and Ms. Bonnie Stout (bottom) are the administrative assistants in the office of building A.

## THE STUDENT SCOPE

### Metamorphosis

A poem by senior Hannah Abert

trusting in the silver lining,  
 the undeniable beauty of surviving -  
 wholeness has a way of metamorphosing  
 into uncertainty under the weight of a hand that's  
 always been just a bit too heavy  
 laced with a sweet poison that tricks you into stay-  
 ing and blinds you to that silent sacredity,  
 that solemn fragility  
 stored away in every cell in your brain  
 that dares to remind you of your ability  
 to bravely make it through another day.  
 your fingertips remember every hit  
 as your mind tricks you into a state of bliss.  
 your caterpillar eyes convince you there's no reason  
 to hide,  
 just believe in his eyes  
 and you'll find your way out of your cocoon -  
 there has to be goodness here too  
 your butterfly eyes  
 have completely metamorphosed  
 and taught you to see only in rose-coloured hues -  
 life sure looks kinder when love realigns your view,  
 guarding you from the truth  
 that the real goodness here lies in you.

## Psychology and Art

by Meagan Shrader

Senior Michaela Childers has been creating art her entire life. She has taken 3D Art 1, AP Drawing, and AP 2D Design to master her skill.

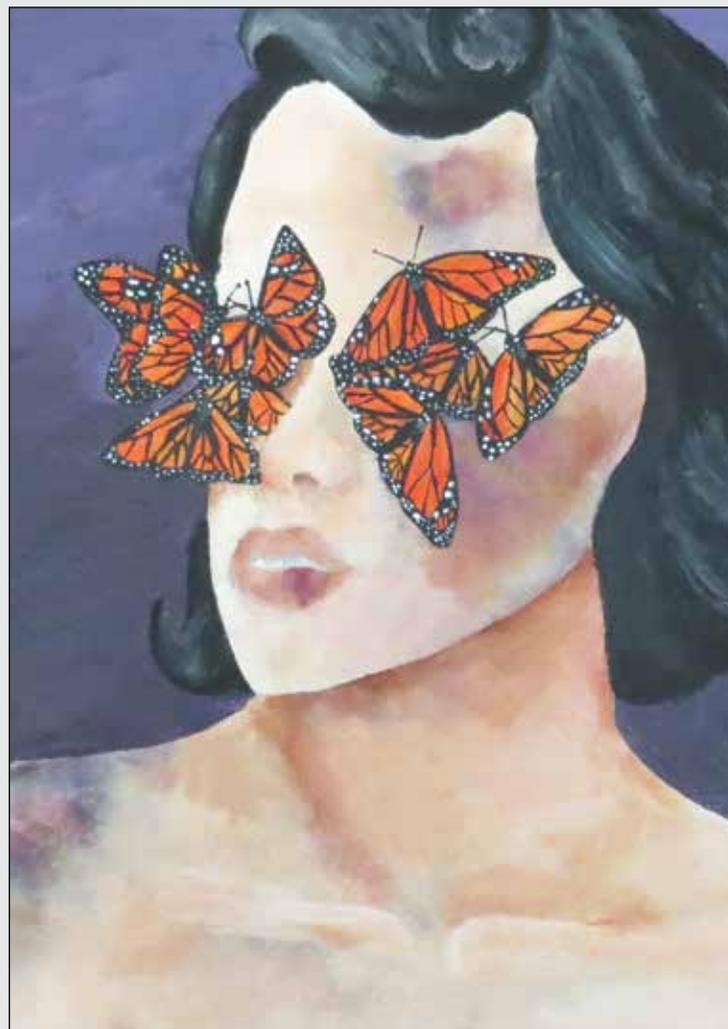
"I wanted to create a piece with meaning and true emotion while using the butterflies as symbolism," Childers said.

The inspiration for this piece came from the concept of domestic violence. She used the juxtaposition of the bruises and the butterflies to symbolize the blindness that someone in dangerous or other bad circumstances experiences while only seeing the positive parts of their life.

Childers drew butterflies over the woman's eyes to express the instance in which a person who continues to choose to be in a bad situation sees what they want to see instead of reality.

"I plan to major in psychology with a minor in art education in hopes of becoming an art therapist," Childers said.

After high school, Childers plans on going to OSU and will continue creating symbolic pieces of art.



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