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Harding Fine Arts Academy Awarded 2016 Governor's Arts in Education Award

Harding Fine Arts Academy was honored for their contributions to the arts and education in Oklahoma during the 41st Annual Governor's Arts Awards for Excellence in the Arts ceremony held at the State Capitol on Wednesday, December 7th.

HFAA was honored with The Governor's Arts in Education Award for their outstanding leadership and service in the arts benefitting youth and arts in education.

Lt. Governor Todd Lamb, Oklahoma Arts Council Executive Director, Amber Sharples and Oklahoma Arts Council Chair, Nancy Leonard, presided over the event. Accepting the award on behalf of Harding Fine Arts Academy was Principal Barry Schmelzenbach during a special ceremony on the fourth floor rotunda at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Two Harding Fine Arts Academy performing student groups, string orchestra and classical guitar students, provided entertainment before and after the ceremony. HFAA Administration and Board of Directors were on hand to witness the presentation ceremony.

Governor's Arts Awards recipients were selected from submitted nominations by members of the Governor's Arts Awards Selection Committee. Taken into consideration is the nominee's general involvement in the arts, leadership in major initiatives, work to increase arts funding and resources, efforts to increase public awareness of the arts, efforts to increase access to the arts for underserved individuals and/or communities, and the impact on arts education.



Upcoming Events

Jan 3 - HFAA Day at S & B's Burger Joint (9th Street Location)
Jan 4 - School Resumes
Jan 9 - HFAA Drama Thespian Induction Ceremony; 6:00 pm
Jan 10 - Wellston (2A) Home VG-6:00 pm & VB-7:30 pm (Spirit Day)
Jan 11 - Pizza Hut Day for Speech & Debate (23rd & Blackwelder)
Jan 12 - Prospective Student Information Night (5:30 - 7:00)
Jan 13 - Performance and Exhibition Assembly; 11:20 am
Jan 13 - HFAA Speech & Debate Tournament in Fairview
Jan 13 - Crooked Oak (3A) Away JVB-4:30 pm, VG-6:00 pm & VB-7:30 pm
Jan 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; No School
Jan 17 - Capitol Hill (5A) Home JVB-4:30 pm, VG-6:00 pm & VB-7:30 pm
Jan 19 - 21 AKA Warrior Cup (Martial Arts - Varsity Tournament)
Jan 19 - 21 Capitol Hill Tournament Away TBD
Jan 21 - Student / Parent Work Day & PTO Meeting - 9:00 am
Jan 23 - 27 Basketball Homecoming Week
Jan 24 - John Marshall (4A) Home JVB-4:30 pm, VG-6:00 pm & VB-7:30 pm
Jan 27 - HFAA Speech & Debate Tournament in Prague
Jan 27 - OKC Knights Home VG-6:00pm & VB-7:30 pm (Spirit Day)
Jan 28 - OKA Karate Tournament and Banquet
Jan 31 - ASTEC Charter (3A) Away @ NW Baptist Church JVB-4:30 pm, VG-6:00 pm & VB-7:30 pm

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HFAA Basketball Homecoming

Basketball Homecoming Week is January 23-27!

Dress up days are \$2 each, or you can buy a weeklong wristband for \$10 that includes all of the dress up days and entry into the basketball game for free.

- Monday - Pajama Day
- Tuesday - Pun Day
- Wednesday - Character Day
- Thursday - Country Club vs Country Western

There is a regular home game on Tuesday January 24th. JV Boys at 4:30, Varsity Girls at 6. Varsity Boys at 7:30 pm.

The Pep Assembly will be during the Performance & Exhibition Assembly on Friday January 27th from 11:18 - 11:55 am.

The Homecoming Game is on Friday January 27th. Varsity Girls at 6. Varsity Boys at 7:30. Homecoming Court Crowning will be in between the two games.

PTO News

We would love to have all parents/guardians participate in the HFAA PTO. If you are a parent or guardian of an HFAA student, you are already in the club! Meetings are on Saturday mornings and are posted on the HFAA calendar. We are in the need of a more volunteers as well as a PTO Vice-President. It's a great way to make new friends and learn more about what is going on at HFAA! Our next meeting is Saturday, January 21st in the Media Center at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there!

There is also a Student / Parent Volunteer Day on Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Please come help work on projects for your student's school! If you are looking for Community Service hour opportunities and other ways to help the school, visit the "Community Service Hour and Donation Opportunities" under the "Parents" page of our website (hardingfinearts.org). We especially need help with the **Teacher Professional Development Days** and help with the **Basketball Concession stand**.

Firehawks Make All-City Band

Congratulations to Etta Braden and Chris Maxwell made All-City Band These students had to audition to make an ensemble comprised of the top band students in the OKC area! They will have a clinic on January 13th and perform a concert on the 14th.



New Piano Lab Thanks to the Kirkpatrick Foundation

With a \$40,300 grant from the Kirkpatrick Foundation, HFAA purchased 16 new digital pianos for our piano classroom. Included in the equipment purchases, comes everything needed to connect our piano teacher, Ms. deBrugge, to the 16 student instruments. Thank you Kirkpatrick Foundation for your continued support of our students and school and for your belief in the importance of music education as a foundation for future endeavors!



Youth for Christ

The Youth for Christ organization will begin holding meetings for HFAA students every Tuesday at 7:20 am in the media center.

HFAA Speech and Debate Team

On Saturday, December 17th the HFAA Speech and Debate Team competed in the Hennessey Christmas Class competition in the 4A Division. The impressive results were as follows:

- Humorous Interpretation- Tony Burke 1st Place
- Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, Mady Smith, 1st Place-
- Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking- Lexi Hurley, 1st Place
- Poetry- Abby Morris, 3rd Place
- Monologue- Tony Burke, 1st Place
- Dramatic Interpretation- Sean Smith, 1st Place; Mady Smith 2nd Place; Lexi Hurley, 3rd Place



**Team Sweepstakes-
HFAA Speech and Debate, 2nd Place!**

S&B's Burger Joint to Support HFAA- January 3rd!

Through its "Pay It Forward" program, S & B's Burger Joint will be donating to the HFAA drama program. Dine at their N.W. 9th street location **the first Tuesday of every month** and HFAA will receive 20% of receipts. Diners just need to drop their receipts in the provided box! This offer is valid between the hours of 11:00 a and 10:00 p and includes dine-in or carry-out. **So far S&B has donated over \$900 through this program. Thank you S&B's Burger Joint!**



HFAA Martial Arts Conducts Belt Advancement Test

HFAA Martial Arts students were belt tested on December 10th, 2016. The following students advanced to a higher belt!

- Aye Hla- First Degree Brown Belt
- Brianna Marks- Orange Belt
- Bryan Luevano- Orange Belt
- Bryce Dalton- Black Belt
- Christopher Stephen Welch- Sandan
- Craig Lasley- Orange Belt
- Daniel Jensen- 2nd Degree Brown Belt
- Emily Alvarez-Hamilton- Blue Belt
- Zachary Colbert- Green Belt
- Hailey Laplante- Orange Belt
- Harley Woods- Orange Belt
- Isaac Drapeau- Orange Belt
- James Jaimie- 2nd Degree Brown Belt
- Jennifer Allman- Sandan
- LeAija Dean- Purple Belt
- Mackenzie Chance- Yellow Belt
- Mireya Sanchez- Black Belt
- Molly Smith- Orange Belt
- Oskar Kabrick- Orange Belt
- Quinton Ballard- 4th Degree Brown Belt
- Rhys Coker- Orange Belt
- Ryan Hughes- Purple Belt
- Sarah Brady- Yellow Belt
- Vien Schmelzenbach- Purple Belt

Congratulations Firehawks!

