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**Upcoming Events**

- September 1- Volleyball - HFAA vs Hennessey (HOME) 5:00 pm
- September 2- Back to School Paint Party 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Field
- September 5- Labor Day (No School)
- September 6- HFAA Day at S&B's Burger Joint (20 NW 9th St)
- September 6- Volleyball - HFAA vs Tecumseh (HOME) 4:30 pm
- September 10- PTO Meeting- Media Center 9:00 am
- September 13- Volleyball - HFAA @ Capitol Hill (AWAY) 4:30 pm
- September 15- HFAA vs Santa Fe South (HOME) 4:30
- September 17- Parent & Student Volunteer Day 9:00 am - Noon
- September 17- Firehawk's to Italy Fundraiser Tournament 10:00 am
- September 17- Cheer Regional Competition
- September 19- Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
- September 20- Volleyball - HFAA @ Tecumseh (AWAY) 4:30 pm
- September 24- Cheer State Competition
- September 26- HFAA @ Hennessy (AWAY) 5:00 pm
- September 27- HFAA Volleyball vs. Amber-Pocasset (Home) 4:30 pm
- September 30- No School (Professional Development)

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- [hardingfinearts.org](http://hardingfinearts.org)
- [edmodo.com](http://edmodo.com)
- [hfaa.powerschool.com/public](http://hfaa.powerschool.com/public)
- [facebook.com/hfaajokc](https://facebook.com/hfaajokc)
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- [HFAAFIREHAWKS](https://www.youtube.com/HFAAFIREHAWKS)

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**TELEFLORA SPONSORS HFAA RENOVATION**

**Company Employees Donate Time and Resources to Rehabilitate Harding Fine Arts Academy**

They say it takes a village. This adage rings truer today than ever before with the financial challenges faced by many schools in the Oklahoma City public school system.

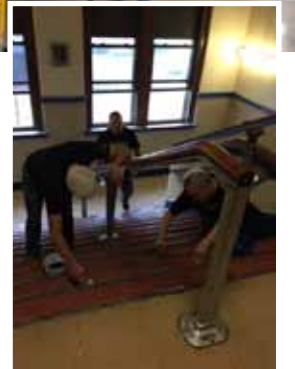
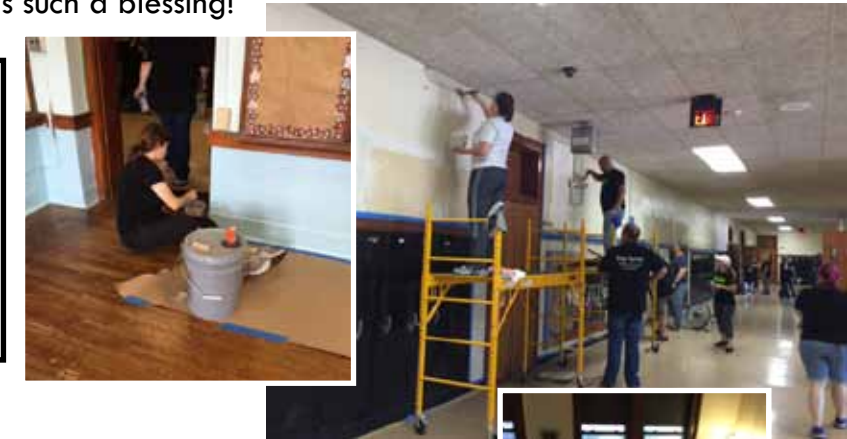
The employees of Oklahoma City's Teleflora, whose parent company is The Wonderful Company based in Los Angeles, are doing their part through the company's "Project Wonderful" program. This unique charitable initiative provided manpower and funding for a renovation project at HFAA.

"Each year, Teleflora employees join together and provide financial assistance and manpower to complete renovation projects for local organizations," said David Graham, Director Occupancy & Safety at Teleflora. "As a company, we're committed to giving back to the communities where our employees live and work, and this year we're proud to be able to do our part to help improve our local schools."

On May 25, 2016, Teleflora employees took part in a large renovation project at Harding Fine Arts Academy. Nearly 60 office staff, sales associates, and computer programmers converged upon the school to paint hallways, stairwells and classrooms, repair lockers and old woodwork, and give the school a much needed facelift. The Home Depot store on 59th & May and Glidden graciously donated paint for the project.

"Harding Fine Arts Academy's building dates back to 1924, and as a charter school we do not receive state funding for maintenance or improvements as do district public schools," said Principal Barry Schmelzenbach. "As dedicated as our parents and supporters are, there's no way we could complete this renovation on our own. For Teleflora to provide financial assistance and allow 60 of their employees to spend a full day working at our school is such a blessing!"

**-Save the Date-**  
Monday,  
September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Parent / Teacher Conf.  
& Charter  
Uniform Sale



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*Preparing students  
for college in an  
academically  
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## Martial Arts Qualifies for World Championships

### Students to Compete in Italy at the World Championships

Martial Arts is a true art form at HFAA! What might be a typical martial arts class in any number of private dojos is, perhaps, not so typical for HFAA. HFAA's mission is to prepare high school students for college in an academically challenging, arts integrated environment. The martial arts program is no exception!

All of Harding Fine Arts Academy's elective classes are either fine or performing arts-oriented, including the martial arts elective.

Teacher Jennifer Allman, who is a black belt in karate, has taught martial arts at HFAA since 2010. The program has so far produced 3 black belts and 15 brown belts and numerous other belts.

Since there are no other high school teams, the HFAA martial arts team competes against private clubs in tournaments across the state and region. The Oklahoma Karate Association hosts ten to fourteen tournaments a year and HFAA also goes to tournaments hosted throughout the region, including an annual tournament in Missouri.

The HFAA team competes in a wide variety of martial arts divisions including Weapons where a kata is performed using a weapon, Sparring, CMX (Creative, Musical and eXtreme) and the Forms division which is a kata with a choreographed set of moves that are performed.

Since the program began in 2010, the students have won a total of 11 Grand Champion Trophies, 437 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies, 308 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies, 243 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies and 47 OKA State Championships and runners up.

This past July, the team traveled to Orlando Florida for the 2016 International Sports Karate Association (ISKA) U.S. Open Tournament. The U.S. Open is the best-known, largest, and most prestigious open martial arts championships in the world. Over 70 teams of competitors from over 40 countries and 6 continents attended.

HFAA U.S. Open Results were:

Team Member	Division/Event	Place
Jennifer Allman	Team Sync	4 <sup>th</sup>
Jennifer Allman	18+ Womens Weapons	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jennifer Allman	18+ Womens Forms	4 <sup>th</sup>
Quinton Ballard	16-17 Inter Weapons	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Brian Williams	16-17 Adv Boys Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Emilee Harmon	16-17 Inter Musical	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mireya Sanchez	16-17 Adv Weapons	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mireya Sanchez	16-17 Girls Adv Clash Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Daniel Jensen	16-17 Boys Adv Clash Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bryce Dalton	18+ Mens Weapons	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bryce Dalton	18+ Mens Adv Clash Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Denazia Jeffers	18+ Womens Inter Forms	1 <sup>st</sup>
Denazia Jeffers	18+ Womens Inter Weapons	1 <sup>st</sup>
Denazia Jeffers	18+ Womens Inter Clash Sparring	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Denazia Jeffers	18+ Womens Inter Point Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Emily A-Hamilton	14-15 Beg Girls Sparring	1 <sup>st</sup>
Emily A-Hamilton	14-15 Beg Girls Clash Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Vien Schmelzenbach	14-15 Beg Weapons	1 <sup>st</sup>
Vien Schmelzenbach	14-15 Beg Musical	1 <sup>st</sup>
Vien Schmelzenbach	14-15 Beg Forms	4 <sup>th</sup>
Vien Schmelzenbach	Grnd Champ Beg Forms 14-17	1 <sup>st</sup>
Vien Schmelzenbach	Grnd Champ Beg Weapons 14-17	1 <sup>st</sup>
LeAija Dean	14-15 Beg Girls Point Sparring	2 <sup>nd</sup>
LeAija Dean	14-15 Beg Girls Clash Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Autumn Sutton	16-17 Beg Forms	1 <sup>st</sup>
Autumn Sutton	16-17 Beg Girls Sparring	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Autumn Sutton	16-17 Beg Girls Clash Sparring	1 <sup>st</sup>
Aye Hla	16-17 Adv Boys Point Sparring	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Aye Hla	16-17 Adv Boys Clash Sparring	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ryan Hughes	14-15 Beg Forms	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ryan Hughes	14-15 Beg Weapons	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Victor Diaz	14-15 Beg Boys Sparring	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Victor Diaz	14-15 Beg Boys Clash Sparring	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Fourteen of the HFAA team members qualified to compete at the Unified World Championships in Italy, October 25th- 30th. In order to qualify for these students had to place in the top 3 in their division at the US Open.

Harding Fine Arts Academy will be hosting a "Firehawks to Italy Fundraiser Tournament" on Saturday, September 17 from 10 AM - 2 PM. Funds raised will help with their expenses. We will be giving out trophies and medals to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners! Cost will be \$30 for competitors and \$2 for spectators. For more information on the tournament or if you wish to donate, please contact Jennifer Allman at [jallman@hfaaokc.org](mailto:jallman@hfaaokc.org).

## Cheer News

The Cheer Regional Competition is September 17<sup>th</sup> location and time TBD & the State Comp. is on September 24<sup>th</sup> (TBD) **Come preview their routine on September 9th at 6:00 in the Big Gym!**

## PTO News

The Harding Fine Arts Academy PTO is dedicated to encouraging parental involvement, supporting the mission of HFAA, Board, Faculty and Staff and helping to raise funds for special school projects. This year all funds raised by PTO will go toward the much needed 1st floor bathroom repairs!

PTO meetings are typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 9:00 am - 11:30 am in the media center. Everyone is encouraged to attend! The PTO is structured into various committees that are dedicated to help with various aspects of the school. These committees include: Athletics, Building & Grounds, Fundraising, Vocal/Instrumental Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Teacher Appreciation. If you can't attend the PTO meetings but still want to contribute you can sign up for the various committees by going to:

[www.goo.gl/2eFlxr](http://www.goo.gl/2eFlxr)

The 2016 - 2017 PTO officers are President- Gina Wright, Vice President- Glenda Jensen, Secretary- Ardis Marrs-Steele, Treasurer- Jackie Adams



## Help!

The Drama Department needs help transporting platforms, 2 folding wall flats & chairs to their competitions on October 7th and October 29th. Contact Ms. Williams at [bwilliams@hfaaokc.org](mailto:bwilliams@hfaaokc.org).

## Youth Leadership Exchange

Several of our students were chosen to participate in Youth Leadership Exchange for the 2016-2017 school year. YLX, or the Youth Leadership Exchange, is the high-school-age programming arm of Leadership Oklahoma City, Inc. YLX programs are school-year-long classes that meet one day a month. The classes are designed to teach the participants how to be better community leaders through volunteer service.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Madylyn Smith
- Jadyn Powell
- Madeline Bussett
- Victoria Maxwell
- Gregory Samuel
- Phoebe Austerman
- Anai Robinson

Congratulations also to HFAA student Tori Maxwell! Tori has been chosen to serve on the Ward 2 Youth Council!

## From the Counseling Office

The **FAFSA** is opening up on October 1. Parents need to have their 2015 tax info on-hand and ready to go on that date.

**ACT Exam Prep Workshops at OCCC-** \$20, students need to register ahead of time. 9am-2pm. Oct 15th. <http://www.occc.edu/coe/act.html>

Sylvan Learning Center in Belle Isle is offering FREE practice ACT exams on the 3rd Saturday of every month, students can sit for a practice ACT. They can take it as many times as they like as long as they register ahead of time. It is a first-come, first-served basis. The score does not count, but it is a good way to conquer test anxiety and learn how to pace yourself on a timed exam. Call Tisha Clay at (405) 842-7323 to sign up!

## S&B's Burger Joint to Support HFAA



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.