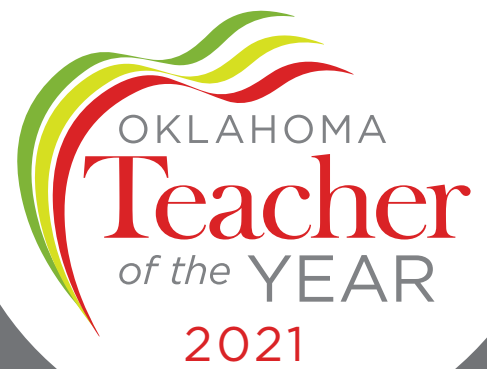


JENA NELSON



Jena Nelson is the 2020 Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year. She teaches 8th-grade composition and academic enhancement at Deer Creek Middle School. Jena is a 15-year educator and formerly taught theater, musical theater, and stagecraft. A longtime advocate for career-based curriculum, Jena has helped her students earn over \$4 million in scholarships and incorporates career readiness in all her classes. She has been selected twice to direct at the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland and was also chosen as a presenter at the International Music Festival in Campina Grande Brazil. This year she was selected by Congresswoman Kendra Horn to attend the State of the Union Address in Washington D.C. She is former Deer Creek District Teacher of the Year, Deer Creek Middle School Teacher of the Year, Edmond North High School Teacher of the Year, Read Across America Ambassador for the OEA, and was named Outstanding Partner in Education from Crutch Schools. Jena is thrilled to start her revolution of morale and represent and advocate for the profession she loves.

Jena Nelson would love to speak at your next gathering. She believes that “public education saves lives,” and uses her life experiences, humor, and music to reach teachers and students across Oklahoma. Jena can tailor her presentations to meet the needs of your school.

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