Welcome to the beginning of a new year and a new decade! As always, we have many exciting things happening in the OSU Greenwood School of Music. At the beginning of January, we launched one of our largest group of music student teachers in our history. We have 18 out in the field this semester, and we wish them the best! The OkMEA Winter Conference was a success. Many of our current students and alumni were there, and our own Concert Chorale was a featured university honor group! If you were unable to attend OkMEA this year, there will be other professional development opportunities in the months ahead. We will keep you up to date here in our monthly newsletter and on our NAfME website. Have a wonderful Spring 2020 semester! – Dr. Haley
Elizabeth’s Essentials

This month, OSU NAfME is excited to continue providing opportunities for OSU students to learn about the music education profession. In addition to our state conference last month, several members are attending TMEA where they will be able to view amazing presentations and performances. We are hosting our next meeting on February 17th, where we will be hearing first-hand about what the first year of teaching is actually like. In addition to our meetings, OSU NAfME is very excited to collaborate with new faculty member Frank Troyka. On March 30th, OSU NAfME and Frank Troyka will be presenting "Questions You're Afraid to Ask," where a panel of music educators will be answering anonymous questions about the music profession. Panelists will include Jenn Kauffman, Kevin Zamborsky, and Timothy Brooks. We are very excited to hear from such amazing educators and cannot wait to bring their knowledge to OSU music students!

- by Elizabeth Toles

“If music be the food of love, play on, Give me excess of it; that surfeiting, The appetite may sicken, and so die.”
— William Shakespeare
Concert Chorale was a featured Honor Group at OkMEA this year. They performed beautifully at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa on Thursday evening of the conference.

The OSU Symphony Orchestra was selected to perform at the 2020 College Orchestra Directors Association National Conference in Vancouver, BC. The orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Dickey, performed their selections for the university and community on Friday January 31st at 7:30pm in the McKnight Center for the Performing Arts Center.