

2020 PCHP

By Tish Key

Exploring open houses on the weekend with her father, Brian, is how **Katherine Hall** began to develop an interest in design and architecture. As the recipient of the Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society 2019 scholarship, Katherine is studying in the School of Architecture at The University of Oklahoma. Katherine is enjoying her freshman year in Norman as a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority while juggling a rigorous class schedule.

Along with general education classes this past semester, Katherine worked diligently in her Architectural Studio class, at times even spending the night underneath her desk. One of her projects included this environmental study model that required lots of difficult cutting by hand.

During the semester as Katherine was learning more about the program and the School of Architecture, she explored her interests further into interior design. She was intrigued by how the interior of buildings can have such a powerful impact on people. How people use a space, how it looks, and functions began to be what Katherine realized drew on her talents and interests. Each and every day, Katherine experiences first hand how a building's exterior as well as its interior, can have a profound effect on people. Living with cerebral palsy, Katherine is primarily confined to a wheelchair. With her extraordinary perspective, Katherine is surely to be a thoughtful and formidable designer. She will focus her study on Interior Design in the School of Architecture.



Environmental study model
designed by Katherine



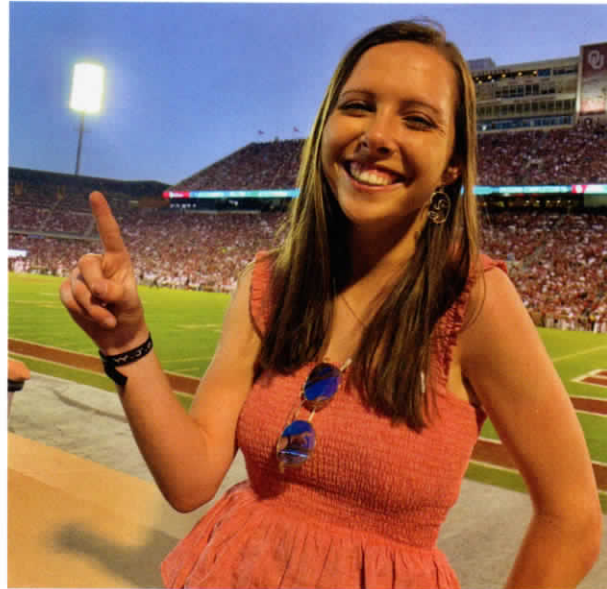
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In addition, Katherine shares the interests of Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society in her concern for the visual history of our community. Katherine was very interested in the design of the new elementary schools and was delighted to have the opportunity to meet the architectural team. She enjoyed getting to see the designs for the new schools and how they compliment our community.

The potential and grace that Katherine possesses is undoubtedly inspirational to many young people. Continuing to encourage students, like Katherine, that are interested in these areas of study demonstrates the commitment of Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society to education in the Park Cities. Scholarship support helps our community efforts to preserve and protect our heritage.



HPISD Distinguished Chair for History



In 2017, Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society designated funding for a Distinguished Faculty Chair for History at Highland Park High School.

Chosen by a school administration committee, outstanding history teacher, **Brad Sanders**, was selected for the Distinguished Chair for History. Recently, Brad shared how the award has made a difference in his life. Besides the financial benefit, the title has provided other opportunities as well.

One of the most interesting projects that Brad has been involved with is working with **Harvard professor, Katherine Merseth**, on implementing the use of case studies to teach subject matter at the high school level. Presenting his students with certain dilemmas in history then encouraging them to discuss and explore them has proved to be a method that is not only extremely effective but thrilling at the same time. The students examine the facts regarding the historical dilemma and discuss different scenarios and outcomes. One of his students I spoke to said, "Mr. Sanders is the best teacher. He is so passionate about what he is teaching. He wants you to understand the topic and he really wants each one of us to succeed."

Walter Kelly, principal of HPHS, was equally enthusiastic about the working relationship with Professor Merseth and the value that the project brings to our students and teachers. "Brad is a keenly detailed teacher and his passion for his work is truly inspirational." The award of the Distinguished Chair for History to Mr. Sanders really seems to be an award for us all.