

The Oklahoma Foreign Language Association Teacher of the Year for 2022, Norma Jones, received her B.S. in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education as well as a minor in Spanish and Liberal Arts from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in 2012. She was born in Chicago, Ill to hard working immigrant parents from Mexico. Norma started her professional teaching career as a Spanish teacher at Tuttle Middle School in Tuttle, OK, where she worked for four years and sponsored the Spanish Club. Norma has served on committees to help review Oklahoma's certification exams for Spanish language educators. Norma has also worked at Hamshire-Fannet High School, in Hamshire, TX, where she taught Spanish 2, 3, 4, and AP Spanish. She presented for her colleagues in the district. Norma was awarded Hamshire-Fannet Teacher of the Year in 2017 – 2018. Norma then moved back to Oklahoma where she had the honor of working alongside Darcy Pippins at Norman High School, in Norman, OK. Currently, she works at Tuttle High School, and teaches all levels of Spanish. She recently received the 2021-2022 High School Teacher of the Year as well as the District Teacher of the Year. She has led multiple presentations on language teaching and learning, for the Oklahoma Foreign Language Association. Norma absolutely LOVES teaching Spanish! The passion that she has in teaching is reflected in her students' attitude and engagement in her classroom. She loves watching the students get so excited when they realize that they are acquiring Spanish and using the language not only in her classroom but out in the real world as well. Norma loves it when her former students stay in contact with her and share all of their wonderful language experiences.

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