

## BRIANA FORTENBACH-TITUS – 2022 OKLAHOMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Briana Fortenbach-Titus, Teacher of the Year for the Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers' Association (OFLTA), is in her nineteenth year of teaching. She currently teaches seventh grade Latin and an upper school Ancient Greek class at Casady School in Oklahoma City. Briana earned a Bachelor's degree in Classics at UC Davis and a Master's degree in Teaching Latin and the Classical Humanities at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

At Casady, Briana acts as a mentor to new teachers and coaches her colleagues toward their instructional goals. She also sponsors her school's chapter of the Junior Classical League. In Oklahoma, Briana serves on the executive board of the Oklahoma Junior Classical League and is the classical languages representative on the board of OFLTA. She has presented a number of workshops for educators, both at Casady and at OFLTA conferences; these include topics such as "Making Assessment Meaningful," "Get Organized to Reduce Stress," and "The Right Tools: Approaching Your Textbook Using CI." Briana has also served on committees to help rewrite Oklahoma's standards for teaching World Languages and to review Oklahoma's certification exams for Latin educators.

On a national level, Briana helped moderate sessions and provided technical assistance for the American Classical League's 2021 Institute, which was held virtually. She is also the creator and administrator of the Latin Teacher Idea Exchange. This is a Facebook group that allows almost 4,500 Latin teachers from the United States and other countries to share ideas, discuss pedagogy, collaborate, and connect with each other. Because many members are the only Latin teachers in their school or district, having the support of an accessible online professional learning community can be extremely helpful and is important to their development as educators. In her free time, Briana enjoys crocheting, reading, and photographing the dogs she comes across, especially if they are Corgis.

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