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Please provide your emergency contact numbers

To enhance emergency communications, students, faculty and staff are being asked to provide their emergency voice and text numbers for Oklahoma State University's new reverse 911 system. If you have not provided your information, please log into your O-Key account at <https://app.it.okstate.edu/okey/index.php>. Once you have logged in:

- Click on "Emergency Contacts" in the left-hand nav bar.
- Under the emergency contacts section, use the drop-down menu to select "Emergency Voice" and enter your number.
- Repeat the process and select "Emergency Text" under the emergency contacts section to enter your number to receive text messages.
- Once you enter your text number, select a cell carrier to match your number with an email address.
- Be sure and request a test message.

While your emergency voice and text numbers may be the same, you are encouraged to register both. The voice and text numbers will be used only for emergency announcements. If you have any problems, please contact the IT help desk.

Commencement ceremonies this weekend

OSU will hold undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies Friday and Saturday at Gallagher-Iba Arena. Master's degree and doctoral degree recipients will be recognized at 7 p.m. Friday. Undergraduate commencement ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. In addition, the College of Veterinary Medicine will hold a graduate hooding ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

Three OSU researchers receive funding from new plant science program

The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology has awarded three Oklahoma State University researchers funding for their individual projects under the new Oklahoma Plant Science Research program. The Center awarded \$90,000 in funding for two years of applied research to Dr. Liuling Yan. His project will map and identify the genes responsible for variation in initiating the development transition in winter wheat. Molecular markers for important traits will be used to assist wheat breeding programs in Oklahoma. The Center also chose Dr. Kay Sheets research project for \$82,372 in funding over two years for the study of the use of virus-induced gene silencing in maize crops. The term "silencing" describes a process for helping determine the function of a gene. Dr. Ramanjulu Sunkar was awarded \$88,599 for two years to identify certain micro acids and their impacts on wheat. This research can help unravel complex plant regulatory networks that control development, nutrition and stress responses in wheat. The three projects were among six that OCAST chose for funding this year. The program is expected to help attract more federal funding for plant science research, especially projects that can be applied to meeting fuel needs and national defense.

Student showcase this Friday

More than 100 students majoring in interior design, apparel merchandising, and apparel design and production will put their considerable portfolios on display at the third annual student showcase titled "Impact," which will be held in the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center, Friday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit will be hosted by the Design, Housing and Merchandising Department in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. "This exhibit represents four years of creative work by DHM students. We want to share this rich representation of talented students with the community. I know everyone will be impressed with the students' work," said Dr. Paulette Hebert, DHM department head. A reception will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. for students and their invited guests. The ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center is located just north of the intersection of University and Hester.