

## What to Expect the Day of the Academic Awards Banquet:

**12:00 Noon:** All-Staters arrive for check in on the second floor of the Omni hotel

- Review the [parking information](#) in advance of your arrival.
- Eat lunch before you arrive.
- Arrive dressed for the event. There will not be an opportunity to change clothes. Business attire is best.
- All activities from noon to 5 p.m. are for All-State students only. If your family is traveling with you, they may enjoy Oklahoma City attractions, which can be viewed [here](#), in the time before the banquet at 5 pm.

**12:15 p.m.** Introductions and Instructions

**12:45 p.m.** Rehearsal for Televised Program

- All-Staters will practice for the televised program with the microphone and the stage entrances and exits. If you need assistance with stairs to access the stage, please notify our office immediately.

**1:45 p.m.** Discussion with Academic All-State Alumni

**3:00 p.m.** Photos with Keynote Speaker, Vijay Gupta; Snack and Social Time

- Vijay Gupta, our keynote speaker, is founder and artistic director of Street Symphony. All-Staters will have the opportunity to take a photo with Vijay. A link to download photos will be emailed after the event.
- All-Staters can take fun social media photos, have a snack and enjoy visiting with one another.

**3:45 p.m.** Discussion with Vijay Gupta

- Vijay is a renowned violinist and the founder of the Street Symphony, a Los Angeles nonprofit that serves homeless and incarcerated communities. You're encouraged to read more about Vijay and his work prior to our conversation. Check out these sources:
  - [PBS News Hour Video](#)
  - [Vijay's personal website](#)
  - [Street Symphony website](#)
- Before you depart this session for the ballroom, we will distribute your award materials, including your check. **Please be sure you get your bag before you meet your family and other guests.**

**5:00 p.m.** Ballroom Doors Open; Photos taken at your table(s)

- Your family members and other guests should arrive just before 5 p.m. to check in and prepare to be seated when the ballroom doors open. No tickets will be mailed. Your dinner reservations will be held at the registration table.
- You may be seated with your Academic All-State Partner, the donor sponsoring your scholarship. We will take a photo of you with your sponsor if they are present for print in your local newspaper. We know you and your family will be pleased to have the opportunity to become acquainted with and to personally thank your sponsoring partner.
- Foundation staff will be circulating to take photos of you with your scholarship sponsor and teacher guest for use in publicity after the event.

**5:30 p.m.** Welcome and Dinner

**6:10 p.m.** All-Staters Line Up for Formal Entrance

**6:30 p.m.** Award Ceremony Begins

- The program from 6:30-8 p.m. will be taped for broadcast on OETA at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 29. We will email you a link to the video when it is available to view online.
- You will appear onstage twice during the program. The first time you will walk onstage and give your name, your school and the name of the teacher you brought as your guest. The second time you will join the emcee, Scott Thompson, as he makes his closing remarks and will sing "[Oklahoma!](#)" at the finale.

**8:00 p.m.** Post-Ceremony

- **Please be sure you have your award materials and check as you exit!**