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### **"THE HEART OF THE MATTER, OKLAHOMA!"**

#### *Two-Day Conference in OKC features public health speakers and topics*

**Oklahoma City, Monday, Feb. 8, 2010** – The Oklahoma Public Health Association (OPHA) is hosting a two-day annual conference at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel on April 7-8, 2010. They are requesting for Oklahoma high school and college students to enter the Tobacco Stops with Me video contest. This allows students to capture no more than four minutes on how the tobacco industry has influenced their community.

Students may work individually or as a team. Two winners will be selected: one high school student or team and one college student or team. The deadline is March 13, 2010. Finalists will be notified by March 26, 2010. Winners will be announced during the OPHA Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the conference

**"The Heart of the Matter, Oklahoma!"** conference will feature national and local speakers who will address cardiovascular disease health as it relates to tobacco control, built environment and behavioral and chronic disease management.

OPHA is dedicated to advocating for these and other health-promoting measures. Visit [www.opha.net](http://www.opha.net) for the entire conference agenda, registration and hotel information.

This year OPHA is excited to partner with TSET to provide the **Tobacco Stops With Me** video contest for high school and college students.

I like to personally invite your students and faculty to participate in this event. The contest entry form is attached, as well as a short news release that could be used in your school newsletter or placed on your event calendar.

There are other opportunities for college students to become involved in OPHA, such as:

- Student membership in Oklahoma's only organization for public health professionals
- Scholarships
  - The Scholarship Application is attached with applicant and deadline information.
- Poster Competition
  - The Poster information and entry form is attached.

This is a great experience for undergraduate and graduate students in public health, nursing, social work, community health, medicine, environmental health, and other related sectors to network with professionals in their field!