

**A visit with the University of Oklahoma Student Chapter of the  
American Meteorological Society (OUSCAMS)**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>...

A new level of camaraderie between professional meteorologists and university students may be taking hold after an April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at the National Weather Center. Three COCAMS officers invited as guest speakers attended a meeting of The University of Oklahoma Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (OUSCAMS). With an informal dialogue, Amy Gardner, Kit Wagner, and I appealed for increased interaction between the two Chapters. Now that so many meteorologists have settled into the National Weather Center, and our activities are gaining momentum, it seems the perfect time to collaborate with other groups.

Professionals and students alike have a common interest in meteorology, related sciences, and American Meteorological Society activities. COCAMS meetings also offer invaluable opportunity for OUSCAMS members to develop professional contacts and learn about potential career paths in a relaxed social environment. Likewise, COCAMS can benefit from the fresh perspectives of young meteorologists, while infusing their ideas and enthusiasm with our own. Most importantly, the officers stressed their desire to keep participation in COCAMS inclusive and fun!

By the end of the evening, we had agreed to cross advertise meetings and activities on each Chapter's respective web site. I think both groups are looking forward to working together, as we celebrate our science.

Sincerely,

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