



## IYV Hosts #OklaEd Twitter Chat on Growing Invisible Writers

The nonprofit's mission is to embolden hidden young writers through education, recognition, and publication

**NOBLE, OK (June 27, 2017)** -- Invisible Young Voices, Inc. founder and president Michelle Waters hosted an #OklaEd Twitter chat Sunday evening. The topic, Growing Invisible Voices, featured questions on how teachers can discover and nurture writers hidden in their classes.

"With the prevalence of high stakes testing in our public schools over the past decade, so much emphasis has been placed on reading to the exclusion of writing," Waters said. "We have gifted writers hidden in our classrooms, students who may never know that they have a voice, that they have stories that need to be told. We must give our students the space the need to be heard."

The #OklaEd Twitter chat is hosted by a different education stakeholder at 8 p.m. every Sunday. A few days after the chat, the #OklaSaid podcast is released with a breakdown of the previous chat. An archive of each week's chat can be found at [MrsWatersEnglish.com](http://MrsWatersEnglish.com) and the #OklaSaid podcast can be heard at [TeachingFromHere.com](http://TeachingFromHere.com).

Waters is an Oklahoma Writing Project Teacher Consultant and is a National Board Certified Teacher candidate with six years experience teaching in Oklahoma middle and high school classrooms. She has taught at both urban and rural schools.

### **About Invisible Young Voices, Inc.**

Invisible Young Voices, Inc. is an Oklahoma-based non profit organization dedicating to helping teachers discover, recognize, and provide publication opportunities to hidden young writers in their classrooms. IYV provides teachers with curriculum, strategies, and tools they need to unlock student voices, including an annual Young Voices Writing Contest to showcase the student talent. IYV collaborates with educators to embolden hidden young writers, which will revitalize student lives, schools, and communities.

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