## Kelsey Deal, M.S. High School Biology

Kelsey Deal received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Baylor University in Waco, Texas and a Master of Science degree from the Department of Integrative Biology at Oklahoma State University.

Ms. Deal's master's research was on monarch butterfly habitats in urban areas under the advice of Dr. Kristen Baum. Ms. Deal served as a graduate teaching assistant for introductory biology and other science courses at Oklahoma State University. Her time as a graduate student included mentoring undergraduate students interested in secondary education as they conducted independent research projects.

Other notable accomplishments include serving on the outreach committee for the departmental graduate student society and securing a \$1000 Environmental Education Grant from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. Ms. Deal completed more than 300 service hours as a master's student and was awarded the Science Communication and Outreach Award from the departmental graduate student society.

Ms. Deal serves as the Science Club sponsor and strives to implement her background in outreach programs to create meaningful experiences for her students both in and out of the classroom.

