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Central Names Oller as New Dean

UCO has named Jeremy Oller, J.D., Ph.D., as dean of the College of Business, effective June 1, 2021. Oller has served as the college's interim dean since January 2020. Since arriving at Central in 2005, Oller attained tenure and the rank of professor in the Department of Economics, in addition to serving as chairperson from 2012-20. Oller has accumulated many accolades since joining Central, including the College of Business Excellence in Teaching Award (2009), the Vanderford Distinguished Teacher Award (2009), the College of Business Exemplary Service Award (2012) and the Business Excellence Award for Teaching (2013).



Pro Media Students Place at National Competition

Two Central students placed second at the Broadcast Education Association's (BEA) annual Festival of Media Arts competition at its virtual event in March. The BEA awarded Central's UCentral News second place in the TV newscast category, specifically naming Amanda Siew, a professional media major from Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, and Kyle Tangco, a senior professional media major from Edmond, Oklahoma, for their work as producer and director of the honored newscast. The 2021 Best of Festival winners were selected from a pool of over 1,300 entries, representing over 250 colleges and universities from around the country in the following competitions: audio, documentary, film and video, interactive multimedia, news, scriptwriting, sports and two-year colleges.



UCO Public Health Students Place First

A team of three Central undergraduate students, majoring in public health, took first place in the 2021 National Case Study Competition in Health Education (NCSCHE). Fifteen teams from 11 universities competed in the event. Team members included Kennedy Rozneck, public health senior from Edmond, Oklahoma; Rachel Walker, a public health senior from Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and, LaKala Williams, a public health senior from Tulsa, Oklahoma.



DaVinci Institute Recognizes Central Professor, Students

The DaVinci Institute, Oklahoma's creativity think tank, named Lindsay Churchill, Ph.D., an associate professor in the UCO College of Liberal Arts, as a 2020 DaVinci Fellow. The award recognizes higher education faculty whose creative, innovative accomplishments have made a significant contribution to their academic disciplines. Churchill is being recognized for her excellent accomplishments in creating and directing the UCO Women's Research Center and BGLTQ+ Student Center. As a recipient, she will receive a \$1,000 grant to apply toward a creative project of her choosing. Two Central students also were named DaVinci Scholars. Dawn McRoberts, from Yukon, Oklahoma, earned the recognition of a 2020 DaVinci Scholar and a \$1,000 grant for her project proposal that will create a school garden. Through the project, children will be able to learn where their food comes from, as well as sample fruits and vegetables harvested from it. Christina Sundly, a senior elementary education major from Choctaw, Oklahoma, earned the recognition of a 2021 DaVinci Scholar and a \$1,000 grant for her project proposal that will provide a schoolwide family STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) night.



Addictions Counseling Degree Ranked Nationally

AddictionCounselor.org ranked Central as a top institution in the nation for its Master of Arts in addictions counseling, placing UCO as No. 44 out of 50. Central is the only higher education institution in the state recognized on the list. Programs were ranked according to the program's retention rate, graduate rate, cost and student-to-faculty ratio.



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