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UCO Ranks Nationally for Online General Studies

According to a recent national ranking by Online Schools Report, Central is a top institution for online Bachelor of General Studies, ranking No. 31 out of 35 schools. UCO was the only higher education institution in the state recognized on the list. Programs were ranked in areas based on student satisfaction, admission rate, online presence, popularity at school, department size and median debt by program. Data sources included the National Center for Education Statistics and the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard. The program is part of UCO Connected Campus, which is home to two other bachelor's degree programs, as well as two master's degree programs.



Central Nursing Program Nationally Ranked

UCO's Nursing program was named one of "The 80 Best Nursing Schools in the Southwest," according to Nursing Schools Almanac's recently published list. Central ranked No. 48 on the list, which examined institutions in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Each nursing school in the region was evaluated based on the institution's academic prestige and perceived value; the breadth and depth of the nursing programs offered; and, student success, particularly on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).



Oller Named Interim Dean

UCO named Jeremy Oller, J.D., Ph.D., as the interim dean for the College of Business, effective Jan. 22. In addition to his role as an economics professor, Oller has served as chairperson for the college's Department of Economics since 2012.



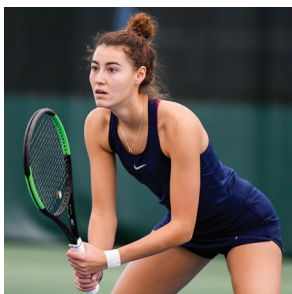
Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame to Induct Griffin

The Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame announced that UCO Athletic Director Eddie Griffin will be among seven inductees in its class of 2020. Griffin has been the athletic director at Central since October 2017. He formerly served as the university's head wrestling coach, overseeing three national championships in 1979, 1981 and 1982 and earning the title of Rookie Coach of the Year in 1979. He graduated from Central with a Master of Education and was inducted into the UCO Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.



STEM Building Honored with Design Award

Central's Donald Betz STEM Research and Learning Center received national recognition as an honoree of Interior Design's 14th annual Best of Year Awards. Oklahoma City-based Rand Elliott Architects was honored for the design of the building as part of the "Higher Education" category. The design is one of 609 finalists in 137 design categories, selected from a list of 2,638 buildings overall.



UCO Hosts Inaugural Tennis Tournament

UCO will host the inaugural Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Division II National Women's Team Indoor Championship Feb. 28-March 1 at Oak Tree Country Club in Edmond, Oklahoma. During the tournament, the UCO Women's Tennis team will compete alongside seven other universities from six other states. ITA currently hosts championship tournaments in both Division I and Division III, and this UCO-hosted event will mark the first Division II indoor championship tournament for ITA.



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