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Kendra Horn Hosts Town Hall at UCO

U.S. Congresswoman Kendra Horn hosted a town hall on student loan debt at UCO Jan. 23. Horn, who represents the 5th Congressional district, shared information on her proposed legislation to help college students more easily pay off their debt. Following her presentation, Horn welcomed questions from students, faculty, staff and community members.



School of Design Launches Capital Campaign

The UCO School of Design is launching a capital campaign for renovations of the former St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located just west of Central's campus. The building and land recently were acquired by the university. Once complete, the building will house the innovative school and allow expansion of classroom and lab space, which will free up much-needed classroom and office space for the College of Fine Arts and Design.



PGA Golf Management Students Place in Jones Cup

Central's Professional Golfers' Association golf management program tied for second place in the Jones Cup in Port St. Lucie, Florida, at the Wanamaker Course, an internationally recognized golf course. The students played the 36-hole tournament against college students from the other 17 PGA golf management programs nationwide.



Cobb Named New Dean

UCO faculty, staff and students at the College of Education and Professional Studies entered the spring 2020 semester with new leadership. Donna Cobb, Ed.D., former kinesiology and health studies professor and interim dean, was named the new dean for the college. Cobb has held various administrative roles in the college for nearly two decades as a department chairperson, assistant dean, associate dean and interim dean. In her role as associate dean, she has served as the chief operations officer for the college, facilitated grant development and monitored the college budget among many other duties.



UCO-Trained Athletes Earn Gold Medals

Central-trained resident athlete Jeremy Campbell and the U.S. women's sitting volleyball team brought home medals for Team USA at their respective championships. Three-time gold medalist discus thrower Campbell, a junior strategic communications major from Perryton, Texas, took home gold in the men's discus F64 class at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championship in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Campbell threw 61.04 and will prepare for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The U.S. women's sitting volleyball team won gold at the World ParaVolley Super 6 in Tokyo as they defeated Russia in three sets and remained undefeated with a perfect 7-0 record. Additionally, the U.S. women's sitting volleyball team finished the 2019 season with an impressive 25-0 record. The U.S. had already qualified for Tokyo 2020 by finishing second at the 2018 World ParaVolley World Championships.



UCO Opens Santa Fe Plaza Learning Center

Central celebrated its growing presence in downtown Oklahoma City with a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the university's newest learning center, UCO at Santa Fe Plaza. The celebration included self-guided tours of the new learning center, which will provide classroom and lab space, increase access for students working or living nearby and serve the growing population in downtown Oklahoma City. Additionally, the learning center will house Central's small business incubator, The Catbird Seat; KUCO-FM, UCO's classical radio station; and, meeting space for the university and area businesses. UCO at Santa Fe Plaza will house the UCO MBA program beginning spring 2020 with anticipated future growth of other programs.



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