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## UCO Rowing Wins National Championship

The UCO rowing team recently won the 2019 NCAA Division II national championship, making the team back-to-back national champions. The team's win earned the university its 20th national title. This is the third year in a row that the Bronchos won a gold medal in the championship, as they missed the title by only one point in 2017.



## Central Receives RedBud Award

UCO, in partnership with the Oklahoma City and Edmond Convention and Visitors Bureaus, received a RedBud Award in the category of "Best Partnership" for the 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association's annual RedBud Awards Gala in May. The award represents the highest honor given in the Oklahoma tourism industry and recognizes Oklahoma's top tourism attractions, events, programs and organizations for outstanding efforts to serve and promote Oklahoma tourism.



## UCO Industrial Safety Earns Accreditation

The National Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) awarded a Graduate Safety Practitioner Qualified Academic Program accreditation to UCO's industrial safety program. The accreditation allows industrial safety students to apply for BCSP scholarships during their time at Central and gives program graduates the opportunity to apply for the Certified Safety Professional certification, bypassing the associated certification exam.



## UCO Student Named Newman Civic Fellow

Hunter Caudillo, a UCO kinesiology student from Yukon, Oklahoma, earned recognition as one of Campus Compact’s 2019 Newman Civic Fellows. As a Newman Civic Fellow, Caudillo will gain a variety of learning, scholarship, post-graduate and networking opportunities, including attendance at a national conference of Newman Civic Fellows.



## Central Dean Honored with Vision Award

James Machell, Ph.D., dean of UCO’s College of Education and Professional Studies, received the Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Vision Award from the National and State Teacher of the Year Chapter of Oklahoma. Former Oklahoma Teacher of the Year winners select the award recipient, which was established to honor educators in Oklahoma whose background, foresight and wisdom have resulted in the enhancement of the teaching profession in the state. Machell began teaching as a fourth-grade teacher in 1974 and has served in a variety of educational leadership roles throughout his career.



## Central Student Earns DaVinci Recognition

The DaVinci Institute, Oklahoma’s Creativity Think Tank, named UCO student Mary Pease, a senior elementary education major from Shelbyville, Indiana, as one of its 2019 DaVinci Scholars. Pease earned the recognition and a \$1,000 grant for her proposal to introduce science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)-based learning to upper-elementary level students.



## UCO Students Fundraise for Children’s Hospital

Central students raised more than \$140,000 to benefit Children’s Miracle Network, during UCO’s annual BronchoThon event. The event serves as the finale for months of fundraising and includes an eight-hour dance marathon to pay tribute to the countless hours that nurses spend on their feet and continuous obstacles sick children face while in the hospital. All of the funds from BronchoThon will stay local, helping children at the Oklahoma Children’s Hospital.