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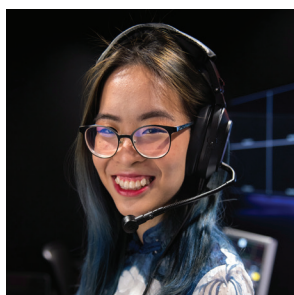
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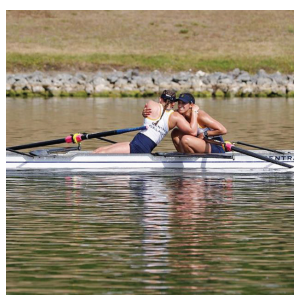
## Central Named Certified Healthy Campus

UCO again was named a Certified Healthy Campus for the ninth consecutive year. A part of the “Shape Your Future” campaign, driven by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Central was awarded the highest level of certification, receiving the excellence designation. The campaign recognizes public and private campuses and career technology centers that make a positive impact on the health of their communities.



## UCO Students Honored at Journalism Awards

Amanda Siew, a Central professional media spring 2021 graduate from Selangor, Malaysia, received the Student Broadcaster of the Year award for her work with UCentral News at the annual Great Plains Journalism Awards in May. In addition to Siew, UCO students Ashley Jones, a senior professional media major from Oklahoma City; Jay Mayes, a spring 2020 professional media graduate from Vian, Oklahoma; and, Mikala Novitsky, a fall 2020 professional media graduate from Midwest City, Oklahoma, were honored as finalists for the Best University Newscast award. The regional competition included more than 600 entries, with winners and finalists named in 73 professional and student categories.



## Central Rowing Wins National Championship

The UCO rowing team won its third consecutive national championship, winning the fours national title for the second season in a row and winning the eights national title for the fourth consecutive season. With their two wins, Central earned a maximum 20 team points, claiming the national team championship title. Additionally, Brian Ebke, UCO’s head rowing coach, was named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association.



## Central Names Art Cotton as Vice President

UCO President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar recently named Art Cotton as the university's vice president for Advancement and president of the UCO Foundation, effective July 1, 2021. Cotton brings 30 years of experience to the vice president role. He previously served as senior director of development at the Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation, vice president for University Advancement and External Relations at Oklahoma City University, vice president for development at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, senior director of major gifts for the Oklahoma State University Foundation, chief of staff for the lieutenant governor of Oklahoma, manager of business development and marketing for the Benham Group and associate director for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.



## UCO Students Win Big at Love's Cup

Central students from the College of Fine Arts and Design, the College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts celebrated success at the Oklahoma Love's Entrepreneur Cup Business Plan Competition. Four students from Central's School of Design, as part of the team Amidad, brought home first place in the Small Business Division. Amidad is an app-based concept that provides undocumented immigrants and refugees with guides on understanding their legal rights during arrests, as well as a device to summon help if confronted by U.S. Immigration and Customs officers. In addition to Amidad's success, Central's team, Hamkke, an application that helps parents or guardians talk to children about sex education, providing sex education that is intuitive, interactive and age-appropriate, won second place in the Small Business Division. UCO's Empowering Natives team won first place in the BankFirst Small Business Interview Division, focusing on the development of a series of large greenhouses on Native American lands that will help eliminate food deserts on reservations and bring health, hope and independence to Native Americans. Central's Pick Pro team, from the College of Business, won second place in the High Growth Graduate Division, in addition to winning the interview in the manufacturing, material sciences and transportation category. Pick Pro markets a patented light duty electric cargo vehicle that reduces time and expense for shipping fulfillment centers by enhancing productivity in picking, packing and shipping functions. Additionally, Regan McCarthick, a strategic communications and organizational communications major and entrepreneurship minor from Edmond, Oklahoma, won the Cox Communication Pitch competition.



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