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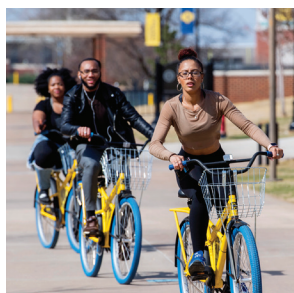
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## UCO Garners ‘Best for Vets’ Honors

The Military Times recently announced Central as No. 8 of 134 surveyed four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. on its “Best for Vets: Colleges 2020” list. This is the fifth consecutive year that The Military Times has recognized UCO for its dedication to student veterans, active military and their families, with Central moving up one spot from last year’s rankings. The “Best for Vets” recognition comes after UCO was named to the U.S. Veterans Magazine Best of the Best list as a Top Veteran-Friendly School, for the third year in a row. Programs like the Veterans Upward Bound program, for pre-college veterans, and the SALUTE program, which serves veterans who are first-generation college students, help expand Central’s connection to veterans looking to complete their post-secondary education. Additionally, UCO offers support through its Veterans Higher Education Resources and Opportunity Center, which provides student veterans with resources to meet their academic, financial, physical and social needs.



## UCO Designated as ‘Bicycle-Friendly’

The League of American Bicyclists recently designated Central as a Bicycle-Friendly University at the bronze level, recognizing UCO’s efforts to create an exceptional environment for biking. Central is one of 208 institutions recognized by the organization in 47 states and Washington, D.C. The UCO campus provides free-to-use bicycle repair stations, free bicycle registration for personal bikes and the Bum-A-Bike program, which allows the Central community to “bum” a bike free of charge from the university.



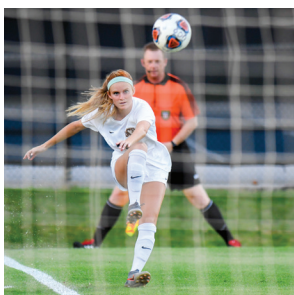
## Connected Campus Expands Degree Offerings

Beginning in spring 2020, UCO will offer a fully-online Professional Master of Business Administration degree, as well as three other majors designed for degree completion, through Connected Campus. The online Professional MBA will offer eight-week courses, allowing students to complete the degree in as little as 16 months. The program also is one of the most affordable online MBA programs in the Oklahoma City metro, with a total cost of \$15,500 for in-state residents. In addition, Central will offer three adult completion programs designed for adults who have earned college credit previously and are looking to complete their degree. The adult completion programs include a Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business and a Bachelor of Science in either Organizational Leadership or General Studies online. These programs join those that Connected Campus already offers, including a Bachelor of Business Administration in either Marketing or Human Resource Management and a Master of Education in Library Media Education.



## Central Honors Chef with Scholarship

UCO and the UCO Foundation, in partnership with chefs, food lovers and members of the Oklahoma City restaurant community, have established the Chef John Bennett Memorial Scholarship in memory of the fund's namesake. Bennett, who died in July at age 77, was a chef at several prominent restaurants around Oklahoma City and was well-known as a pioneer for the culinary arts in the state. Bennett was an advocate for education and its importance in ensuring the longevity of local culture and industry. The scholarship will benefit Central students majoring in family life education or nutrition, dietetics and food management.



## UCO Soccer Earns Prestigious Award

Central's soccer team earned the United Soccer Coaches inaugural Team Pinnacle Award in October, putting the Bronchos in the top two percent of women's soccer programs in the country. The 2018 team was recognized for sportsmanship, academics and its success on the field. UCO is one of three Division II schools, out of more than 300, and one of only 17 NCAA women's soccer teams to be honored with the award. The team qualified for the award by earning the Gold Award in the College Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award category, as well as having a cumulative 3.46 GPA as a team and a .916 win percentage.



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