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UCO Named Best in State for ‘Getting a Job’

Career website Zippia has named Central as the top public institution in Oklahoma for job-seeking graduates as part of its “Best Public Colleges in Each State for Getting a Job in 2020” list. According to the ranking, Central has an 88% placement rate among recent graduates. Universities were ranked using the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard. The scorecard data was reviewed for the public college in each state with the highest listed job placement numbers 10 years after graduating with a bachelor’s degree.



Central Waives ACT, SAT Requirements for 2021

UCO will waive the ACT/SAT requirements for first-year undergraduate applicants who meet specific requirements, in response to testing limitations created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The waiver of scores applies to both U.S. residents and international students. To be considered for admissions without a test score, also called test-optional admission, incoming first-time freshmen will indicate on their application that they were unable to take the ACT or SAT due to COVID-19. Students then can apply with only a high school transcript, but they must have an unweighted 2.7 high school GPA to meet admissions requirements.

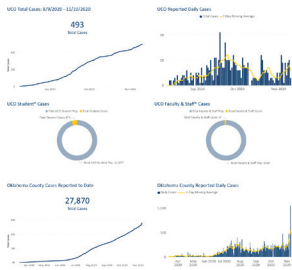


UCO Professor Honored with Speech-Language Award

Linda Sealey, Ph.D., associate professor in Central's Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services, was recently presented the 2020 Honors of the Association Award by the Oklahoma Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Awarded annually, the award is presented to an individual that demonstrates noteworthy professional service and exceptional accomplishment in the field of communication disorders. Sealey joined Central in fall 2012, and in 2014, became the program coordinator of the undergraduate and graduate speech-language pathology programs. She is a certified and licensed speech-language pathologist with over 20 years of clinical experience in providing speech-language therapy in outpatient rehabilitation, public school, hospital, skilled nursing facilities and home health settings.

UCO Launches COVID-19 Dashboard

Central recently launched its COVID-19 Dashboard, available on the UCO Coronavirus website, which presents COVID-19 case data on the UCO campus. The displayed data numbers reflect self-reported cases of COVID-19 among students, faculty and staff and is updated regularly. The dashboard also displays cases reported daily cases and total reported cases to date for Oklahoma County.



Central to Finish Semester Virtually, Extend Break

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, UCO will transition classes to virtual delivery following the Thanksgiving break. All classes, including final exams, will be administered online Nov. 30-Dec. 11. Additionally, Central will hold its second virtual commencement ceremony this year, celebrating fall 2020 graduates with a virtual presentation of degrees. The university also will institute an extended winter break. Central faculty and staff will return to work Jan. 11, while students will begin classes for the spring 2021 semester Jan. 19, extending the winter break for faculty, staff and students by one week.

