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UCO Named Top Military-Friendly School

U.S. Veterans Magazine named UCO as a Top Veteran-Friendly School on its 2019 “Best of the Best” list. The annual review evaluates the nation’s employers, initiatives, government agencies and educational institutions on services they provide to veterans, transitioning service members, disabled veterans, spouses and veteran business owners. Central also has been recognized as a top school for student veterans and active military by The Military Times on its “Best for Vets: Colleges 2019” list.



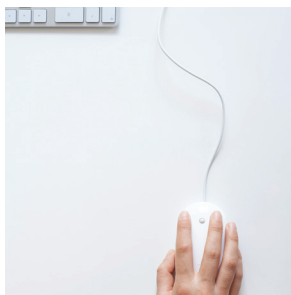
Central Design Students Win Big

The UCO Department of Design won 43 awards at the district and national levels of the 2019 American Advertising Awards (ADDYs), continuing a decade of wins in the annual competition. At the district level, Central students brought home 35 awards, including Special Judges Choice for Illustration, five gold awards, 16 silver awards and 13 bronze awards. The department also won two silver awards and one bronze award in the professional category. At the national level, three students, who all graduated in May, earned gold awards and two earned silver awards. The ADDYs is the largest competition in the U.S. for adverting design, attracting more than 40,000 entries every year.



UCO, Edmond Partner for ‘Electric’ Future

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality awarded two grants, totaling \$50,550, to the City of Edmond and UCO to install ten public and workplace charging stations for electric vehicles. Central and the City of Edmond entered a partnership on these grants due to the common interest in providing these amenities to the community. Two of the charging stations will be located on the UCO campus and are expected to be up and running by October.



Connected Campus Launches at Central

Beginning in fall 2019, Central launched the UCO Connected Campus, offering select bachelor's degree programs fully online, with plans to add more online bachelor's and master's degrees for 2020. Students now can enroll in a Bachelor of Business Administration program for either Human Resource Management or Marketing. Connected Campus students are assisted by a concierge, who guides them through the admissions and enrollment process and answers any questions they may have as they pursue their degree.



UCO Professionals Garner Awards

Marketing, public relations, graphic design and communication professionals from across Central's campus took home 22 awards at the 2019 Oklahoma Collegiate Public Relations Association (OCPRA) annual conference. UCO won four Grand Awards, five Excellence Awards, seven Achievement Awards and seven Honorable Mentions. Awards went to members of University Communications, Campus Enterprises, the College of Fine Arts and Design, the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Design, Photographic Services and Student Affairs Marketing. This year, OCPRA received more than 500 entries from more than 40 institutions across 41 categories.



Central Professor Earns Fellowship

Eric Eitrheim, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry in the UCO College of Mathematics and Science, was recently named a Virtual, Inorganic, Pedagogical, Electronic Resource Fellow in an innovative national study. The study, "Improving Inorganic Chemistry Education," is led by the Interactive Online Network of Inorganic Chemists, with support from the National Science Foundation's Improving Undergraduate STEM Education program. It will use classroom observations, analysis of student work, student surveys and faculty interviews to study how changes in the classroom affect student learning, interest and motivation. Eitrheim is one of the first 20 faculty from across the country selected for the project.



UCO Names New Vice President for People and Culture

UCO President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar named Diane Feinberg as the university's first vice president for People and Culture. Feinberg previously served the university as assistant vice president for Human Resources. In her new role, she will oversee the newly developed Division of People and Culture, which includes Employee Relations, Talent Acquisition and Compensation, Talent Development, Benefits Administration, Payroll, Inclusive Community, Workers' Compensation, Risk Management, and Environmental Health and Safety.