



UCO Organizations Receive Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma Awards

The UCO Center for Excellence in Transformative Teaching and Learning recently awarded three UCO organizations with the 2017 Masonic Endowment for Transformative Learning Award from the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma. Pam Rollins, DNP, and Kathy Smith received first place and \$2,530 for their creation of two projects within the nursing program - the Community Making a Difference Capstone project and the Care of the Vulnerable Individual Life Review, which provided valuable opportunities for students to apply discipline knowledge to professional challenges. Glee Bertram, Ph.D., LaDonna Atkins, Ed.D., and Kaye Sears, Ed.D., received second place and \$1,150 for their project Generations Learning Together: An Intergenerational Center for Three Generations, which allowed students to analyze the interactions of three generations to gain a better understanding of each. Lastly, Tiffany Hull received third place and \$920 for her management of the UCO Dietetic Internship, which aims to provide learning experiences in a real-life setting, under the supervision of a registered dietitian.



UCO Human Resources Team Wins First

UCO's Human Resource Society Division 1 case team took first place in the case competition at the 2017 Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Student Case Competition – West. The annual competition provides students with the opportunity to apply scholastic knowledge to real-world workplace human resources cases. Case team members include Hannah Mette, Elizabeth Wooters and Masala Thomas, with Meagan Baskin, Ph.D., assistant professor of management at UCO, advising the team.



Students Awarded for Broadcast Excellence

The Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association (OBEA) honored 17 UCO students with 12 awards at the association's annual student competition, recognizing the excellence of Central's Department of Mass Communication in student-produced radio and television broadcasts. Fourteen Oklahoma universities and colleges participated in the OBEA student competition, which generated just over 200 entries. Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Lawton media professionals judged the student productions.



UCO Hockey Earns National Championship

UCO Hockey defeated Ohio University in the 2017 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Men's Division 1 National Championship Finals. This is the second national championship win in three years for the Bronchos, led by Head Coach Craig McAlister. One of UCO's many sport clubs, the UCO Hockey team began in 2006 and has made seven National Championship Tournament appearances over ten seasons, including two Final Four spots and a 2014-15 National Championship title win.



Central Debate Team Makes History

The UCO Debate Team made university history at the 71st Annual National Debate Tournament, hosted by the University of Kansas, clinching the best showing by a UCO team at the tournament in more than 30 years. Derek Hilligross, a political science major from Sand Springs, Oklahoma and Jasmine Stidham, a political science major from Couer d'Alene, Idaho, finished in tenth place, with Stidham named the 19th place speaker overall for the tournament.



ACM@UCO to Host Metro Music Fest

The Academy of Contemporary Music at UCO will host the eighth annual ACM@UCO Metro Music Fest on April 8 in Oklahoma City's Bricktown District, for an afternoon and evening of free music entertainment, open to all. Alongside a lineup of national acts, more than 60 student bands will showcase their talent on stages throughout Bricktown.



STUDENT
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RECORD

UCO Funds 61 Projects through STLR Program

Central's Student Transformative Learning Record (STLR) recently funded 61 Transformative Learning projects for spring and summer 2017, totaling \$249,550. The projects stem from all five of the university's colleges and encompass each of the Central Six Tenets of Transformative Learning, which include discipline knowledge; global competency; health and wellness; leadership; research, creative and scholarly activities; and service learning and civic engagement. The projects selected showed a connection to the Central Six Tenets, probability of student transformative growth and evidence of benefitting STLR's target population.



College of Business Challenge Team Places in Top 10

UCO's College of Business Broncho Investment Research Challenge team placed in the top 10 in the 2017 CFA Institute Research Challenge of the Southwest at the University of Houston. The challenge is a competition between 26 university-sponsored teams from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. The goal of the challenge is to promote best practices in equity research and to help develop the next generation of financial analysts. Team members include Josh Sloan, a senior finance major from Oklahoma City; Jade Davis, a senior finance major from Midwest City, Oklahoma; Nik Volkhin, a senior finance major from Omsk, Russia; Ervell Boyd, a senior finance major from Edmond, Oklahoma; and Jay Leclercq, a senior finance and accounting major from Norman, Oklahoma.



Central Named 'Voter Friendly Campus'

Campus Vote Project (CVP) and NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education recently designated UCO as a "Voter-Friendly Campus," for its efforts to plan and implement practices that encourage students to register and vote in elections. Central's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) and the American Democracy Project lead annual efforts on campus to promote civic engagement, voter registration and election participation among students, faculty and staff.



President Betz Named 'Partner for Transformation'

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) recently named UCO President Don Betz to "Partners for Transformation," a "think tank" of higher education, healthcare and business professionals, as well as Congressional members and staff, the U.S. Department of Education and government leaders. The initiative is a product of HLC's strategic plan, "Beyond the Horizon," and will work to reimagine regional accreditation for the future. HLC is the nation's largest regional accrediting agency and represents nearly 1,000 colleges and universities in 19 states.



Center for
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UCO Center for eLearning and Connected Environments Awarded

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Council for Online Learning Excellence recently awarded Central's Center for eLearning and Connected Environments (CeCE) with the 2017 Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for its dedication to support and advance excellence in online learning. The peer-determined award showcases institutions, teams or programs that display the highest levels of achievement in leadership, develop ground-breaking innovations, collaborate with peers and promote high quality online learning experiences, evidenced by learner achievement and success.



UCO Design Department Sweeps OKC ADDY Awards

Central's Department of Design made a strong appearance at this year's Oklahoma City ADDY Awards, as 113 students and 12 professionals won ADDY awards. Of those 113 student awards, 25 were gold, 34 silver, 50 bronze and all four of the special judge citations. Of the 12 professional awards, seven were gold, four silver and one bronze. The ADDY Awards are the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition, attracting more than 50,000 entries every year in local competitions throughout the nation.



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