As we are closing in on the end of this semester I want to congratulate so many of our faculty, staff and students but it is impossible to list all of the names. Suffice it to say that in each of our departments/school, the work that is being accomplished on behalf of and for our students is significant. The student work is exceptionally good. Whether I am attending the Senior Art Show at the Omniplex, the Design Show at City Arts or the performances by our students and faculty in the Department of Dance, School of Music and Department of Theatre Arts, I am consistently pleased with the level of professionalism, skills and talent level of our students. So many of you have played an important role in helping our students learn, grow and develop. I hope you never forget the positive impact you have on students each day.

Last year at this time we were doing virtually every performance and exhibit off campus. Yet the number of people who attended our events was up. It is interesting that from the statistics I have received, the audience numbers are higher than ever. It takes all of us working together to make all of these good things happen. I know that those with whom I work in the dean's office area are talented, caring, hard working individuals who are interested in helping you to be successful. I am pleased to be part of an entire team that is focused on success for all.

I just returned from a meeting with many of our alumni who are living and working in New York. The days were filled with former students in the Design, Dance and Music Departments/School. The best part of the trip was learning how much these former students thought of their faculty and staff at UCO. They are so very proud to be from our college. They appreciated the “reconnection” that brought forth many reasons as to why they are succeeding in their chosen occupations.

I look forward to seeing you on December 12 at commencement and the reception that proceeds commencement. As repetitive as commencement may be, it is a time for students, faculty and staff to celebrate accomplishments of which everyone shares.

My best to you for a safe and happy holiday season.

Dr. John Clinton; Dean, UCO College of Arts, Media & Design ext. 3773, jclinton@uco.edu

Happy Holidays and congratulations! The semester is over, the performances have happened, juries are over, course evaluations have ended and grades are done! Graduation is upon us, and let me thank all of you who volunteered to usher for the event; also a big thank you to those who will participate in the professional. I want to thank you for working hard this weekend to get your grades completed by the deadline—I know it is a challenge!

To each and every one of you who have had student exhibits and student performances, congratulations! To those of you who performed as faculty or who had exhibits, I applaud you for yet another great accomplishment! I have seen some wonderful exhibits and performances this past semester. The talent we have in the students is amazing, and it is because we have amazingly talented faculty! I have seen many exhibits and performances—this semester was truly one of the best! Congratulations to all of you!
Now, let me just say that our trip to NYC to see alumni was just amazing! Again, we have fabulous students! We had dinner with music theatre students, jazz students and a graphic design student. We were also fortunate to have high tea with a dancer and a jazz artist! All the students were appreciative and talked about their favorite professors and did tell some really great stories—beware! We know the “real” stories! If you know of students in the NYC area that we could contact, please let Lori Alspaugh know. We continue to locate alumni through you and our former students.

Again, congratulations on a great semester! I hope you enjoy the holiday season with your families! I look forward to 2010 with a renewed spirit!

Area Updates

CFAD held a dinner and a lunch for our NYC alums on December 3rd and 4th. We had 15 alums (and spouses) in attendance for the dinner and two for the lunch. Out of the 15 we had for dinner, three graduated from the Jazz Program, one from Design and five from Music Theatre. We had two cancellations from Music Theatre alums because they booked shows: one alum is on tour with the Rockettes and one is in a play in Houston. The two alums at lunch represented the Jazz Program and Dance Program. Both are working in their field.

This email from one of the attendees sums up the overall good feelings shared during our visit:

Lori,

It was such a pleasure to meet all of you this week. I find myself feeling a renewed sense of pride in my roots and connection to UCO. Thanks for including me in your visit. I look forward to our next meeting. Safe travels to you all and thanks for doing all you for the students there who are curious. It is noble work.

Warm regards,
DG

We also made some new wonderful contacts while in NYC through our alums and their friends. These types of events increase UCO’s visibility as a “player” in the arts world and create contacts for future students wanting to move to the city.

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With the Holiday break fast approaching, the Marketing Department is busy wrapping up final projects to meet all deadlines.

“Impressions” has hit the stands and should be coming to you shortly if you haven’t received it already. Make sure to check out all the exciting articles to see what our College departments have been up to! We have extra copies in the Dean’s office, so don’t hesitate to stop by if you need more.
Mitchell Hall Theater
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The theater has been busy with November performances of the Kaleidoscope Dancer’s Fall Concert, Chekhov’s “Three Sisters” and the Wind Symphony Concert. Performances in December included the Student Percussion Recital, the Orchestra and Choral Concert, the Student Choreography Showcase, Vocal Juries and the OCAE sponsored Young Choirs of Central Oklahoma Fall Concert.

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We received grant awards from the Edmond Arts and Humanities Council for Music Education instruments ($1,500) and Dance & Down Syndrome Jazz ($1,400) for the fall grant cycle. Congratulations to Darla Eshelman and Robyn Pasternack.

Welcome to our new Project Assistant, Lesley Penton. Lesley previously worked for the YMCA, and we are excited to have her on board.

We hosted more than 500 students, teachers, administrators and family members at the opening reception for the Art in Schools fundraiser for the Edmond Arts and Humanities Council

Upcoming OCAE events:
February 6th & 27th – Interior Design Workshops hosted by the Edmond Arts and Humanities Council
February 13th – Technical Production Workshop for Educators

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“Threads of Life” Exhibit Opened Dec. 1

Hosted by Oklahoma A+ Schools, the "Threads of Life" exhibit ran Dec. 1st–4th in the Donna Nigh Gallery, Nigh University Center.

The exhibit featured an online gallery of woven art, music, writing, theater, dance and a live exhibit created by students who attend A+ schools and others who attended statewide conferences.
**Area Updates**

**UCO Jazz Lab**  
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The Jazz Lab is in the holiday spirit and is ready to celebrate the new year with its Annual New Year’s Eve show featuring Shortt Dogg. Tickets are $50. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Shortt Dogg, they are an award-winning musical group that has established itself as being Oklahoma's best show and dance band. Shortt Dogg specializes in playing the best of that "Old School Funk" from high energy R&B, through the various shades of the blues, to sweet, soulful ballads thus providing a musical repertoire that spans the generations. Plan to spend your New Year’s Eve at the Jazz Lab because it’s going to be a great time.

**Technology**  
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CFAD’s Office of Education Technology is gearing up for the semester’s end. Following the close of Fall classes, all CFAD labs will be examined for any needs, upgrades or repairs. From those findings, steps will be taken to ensure they are ready for the Spring.

GhostCast update: New Dell Optiplex 760 computers that are deployed in several CFAD offices are having an issue with the remote service partition. These machines have not successfully completed a full backup. Users of these machines are advised to back up vital data locally until a solution is found.

On Friday the 18th of December, services provided by CFAD servers such as CAMDSRV and CAMDSRV2 will be down for maintenance. These outages will not last longer than two hours. Specific times will depend on other operations during these procedures and cannot be provided, though it is expected they will be completed by no later than 11:00am on that Friday.

**Applause Section**

In October, Barbara Broadwell & Elizabeth Brown (Art Faculty) attended Encaustic Workshop in Boerne, TX in October; Dr. Kevin Eckard (SOM Faculty) visited the Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Science (GUCAS) in Beijing, China and performed and taught a master class at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music; and Amy Johnson & Ruki Ravikumar (Design faculty) attended the AIGA National Conference in Memphis, TN.

In November, Elizabeth Brown & Barbara Broadwell were featured, along with other artists, in the “Small Works” show at JRB Gallery.

In December, Barbara Broadwell and Charleen Weidell juried the “Functional and Sculptural Teapot” exhibition at JRB Gallery. The show will continue to run through Dec. 26th. Charleen also gave an artist talk at JRB relating to the show.

And a big congratulations to Marilyn Kreidler (Development) on her recent engagement!

The calendar has simmered out in this holiday cold, but don’t worry, after the new year, events will pick up. Check back in the January “Of Note…” for 2010 upcoming events.

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