Two from UCO Wellness Center Featured in ‘ Legendary Locals’

Jeremy Campbell, three-time Paralympic Gold medalist, and Katrina Shaklee, executive director of the UCO Wellness Center and founder of the UCO Endeavor Games, were both recently featured in “Legendary Locals,” a publication that highlights the individuals that have helped shape Edmond throughout the years. The book recognizes the founders, innovators and leaders of Edmond, including athletes, business entrepreneurs and many others. Campbell is a resident athlete at the Wellness Center, which serves as a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site, a distinction that was made possible by the leadership of Shaklee.

Math and Science to Host Fulbright Scholar Program for Iraq

The Institute of International Education accepted Wei Chen's, Ph.D., assistant dean of the College of Mathematics and Science, proposal to host the 2014 science and technology cohort for the Visiting Fulbright Scholar Program for Iraq. This Fulbright Award will enable UCO to host junior university faculty members from Iraq for ten weeks this summer to participate in research and education in the areas of science and technology, as well as establish long-term collaborations between UCO and the host institutions of the visiting Iraqi scholars.

UCO Honors Former First Lady Donna Nigh

UCO’s Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services now bears the name of an Oklahoman who has devoted her life’s work to advocating for those with special needs, Donna Nigh. The university hosted a reception this month to celebrate the honor. The distinction recognizes Nigh, who served as the first lady of both the state of Oklahoma and the university, for being instrumental in organizing resources to support the needs of citizens with mental disabilities for many decades. Nigh's husband, former Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh, served as president of UCO from 1992-1997.

UCO Students Win Big at State Broadcast Showcase

The Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association (OBEA) recently honored 16 UCO Pro-Media students at its annual student broadcast competition, with UCO students receiving 19 awards for student-produced radio and television broadcasts. Twelve Oklahoma universities and colleges participated in the OBEA student competition, which generated nearly 220 entries. Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Lawton media professionals judged the student productions.

UCO Cheer Named Division II College STUNT National Champions

UCO Cheer is now the three-time defending national champion of the Division II College STUNT Association with their win this month over Davenport University. UCO advanced to the final round after besting Alma College. STUNT removes the crowd-leading element of cheer and instead focuses on the technical and athletic components, including partner stunts, pyramids, basket tosses, group jumps and tumbling.