UCO Announces 2013 Distinguished Alumni Awards
The UCO Alumni Association will recognize five recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Central Family of the Year at the 2013 Alumni Recognition Ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 1 in the Grand Ballrooms of the Nigh University Center. This year’s distinguished UCO alumni include Ray Hardin, businessman and community volunteer in Midwest City; Glenn Lewis, mayor of Moore and owner of Lewis Jewelers in Moore; Dalen McVay, law partner at Ewbank, Henningh and McVay, PLLC in Enid; James T. “Jim” Stuart, law partner at Stuart, Clover, Duran, Thomas and Vorndran in Shawnee; and Allen Wright, vice president of Public and Government Affairs at Devon Energy.

UCO FSI Selected As Founding Member Of National Consortium
UCO’s W. Roger Webb Forensic Science Institute recently joined seven other nationally acclaimed forensic science institutions to form the Forensic and Crime Scene Investigation Consortium (FCSIC). The FCSIC was established to help support a fully integrated national forensic and crime scene investigation system by developing and delivering new courses, enhancing current undergraduate and graduate programs and expanding research projects in their core competencies. Consortium members were carefully selected for their broad array of competencies, extensive infrastructure and subject matter expertise. The training, education and research of the FCSIC will fulfill a dire need for nationwide mandatory training requirements, a career-spanning, standards-based training curriculum, a priority research environment and a fully integrated forensic and crime scene investigation system in the U.S. Additionally, state and local agencies will have the opportunity to train their employees at no additional cost through the courses delivered by the FCSIC.

UCO Professor Named American Chemical Society Fellow
The American Chemical Society (ACS) recently named UCO professor Cheryl Frech, Ph.D., to the 2013 class of ACS Fellows. Frech is the first ACS Fellow from UCO and one of seven in Oklahoma. Frech, who for eight years served as chair of UCO’s Department of Chemistry, has more than 20 years of experience teaching and mentoring chemistry students, developing student-centered classroom methods and supporting faculty development. Additionally, Frech has served the ACS in local, regional and national roles, is the Associate Editor of the Journal of Chemical Education and is chair of the ACS committee on public relations and communications.

UCO Named 2013 Big Brothers Big Sisters ‘University Champion’
UCO has been recognized as the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma “University Champion of the Year” for 2013. UCO provides broad support to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma, including mentor recruitment from the student body, faculty and staff, as well as volunteer recruitment and fundraising for annual events. In 2013, UCO’s 14 “Bowl for Kids’ Sake” teams raised more than $10,000. The UCO Volunteer and Service Learning Center is planning a significant drive for “Bigs,” or adult mentors, to meet the needs of Edmond’s Orvis Risner Elementary School.

KCSC’s Powell Selected As Recipient Of Governor’s Arts Award
The Oklahoma Arts Council named KCSC classical radio’s Kimberly Powell a recipient of the 2013 Governor’s Arts Awards in the “Media in the Arts” category for her contributions to the Oklahoma arts community. Powell serves as KCSC’s mid-day host, director of production and syndication, and host and producer of KCSC’s “Performance Oklahoma.” Powell will receive the award along with 16 individual and two organizational recipients at the 38th Annual Governor’s Arts Awards ceremony Nov. 13 at the state Capitol.

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