UCO Kicks off 125th Year with ‘Metropolitan Revolution’ Author

UCO kicked off its UCO@125 Distinguished Speakers Series with a presentation on the future of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area by Bruce Katz, vice president for the Brookings Institution and founding director of its Metropolitan Policy Program. Katz co-authored the 2013 book “The Metropolitan Revolution,” which argues that cities and metro areas are the drivers of national economies and the front lines for economic policy innovation. UCO@125 is a yearlong celebration of the 125th anniversary of Central. In addition to the Distinguished Speaker Series, UCO@125 will include a variety of opportunities for alumni and friends to visit campus and learn more about the university’s rich history. For more information, visit www.uco.edu/125.

UCO Receives $75,000 for Mitchell Hall Renovation

The UCO Foundation recently received a $75,000 grant from the Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation benefitting the expansion and revitalization of Mitchell Hall Theatre. The Build Mitchell Hall campaign will fund an expansion that nearly doubles the size of the historic venue. Plans include two new rehearsal halls for theater and dance students, a comprehensive costume shop, makeup lab, dressing rooms with showers, lounge areas for students and performers, a gallery space and a revitalized green room, courtyard and outdoor study area. In honor of the donation, the new green room will be named after the Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation.

UCO Recognized for Excellence as Healthy Campus and Business

UCO maintained its status as a Certified Healthy Campus for the fourth consecutive year, while also ranking as a Certified Healthy Business for the first time. The dual certification recognizes the university’s efforts to promote health and wellness among its students, faculty and staff. A part of the “Shape Your Future” campaign driven by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Central was awarded the highest level of certification, garnering the excellence designation. The program recognizes businesses and organizations that make a positive impact on the health of their communities.

UCO, OSUIT Partner for Degree Completion

UCO and the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT) made official an articulation agreement during a ceremony at the OSUIT campus in Okmulgee. The agreement ensures that courses taken at OSUIT will transfer to Central and allow a greater number of students to transition from OSUIT’s two-year academic programs and complete a bachelor’s degree at Central. UCO President Don Betz said that the agreement is a demonstration of Central’s continued commitment to degree completion.

ACM@UCO Students Learn from Industry Legend Mick Rock

Delivering on its commitment to connect students directly with successful music industry professionals, ACM@UCO hosted an exclusive master class with Mick Rock, legendary music photographer. Mick Rock, often referred to as “The Man Who Shot the ‘70s,” is best known for his iconic images of music legends like Syd Barrett, David Bowie, Lou Reed, Iggy Pop, Queen, the Sex Pistols, The Ramones and Blondie, to name a few. Rock continues to shoot photos today and has produced many memorable images over the last decade of performers and artists such as Snoop Dogg, Daft Punk and Jimmy Fallon.

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