UCO Earns National Recognition from Carnegie Foundation

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has recognized UCO’s community impact with the foundation’s 2015 Community Engagement Classification — a classification received this year by only 82 other colleges and universities nationwide. The Community Engagement Classification, first offered in 2006, describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the exchange of knowledge and resources. Central’s community partners and programs span industries and disciplines, leaving an impact far beyond the borders of the metropolitan area.

UCO Reach Higher Degree Program Earns National Recognition

UCO’s Reach Higher degree completion program has been named the recipient of the 2014 Malcolm Knowles Award for Outstanding Adult Education Program by the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE). The program, a statewide collaboration of nine regional universities, helps adult learners attain degrees and aims to increase the number of college-educated workers in Oklahoma. Adult learners enrolled in UCO Reach Higher earn a bachelor of science in organizational leadership. Since its launch in 2006, Reach Higher has grown from an enrollment of five to more than 250.

UCO Department of Theatre Arts’ ‘Woyzeck’ Chosen as a Finalist

The UCO Department of Theatre Arts’ production of “Woyzeck” has been selected as a regional finalist for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Directed by Central assistant professor of theatre arts Kato Buss, Ph.D., “Woyzeck” is one of only six collegiate productions invited to perform at the regional festival this February and stands as the only representative from Oklahoma.

UCO to Host 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research

UCO has been selected by the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) to host the 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). The three-day conference of as many as 5,000 students and faculty will take place on UCO’s campus and in locations throughout the Oklahoma City metro. It is slated for March 2018. NCUR, now in its 27th year, creates a unique environment for students in all fields of study to present scholarly research in a professional setting, interact with their peers and meet with recruiters from businesses and graduate schools across the country.

UCO Student Awarded OETA Scholarship

UCO professional media major Mike Ipong, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, was recently named the recipient of one of four $1,000 William “Bill” Thrash and Gene Dillehay Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) scholarships during the 2014 Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association seminar in Oklahoma City. The scholarships, given annually to Oklahoma broadcasting students, are named for OETA’s longtime station manager, Bill Thrash, who died in 2013, and Gene Dillehay, the voice of OETA for 18 years. Ipong currently works for the Jack and Ron Morning Show on 98.9 KISS FM and hopes to continue his career in the radio industry following graduation.

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