UCO Hockey Wins First ACHA Division I National Championship
Central won its first ACHA Division I National Championship after shutting out the Stony Brook University Seawolves 4-0 at OMB Arena in Strongsville, Ohio. The Bronchos finished the year 33-5-1 and won all four of the team’s games over the tournament’s five-day span to capture the national title. Central beat Niagara 4-1, Iowa State 5-3 and Minot State 5-1 before Tuesday night’s victory. The Bronchos also ran off an impressive 19 wins in a row earlier in the regular season. UCO Hockey is a competitive sport club that is overseen by the UCO Wellness Center and UCO Sport Clubs. Central offers seven sport clubs including shotgun club, bowling, soccer, track, bass fishing and sailing.

UCO Hosted Five-Time Grammy Award-Winner Sandi Patty
UCO’S Broadway Tonight Series continued its “Oklahoma Voices” season with five-time Grammy Award-winner Sandi Patty performing “Broadway Stories” alongside the Young Voices of Edmond and the UCO Symphony Orchestra. With her Grammy Awards plus four Billboard Music Awards, 39 Dove Awards, three platinum records, five gold records and 11 million albums sold, Sandi has earned the nickname “The Voice.” As a part of her performance at Central, Patty performed “Broadway Stories,” a revue of hits from “Sound of Music,” “Show Boat,” “Phantom of the Opera,” “Music Man” and much more. Patty also hosted a free and open-to-the-public master class.

UCO’s Courtney James Recognized with National Award
The National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) recently recognized Courtney James, assistant director of Campus Activities at UCO, with the association’s Legacy Award. James received the award during the association’s recent national convention in Minneapolis. NACA is a recognized leader in higher education for providing its members with innovative practices and access to programs that support campus engagement. The Legacy Award was first given in 2010 in honor of NACA’s 50th anniversary. It provides a year of NACA professional development opportunities to a campus leader who has the potential to serve the association at a significant level.

ACM@UCO Students Take Part in Study Exchange at Original ACM
Three students from ACM@UCO are learning about the music business on “the other side of the pond” in Guildford, England as a part of a study exchange for the spring semester at the original Academy of Contemporary Music. The students are taking courses from experts in the British contemporary music industry in music psychology, intellectual property, future marketing and on the topic of the music record industry. All coursework will be directly transferred to UCO and counted toward their degree. This is the second group of ACM@UCO students to participate in the new exchange program with the original ACM, created by a signed agreement in May 2013 by UCO President Don Betz and members of the ACM Guildford leadership team.

UCO Professor Named President of Chinese Historian Society
Xiaobing Li, Ph.D., professor of history at UCO, was recently elected as president of Chinese Historians in the United States (CHUS), an affiliated society of the American Historical Association and the Association of Asian Studies. Li, who joined Central’s faculty in 1993, currently serves as the director of the Western Pacific Institute and director of the Confucius Classroom Project and served as the chair of the Department of History and Geography from 2009 to 2014. Li is the only member of CHUS from an Oklahoma institution.