UCO President Named 2008 Edmond Citizen of the Year

UCO President W. Roger Webb recently received the 2008 Citizen of the Year award from the Edmond Chamber of Commerce. Webb was credited with leading the way for innovative programs benefitting not only UCO but the Edmond community, including the UCO Forensic Science Institute and the UCO Academy of Contemporary Music. Award recipients must demonstrate achievement in at least one of four areas: excellence in their business or profession, bringing state or national acclaim to Edmond, involvement in activities for the betterment of Edmond or volunteerism with civic and service organizations.

UCO Hosts First Annual Oklahoma Region Safety Conference

UCO's College of Education and Professional Studies hosted the first annual Oklahoma Central Region safety conference for public school administrators, library media specialists and counselors throughout and surrounding the Oklahoma City metro area. The one-day conference focused on the elements of a school safety crisis plan in response to both violent acts and natural disasters. The conference was held in response to the guidance and school counseling advisory board's request for an opportunity for public school officials to gather with their peers to discuss safety concerns and planning.

Greek Leaders Receive National Recognition from Greek Honor Society

UCO seniors Kendra Smith and Jennifer O'Brien and Jessica Schwab, graduate student and assistant director of Greek Life and Student Organizations, recently received awards from the national council of Order of Omega, a Greek honor society with a chapter at UCO. Both Smith and O'Brien received undergraduate student scholarships while Schwab received a master's fellowship. They competed nationally against students and graduate students from hundreds of universities who rank in the top three percent of Greek students and advisors based on academics, leadership and service.

UCO's Gage Recognized for Service on Crystal Darkness Documentary

UCO's Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Kathryn Gage was recently recognized by First Lady Kim Henry for her service on the executive committee for the Oklahoma Crystal Darkness documentary. Gage served as liaison to schools and educational communities, encouraging their participation in the event through the hosting of watch parties across the state. The anti-methamphetamine documentary aired statewide Jan. 13 and is part of a larger awareness campaign sponsored by Childhelp® , a non-profit organization founded in 1959 whose core mission is the treatment and prevention of child abuse.

UCO's College of Business Awarded Reaffirmation of Accreditation

The UCO College of Business Administration (CBA) was recently awarded reaffirmation of accreditation by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners. The reaffirmation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the CBA meets the rigorous educational standards established by the ACBSP. The ratification of accreditation covers a ten-year period during which time the CBA must continually reaffirm its quality through quality assurance reports.

Distinguished Baritone Ian Geller Gives Concert and Master Class

The UCO School of Music presented in concert distinguished baritone, Ian Geller, with pianist and UCO Composer-in-Residence Dr. Sam Magrill. Geller performed “Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen” by Gustav Mahler, “Don Quichotte à Dulcinée” by Maurice Ravel, arias from “Don Carlo” by Giuseppe Verdi and “Il Tabaro” by Giacomo Puccini. He closed the program with three arias from the opera “Figaro.” In addition, Geller gave a free master class for advanced vocal students. Hailed as “one of the leading baritones of his country” on a recent European tour, Chicago-born Geller has soloed with the Cologne Philharmonic, Vienna Kammeroper, Austrian Radio Orchestra, Orchestra of Illinois, Chicago Chamber Orchestra and Pittsburgh Opera Theater.