UCO Student Counseling Services Receives IACS Accreditation

The UCO Student Counseling Center (SCC) was awarded provisional accreditation from the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) after an extensive self-study and site visit. UCO’s SCC is the second higher education counseling service in the state to get this approval, joining 200 college and university counseling centers worldwide that have been accredited through IACS.

UCO Joins Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

For the second straight year, UCO has been included on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Launched in 2006, the Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. Since the fall semester of 2007, UCO students, faculty, and staff have served more than 24,000 hours in the Edmond and Oklahoma City communities. At a national average value of $19.71 per hour of service, this means UCO has contributed a value of over $473,000 in less than two years.

UCO Plans to ‘Transform’ Classroom Learning with New Building

UCO recently broke ground on the Center for Transformative Learning (CTL), a 33,000 square-foot building located on the east side of campus. The university plans to encourage creativity and collaboration by design with 11 classrooms, faculty office space, a recital hall, an outdoor classroom and several unassigned or informal spaces to encourage what UCO administrators call “transformative learning.” The new space will allow faculty and students more opportunity to interact with one another through the use of breakout rooms and other unique spaces within the building.

UCO’s Thrash Honored by the Association of Women in Communications

The Association of Women in Communications (AWC) Oklahoma City chapter recognized UCO’s Billie Thrash, director of Music Theatre, as the recipient of a Byliner Award in the arts category at their banquet held Feb. 5. The event honored seven women who have made a significant contribution to our community through their professional and volunteer achievements in Oklahoma City. Joining UCO as a part-time faculty member in 2003, Thrash now heads the renowned Music Theatre program.

UCO’s Shaklee Honored Nationally as ‘Sports Planner To Watch’

UCO Director of Sports Performance Katrina Shaklee was named as a “Sports Planner to Watch” in 2009 by SportsEvents Magazine. The magazine selects 50 event planners and places to watch from across the country and highlights their goals and accomplishments. Shaklee was recognized for her work with athletes with physical disabilities, including her efforts to create the successful annual Endeavor Games and establish UCO as one of only two official U.S. Paralympic Training Sites.

Regents Approve Associates Degree Programs for the ACM@UCO

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) approved two Associate degree programs for the new Academy of Contemporary Music at UCO (ACM@UCO). The approval allows students starting classes at the ACM@UCO in August to begin work on an intensive two-year degree program to earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Contemporary Music in either performance or production. Students will also have the opportunity to complete a four-year Bachelor of Applied Technology degree at UCO. This degree already exists at the university, but administrators are currently developing modifications for the Contemporary Music program.

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