Broncho Athletics Reveals 2008 Hall of Fame Inductees

UCO Athletics recently revealed their selections for the 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame, naming five former student-athletes and three former coaches/administrators as inductees. Tennis great Charl Bornman, football stars Clifford Chatman and Daric Zeno, wrestling national champion Joe Starzenski, and volleyball standout Kristin Vincent were among the student-athlete inductees. Coaches/administrators named were Eddie Griffin, John Keely, and Virginia Peters.

UCO Welcomes Home Resident Paralympic Athletes From China Games

The UCO Wellness Center welcomed home 18 resident athletes and staff from the 2008 Paralympic games in Beijing, China including gold medalists Katrin Green and Jim Bob Bizzell and several silver medalists on the women’s sitting volleyball team. UCO serves as one of only two designated Paralympic training sites in the United States. Green and three members of the women’s volleyball team are also UCO students marking theirs as the first Paralympic medals won by UCO-affiliated athletes.

UCO Business Professor Named 2008 ‘Educator Of The Year’

Dr. Lee Tyner, a professor of human resource management in the College of Business Administration, was recently named the 2008 “Educator of the Year” by HR SOUTHWEST, a Human Resources Conference and Exposition. The honor is given each year to an educator who promotes the human resources profession through education, research, and a commitment to the human resource community. Tyner will be formally honored this month at the HR Southwest conference in Texas and will also receive a $1,000 grant to further his work in the area of human resources.

UCO Broadcasting Student Receives National Journalism Scholarship

UCO broadcasting student Brandon Richard has been selected from a national pool of applicants to receive the prestigious $10,000 Ed Bradley Scholarship from the Radio-Television News Directors Association (RTNDA). The senior Watonga native was the only student nationwide to receive the premier RTNDA national scholarship, which is named in honor of the late Ed Bradley, longtime “60 Minutes” correspondent and renowned journalist.

UCO Biology Department Receives Grant for Museum Improvements

UCO recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation Biological Research Collections Program (NSF) to fund critical improvements in its Museum of Natural History, located in the Howell Hall Lab Annex, Room 165. The grant, worth $195,346, will enhance educational resources for students, specifically going towards updating the museum’s current specimen preservation system and create an online database to catalog and organize the specimens.

UCO Student Services Earns Top National Honors

Several UCO student services team members won top national honors this year from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Kate Gary, freshman academic advisor, won the Outstanding New Professional Rising Star Award; Kelby Brown, senior interpersonal communications major and student worker in the Academic Advisement and First-Year Experience Office, won the Outstanding Undergraduate Rising Star Award; and the UCO International Student Services office earned top honors for its recruitment video in the category of Outstanding Publication Award (video/computer software).