UCO’s Chen Named ‘2008 U.S. Professor Of The Year’
The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) honored UCO professor Dr. Wei Chen as its Outstanding Master’s Universities and Colleges “2008 U.S. Professor of the Year,” at its official awards reception in Washington, D.C. CASE selected one national winner in four categories, of which Chen was one recipient. Chen is one of Oklahoma’s top research professors and teaches in the biomedical engineering program in the College of Mathematics and Science. He is credited with taking a leadership role in 2000 to develop the state’s first and only biomedical engineering undergraduate degree program at UCO.

Terrell Honored As ‘2008 Oklahoma Professor Of The Year’
Dr. Robert Terrell recently received the “2008 Oklahoma Professor of the Year” award from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Terrell, an accounting professor in the UCO College of Business Administration, has received a number of awards honoring his teaching efforts, including the Neely Teaching Excellence Award, the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants Outstanding Educator Award and the UCO’s College of Business Administration Teaching Excellence Award.

UCO Drops the ‘K’ in 2009 and Finds New Internet Home
Beginning January 2009, UCO website visitors will use a different internet address to access their favorite university sites. UCO is officially dropping the “k” and moving from www.ucok.edu to www.uco.edu. The domain change will also apply to UCO email addresses. The move is part of a comprehensive university branding initiative that began this fall.

UCO Vocal Performance Major Wins Regional Competition
UCO senior vocal performance major Shannon Love recently won the Graduate Women Division of the student competition held at the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Texoma regional conference held in Oklahoma City. The Texoma Region of NATS includes the states of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. In addition to receiving a small cash award, Love was awarded a $1500 scholarship to the American Institute of Musical Studies summer program in Ganz, Austria.

UCO’s Teacher Education Program Receives Reaccreditation
UCO’s College of Education and Professional Studies has successfully completed state and national re-accreditation of its teacher preparation programs and received an outstanding review in the process. While an on-site review took place earlier this year in April, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) granted re-accreditation in October and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP) granted re-accreditation status in November.

UCO Debate Team Scores ‘Top 10’ National Ranking
The UCO debate team recently achieved “Top 10” ranking status by both the National Debate Tournament organization and the Cross Examination Debate Association. The ranking, which was based on the overall performance and strength of the entire squad, is a first for the Bronchos in over 100 years of the university’s oldest competitive activity.

UCO’s Coach Holland Named LSC North ‘Coach Of The Year’
UCO’s first-year head football coach Tracy Holland was recently named the 2008 Lone Star Conference (LSC) North Coach of the Year. Holland led the Bronchos on a season-ending seven-game winning streak which marked their first winning season since 2004 and earned them the LSC North Division title. Adding to this honor, six players were named to the first-team All-LSC North Division team, eight players were named to the second-team, and four players earned honorable mention recognition for UCO.