UCO’s President Webb Receives Prestigious Governor’s Arts Award

Central’s President Dr. W. Roger Webb was honored by Governor Brad Henry at the 34th Annual Governor’s Arts Awards. Webb received the Governor’s Arts Award which recognizes individuals for longtime leadership and significant contributions to the arts across Oklahoma. Webb was credited with establishing several UCO programs that advance arts education in the state including Broadway Tonight, the Academy of Contemporary Music at UCO and the UCO Jazz Lab. He was also instrumental in establishing the UCO College of Arts, Media and Design and created the artist-in-residence program through the hiring of pianist Valery Kuleshov, who instructs master classes at UCO.

College of Math and Science Receives National Accreditation

Both the UCO Department of Engineering and Physics and the Department of Computer Science in the College of Mathematics and Science recently received accreditation from ABET, Inc., a federation of 30 professional and technical societies representing applied science, computing, engineering, and technology. The Engineering Physics and Biomedical Engineering programs were accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. The Computer Science program was accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission, also of ABET, Inc. ABET accreditation ensures students are receiving the quality of training that meets or exceeds the standards of the industry that will employ them.

Students Parade Turkish Designs with Project Runway Alum

UCO Fashion Marketing students presented “Peace at Home, Peace in the World”, a Passport to Turkey fashion show emceed by Jonathan Kayne Gillaspie, an award winning fashion designer and top five contestant from season three of the hit Bravo television series “Project Runway”. Three fashion types were shown including Turkish culture; customs, current fashions that resemble Turkish fashions; and contemporary, an array of designs from Gillaspie. Also featured in the show were models from Flash Model International and student Turkish dancers from the Dove Science Academy.

UCO Student Recognized by OKC Ad Club

UCO journalism student Jenny Clark recently received the prestigious Journalism, Art and Communication Award from the Oklahoma City Advertising Club, recognizing the best and brightest college majors in these areas of study throughout the state. Clark, a public relations major from Crystal Lake, Ill., was one of three students selected from a statewide pool of candidates to receive a $2,000 cash award. Clark was judged on an interview, a 200-word essay, samples of her work and letters of recommendation. She is the first Central student to win the award.

UCO Raises Record Amount For United Way Campaign

Central faculty and staff raised more than $68,800 in financial contributions to the United Way of Central Oklahoma. This year’s campaign raised almost $8,000 more in donations and pledges than last year’s campaign making it the largest financial contribution to the organization in Central’s history. The university is the largest contributing organization in Edmond for the United Way of Central Oklahoma, and its second largest contributing educational institution.

International Student Adviser Elected Regional Chair of NAFSA

Central International Student Adviser Glenn Freeman will serve as the newly-elected chair for the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA)/Association of International Educators Region III. As chair of Region III, which encompasses Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, Freeman will be responsible for the operation and advancement of the association. Freeman has served as the Oklahoma state representative for NAFSA for the past two years, has been active with the association for more than 10, and is also a deputy whip for NAFSA advocacy in Oklahoma. Freeman is the first person from Central to be elected to the position, and the 11th Oklahoman to be elected in the region’s 55-year history.

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