College of Arts, Media and Design Moves to New Name in 2010
The UCO College of Arts, Media & Design has changed its name to the UCO College of Fine Arts and Design. The change was made to more accurately depict the academic offerings of the college and its areas of expertise. Additionally, the college has separated dance and theatre arts into two separate departments, better emphasizing the importance of the art of dance at UCO.

Central Graduate Student Honored by President Obama
Jeri Doane, a UCO master's degree candidate in Education Administration, was recently honored by President Barack Obama at the 2008 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science held at the White House. President Obama honored K-12 educators who have shown excellence in teaching students in mathematics and science. The award is considered the nation's highest honor for math and science educators. Doane teaches 5th grade at Angie Debo Elementary in Edmond and has taught for 17 years in Oklahoma. She will complete a M.Ed. in Education Administration from UCO in the summer of 2010.

Greek Leaders Receive National Recognition from Honor Society
Central seniors Daniel Stockton and Lindsay Armstrong recently received awards from the national council of Order of Omega, a Greek honor society with a chapter at UCO. Armstrong received a $500 scholarship and Stockton received a $750 scholarship. Both competed nationally against students from hundreds of universities who rank in the top three percent of Greek students based on academics, leadership and service.

UCO first in Oklahoma to offer Car-Share Program
The University of Central Oklahoma joins the likes of New York City and Chicago by offering Oklahoma's first car-share program, Connect by Hertz, broadening its nationally recognized sustainability efforts. The program operates similarly to those found in large cities, allowing cars parked in specified locations to be rented by the hour, thus "shared" by the community. Central's Connect by Hertz program currently uses four 2010 model year vehicles including a Toyota Prius and Camry, a Mazda 3 and a Ford Escape, which are all parked in two different locations on campus. Each vehicle can be rented for under $10 an hour, depending on the membership level chosen, while their daily fees varies in price. For more information, visit www.connectbyhertz.com.

Central partners with OKC Thunder for ‘Fit’ Initiative
Central's department of Kinesiology and Health Studies (KHS) in the College of Education and Professional Studies recently created a partnership with the Oklahoma City Thunder, allowing KHS students to participate in the Thunder's Fit program. KHS students will work alongside the Thunder players and staff at the Thunder Fit events for children in grades K-9. The program features interactive fitness clinics, facilitated by Thunder players, trainers and Rumble, the Thunder's mascot. The clinics take place at local schools, community centers, Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCAs. The goal of the program is to encourage children to lead healthier, more active lives, and learn simple and fun ways to be physically active each day.

UCO Students Head to Korea to teach English
UCO students, Devione Harris, Danny Linsenbarth, Lawrence Naff and Jacob Tyler were selected to participate this spring semester in a Korean internship through the UCO Center for Global Competency, teaching English as a second language. The Korean government will provide each student with money for housing, meals, airfare, insurance and other related costs, including a $1,300 monthly stipend. The students will spend their first month adapting to the Korean culture in Seoul, Korea and then choose a city or school in Korea to spend the remainder of their internship.

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