UCO President Inducted Into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame

UCO President Roger Webb was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame as a part of its first class at a ceremony at the Route 66 Interpretive Center in Chandler. Webb worked in the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety for 12 years, serving as the state Commissioner of Public Safety from 1974-1978 and providing leadership during many challenging events, including the McAlester Prison Riot and the Girl Scout murders. In 1977, he was elected General Chairman of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, State Police Division. At UCO, Webb has been a national voice in campus safety, including emergency preparedness and violence prevention, and testified before the U.S. Congress in 2007 about the subject following the Virginia Tech University shootings. He also currently serves on the board for the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism.

UCO Biology Professor Named Fellow by AAAS

UCO biology professor Dr. David Bass recently received the distinction of Fellow from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and will be honored in February at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2010 AAAS Annual Meeting in San Diego. During the meeting, Bass will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue rosette pin, representing science and engineering respectively. Bass was elected as an AAAS Fellow for teaching excellence, positively impacting students, original and definitive research on freshwater invertebrates of the Caribbean Islands, and outstanding service to the profession and public.

Two UCO Students Named Brad Henry International Scholars

Central sophomores Taylor Hildenbrand and Zachary Hurley, both natives of Edmond, were recently named Brad Henry International Scholars and will spend the spring 2010 semester participating in an international study and internship program at Swansea University in Wales, United Kingdom. As two of seven Oklahoma college students named a Brad Henry International Scholar, Hildenbrand and Hurley both will intern with the National Assembly for Wales where their responsibilities will include developing legislation and performing basic administrative tasks. Named for Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, the international study program is facilitated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and provides each student with a $10,000 stipend to participate in study or research programs at Swansea while earning academic credit at their university.

UCO Musicians Play On New Classical CD

Three musicians from Central are among the performers who played on a recently released CD featuring symphonies by groundbreaking African-American composer William Grant Still. All three students, two of who have now graduated from UCO, performed with the Fort Smith Symphony in Arkansas when it recorded the CD last spring at The Arkansas Best Corporation Performing Arts Center. The CD of Still's Symphonies No. 4 No. 5 and “Poem for Orchestra” was internationally released last October. The Central musicians who played on the CD are Curtis Hansen, a senior who plays the viola and is majoring in music education; Timothy Hsu, a Central graduate who is pursuing a master's degree in violin performance at the Peabody Institute of John Hopkins University; and Viktoria Matheson, who earned her master's degree in viola performance last May and is teaching string fundamentals at the university as well as in a local school system.