Students Win at Governor’s Cup, Tri-State Finals

Graduate and undergraduate teams from UCO recently celebrated success at the Oklahoma Donald W. Reynolds Governor’s Cup Business Plan Competition, taking home second- and third-place finishes and prize money totaling $19,000. Central’s graduate team, ParaNano LLC, advanced to the Tri-State Donald W. Reynolds Governor’s Cup Business Plan Competition held in May in Las Vegas and placed second, bringing home a $20,000 cash prize.

Endeavor Games Celebrate 16 Years

The 16th annual UCO Endeavor Games were held June 11-14 in Edmond, welcoming more than 315 athletes from 38 states and Puerto Rico for the nation’s largest multi-sport, multi-disability event. Powered by more than 350 volunteers, the 2015 games stretched across six sites and included athletes from ages 3 to 69 participating in archery, cycling, paratriathlon, powerlifting, sitting volleyball, shooting, soccer, swimming, table tennis, track and field and wheelchair basketball, as well as non-competitive recreational activities like adaptive rock climbing and paddling.

Chickasaw Governor, Regents Address Graduates

UCO celebrated the achievements of approximately 1,657 graduates, including 480 summer graduates, during the Spring 2015 Commencement Ceremonies May 8-9 in Central’s Hamilton Field House. Guest speakers at individual ceremonies included Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Regional University System of Oklahoma Regents Connie Reilly and Mark Stansberry.

Graduate, 82, Becomes Oldest in University History

Bob Grant, 82, became the oldest graduate in UCO history in May when he earned his master’s degree in gerontology from Central’s Jackson College of Graduate Studies. Grant completed his bachelor’s degree in general studies in 2011 at age 78 at Central. Grant plans to take a part-time job and teach a course on aging. He considers himself an expert on the subject — with the date of birth and degree to back up the claim.
CHK|Central Boathouse Opening Celebrated

UCO hosted a community celebration in April to mark the grand opening of the CHK|Central Boathouse. The event was held at the boathouse on the Oklahoma River and included an official dedication ceremony and christening. The more than 18,000-square-foot facility serves as home to Central's women's rowing team and features the Martha Burger Art Gallery, the C. Hubert Gragg Shell Gallery and the MidFirst Bank Performance Hall. The boathouse also includes office space, reception areas, concessions, a green room, a conference space and indoor rowing space.

Record Number of Students Travel to NCUR

UCO sent 22 students to the Council on Undergraduate Research's 2015 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington, in April. Central's delegation — the largest in the university's history and the most from any school in Oklahoma — presented research on broad topics from global trends in methamphetamine trafficking to homelessness in Oklahoma City. Central will host NCUR 2018, an honor that brings the conference to Oklahoma for the first time in its nearly 30-year history.

US Olympic Committee Community Partners

UCO has extended its relationship with the United States Olympic Committee by becoming an official community partner promoting the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movements. Central will host national and international events, promote sport outreach initiatives, and support sanctioned programs and sports as part of the new partnership.

Hockey’s McAlister Named Coach of the Year

The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) recently named Craig McAlister the 2015 Division I Coach of the Year after leading the Bronchos to the team’s first ACHA national championship and a 33-5-1 record for the season. McAlister has served as head coach since 2006 and has compiled a record of 193-131-21 in nine years at the helm.