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UCO Recognized for Federal Work-Study

UCO is a top institution for Federal Work-Study Financial Aid, according to a recent national ranking by LendEDU. Central ranked second among 409 schools analyzed for the report. On average, UCO provides \$4,739 to each work-study participant, and for the most recent academic years, Central provided 3,125 jobs through the work-study program.



UCO College of Business Names Associate Dean

Central's College of Business named Thanh Tran, Ph.D., marketing professor, as its new associate dean, effective June 1. As associate dean, Tran will oversee the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation efforts, business analytics for strategies, control and operations, and faculty management and development. Since joining the college in 2009, Tran has been honored with numerous awards, including the 2018 College of Business Excellence in Research Award, the 2015 Neely Excellence in Teaching Award, the 2013 eLearning Excellence Award and the 2010 McGraw-Hill Irwin Distinguished Paper Award.



Central Student Selected for Youth Exchange

UCO student Terance Fields, a political science and pre-law student from Pawnee, Oklahoma, was selected as one of 75 participants for the 2019-20 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals. The program offers 75 American and 75 German students the opportunity to spend one year in each other's countries studying, interning and living with hosts on a cultural immersion program. Fields, a citizen of the Pawnee Nation, is the vice president of the Native American Student Association and has been a mentor for UCO's Native American Success and Hispanic Success Initiatives for the past two years. He previously interned for Congressman Don Young, representing Central and the Pawnee Nation on Capitol Hill as a representative of the Native American Congressional Internship through the Udall Foundation.



Betz, Webb Earn Lifetime Achievement Awards

UCO President Don Betz, Ph.D., and former UCO President W. Roger Webb, J.D., have been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame. The Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame will honor Betz and Webb, as well as the 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees, at their annual induction ceremony April 25.



U.S. Sitting Volleyball Named 'Team of the Year'

The UCO-based U.S. Women's Sitting Volleyball Team was selected as the USA Volleyball Team of the Year for 2018. The team ended its year by claiming silver at the ParaVolley World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The squad was one victory away from an undefeated season and adding a couple program firsts – an undefeated season and an elusive gold in the World Championship. Team USA has now won silver in the last three World Championship events.



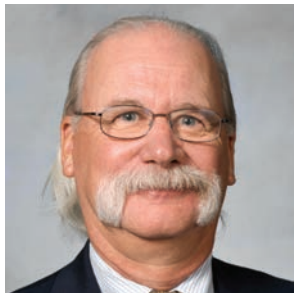
UCO Design Sweeps OKC ADDYs

Central's Department of Design continued a decade-long string of victories, as it captured several top awards at the Oklahoma City 2019 American Advertising Awards (ADDYs). The department brought home 23 gold, 27 silver and 18 bronze awards. UCO Design student Amanda Dely won the "Best of University" category for her campaign "Neon Cactus;" UCO student Jarrod Lovick won the Special Judges Award for his illustration "Summer's Last Scoop;" and, UCO Design student Shuning Liu took home top honors in "Best of Show" for "Forest Walk: Bear, House, Water." In the professional category, UCO Department of Design staff member and alumna Monique Ortman and design student William Muschinske together earned a gold award for their UCO College of Fine Arts and Design Recruiting/Brand Campaign. In addition, Ortman earned one gold, one silver and three bronze awards for her work.



UCO Names 2019 Multicultural Citizens

The UCO Multicultural Education Institute (MEI) recognized three individuals and one metro organization for their contributions to diversity efforts in Oklahoma. Jahree Herzer, principal at Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was selected as the 2019 MEI Citizen of the Year. Herzer was nominated for her role in ensuring that the needs of English Language Learners are held as a top priority for her staff, as well as for encouraging students to actively participate in school cultural events. MariaAnna Mendoza, a paraprofessional for Edmond Public Schools in Edmond, Oklahoma, received the Multicultural Bilingual Paraprofessional of the Year Award, and Sam Wargin, an English as a Second Language teacher at U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was named the Multicultural Teacher of the Year. Possibilities, Inc. was named Multicultural Organization of the Year for its work establishing cross-cultural workshops to educate local volunteers on better community development processes.



UCO Professor Receives Medal for Excellence

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence named Wayne Lord, Ph.D., professor of biology and forensic science, as one of the winners of its 2019 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence award. The award honors five outstanding educators in Oklahoma's public schools. Prior to joining Central in 2008, Lord worked as an FBI special agent for 21 years, serving in a variety of investigative and administrative positions in the forensic and behavioral sciences.



UCO ProMedia Win at State Showcase

The Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association (OBEA) honored Central professional media students at its annual student broadcast competition, with Central students receiving 18 awards for student-produced radio/audio and television broadcast/media projects. Several Oklahoma universities and colleges participated in the OBEA student competition, which generated nearly 230 entries. Local and countrywide media professionals and academics judged the student entries.



Allan Named Teachers Association President-Elect

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the largest professional organization promoting excellence in science teaching and learning appointed Beth Allan, Ph.D., professor of biology and coordinator of the secondary science education program at UCO, as the president-elect for the organization. As president, Allan will provide leadership for the organization's governing body and represent NSTA to the press, policymakers, stakeholders and other science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) organizations. She also has served as the president of the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association and nationally as the president of the National Science Education Leadership Association. Her career has focused on supporting pre-service and in-service teachers to improve science instruction for all students.



Central Professor Named DaVinci Fellow

Susan Scott, Ed.D., professor in the College of Education and Professional Studies at UCO, was named a 2019 DaVinci Fellow by the DaVinci Institute. The award recognizes higher-education faculty whose creative, innovative accomplishments have made a significant contribution to their academic disciplines. Scott is being recognized for her excellent accomplishments in recruiting teacher candidates to Central, mentoring students and promoting the teaching profession. As a recipient, she will receive a \$1,000 grant to apply toward a creative project of her choosing.