UCO, Francis Tuttle Partner Together

The University of Central Oklahoma and Francis Tuttle Technology Center recently launched one of Oklahoma’s only consortiums between a four-year university and a career training school. Through the partnership, UCO and Francis Tuttle will meet a number of new objectives for each institution, including the establishment of a Francis Tuttle career specialist and advisor position located on Central’s campus. In addition, UCO and Francis Tuttle aim to benefit current and future students through new initiatives for providing career development and enrichment courses, offering an alternative educational environment and easing the transition between schools.

UCO Student Presents Cancer Treatment Research

University of Central Oklahoma biomedical engineering student Austin Doughty traveled to Washington, D.C. in April to present his research on cancer treatment methods at the Council on Undergraduate Research’s (CUR) 21st annual Posters on the Hill — an experience that allowed Doughty to connect with both peers and professionals. Doughty, who is from northwest Oklahoma City, has worked on the research project, with Wei R. Chen, Ph.D., dean of the UCO College of Mathematics and Science, for three years, focusing on laser immunotherapy research. Co-invented by Chen, the method uses lasers and immune system-boosting agents to treat aggressive cancer.

Central Rowing Finishes National Runner-Up

The UCO Rowing team finished as national runners-up for the second consecutive season at the NCAA Division II Rowing Championship. Scoring 16 team points on the final day of racing, Central was just one point away from the national championship against Western Washington University.
UCO College of Business Receives AACSB Accreditation

Central’s College of Business has earned accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The distinction, which is the symbol of business education excellence, places the college in an elite group. Less than five percent of business schools worldwide have earned the accrediting body’s accreditation.

UCO Students Raise $68,000 for Bronchothon

During the inaugural BronchoThon event, UCO students raised more than $68,400, benefitting the Children’s Miracle Network, announcing the grand total April 8. More than 30 student teams and 700 students total participated in the event, and funds raised by UCO students will stay local, helping children at the Oklahoma Children’s Hospital. For its efforts, UCO was named the highest first-year fundraising program in the nation for 2017.

UCO Cheer Wins 11th National Championship

Central’s cheer squad won its 11th national championship title, with a first-place finish in Intermediate All Girl Division II at the National Cheerleaders Association College Nationals held April 6-8 in Dayton Beach, Florida. UCO Cheer also placed second in Small Coed Division II.

UCO’s Myron Pope Appointed to National Board

UCO’s Vice President for Student Affairs Myron Pope, Ed.D., was appointed to the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) James E. Scott Academy, a board of vice presidents for student affairs and other senior student affairs officers. On the board, he will help provide thought leadership on critical issues in student affairs and higher education, advise the NASPA president and staff regarding student affairs issues and identify key principles of effective student affairs practice.

UCO Accounting Professor Wins Teaching Award

Oklahoma Society of CPAs (OSCPA) awarded Edward Walker, Ph.D., University of Central Oklahoma College of Business associate professor of accounting, the 2017 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award in a four-year program at the Oklahoma Accounting Educator’s Conference in Midwest City, Oklahoma. The award is chosen yearly from nominations submitted by students and fellow educators. It recognizes individuals who have contributed to the accounting field by innovating educational techniques, motivating students and teaching excellence.

Central Baseball Player Drafted to MLB

The Kansas City Royals selected Central pitcher Holden Capps with the 240th pick of the Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft, marking the first time a Broncho has been selected since 2008. Capps went 8-5 on the year in leading UCO to the postseason for the first time since 2006. He helped the Bronchos reach the NCAA Central Regional Championship, the furthest a Central team has made it in the postseason since 1997.