UCO Named to Top Schools for Engagement List

UCO earned national recognition once again for its dedication to student engagement, ranking No. 6 on the list of Top Schools for Engagement, in The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings. Central tied with six other universities and colleges for sixth place, including institutions like Auburn University and Michigan State University, based on rankings determined by scoring colleges on how engaged students feel they are with their professors and their education.

Center for Financial Literacy Program Awarded Grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded UCO a two-year, $512,936 Priority 4 TRIO Training grant for its Center for Financial Literacy program. The program aims to train TRIO professionals, including counselors, advisors, coaches and university leadership, in a variety of topics, with the goal to further continuing education for TRIO programs across the nation. Training sessions will occur during the fall and spring semesters on Central’s campus.

UCO-Based Paralympians Get the Gold

The U.S. Women’s Sitting Volleyball Team, based at UCO, won the team’s first-ever gold medal, defeating China at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In addition, the team was named Best Team of the Paralympic Games at this year’s Team USA Awards, the United States Olympic Committee’s annual award ceremony. UCO has served as an official Paralympic Training Site for the U.S. Olympic Committee since 2005 and as an Olympic Training Site since 2009.
US Department of Education Awards UCO

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) awarded UCO a five-year, $2.5 million grant to support professional development for metro educators of English-learning students. The grant provides funding for Project Equipping a New Generation for Academic Growth and Excellence (ENGAGE), which aims to improve the instructional services provided to English learners, the student outcomes in low-income, high-poverty schools and the professional learning for teachers working in dual language programs.

CHK|Central Boathouse Honored for Architecture

The Chicago Anthenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies honored UCO’s CHK|Central Boathouse with an American Architecture Award. The CHK|Central Boathouse, completed in 2015 and designed with the help of Elliott + Associates Architects, is one of 74 recipients of the award, which highlights design excellence in contributions to contemporary American architecture.

Central Receives TRIO Grant for UCO CARES

The U.S. Department of Education awarded UCO a five-year, $1.18 million Federal TRIO Program Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) grant to promote college readiness and provide accessible college guidance to adults pursuing postsecondary education. The grant will fund the UCO Center for Academic Support, Resource Development, Economic Stability and Student Success (CARES), which will serve first-generation and low-income adult learners in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. The program will provide aid in a variety of higher education topics, including the college application process and FAFSA, and will focus on students who have English as a second language, military families and veterans, and other marginalized groups and underrepresented populations in higher education.

UCO Professor Awarded Grant for Project SCHOLAR

The National Science Foundation awarded a three-year, $299,972 grant to UCO associate professor of mathematics and statistics Tracy Morris, Ph.D., along with Cynthia Murray, Ph.D. and Tyler Cook, Ph.D., both professors of mathematics and statistics, to fund Central’s Project Statistical Consulting Help for Organizational Leaders and Academic Researchers (SCHOLAR). Project SCHOLAR allows students to participate in statistical consulting for real clients. The grant will fund recruiting expenses, student stipends and academic research for the program.