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Oklahoma State Named to “Best Value” Lists

The Princeton Review

Oklahoma State University is one of the nation’s 50 “Best Value” public colleges and universities, according to The Princeton Review, one of America’s most widely known education services and test preparation companies. The Princeton Review teamed with USA TODAY to announce the list.

The list features 100 schools in all—50 public and 50 private colleges and universities. Of the 50 schools chosen in each category, the top 10 are ranked and the remaining 40 are listed in alphabetical order and unranked.

In its profile of OSU on USA TODAY’s Web site, the editors at The Princeton Review said that OSU offers an affordable yet top-notch education in a wide range of majors.

“For such a large school, professors are reportedly motivated, accessible, and devoted to supporting their students. The school complements the academics with a focus on hands-on learning. Study abroad is popular (the school maintains partner relationships with more than 50 universities worldwide); many students also participate in professional internships with the help of the school’s career center,” the report said.

“We are delighted to once again be selected as a best value by The Princeton Review,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “This is further recognition that Oklahoma State University is one of the best higher education choices in the country.”

The Princeton Review selected the institutions as its “Best Value” choices based on its surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 public and private colleges and universities. The selection criteria covered more than 30 factors in three areas: academics, costs of attendance and financial aid.

Kiplinger’s

Oklahoma State University has again been included among the nation’s best in the latest list of 100 best values in public colleges and universities by *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine.

OSU ranks 91st on the list of institutions that are leading the way in delivering strong academics at reasonable prices.

“We are pleased that Kiplinger’s has once again recognized Oklahoma State University as one of the best higher education values in the nation,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “The rankings focus on academic quality and affordability and OSU has a strong record in both areas.

“As a comprehensive land-grant university, OSU offers students academic excellence and opportunities in virtually every discipline, as well as leading-edge research opportunities with our faculty experts. OSU prepares graduates for success, as seen in our many alumni who are leaders in their fields.

“A high-quality education at an affordable price is vital for college students and their families, and is particularly important for the state of Oklahoma, which needs more college graduates to move our state forward. OSU has worked hard to hold down costs without sacrificing academic quality, which is more important than ever in light of today’s economic challenges. OSU did not raise tuition this past year and remains the best buy in the Big 12 Conference and one of the top higher education buys in the nation.”

The magazine said its definition of value begins with academics. All the schools in the rankings perform well on measurable criteria, such as student-faculty ratios, academic competitiveness and on-time graduation rates. The institutions also deliver an affordable education by keeping the sticker price low, offering plenty of financial aid, or both.



OSU Students Help Haiti

Rock Andre, Haiti graduate student and Fulbright Scholar, and Bolor Bayarsaikhan of Mongolia, vice president of the International Student Organization, man a table in the Student Union Atrium to collect donations in conjunction with the Red Cross to help the people of Haiti. ISO and the Office of International Students and Scholars have a special Web site for people wanting more information on the earthquake and how to donate, <http://union.okstate.edu/iss/HaitiEarthquake.htm>. Also, those interested in helping can text “HAITI” to “90999” and a donation of \$10 will be given automatically to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts, charged to your cell phone bill.

Take a Virtual Tour of OSU-OKC Campus

Giving the world a closer look at the OSU-Oklahoma City campus, the university recently launched a virtual tour through New Spin 360, a Norman-based company that specializes in innovative digital tours at hotspots around Oklahoma.

The tour will allow potential and current students, along with faculty, staff and the community, to explore the OSU-OKC campus from anywhere Internet access is available. The tour is a valuable tool for new and potential students to locate classrooms and see

laboratories and facilities, for parents to tour the university, and for business and industry persons to explore conference locations and non-credit training for their employees.

“We are the first university in Oklahoma City and surrounding areas to provide a comprehensive inside look of our campus,” said Jamie Davis, OSU-OKC assistant marketing manager. “The applications for prospective students, parents and visitors are endless.”

Open the door to OSU-OKC’s virtual tour at www.INSIDEOSUOKC.com.

Spears School Signs Memorandum with Oman

The Spears School of Business at OSU recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with A’Sharqiyah University in Athabia, Oman, that will allow OSU to assist ASU in developing curriculum and academic standards for its newly developed College of Commerce and Humanities.

The ASU College of Commerce and Humanities will seek to promote community-based research that will contribute to economic growth and development of society in Oman. By entering into an MoU, OSU will help ASU achieve these goals.

Robert Dooley, Spears School associate dean of graduate programs and research, traveled to Oman in early December to sign the MoU on behalf of OSU.

“We are happy to enter into a partnership with ASU and are looking forward to building a better relationship with the university,” Dooley said. “This is an opportunity for OSU to develop a university partnership in a very important region of the world.”

The Spears School has partnerships with universities in Mexico, China and Kenya, which range from dual degree programs to student exchange programs to programs that help build faculty capacity.

New Health Clinic Opens Doors at OSU-Tulsa

OSU-Tulsa, in partnership with the OSU Center for Health Sciences, opened a new Health Clinic on Jan. 19 for students, faculty and staff.

“We’re very excited to partner with OSU’s Center for Health Sciences to offer this service to our students and employ-

ees,” said OSU-Tulsa President Howard Barnett. “The new clinic will provide a convenient and trusted location for them to receive medical attention.”

The clinic in North Hall 265 will have an advanced registered nurse practitioner and certified medical assistants available to assist patients with general health care needs each Tuesday and Thursday from 2-5 p.m.

The clinic is available on a walk-in basis. Fees will be comparable to those charged at the health clinic at OSU-Stillwater and insurance will be accepted.



Fishing Fleet of Marina Grande
Joan Marron-LaRue.

Impressionist Art Displayed At OSU Foundation

The Oklahoma Society of Impressionists is displaying 29 original pieces at the OSU Foundation’s Malinda Berry Fischer Gallery through March 26.

“Impressions” will feature a variety of impressionistic art for purchase with media ranging from oil paintings to sculptures and subject matter ranging from still life to landscape.

The Oklahoma Society of Impressionists will donate 30 percent of show proceeds to the OSU General Scholarship Fund.

Artists whose work is showcased include Gil Adams, Nick Berry, James W. Bruce Jr., Claudia Kates Doyle, Jody Ellison, Joan Marron-LaRue, Jay O’Meilia, Carla Perry, Herb Robb, and Christopher Westfall.

Rice to Speak Feb. 4 On Stillwater Campus

Former Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice will share her extensive knowledge on global affairs on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p.m. in Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater.

Tickets to the event are free for OSU students and employees and are required to enter. Tickets for the general public are \$10 in advance, \$15 the day of the event.

All tickets can be reserved and/or paid for online at <http://rice.okstate.edu> or picked up at the Student Union Hub starting Jan. 25.

Rice also will speak in Oklahoma City and Tulsa before her visit to Stillwater as part of the Business Management Series.



Construction is on schedule for the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and City of Tulsa shared forensic sciences and biomedical research facility. Ground was broken Feb. 20, 2009, for the five-floor building. The first and second floors are scheduled for completion by March 2010, with project completion scheduled by the end of October 2010.



Students and a faculty member from the Mongolia International University and host OSU faculty pause for a photo in McElroy Hall lobby at the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences during a tour of the veterinary center. The Mongolian Annual Vision Trip is designed to identify partnerships with other institutions.

Mongolia Delegation Visits Veterinary Center

The OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences hosted a delegation of 14 students and a faculty member on Jan. 15 from the Mongolia International University. The students, college sophomores to seniors, represented Korea, Mongolia and Russia.

Hosted by Tim Snider, assistant professor of veterinary pathobiology, the group toured McElroy Hall's Duane R. Peterson Anatomy Learning Center and the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

Mark Neer, Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital director, took the delegation on a tour of the veterinary hospital, including small animal medicine, Kirkpatrick Foundation Small Animal Critical Care Unit, Antech laboratory,

radiology, cardio lab, equine and food animal services.

OSU signed a document of understanding with MIU in 2009, and last summer, OSU faculty taught a three-week course in Mongolia.

The trip to Stillwater was part of an international exchange program, an "Annual Vision Trip" for students and faculty, designed to identify and solidify partnerships with other institutes. Visiting students represent disciplines from biotechnology and food safety/processing to fashion design and are chosen on a merit-based application process.

The delegation's 26-day trip also is visiting sites in Texas, Missouri, Indiana and Illinois, from where they will depart.

Paul Named 2009 Oklahoman of the Year

Oklahoma Today has named Oklahoma Assistant State Superintendent of Education Ramona Ware (Emmons) Paul as the Oklahoman of the Year for 2009. She is featured in the January/February 2010 issue.

Paul, a former OSU faculty member in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from OSU in human development and family science.

She received the honor for developing the nation's leading early childhood education program, according to the magazine, and is the first educator and first Oklahoma state employee to receive this designation.

Paul has worked on developing Okla-

homa's public early childhood system for nearly 30 years. Oklahoma currently ranks No. 1 in the nation for early childhood education in the number of children served and program quality, which requires a



certified teacher and adherence to the state's core curriculum. Rutgers University's National Institute for Early Education Research has ranked the state's early childhood education programs as No. 1 in the nation for the past six years.

Nearly 73 percent of all Oklahoma four year olds are voluntarily enrolled in state publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs, and about half of those enrolled are being served in full-day programs.

CHES Programs Receive High National Rankings Interior Design

DesignIntelligence magazine listed OSU's interior design program among the Top 10 undergraduate design schools in the country. The OSU program was ranked sixth among its peer institutions.

"This ranking speaks to the dedication and commitment of the interior design faculty, and continued support from the College of Human Environmental Sciences," said Randall Russ, design, housing and merchandising interim department head.

The 11th annual America's Best Architecture & Design Schools' study was conducted by *DesignIntelligence* on behalf of the Design Futures Council and practitioners ranked accredited undergraduate and graduate programs.

"Our interior design program is celebrating its 100th anniversary and this award represents a century of excellence," said CHES Dean Stephan Wilson.

Other Top 10 undergraduate programs are the University of Cincinnati, Pratt Institute, Kansas State University, Arizona State University, Cornell University, University of Oregon, Fashion Institute of Technology, High Point University, New York School of Interior Design, Syracuse University, University of Texas at Austin and Woodbury University.

Hotel and Restaurant Administration

The OSU School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration has been ranked eighth among the top 100 hospitality and tourism programs in the world by the *Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research*. The ranking is based on total research output in 11 leading journals for hospitality and tourism from 2002-06.

"This is a significant accomplishment and represents efforts by the faculty to create a high quality research program," said Bill Ryan, interim director of the school.

The OSU option for a doctorate in HRAD also has grown in international prominence.

Rankings were compiled by a research team at the University of Central Florida. Other Top 10 schools were Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Cornell University, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Pennsylvania State University, University of Surrey, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Purdue University, Michigan State University and University of Central Florida.

Clay Allen and Kelly Kerr are surrounded by students in Tulsa Technology Center's photography program.



Elected to serve on the Panhellenic Council Executive Council for 2010 are **Katy McTiernan**, president, Oklahoma City, Phi Mu; **Erica Tyler**, internal vice president, Shawnee, Kan., Pi Beta Phi; **Louise Billingsley**, external vice president, Tyler, Tex., Delta Delta Delta; **Lindsay Gin**, secretary, Oklahoma City, Alpha Chi Omega; and **Katie Fielding**, treasurer, Cleveland, Gamma Phi Beta. Panhellenic recruitment coordinators selected for 2010 are **Stacy Schauvliege**, Ponca City, Alpha Chi Omega; **Sandy Brown**, Norman, Pi Beta Phi; and continuous open recruitment coordinator **Laura Frantz**, Edmond, Phi Mu. Elected to the executive council for the Multicultural Greek Council were **Saad Gondal**, president, Checotah, Delta Epsilon Psi; **Ro Werito**, vice president, Oklahoma City, Alpha Pi Omega; **Ibad Rehman**, treasurer, Stillwater, Delta Epsilon Psi; and **Mohamed Zendah**, SGA liaison, Tulsa, Delta Epsilon Psi.

OSU Signs Agreement with Tulsa Tech Center

Beginning with the fall semester, Tulsa Technology Center students will be able to earn credits toward a college degree in photography at the OSU Institute of Technology due to a new cooperative alliance agreement.

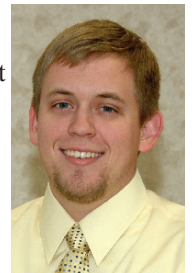
OSUIT photography instructor Kelly Kerr visited the Lemley Campus of TTC on Nov. 19 for the formal signing of the agreement between the two programs.

TTC students can complete the two-year program during high school, earning college credit for the first two semesters of the OSUIT photography program. Those students would then begin their OSUIT

classes in the fall semester as a third-semester college student. The agreement encompasses seven courses and a total of 21 credit hours.

Clay Allen, who started OSUIT's photography program in 1988 and is now the supervisor of Tulsa Technology Center's photography program, said he can see the impact the program can have on both programs. "This agreement gives students who are seriously interested in becoming professional photographers accelerated educational advantages, as well as great financial advantages," he said.

Brad Duvall, Sapulpa aerospace engineering senior and immediate past president of the Interfraternity Council, received the \$500 Patrick W. Halloran Scholarship from the Order of Omega, the national Greek honorary.



Each year, OSU-OKC business administration associate professor Lisa McConnell takes her students on a tour of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to raise awareness of the hunger issue in Oklahoma. The goal of the class was to collect 2,600 pounds of food during the fall food drive, but they raised nearly 3,400 pounds. In 2008, they raised a total of 3,700 pounds of food throughout the entire year.

Winners at the Career Day 2009 of Fashion Group International of Dallas were design, housing and merchandising seniors **Kelsie Mitchell**, Oologah, second place, theatre/costume/wearable art, and **Mindy Oglesby**, Tulsa, first place, four-legged fashion.

Design, housing and merchandising students, faculty and staff received honors at the annual International Textile and Apparel Association Conference in Seattle. Assistant professor **Adriana Petrova** received the prestigious "Lectra Innovation Award for Faculty Research" for her paper, which was a result of research funded by the Naval Research Laboratory. Graduate student **Shubhapriya Bennur** and former DHM faculty member **Byoung-ho Jin** won the \$1,000 Sara Douglas Fellowship for International Study in Textiles and Apparel. The best paper award in Textile/Apparel Science went to **Panagiotis Kamenidis**, lab coordinator, Institute for Protective Apparel Research and Technology, and co-authors were **Donna Branson**, **Semra Peksoz** and **Huan-tian Cao**. Graduate student **Pimpawan Kumchai**'s design won Best Sustainable Design by a Graduate Student, and DHM graduate student **Huiju Park**'s design won the ATEXINC Award for Excellence in Marketable Textile Design, along with a \$300 scholarship.

OSU had more students win or place at the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association/Music Teachers National Association annual state competitions than any other school in the state, according to **Thomas Lanners**, piano professor.

OSU-OKC student and Maisha International Orphanage founder/director **Beatrice Williamson** and six Oklahomans visited a village in Kenya to celebrate Christmas and teach people about HIV/AIDS. Williamson's hometown is Kisumu City.



More than 90 female high school students visited OSUIT last fall for the inaugural "Women in Technology." Students selected two program areas in which to gain an in-depth understanding of opportunities in those technical career fields. They participated in hands-on demonstrations and heard presentations by faculty and industry representatives.



OSU students celebrated the completion of a semester-long project, “Angie Debo’s Oklahoma,” in November at Murray Hall. The project was part of an Oklahoma politics class taught by political science Regents Professor Bob Darcy and OSU President Burns Hargis. As part of the class, students studied the life and work of Debo, a leading scholar of Indian and Oklahoma history. At the reception, Woodward journalism senior Tanner Sunderland, Okarche political science senior Lauren Sturgeon, Tulsa journalism sophomore Alicia Kirkpatrick, and Edmond junior Hunter Owen presented Hargis, center, with a framed class photo.

Elizabeth Sharp, Tulsa human development and family science senior, has been accepted into the child life educator internship program at the prestigious Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She will work with hospitalized children as they manage stressful events in their lives and cope positively with their health care experiences. To become a CHOP intern, she participated in a rigorous application and interview process. The internship began in January.



The OSU-Oklahoma City distance learning nursing program graduated nine students on the Oklahoma Panhandle State University campus in December 2009. It was the largest graduating class for that program site in 10 years.

OSU-OKC Student Support Services awarded 34 students \$34,215 in grant aid awards this spring for good grades and program participation, and another 10 students received \$5,000 in tuition fee waivers for the spring. SSS awards waivers and aid through the federal TRIO Retention Grant.

OSU’s football team was one of 41 programs recognized for academic achievement by the American Football Coaches Association for a graduation success rate of at least 75 percent based on a six-year graduation window for student-athletes. It was developed by the NCAA as part of its academic reform initiative to more accurately assess the academic success of student-athletes.

The **2009 Cowboy Kids** program assisted 40 families and 94 children with 282 gifts at an estimated cost of \$4,230. Each holiday season, the **OSU-OKC Family Resource Center** invites students, employees and guests to join in the program to make Christmas merrier for children of the campus family.

Brady Rich, Marshall, Tex., general engineering student, was named the lucky recipient of the Spring 2010 OSU-OKC Enrollment Sweepstakes. The journeyman iron worker looks forward to receiving his degree so he will have a more regular working schedule, which will give him more time with his wife, Amanda, and 20-month-old son, Logan.



During the 2009 calendar year, the OSU-OKC Child Development Center Lab School hosted lab students from the OSU-OKC early care education degree program, emergency medical services degree programs and the nurse science program that yielded approximately 1,600 hours of lab observations, practicum experience and the opportunity for student interactions with young children.

Shashidhara Marulappa, Punjab, India master’s student in veterinary pathobiology, was one of six finalists in the Elevator Pitch competition, part of Entrepreneur Week events for E-Club members. He pitched the development of a quick test for canine parvovirus.

Doctoral students **Aaron Hill**, management, and **Narges Kasiri**, management information systems, received \$2,000 Paul D. and Lois Phillips Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships, competitive awards for Spears School doctoral students each year.

Students Receive Natural Gas Scholarships

Ten OSU Institute of Technology students in the Natural Gas Compression program recently received \$1,500 scholarships from DCP Midstream, LLC, headquartered in Denver, Colo.

This is the first time that DCP Midstream has given scholarships to students pursuing a two-year degree in an energy-related field at an accredited community college or technical school.

Students will attend fall and spring classes on campus, followed by paid summer internships that give them an opportunity to work alongside professionals within gas pipeline companies, gas processing/gathering companies, or gas compressor rental fleets.

Students who received scholarships are Mason Beavers, Elgin; Skye Bergman, Blackwell; Jordan Bedwell, Okeene;

Marvin Boehm, McLoud; Matthew Campbell, Glencoe; Warren Geionety, Apache; Jeremy Willingham, Blanchard; Brandon Willis, Chickasha; Brian Wise, Broken Arrow; Timothy Dainty, Jr., North Zulch, Tex.; and Samuel Spade, Buffalo, Wyo.



Computer sciences faculty at OSU during the 1970s who attended the celebration included Don Fisher, Carl Provence, Eugene "Ted" Bailey, G.E. "Woody" Hedrick and John Chandler.



Computer Sciences Celebrates 40 Years at OSU

The OSU Department of Computer Sciences celebrated a milestone 40th anniversary last fall.

The semester-long celebration included a conference on Theoretical and Applied Computer Science, an open house and a luncheon, according to Subhash Kak, professor and head of computer sciences.

The department was formed in 1969 under the administration of the vice president for academic affairs and research. In 1970, the department moved to the OSU College of Arts and Sciences and now is one of its 24 departments.

The **Center for Veterinary Health Sciences** raised \$962 in the United Way Silent Auction, surpassing its \$8,000 goal to contribute \$9,500 to the OSU-wide United Way Campaign. The auction organizer was **Sarah Shields** and campaign co-chairs were **Joyce Axton** and **Gayle Manley**.

Botany assistant professor **Mark Fishbein** received \$165,00 from a National Science Foundation award to study the milkweed genome to learn how the plants co-evolve with pests such as aphids and pollinators such as butterflies. The study is a collaboration between OSU and Oregon State University. Fishbein and four students will collect and process samples and Oregon State will obtain the genomic DNA sequences using the newest technologies for DNA sequencing, called next-generation sequencing.



The **OSU-OKC Development Office** received a pledge of \$50,000 from **Jenee and Darren Lister** to create the Jenee and Darren Lister Campus Leadership Endowed Scholarship. It will take advantage of the Pickens Legacy Scholarship Match to eventually create a \$100,000 scholarship. The Listers gave \$3,000 to begin the scholarship immediately. OSU-OKC also received \$15,000 from **INTRUST Bank** to fund a multimedia technology package for a classroom in the new Engineering Technology building, and an anonymous donor gave a charitable annuity gift of \$108,990.

Chef de Cuisine **Marc Dunham** of The Ranchers Club placed third at the "Taste of Elegance" contest at the Express Event Center in Oklahoma City with a pork and beans dish he created to highlight Oklahoma-raised Berkshire pork. The Ranchers Club is operated by OSU's School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration and serves as a training ground for future hospitality students.

OSU was among the contributors that shared historic images and milestones for the **2010 City University of New York's calendar**, Web site and curriculum project. Photos of Old Central and a soil conservation project are included in the calendar's "Milestones" section titled "Investing in Futures: Public Higher Education in America."

The **Center for Veterinary Health Sciences** received a \$5,000 gift from the **Kirkpatrick Foundation** for ZEW Services to help cover the costs of providing healthcare to zoo, exotic and wildlife animals treated at the veterinary center.

Jason Young, OSU Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center quality management specialist, completed certification requirements for the American Society for Quality-Certified Six Sigma Black Belt. A Certified Six Sigma Black Belt is a professional who applies Six Sigma philosophies and principles, supporting systems and tools in a variety of business situations.



Ai, an English professor, was named a USA Ford Fellow in the field of literature. United States Artists, the national grant-making and advocacy organization, announced the recipients of the 50 Fellowships for 2009, totaling \$2.5 million. The program annually awards 50 unrestricted grants of \$50,000 to artists of all disciplines.



The Oxley Foundation gave a \$25,000 gift to support a graduate student working with **Michael Davis**, Oxley Endowed Chair in Equine Sports Medicine. The student will receive training specifically in the physiology and pathophysiology of equine exercise, and upon graduation will be competitive for positions in academia or private veterinary practice as a recognized expert in the field of equine sports medicine.



An OSU geography professor's work studying ancient underground irrigation systems received some international press while also highlighting the systems' decay in northeastern Iraq. **Dale Lightfoot's** work with UNESCO, studying karez, also known as qanats, has appeared in the BBC, Associated Press, *New York Times* and in a full report featured on UNESCO's home page. His work, the subject of a UNESCO documentary, found the systems decimated by poor maintenance and overuse, as well as stubborn droughts – valuable findings for the world water resources community.

Douglas Droste, music assistant professor and director of orchestral studies, conducted the Oklahoma City Philharmonic in Oklahoma City Ballet's production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." He also guest conducted the Tulsa Symphony Chamber Players in a special event at the newly renovated Mayo Hotel in downtown Tulsa.

Mark Johnson, animal science associate professor, has been named the first holder of the OSU Robert E. Totusek Endowed Chair in Animal Science.

Veterinarians **Bob Shoup**, '82, and **Steve Weir**, '80, of the Catoosa Animal Hospital, gave \$7,500 to the Kirkpatrick Foundation Small Animal Critical Care Unit. The funds will help enable the hospital to purchase a telemetry unit for the unit.

Lynne Richards, design, housing and merchandising professor, received "Best of Show" for a fiber art piece, "Alzheimer's: Seeking Lost Self in the Void Within," at 2009 FiberWorks held at the IAO Gallery in Oklahoma City.

Nicholas Romano, management information systems associate professor, will serve as the keynote speaker at the Web 2.0 international conference that will explore technology-enhanced learning, systems and security in April at the Brunel Business School in West London. His address, "Cloud Computing in Web 2.0," will define and explain "cloud computing" in terms of its evolution as a platform and relationship to other modern computing concepts such as grids and SaaS. During the spring 2010 semester, he will be a visiting professor at the University of Bocconi in Milan, Italy.



Communications instructor **Maria Christian** received the 2009 OSU/A&M Regents Distinguished Teaching Award for the OSU Institute of Technology.



The first endowed distinguished lecture series has been established in the OSU **Department of Zoology** with help from matching funds from the department's foundation. "The Margaret S. Ewing Distinguished Lecture Series: Bridges Between Biology and the Arts and Humanities," will support a distinguished lecture-series to address relationships among the biological sciences and the arts and humanities. The Ewing endowment will allow a minimum of one distinguished speaker to make a presentation in the relevant subject field at OSU each year.



Lana Rusch, left, executive assistant IV in the Office of the President, accepted her OSU Pride Works! award from **Sandra Cooper**, director of Human Resources at OSU-CHS. The award is made to an employee selected from among nominations made to the Office of Human Resources.

Tyson Ochsner, plant and soil sciences assistant professor, has been named a 2009 S-1 Early Career Award recipient by the Soil Science Society of America. The award recognizes scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the field of soil physics within six years of completing their doctoral degree.

Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology has awarded an OSU research proposal \$90,000. **David Meinke**, Regents Professor of Botany, will study the reproductive significance of a large number of essential genes that ultimately contribute to seed development and plant productivity.

The Discovery Channel highlighted findings by OSU zoology assistant professor **Alexander Ophir** and University of Florida biology assistant professor James Gillooly in January for their research on animal calls ranging from insects to birds to fish. The story reported that the two scientists discovered common denominators in the calls of hundreds of species of insects, birds, fish, frogs, lizards and mammals that can be predicted with simple mathematical models.

Jerry Malayer, associate dean for research and graduate education in veterinary medicine, was recently named director of the Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

OSU-Tulsa hosted a student leadership forum for Tulsa-area high school students on Jan. 15. **Ahmad Daniels**, an educational trainer in the areas of diversity, race relations and African-American history, facilitated the forum focused on diversity.

Human Development and Family Sciences clinical instructor **Kelly Roberts** was recently accepted to study family law at Oxford University.

The most respected classical music review publication in the U.S. is praising OSU piano professor **Thomas Lanners'** two most recent CDs, which feature him playing works from Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ned Rorem. He will also be the topic of an upcoming feature article scheduled for the May-June issue of *Fanfare*.



Kent Studnicka, OSU-OKC Emergency Responder Administration department head, was named to the International Association of Emergency Managers Training and Education Committee.

The **Oklahoma State University Technology Business Assessment Group** awarded more than \$111,000 to five faculty research projects that demonstrate a strong potential for commercial success. The winners were **Jay Hanan**, mechanical and aerospace engineering assistant professor; **Prabhakar Pagilla**, mechanical and aerospace engineering professor; **Allen Applett**, chemistry associate professor; a project with **Allen Applett** and **Nick Materer**, chemistry associate professor; and **Lara Maxwell**, physiological sciences associate professor.



The Gas Processors Suppliers Association and the Pat and Pete Bartlett family recently combined resources to present a \$150,000 check to OSUIT to create an endowed scholarship program for the National Gas Compression Program. Present at the check presentation were OSUIT President **Robert Klabenes**; **Jim Marcotte**, New Orleans GPA Chapter (disbanded); **Harvey Hensley**, GPSA president; **Mark Sutton**, GPA executive director; and **Gary Bartlett**, representing the Bartlett family.



Humphreys



Sparks



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2010 Alumni Association Inductees Announced

The OSU Alumni Association has announced that Donald Humphreys, Gary Sparks, and Marilyn and Carl Thoma will be the 2010 inductees to the OSU Alumni Hall of Fame.

They will be inducted at a ceremony on Feb. 19 at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center in Stillwater.

Humphreys, '71, is a native of Dallas and life member of the association. He is senior vice president and treasurer for Exxon Mobile Corporation and also serves on the Board of Trustees for the OSU Foundation.

Sparks, '66, is a native of Jenks and a life member of the association. He is senior vice president of Crafton Tull Sparks, which was responsible for the renovations and expansions of both Gallagher-Iba Arena and Boone Pickens Stadium.

Marilynn and Carl Thoma, '70 and '71 graduates respectively, are natives of Kenilworth, Ill., and life members of the association. They are the owners and proprietors of Van Duzer Vineyards and have endowed the Marilyn Thoma Chair in the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

Induction into the OSU Alumni Hall of

Fame is the highest honor bestowed by the OSU Alumni Association. It recognizes outstanding lifetime achievement in society and professional life.

The association invites all alumni and friends to the induction ceremony. Ticket inquiries should be made to Frankie Baptista at (405) 744-8837. For more information about the OSU Alumni Hall of Fame, visit orangeconnection.org/hof.

Yard Dawgz Offer Discounts, OSU Support

The Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz have partnered with the OSU Alumni Association to offer discounted tickets with a portion of the proceeds going to support OSU.

The Arena Football One league team is offering a \$110 package for lower level tickets to nine home games. With each purchase, \$10 is returned to support alumni and student programming.

The Yard Dawgz are no strangers to OSU. Former Cowboys Martel Van Zant, Tonga Tea, Scott Broughton and Je'Ray Chatham are all players on the team.

Alumni and fans can purchase their discounted tickets and support OSU by calling (405) 228-3294 and using the codeword "Go Pokes." The 2010 season begins April 3 against the Jacksonville Sharks in the Cox Convention Center.

Harjo's Art on Display at Bartlett Center

The art of '74 alumnus Benjamin Harjo Jr., "Art and Soul," will be on display at the Gardiner Art Gallery inside the Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts on the OSU campus through Feb. 5.

The exhibit consists of 25 originals and prints for sale and 40 percent of the proceeds will go to the Department of Art.

Harjo has found success in three mediums – woodblock print, pen and ink, and acrylic and gouache. He still infuses his works with the same sense of humor he hoped would lead to a successful cartoonist career. His work is inspired by Native

American imagery and legends, incorporating several symbols, patterns and colors of many cultures.



Protectors



A funding bill that has passed the House and the Senate and awaits signature by the President includes \$300,000 for a third mobile clinic for OSU's mobile telemedicine fleet. OSU's first mobile clinic serves eastern Oklahoma. A second telemedicine bus is on order and will serve the western part of the state. OSU's new funding is part of a total of \$3.3 million federal dollars for various local projects.

Eckel to Speak at Kamm Distinguished Lecture

The 18th Robert B. Kamm Distinguished Lecture in Higher Education is set for 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 and will feature Peter Eckel, director of programs and initiatives in the American Council on Education's Center for Effective Leaders.

He will speak on "The Changing Dynamics of the Knowledge Business: Trying to Predict the Unpredictable (and Its Effects)." The Kamm Lecture is an annual policy-impacting lecture/symposium that fills a major void in higher education policy-making.

Dr. Kamm, OSU president from 1966-77, spent more than 45 years at OSU. He

passed away in 2008, but his legacy carries on through the Kamm Lecture.

The Robert B. Kamm Fund of the OSU Foundation also supports the Robert B. and Maxine Kamm Fellowship Program for doctoral students in higher education administration.

Chairing this year's lecture is Tami Moore, educational studies assistant professor. The lecture is made possible by The Robert B. Kamm Lecture Fund, the OSU Foundation, the College of Education, the OSU Vice President of Student Affairs Office, and the School of Educational Studies in the College of Education.