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OSU Commencement details online

Details about upcoming commencement ceremonies have been posted online at <http://osu.okstate.edu/commencement/>. <<http://osu.okstate.edu/commencement/>> Check out the many links on the left side of the page to get information on particulars from tickets to parking for both graduate and undergraduate ceremonies.

OSU Faculty Council launches studies on diversity and tenure

The Faculty Committee of the OSU Faculty Council is planning two studies to systematically collect and statistically analyze data about OSU faculty. One study will utilize archival promotion, tenure and salary data, and relate these to diversity factors such as race, gender and age. A second study will survey current faculty to identify their perceptions about the current promotion and tenure system. The Faculty Committee is supported in these efforts by the Provost and other administrators, and welcomes input from any members of the OSU community. Both faculty diversity and a high quality of academic performance are valued at Oklahoma State University. For more information, contact Tom Phillips, 405-744-9408 or tom.phillips@okstate.edu.

Drowsy Driver Awareness campaign for finals week

The OSU Parents Association is sponsoring a Drowsy Driver Awareness Campaign this week. The campaign consists of ads in the O'Collegian and the distribution of free Red Bull energy drinks and plastic cups/sticks with attached information. Members of the association will be back out at the Chi-O clock tomorrow from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Animal emergency preparedness seminar

The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is offering a pet care seminar on "Animal Emergency Preparedness" on Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. The seminar will feature "Rudy" a dog who survived hurricane Katrina. Hear Rudy's rescue story and recovery and learn how to prepare yourself and your animals to respond to common devastating disasters such as tornadoes and wildfires.

Free NSF grants workshop registration deadline today

Today is the registration deadline for a National Science Foundation Grants Workshop that will be held May 17 in the Thurman J. White Forum Building at OU. The purpose of the workshop is to encourage the increased quality and quantity of proposals submitted by Oklahoma researchers to the National Science Foundation. This workshop provides Oklahoma researchers and grant writers with the "nuts and bolts" of proposal writing. Also highlighted are funding opportunities and special considerations for researchers when preparing a proposal for the National Science Foundation. A complete agenda and registration form are available by going to www.okepscor.org/events.htm.

Nominate remarkable alums

Please help the OSU Alumni Association recognize those OSU alumni whose lives demonstrate remarkable success in their professional life and/or significant service to OSU and the OSU Alumni Association. Without your participation in the nomination process, it is difficult to track the lives of the more than 160,000 OSU alumni. There are three OSU Alumni Association awards: Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished International Alumni. The deadline for nominations is May 15. Click here or go to <http://www.orangeconnection.org/ng/AlumniAwardsRecognition/tabid/973/Default.aspx> for a brief description and criteria for each award and to download nomination forms.

OSU-OKC to host academic champs tourney

OSU-Oklahoma City will host the Oklahoma Tournament of Academic Champions Friday, May 5. The annual

contest brings together middle and high school students from across Oklahoma to compete in a variety of subjects. Students in 8th-12th grade, who placed first, second or third in another intercollegiate meet, are qualified for the tournament. The Oklahoma Tournament of Academic Champions is sponsored by the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. OSU-OKC, Oklahoma Community College, Rose State and Tulsa Community College alternate hosting the event each year.

Wellness tip: Sleep well

Last year over 10,000 car accidents were attributed to sleepy drivers. Even a one and a half hour sleep deficit can reduce alertness the following day by one third. Cutting back on late night eating and increasing your physical activity throughout the day can help you get more sleep. Wellness tips are brought to you by the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, dedicated to making OSU the Healthiest Campus in America. For more information about services for students, faculty and staff, call 744-WELL (9355).