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OSU alum earns Edward R. Murrow award

Janna Clark, a 2000 School of Journalism and Broadcasting graduate, has earned a national Edward R. Murrow award for overall excellence in writing from the Radio/Television News Directors Association. The award is one of the most prestigious awards for broadcast journalism. Clark is the senior reporter at KOKI TV, Fox 23, in Tulsa. She has won three regional Murrow awards, an Emmy award, 11 Marshall Gregory awards from the Oklahoma Education Association and several other honors from the Associated Press.

OSU library climbs in national rankings

The OSU library now ranks among the top 60 of the largest academic libraries in the U.S. and Canada. The Association for Research Libraries announced the new ranking based on its membership criteria index, which includes five key factors: total number of volumes held, gross volumes added, current serials, total expenditures, and the number of professional and support staff. The OSU Library has been a member of ARL for more than 40 years. For more details [click here](#) .

Associate dean elected chair of commission

Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer Paustenbaugh, who was recently elected chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. Paustenbaugh is the associate dean of OSU Libraries for planning and assessment, executive director of the Women's Archives at OSU and Puterbaugh Professor of Library Service. She is also the co-author and co-editor of the recently published "Oklahoma Women's Almanac." For more details, [click here](#) .

Former professor leaves estate gift for OSU college

Former Oklahoma State University professor Irma Manning, who dedicated her career to improving the lives of others, has ensured her legacy will continue. In May 2006, just five months after her death, the OSU Foundation received \$300,000 from Manning's estate to support educational opportunities in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. Through lifetime and estate gifts, Manning generously contributed nearly \$500,000 to ensure her mission would continue at OSU. Her endowment fund supports HES programs, specifically those that benefit low income women, youth and families in Oklahoma. For more details, [click here](#).

Oklahoma near top for affordable college education

A new national report on college affordability, coupled with new financial aid data from state higher education officials, shows that Oklahoma ranks No. 2 in the nation among all states for affordability of a public four-year college education. For more details, [click here](#) .

TIAA-CREF Seminar: A Woman's Money, A Woman's Future

Plan to join in a special TIAA-CREF Seminar on Tuesday, July 11 from 2 – 3 p.m. at 106 Whitehurst to learn about women's issues through four "life-stages" and why planning is critical. The focus will include the importance of participating in an employer plan, taking advantage of tax-deferred investing, choosing appropriate investment products, things to consider if suddenly single, and how to leave a legacy to heirs. Men are certainly welcome to attend. Schedule on-line or call TIAA-CREF at 1-800-842-2006.

Get involved in Alpha

Take advantage of the opportunity to welcome students to campus and help familiarize them with their new surroundings during their first important days here by participating in Alpha 2006, Aug. 17-20. Volunteers are needed for all sorts of activities during those four days (and Aug. 16 as well). If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Adam Cantley at 744-5328 or e-mail adam.cantley@okstate.edu. This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it

OSU's Romano featured on "College Connection"

The radio program produced by the state's higher education regents recently featured a report on Dr. Nicholas Romano, who is ranked third globally for research in the area of electronic commerce. Romano, an assistant professor in the Department of Management Science and Information Systems in the Spears School of Business at OSU, talked to Harve Allen about the connection between his research and customer relationship management. To hear the report, [click here](#) and then on the July 1 report.

Risser resignation effective July 28

Our thanks to outgoing Chancellor Paul G. Risser for his service to Oklahoma's higher education system. Risser recently announced his resignation and intention to chair a university-wide research cabinet at the University of Oklahoma. Under Risser, Oklahoma higher education has experienced a period of record student enrollment and improved graduation rates. Risser helped lead the innovative cooperative alliance project between higher ed and career tech, which helps high school students get a head start on their college degrees. He also advanced two significant new initiatives that will begin in January 2007: a web-based student portal and an adult degree completion program.