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Mexico university recognizes OSU President, others

On the recent trip to open OSU liaison offices at two major Puebla, Mexico, universities, OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly and three other OSU leaders were recognized in a special ceremony at UPAEP – the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla. For his distinguished work as a teacher, researcher and administrator, as well as his academic leadership in Mexico, Schmidly was named Maestro Emerito, or Professor Emeritus, at UPAEP. He was only the fourth person to receive such an honor from the school and said the award was “an important moment for me.” In addition, UPAEP presented an Honoree Teacher award to Mac McCrory, vice president of business and industry relations at OSU-Oklahoma City, who taught a course at UPAEP; Jim Hromas, director of international education and outreach, who is helping direct the Mexico liaison efforts; and Gordon Emslie, dean of the graduate college, for his role in establishing 19 dual degree programs between OSU and UPAEP.

OSU Spears School honors four

The William S. Spears School of Business recently recognized three faculty members for research excellence and a fourth for excellence in outreach. Spears School Dean Sara Freedman presented the Richard W. Poole Research Excellence Awards to Drs. Tom Brown, marketing; K. Matthew Gilley, management; and Rathindra Sarathy, management information systems; and the Richard W. Poole Faculty Outreach Excellence award to Dr. Lee Manzer, marketing. The research excellence award is presented exclusively to faculty members who have been identified among the best in their fields by having their research accepted and published in top-tier research journals. The outreach award recognizes a long and exemplary record of outreach activities.

Doctoral student wins Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year honor

Sheila Armstrong, a former fourth grade teacher at Pamela Hodson Elementary School in Owasso, has been selected as one of the top educator’s in the nation in Wal-Mart’s 11th annual Teacher of the Year program. She was honored at a recent school assembly. The award recognizes teachers who move beyond books and basic curriculum to instill a passion for learning in their students. Armstrong is currently pursuing a doctorate in school administration from OSU and now works as a district grant writer for Jenks Public Schools.

Animal eye specialist new to veterinary staff

The OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Michael Finn who will help the Center’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital expand its ophthalmology services to clients and referring veterinarians across a large region of the central United States. Year-round ophthalmology service will now be available, including regular referral ophthalmology appointments and emergency cases. Finn, a native of Atwood, Kan., recently finished an ophthalmology residency at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. He earned his DVM degree from Kansas State University in 2001. If you are a pet owner and believe your pet needs to see an eye specialist, please ask your veterinarian to call OSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital for a referral appointment or call (405)744-7000 directly to schedule an appointment.

Institute to launch series on “how students learn”

The Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ITLE) will host the first module of the Early-Career Faculty Development Series with a workshop entitled “What is known about how students learn” on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. (lunch provided), in the ITLE Faculty Development Seminar Room, 100 Telecommunications Building. Dr. Lynna Ausburn from the College of Education and Dr. Cyril Clarke from Veterinary Health Sciences will be the workshop leaders. Sign up at http://fp.okstate.edu/fsc/FD_curriculum_design_1.htm. For the entire 2006-2007 Series lineup, see <http://itle.okstate.edu/FD/early.htm> (then click on Early Career Faculty Development Programs).

United Way coming

The Stillwater Area United Way's community-wide goal for 2006 is \$760,000 and OSU's goal is to raise \$180,000 of that total. The money raised will be divided between 26 local agencies that do vital work for the Stillwater community and the OSU family. Ninety-nine percent of the money raised in Stillwater stays in Stillwater to benefit more than 55,000 people. Shelley Ricker will serve as executive director for this year's Stillwater Area United Way Drive. OSU Senior Vice President and Provost Marlene Strathe and Bob Dixon are co-directors for the OSU campaign.

President's Wellness Walk to benefit United Way

The first annual President's Wellness Walk for the United Way will take place Sept. 29, to emphasize to faculty, staff, students and the community the importance of being active and coming together for a vital local cause. This event will help OSU pursue its \$180,000 goal for the Stillwater Area United Way's campaign, which benefits 26 local agencies. The one-mile fun walk will begin on the Library Lawn at 11:30 a.m. The \$15 registration fee includes a T-shirt that can be picked up on the day of the walk. The Seretean Wellness Center and the Colvin Recreation Center have teamed up to sponsor the event. Pre-registration is encouraged but you may register the day of the event. Registration forms are available at the Seretean Wellness Center, the Colvin Recreation Center, and the Student Union Hub or through any United Way Team Captain. Forms are also available online at <http://campusrec.okstate.edu/fitfirst/info/wellnesswalk>.

Triple-A features Atherton

AAA's Home & Away magazine is featuring OSU's Atherton Hotel as one of Oklahoma's "Boutique Beauties" in its September/October issue. The article, which features a full page photo of the hotel lobby, spotlights the luxurious bedding and the use of the Atherton as a teaching venue for the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration.

OSU represented in "American Cowboy"

Kelly Schumacher, along with others representing the OSU Rodeo Association and the Booster Club, are part of the current issue of the American Cowboy magazine for their role in the National Day of the American Cowboy at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum this summer. The issue features an article on the various celebrations on western heritage.

TIAA-CREF Seminar: Planning for Retirement and Other Goals

Plan to join a special TIAA-CREF seminar Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 10 – 11 a.m. at 106 B Whitehurst to review the product features and benefit options that are available with TIAA-CREF to fund both basic and supplemental retirement plans. Questions? Call Employee Services, (405) 744-5449.

Study Abroad Fair

The tenth annual Study Abroad Fair will showcase the wide range of study abroad programs available to students on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Atrium. Representatives from the Study Abroad Office, college outreach programs, and off-campus organizations, as well as students who have studied abroad will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact the Study Abroad Office, 060G Student Union, (405) 744-8569, e-mail: abroad@okstate.edu. This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it

Friend of Forms lecture Wednesday

The Friends of Forms presents "Truth or Architecture" by Dr. Tom Spector, OSU Department of Architecture, Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m. in Student Union Exhibit Room 1. For more information, phone 744-0487.

ECO-Film Project to present "Blue Vinyl"

Everyone is invited as ECO-OSU presents the latest installment in the ECO-Film Project "Blue Vinyl," Sept. 20 from 7 - 9 p.m. in Noble Research Center, room 106. An award-winning film team sets out in search of the truth about polyvinyl chloride (PVC), America's most popular plastic. From Long Island to Louisiana to Italy, they unearth the facts about PVC and its effects on human health and the environment. <http://www.orgs.okstate.edu/ecoosu>.

Tech night reception tomorrow

The Tech Night Out Networking Reception is set for tomorrow night from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Health Foundation Conference Center, 644 Research Parkway, Suite 100, in Oklahoma City. This free event will provide faculty and students who may compete in the 2007 Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Business Plan Competition an opportunity to build relationships that could turn into more home grown businesses like the success stories from our previous winners. It is open to Oklahoma's researchers, entrepreneurs, community leaders, investors, faculty, college students and service providers. Registration is requested; please contact Michelle Odom at modom@i2E.org. This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it

Hazardous household waste collection event this weekend

Help keep tons of household pollutants from entering the local landfill by participating in the City of Stillwater's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9th and Lowry in Stillwater. Virtually any household pollutant will be collected. Bring pesticides, household cleaning products, oil, mixed fuels, fertilizer, antifreeze, automobile batteries, rechargeable batteries, etc. One of a few products that is considered non-hazardous is latex paint since it can go out with regular trash as long as it is in a solid form (simply remove the lid and allow to dry). Questions? Phone: (405) 533-8482.

Vocal care workshop this Saturday

The Faculty Council and the OSU Music Department is offering a free one-day workshop on vocal care and vocal health for the teacher, lecturer, singer and actor at the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts in Stillwaters, Saturday Sept. 23, The guest speaker for the day is Dr. Sharon Radionoff, a voice care specialist from Houston, Texas. These few hours will be some of the most informative and not to be missed or dismissed information that any and all teachers need to sustain a long and healthy career. Share this information with your friends and colleagues, and remind them this is a free workshop. The workshop runs from 9:30 a.m. (sign-in) to 4 p.m. but you are especially urged to attend the morning session, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please RSVP to: mark.lawlor@okstate.edu This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it or telephone Anne-Marie Condacse at 405-744-8987.