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Recent OSU grads connect with students across the border

Members of the Oklahoma State University Chapter of the Blue Key Honor Society recently returned from a trip to Mexico that was used to help strengthen the relationship between OSU and students at two Mexican universities—the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla and the Universidad de las Americas. The group spent seven days and nights in different locations in the interior of Mexico, including an indigenous village outside of Puebla. “It was an incredible experience for all of us,” said Matt Givens, OSU Blue Key president from Oklahoma City. “Our student counterparts at UDLA were very eager to establish a strong connection with our group and future OSU students.” In addition to Givens, the rest of the OSU group included Aarash Ghajar, Stillwater; Allison Ford, Ponca City, and Tyler Schooley, Enid. All four students graduated from OSU in May with bachelor’s degrees from the William S. Spears School of Business. The service trip was sponsored by Blue Key, OSU Student Government Association, the President’s Office and the OSU Department of International Education and Outreach. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=674&Itemid=1> .

Program to help executives and managers gain the competitive edge

Business and government executives will get a chance to improve strategic decision-making, enhance leadership effectiveness and learn to build successful teams at the 13th annual Executive Education Partnership Program July 22-26 on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater. The program is an opportunity for business executives and upper-level managers to learn and practice concepts that are essential in their roles with sessions on power and influence, emotional intelligence, legal and ethical issues application, building a coaching culture and leading organizational change. The program is the product of a partnership between OSU’s Spears School of Business and the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business, and features senior faculty members from both schools who serve as on-site hosts and offer opportunities for one-on-one consultation. Registration deadline is June 15 and space is limited. For more information, including registration, call the OSU Center for Executive and Professional Development at (866) 678-3933 or visit <http://cepd.okstate.edu> <<http://cepd.okstate.edu/>> .

Reading and writing awards for OSU-Okmulgee faculty

Two communications faculty at Oklahoma State University – Okmulgee were recognized recently for their creative approaches to communications classes. Maria Christian won a Great Ideas for Teaching award from the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges for her approach to essay writing and Susan Dameron-Cox won a first place award at the Oklahoma State University Research Symposium for her innovations with adult readers. Click here <http://www.osu-okmulgee.edu/news_and_events/view_news.php?news_id=369> for more details.

Deadline ahead for intramural sports signup

Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate with friends, colleagues and departments in intramural softball and soccer this summer at OSU-Stillwater by signing up at the Intramural Office located at 104 Colvin Center by Tuesday, June 5. The summer sports are geared for less competitive competition with a focus on sportsmanship and fun. For more information please call 744-7407.

Psi Chi sponsors free GRE Workshop on Tuesdays in June – all majors welcome

Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology, is sponsoring a month-long workshop to help students prepare for the GRE. The workshop is taught by Dr. Shelia Kennison, associate professor in psychology and faculty adviser for Psi Chi, who has offered the workshop for the last five years. The workshop is designed to answer students’ questions about the GRE and to teach basic test-taking techniques for the verbal, quantitative and writing sections. It’s free. All majors are welcome. There will be four meetings, every Tuesday in June (June 5, June