

OSU System enrollment for 2006-07 is 32,402

Oklahoma State University announced today at its Board of Regents meeting that student enrollment for the 2006-07 school year is 32,402 across its five-campus system. That is a drop of 1 percent from last year's system enrollment of 32,721. A decrease in the number of Oklahoma high school graduates is one of the main reasons for the decline and projections show a lower number of in-state graduates over the next five years. That's one reason OSU is working hard to recruit potential students from out of state. "We believe in being proactive, and that's why during the past year OSU has opened student recruitment offices in Dallas, Houston, and now in Puebla, Mexico," Schmidly said. "We are working on a variety of other recruiting and retention initiatives to grow enrollment." For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=411&Itemid=90> .

OSU to honor faculty with Regents Teaching and Research Awards

Ten OSU faculty members will be honored as recipients of the 2006 Regents Distinguished Teaching Award at the Fall Convocation in October, and nine other faculty members will be recognized for receiving the Regents Distinguished Research Award. The 19 recipients were approved today during the Regents meeting. This will be the 16th year in which teaching awards will be presented, and the fourth year in which research awards will be presented, according to OSU System CEO and President David J. Schmidly. For a list of award recipients, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=416&Itemid=90> .

Regents approve construction management firms

OSU/A&M Board of Regents approved construction management firms for several projects outlined in the initial development period of the campus master plan. The projects included in today's action are the new Classroom Building, Science and Technology Research facility and Multimodal Transportation facility as well as renovation of Murray Hall, restoration and remodeling of Old Central and an addition to the Oklahoma Animal Disease and Diagnostic Lab at OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. The construction projects, all on OSU's Stillwater campus, currently are in various phases of architectural design and programming. The university's detailed search for construction managers for the projects began in July. For more information, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=414&Itemid=90> .

Regents tour OSU's innovative ITLE facilities

Members of OSU's A&M Board of Regent's toured OSU's Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence today, getting a closer look at the classrooms of the future for higher education. Laptops, Internet communications and visual media are replacing the rows of desks for students and a lectern for the instructor, changing the definition of a classroom. Uniting the high tech tools of today's classrooms and the potential for peer teaching and learning, the idea is to help students seek their own knowledge and research for better retention. The ITLE is housed in the OSU Telecommunications building. Additional modern classrooms on campus are planned with the renovation of Murray Hall and construction of the new classroom building at Hall of Fame and Monroe. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=415&Itemid=90> .

Regents approve OSU personnel actions

The Oklahoma State University/A&M Board of Regents approved several personnel actions during its Sept. 15 meeting on the OSU campus in Stillwater. For details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=417&Itemid=90> .

"Dump the Pump" Week

Monday, Sept. 18, is the first day of a week-long event to raise awareness of alternative modes of transportation to the OSU campus and around the Stillwater community. The week has been dubbed OSU's "Dump the Pump" week to encourage citizens to save gas and reduce parking demand by considering options such as walk-

ing, bike riding, carpooling, park-n-ride and THE BUS as alternative modes of transportation. For more information, go to the Parking and Transit Services web site www.parking.okstate.edu <<http://www.parking.okstate.edu/>> .

Watch home mail for 2007 Health/Dental/Vision option period guide

2007 Option Period guides are showing up in home mail so watch for yours, as well as your personalized 2007 Option Enrollment form. You will want to review the guide carefully, as the State plan has announced major HealthChoice changes for 2007. It is most important that you and your family review your coverage, consider the total cost to your family, and determine if you would benefit by a change to other coverage. Additional information can be found on the Human Resources website at www.okstate.edu/osu_per <http://www.okstate.edu/osu_per> .

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.

“Arab lens” series kicks off Tuesday

The OSU School of International Studies and the Department of History are sponsoring “Through an Arab Lens,” a documentary and film series about the Middle East. The series will start with the action film “Wolves Don’t Eat Meat” on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center Auditorium. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. The event is free, open to the public, and includes free popcorn.

“Blue Vinyl” ahead

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 NRC 106. “With humor, chutzpah and a piece of vinyl siding firmly in hand, Peabody Award-winning filmmaker Judith Helfand and co-director and award-winning cinematographer Daniel B. Gold set 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>

Wellness tip: Popcorn

Did you know that the average American consumes 64 quarts of popcorn each year? For a healthy at home snack, choose low-fat microwaved popcorn. Some varieties provide as few as 250 calorie per bag (popped), 0 grams of fat and as much as 8 grams of dietary fiber. 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).