



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A report to the OSU/A&M Regents from the OSU President

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Branding Success billion-dollar campaign for OSU passes the \$650 million milestone

Oklahoma State receives \$15 million gift commitment for student leadership scholarships from graduates Billie and Ross McKnight



Oklahoma State University alumni Billie and Ross McKnight have committed a \$15 million gift to the university's \$1 billion Branding Success campaign to establish the McKnight Leader Scholars Scholarship Endowment. The endowment focuses on recruiting and retaining student leaders from rural communities. The McKnights' gift pushes the Branding Success campaign past the \$650 million mark, reported Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State's president.

"Billie and I are pleased to make this commitment to our alma mater," Ross McKnight said. "This gift reflects our appreciation to OSU and our desire to help

students from rural communities attend Oklahoma State."

The McKnights also serve as co-chairs of the Branding Success campaign. Their gift commitment qualifies for a dollar-for-dollar match by the Pickens Legacy Scholarship Match program. The match increases the value of the McKnights' gift to \$30 million, which will eventually produce \$1.25 million annually for scholarships.

The program will recruit up to 50 students annually from rural areas and smaller towns primarily from the north Texas area where the McKnights live.

OSU announces largest scholarship gift to OKC campus, FFA

Oklahoma City resident Martha Burger, OSU alumna and senior vice president of human and corporate resources



at Chesapeake Energy, recently pledged a transformational \$500,000 for scholarships at Oklahoma State University. One half of the gift benefits OSU-Oklahoma City, while the other half benefits FFA leadership officers attending OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Once the gift is matched by the Pickens Legacy Scholarship Match, its total impact is \$1.25 million.

The OSU-OKC portion represents the largest scholarship gift made in the campus' nearly 50-year history.

"OSU-OKC's enrollment is growing and they are really doing some great things there, so I just felt like it was time," said Burger, a 1973 medical technology graduate.

The other \$250,000 gift is for FFA leadership officers attending CASNR and represents the single largest scholarship gift to FFA within the state of Oklahoma.

Alumni Association receives \$250,000 donation



OSU alumni Steve and Pam (Buck) Holton recently donated \$250,000 to the OSU Alumni Association, including \$100,000 for the Homecoming and Student Programs Endowment, \$100,000 for the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center and \$50,000 for student scholarships.

The Holton's donation to the alumni center will assist in the maintenance and

upkeep of the facility, which houses the OSU Alumni Association, OSU Visitor's Center and the OSU Emeriti Association, whose suite in the building will be named after the Holtons in recognition of their donation.

The final \$50,000 of the Holton's donation will be used to fund scholarships for Alumni Association student employees. Once matched 2:1 by the Pickens Legacy Scholarship Match, its total impact will be \$150,000.

Once fully funded at \$8 million, the homecoming endowment will ensure the event is preserved for future generations.

OSU-OKC mourns death of President Jerry Carroll

Dr. Jerry D. Carroll, 70, president of OSU-Oklahoma City, died October 29 after battling cancer for over a year.



DR. JERRY D. CARROLL

“The entire OSU family is deeply saddened by the passing of Jerry Carroll,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “He did a wonderful job leading OSU-OKC through an exciting period of growth. Jerry will be missed and we extend our thoughts and prayers to his wife Jan and their family.”

Dr. Carroll worked in higher education in Oklahoma for nearly 40 years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Counseling at Northeastern Oklahoma State University and

his Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University.

He began his career in 1970 at Tulsa Community College, holding a wide-range of positions that culminated in serving as provost from 1990 to 1992. Dr. Carroll served as president of Northeastern A&M College in Miami from 1992 to 1997. He was president of OSU-Oklahoma City since 1997.

Dr. Carroll is survived by his wife, Jan, two adult children, Justin and Jayme, their spouses, and two grandchildren.

In memory of Dr. Carroll and his commitment to students and higher education, the Dr. Jerry D. Carroll Memorial OSU-OKC Scholarship Fund has been established at the OSU Foundation. Information on how to donate to the scholarship fund is available at www.osuokc.edu/announcement.

OSUIT’s Klabenes to retire

The faculty and staff of Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology hosted a reception to honor President Robert Klabenes, who is retiring in January after 27 years.

The event also recognized the many donors who have contributed gifts and gifts-in-kind to the university during Klabenes’ tenure.

Since becoming president in 1983, Klabenes has transformed campus facilities and strengthened OSUIT’s programs on a variety of fronts. He has also helped the college expand and enhance its many partnerships with business and industry.

Under Klabenes’ leadership, OSUIT has expanded its reach and offerings through collaborations with Green Country Technology Center and the College of the Muscogee Nation as well as other initiatives.



Ramona Mason, chair of the College of Muscogee Nation Board of Regents, and Robert Bible, president of CMN, present Dr. Klabenes with a specially woven Pendleton blanket as a sign of their appreciation for his many years of ongoing assistance in establishing what will be the largest Native American college in Oklahoma. The new campus opens this December just down the road from OSUIT and marks the last educational construction project Klabenes was involved with in his 27 years at OSUIT.

A Thirst for Creativity and Innovation

Oklahoma State had a visible role in the Creativity World Forum, a prestigious international gathering in Oklahoma City in mid-November. Michael Morris, head of the OSU School of Entrepreneurship, and Melanie Page, director of the OSU Institute for Creativity and Innovation, led a break-out session titled, “The Entrepreneurial University: An Emerging Model for the 21st Century.” OSU President Burns Hargis firmly believes that creativity is key to promoting and advancing innovation in commerce, culture and education. Below is the major portion of an op-ed by President Hargis that appeared in The Oklahoman prior to the Creativity World Forum.

Traveling the country meeting successful Oklahoma State alumni, I am reminded of the creative power of ideas. We have many alumni who have put their creativity into action with impressive results.

There is Neal Patterson, who founded a company with two friends in the 1990s and bet its future on an idea to transform the healthcare industry. They created groundbreaking software that helps doctors, clinics and hospitals improve efficiency and deliver better care. With 7,600 employees and a market cap exceeding \$7 billion, their company, Cerner, produces a suite of clinical and healthcare management solutions used around the world.

There is Gale Jarvis, president of the beloved Alexander Doll Company founded in 1923 by the daughter of Russian immigrants. As Gale related to Oklahoma State students when she visited two years ago, Beatrice Alexander had an idea – an unwavering belief that dolls should engage the imagination and contribute to a child’s happiness and understanding of the world. Alexander Doll Company continues to flourish under Gale’s steady hand and creative leadership.

There is Garth Brooks, who used his creative talents to make country music a worldwide phenomenon. He has dominated the country music industry and is the number one selling solo artist in U.S. history, selling more than 28 million albums. Garth became interested in music as a career while a student at Oklahoma State, where he began picking and singing with friends in Iba Hall. These days, he continues to rewrite records by recently selling out nine benefit concerts in Nashville and raising more than \$3.5 million for flood relief.

And there is Boone Pickens, one of the most visionary and creative people I know. Boone has always been ahead of his time. He focused on the concept of maximizing shareholder value before it was popular. Tired of our country’s dependence on foreign oil and the absence of a true national energy plan, Boone developed the Pickens Plan out of an abiding concern about the potential disastrous consequences for our economy, environment and national security. He continues to tirelessly pursue putting America on a path for a brighter energy future. Over the course of his far-reaching career, he has redefined philanthropy with historic gifts to Oklahoma State and other worthy organizations.

A friend of mine once told me that leadership is the ability to see around a corner when no else even sees there is a corner. Leaders are creators. They have a knack for what is possible and a thirst for creativity and innovation. These traits define Neal, Gale, Garth and Boone.

Vet program receives strong ranking

Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences’ PhD program ranks in the top 50 percent of all such programs at veterinary and medical colleges according to the National Research Council.

The National Research Council of the National Academies recently completed its rankings of U.S. PhD programs. The Council conducts the study every ten years. The rankings show that the PhD program in Veterinary Biomedical Sciences at OSU ranked 58th among 120 U.S. programs.

Although OSU’s

program is smaller than most in the integrated biomedical sciences field, it compared well with similar but larger programs at veterinary colleges at the University of Wisconsin, The Ohio State University and Louisiana State University.

The Veterinary Biomedical Sciences graduate program at OSU builds on the excellence of its DVM program to train veterinarians and scientists in multidisciplinary approaches to solving societal challenges in animal and human health, wholesome food supplies, and a healthy environment.

OSU-CHS opens doors to new facility



The Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences held a public grand opening Nov. 23 of its new Forensic Sciences and Biomedical Research Facility. The new facility is a unique partnership between the health center and the City of Tulsa. The building’s first two floors house forensic labs and other Tulsa Police Department functions; OSU-CHS forensic science and biomedical researchers will work and provide instruction in the third and fourth floor laboratories. The new facility will almost quadruple the research space for the school’s Forensic Sciences program.

OSU recognizes administrators, faculty and staff during Fall Convocation

Members of the Oklahoma State University administration, faculty and staff were recognized for their service, work and loyalty during the annual Fall Convocation Nov. 2 at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center in Stillwater.

Recipients of the Loyal and True Award, the highest recognition given to any OSU employee, were Vice President of Administration and Finance David Bosserman,

Dean of the Center of Veterinary Health Sciences Michael Lorenz and Dean of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Karl Reid.

In addition to the Loyal and True Award, the Eminent Faculty award was given to Don Lucca, Regents Professor, who holds the Tom J. Cunningham Endowed Chair in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

Also announced were recipients of the University Service Awards. These awards are given to one member of the faculty, staff and administration each year to recognize them for their work to advance the overall betterment of the university. This year’s winners were: Andrew Arena, professor in mechanical and aerospace engineering; Kent Bunker, director of the Colvin Center, and Kendria Cost, marketing coordinator at the Seretean Wellness Center.

For a full list of awards and honors, go to: news.okstate.edu.



Provost Robert Sternberg (left), President Burns Hargis and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Regents Professor Don Lucca.

Staff Recognition

Contributions and service of the approximately 4,000 staff members employed at Oklahoma State University were recognized during the Staff Awards and Recognition Day on Nov. 11. Members of the OSU staff were recognized for their years of service and Distinguished Service Awards recipients were given a plaque and a \$750 check.

Recipients of the Distinguished Service Awards are:

Jason Pogue, Senior Financial Coordinator, Vice President for Research
Elizabeth Condit, Administrative Support Specialist II, Natural Resource Ecology & Management

Cindy Rice, Administrative Support Assistant II, Fire Protection Publications

Charles “Gene” Keller, Custodian II, Physical Plant Custodial Services
John Duncan, Groundskeeper III, Physical Plant Grounds & Labor
John Tanner, Engineering Technician, Athletics

Karen Flora, Support Specialist, Fire Protection Publications

In addition to the awards, 11 staff members also received a \$300 scholarship.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Damron named 2010 Oklahoma Professor of the Year

Dr. Steve Damron, professor of animal science at OSU, has been named the 2010 Oklahoma Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

"I am surrounded by fantastic teachers who care about students and their subjects and practice their craft to the best of their abilities no matter the obstacles. To be selected for this award when surrounded by so many phenomenal teachers is very humbling," said Damron.

Damron says he is inspired every day by his students and the way they want to know and learn and simply by them graduating and finding success.

"I find college students to be the most exciting group of people on the planet and love the interaction with them and the opportunity I have to affect the rest of people's lives. I want people to be happy and productive and feel I have a part in that for every student I teach," Damron said.

Damron advises about 100 animal science students each year and has served as faculty adviser to several student organizations.



Dr. Connie Ketz-Riley, clinic assistant professor and head of the zoo, exotic and wildlife medicine service at OSU, is the first European woman to become a diplomate of the American College of Zoological Medicine.

Drs. Shulu Ayalew and Anthony Confer were granted a patent on Sept. 4, 2010. The patent involves a vaccine or vaccine component against shipping fever. This provides a new approach to using recombinant proteins expressing more than one protein epitope to immunize against the major cause of the disease in beef cattle.

Corey Pope, Ph.D., head of the Department of Physiological Sciences, Regents Professor and Sitlington Chair in Toxicology, will lead a team of CVHS toxicologist to research countermeasures against chemical terrorism. Pope recently received a 2-year grant from NIH to fund the study.

Donald French, a zoology professor at OSU, has been elected the 2012 president of the National Association of Biology Teachers. On Jan. 1, 2011, French officially begins his term as president-elect of the 5,000-member association.

Virginia Worley, assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Curriculum, recently has been appointed to a pair of national posts. She was elected to the Executive Council and Board of Directors for the International Society for Educating Women and serve as co-editor of the Journal of Philosophy and History of Education.

The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine recently named **Dianne McFarlane, DVM, Ph.D.**, as one of the ACVIM "Heroes in Medicine." McFarlane, an ACVIM Board-certified Large

Pioneering OSU Scientist honored

Oklahoma State University Regents Professor Daniel Grischkowsky has been selected for the 2011 Kenneth J. Button Prize that is awarded in recognition of "outstanding contributions to the science of the electromagnetic spectrum."

Grischkowsky, Bellmon Professor of Optoelectronics at OSU, will be honored for his pioneering contributions to the development of terahertz time-domain spectroscopy (THz-TDS) at the annual meeting of the International Society of Infrared, Millimeter and Terahertz Waves in Houston next year.

Spectroscopy is the use of electromag-

netic radiation to study matter or physical processes. Grischkowsky is considered an optics pioneer.

From lasers and microchips to radar ranging studies, Grischkowsky's work has applications in numerous areas from the high-speed transfer of enormous amounts of data, safer and more revealing medical imaging, communications, as well as defense and homeland security.



Carrie Winterowd, professor in the School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology, was chosen Outstanding Advisory Board Member for the Payne County Youth Services.

Design, Housing and Merchandising Professor **Paulette Herbert** received the 2010 Educator Award by the International Facility Management Association. She is the Chris Salmon Professor in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. In addition to Herbert's award, the OSU Student IFMA Chapter she advises was selected as Student Chapter of the Year in 2008 by the 19,500 member international organization.

In recognition of her support of public education in Stillwater, College of Education **Dean Pamela Fry** was recently honored with the 2010 Pioneer Service Award from the Stillwater Public Education Foundation. Fry was recognized for spearheading a partnership with Eskimo Joe's to create a t-shirt that celebrates teachers. Proceeds from the sales of the shirts are donated to the Stillwater Public Education Foundation, which provides grants for classroom teachers to support projects, and to future teacher scholarships in the OSU College of Education. Since the project's inception, more than \$25,000 has been collected from Eskimo Joe's.

STUDENT SUCCESS



OSU's Livestock Judging Team earned top honors at the recent North American International Livestock Exposition's renowned National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville. Student awards and honors are listed below. Front row from left: Brent Wellings, Assistant Coach; Darin Annuschat, finished as 12th-high individual overall; Holly Hogue, Ashley Hop, Lacey Meder, Megan Bryant, Academic All-American; Kaylee Kerbs, earned high individual honors in cattle, placed second in reasons, eighth in sheep and finished as the contest's third-high individual overall; Michael McCusker-Kinna, Academic All-American; Clint Mefford, earned high individual honors in swine, placed third in reasons, fifth in cattle and finished as the contest's second-high individual overall. Back row from left: Jorge Huizar, Kelsey Pfeiffer, Jeremy Leister, Garrett Knebel, Academic All-American, placed fourth in cattle and sixth in reasons; Nicholas Pope, Jett Eder, Academic All-American; Chase Reed, placed third in cattle and 10th in reasons; Jared Givens and Dr. Mark Johnson, Coach.

Riley Pagett, an agricultural communications junior from Woodward, captured the most prestigious honor at the 83rd Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis being elected National FFA president for the coming year. Fulfilling his position will require traveling more than 100,000 miles; meeting top leaders in business, government and education; visiting approximately 40 states; and participating in an international experience tour to Japan.



2011 Miss OSU

Betty Thompson Chandler, Senior Elementary Education

Betty's talent is traditional Irish dance and her platform is "Milk, It REALLY Does a Body Good."

Oklahoma State team visits NASA to prepare for challenge

A team of OSU students selected to compete in a NASA challenge got a chance to take some notes and meet astronauts at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

They were getting a first look at NASA's operational prototype for a space habitat, which is what they will be using as a basis to integrate the inflatable living quarters they're expected to design, manufacture, and assemble for the NASA contest, according to team adviser Jamey Jacob, professor of aerospace engineering at OSU.

After meeting with several astronauts, including the pilot and commander of the final space shuttle missions, mechanical and aerospace engineering student Zack Deck expressed enthusiasm. "We just shook hands with the astronaut commanding the last shuttle mission! My mind just exploded a bit."

OSU is one of three universities (including the University of Maryland and the University of Wisconsin-Madison) selected by NASA to compete in the head-to-head challenge to "engage and inspire the next generation of innovative engineers



and designers." The winner of the competition will have their design used by NASA during field testing next summer, according to Jacob.

The OSU XHab team, as it's called, includes students and faculty from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, the School of Architecture and the College of Human and Environmental Sciences.

The designs the students submit for the challenge will be usable for NASA missions to the moon, Mars and asteroids, as well as on Earth for applications such as portable operating rooms and emergency shelters.

The scope and historical nature of the

project isn't lost on the students involved. "Working for NASA on a project for the next generation space habitat is a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Cory Sudduth, an engineering student. "I'm very proud to have the chance to work on this."

And as far as the visit to NASA went, Tyler Prorise summed it up succinctly. "It isn't every day you get to meet an astronaut."

Unmanned aircraft program featured in USA Today

The article published October 12, 2010, was about Californians making their way east to live and work in Oklahoma. One of the areas featured in the article was Oklahoma's competitive advantage in aerospace and defense technology.

The article stated: "Oklahoma State University is emerging as a leader in unmanned aircraft, important to the U.S. military hunting terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The school last month announced a program in unmanned aviation. 'We've been inundated with applications,' professor Jamey Jacob says."

To read the article in its entirety go to <http://usat.ly/aircraftprogram>.

Four Inductions for the OSU Alumni Hall of Fame

The OSU Alumni Association is inducting four new members into the OSU Alumni Hall of Fame on February 18, 2011, at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center.

Gene Batchelder '69 currently serves as the senior vice president and chief administrative officer for ConocoPhillips in Houston.

John A. Clerico '63 is the chairman ChartMark Investments, Inc., in Tulsa, which he co-founded in 2000.

J.L. "Lew" Meibergen '53 is the chairman of the board and president of Johnston Enterprises, Incorporated in Enid.

Michele Smith received her bachelor's degree in health and wellness from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1990. Smith is the owner of Michele Smith Fastpitch, Inc, in St. Petersburg, Fla., and does marketing for Musco Lighting.

Bedlam Battle!



OSU defeated OU in the Oklahoma Blood Institute Bedlam Blood Drive. OSU had 1,256 donors to OU's 1,168. It's estimated total donations will save approximately 6,000 lives.

OSU hosts record-setting recruitment event



More than 2,000 prospective students from across the state of Oklahoma and southern Kansas visited the OSU-Stillwater campus Nov. 15. The recruiting event was the largest in OSU's history. Up Close is a perfect way for prospective students to experience the unique atmosphere and energy of OSU alongside current students, faculty and staff.

Housing and Residential Life celebrates centennial

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry declared Oct. 23 as Oklahoma State University Housing and Residential Life Day in honor of OSU's Department of Housing and Residential Life centennial.

As part of the centennial, 32 housing scholarships have been awarded to Oklahoma students at OSU. These scholarships allowed the students to live on campus and free them from additional stress and financial burden. The total awarded was \$110,720.

The 2010 awards were the first to be given from the Centennial Scholarship Fund. The goal is to endow the fund for \$1 million dollars and offer 100 annual housing scholarships.

Housing at Oklahoma State University began in 1909 with the construction of two halls: the Boy's dormitory and the Wom-

an's Building. The Boy's Dormitory was later renamed Crutchfield Hall, which was torn down in 1995. The Woman's Building was later named Garner Hall. Today the building is still in use as the Bartlett Center for Fine Arts.

Times have certainly changed. According to the Oklahoma A&M College 1910 catalog, room and board for students living in the Woman's Building or in the Boy's Dormitory cost \$3 per month for a furnished room for two students, payable in advance; board included heat, lights, water, etc., and was \$2.00 to \$2.50 per week, payable monthly in advance. Today, the cost for room and board can range from \$500 to \$1,000 a month, and students can choose from traditional halls, suites and apartments.

Cowboys on the Move – Stillwater Campus Competition

The first ever OSU-Stillwater physical activity competition was held October 1-November 19. The 6 week competition featured OSU-Stillwater faculty/staff against OSU-Stillwater students to see who could log the highest average number of minutes of activity. The Seretean Wellness Center partnered with Fitterlife and the Merrick Foundation to create the competition, which included custom orange/black KICKER ear buds for each participant and a FREE iPhone app to track minutes of physical activity.



To celebrate the end of the Cowboys on the Move Competition, First Cowgirl Ann Hargis completed the first set of push ups on the ROTC push up board during the bedlam game.

First Cowgirl, Ann Hargis led the charge by leading walks and boot camp classes in an effort to help participants accumulate minutes of activity. In just six weeks, those participating in the competition logged over 1,000,000 minutes of activity. Faculty/staff won the competition, averaging 859 minutes per person and students completed the competition with 382 minutes per person. A traveling trophy will be housed in the President's Office until next year's competition. Just one way OSU is striving to be America's HEALTHIEST campus.

Cowboy Cross Country repeats as NCAA champions

The Oklahoma State men's cross country program repeated as national champions at the 2010 NCAA Cross Country Championships, winning its third overall and second consecutive national title as three Cowboys finished in the top 10 to seal the team championship.

The Cowboys dominated the field in the 10,000-meter race and scored just 73 team points, 120 better than runner-up Florida State. Wisconsin was third with 223. Oklahoma State's margin of victory is the fourth-largest in the history of the event.

As they have done all year, the trio of Girma Mecheso, German Fernandez and Colby Lowe anchored the Cowboys' win, finishing seventh, eighth and ninth. Tom Farrell was 29th and Johnathan Stublaski was 36th to round out the Oklahoma State scoring five, who all earned All-America honors.

The NCAA title was the school's 50th all time, which ranks OSU fourth in the nation and tops in the Big 12.



Banner year for soccer



Oklahoma State's soccer team completed a record-setting season with a first-ever trip to the Elite Eight, where the Cowgirls finished their exciting NCAA Tournament run with a 2-0 loss to Notre Dame before a record crowd at the Cowgirl Soccer Complex on Nov. 26. Oklahoma State, a No. 3 national seed and ranked 6th nationally, ended its season with a 20-4-2 mark.

OSU claimed its second straight Big 12 Conference Tournament championship when it defeated Oklahoma in San Antonio on Nov. 7; then beat Michigan, Oregon State and Duke in the NCAA Tournament on its way to the Elite Eight.

"I don't think many people coming into the season would have picked us as a top-eight team," said Cowgirl coach Colin Carmichael. "That's a credit to these kids. Overachieved is not the right word, but they certainly exceeded a lot of expectations. I couldn't be prouder of them that's for sure."

OSU-Tulsa receives \$250,000 for student scholarships and health lab

Oklahoma State University-Tulsa and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma have announced a partnership that will prepare students to be leaders in improving the health and wellness of Oklahomans.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma pledged \$250,000 to OSU-Tulsa for scholarships and the creation of a lab for students studying health education and promotion.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma President Bert Marshall said the gift is a result of the company's commitment to a brighter, stronger and healthier future for all Oklahomans.

OSU-Tulsa will create the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma Health and Human Performance Lab with \$150,000 of the gift. The funds will be used to purchase \$50,000 in new lab equipment and create a \$100,000 endowment for ongoing maintenance to the lab.

The remaining \$100,000 of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield



of Oklahoma gift will create student scholarships and will be matched at a rate of 2-to-1 by OSU alumnus T. Boone Pickens as part of the \$100 million Pickens Legacy Scholarship Match program. Therefore, when fully funded, the scholarship portion of the gift will provide \$300,000 in endowed scholarship funds for OSU-Tulsa students.

OKC program accredited

OSU-Oklahoma City's Echocardiography program recently received a five-year national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP).

Homecoming 2010 draws record crowds

Homecoming 2010: 'Cowboy Nation' was a huge success and drew record crowds.

More than 75,000 OSU alumni and friends attended Walkaround on Friday evening to view the house decorations and floats. Nearly 5,000 people also viewed the event online with the Walkaround Webcam.

A complete list of awards and results from Homecoming 2010 can be found at orangeconnection.org/homecoming by clicking the "Results" button. Photos and videos of each event are also available to review and enjoy.

Homecoming 2011 will be held Oct. 29 against the Baylor Bears.



Alumni Association names Seniors of Significance

The OSU Alumni Association has named 41 students as OSU Seniors of Significance for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Seniors of Significance Award recognizes students who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and service to campus and community and have brought distinction to OSU.

"This group represents approximately one percent of the senior class and OSU's best with their involvement in numerous service and leadership organizations," says Larry Shell, OSU Alumni Association president. "We are honored to recognize them for their achievements and support them as they prepare to join the OSU alumni family."

A public reception to recognize the winners and their families was held on December 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center.

The Seniors of Significance are: Paul Barbour, Guthrie, Okla., Agribusiness; Jeremy Bennett, Yukon, Okla., Environmental Science; Karolyn Bolay, Perry, Okla., Agricultural Communications; Stephanie Bowen, Newcastle, Okla., Agricultural Communications; John Brooks, Gore, Okla., Political Science; Allison Brown,



Edmond, Okla., History and Political Science; Megan Bryant, Pawnee, Okla., Animal Science; Austin Burton, Oklahoma City, Okla., Civil Engineering; Huyen Cao, Oklahoma City, Okla., Communication Sciences Disorders; Emily Cole, Edmond, Okla., Management and Entrepreneurship; Haley Cosner, Gans, Okla., Finance; Amalia Deines, Shattuck, Okla., Accounting; Jessica DeLong, Harrah, Okla., Accounting; J. Connor Ferguson, Norman, Okla., Plant & Soil Science; Jessica Fernandez-Flack, Lawton, Okla., Political Science and Sociology; Katie Foley, Tulsa, Okla., Child & Family Services; Gretchen Frost, Petersburg, Ill., Animal Science; Sarah Fry, Omega, Okla., Agribusiness

Katie Fuchs, Elk City, Okla., Accounting; Katie Gruntmeir, Kingfisher, Okla., Agricultural Education; Courtney Hargis, Mooreland, Okla., Early Childhood Education

Andrew Henry, Fort Towson, Okla.,

Economics/Pre-Law; Blair Kirkpatrick, Bartlesville, Okla., Accounting; Stefanie Krull, Stilwell, Kan., History and German; Crystal LaGrone, Haskell, Ark., Political Science; Allison Lyons, Edmond, Okla., Accounting/Pre-Law

David McKellips, Tulsa, Okla., Accounting and Finance; Lydia Meador, Tulsa, Okla., Botany, Microbiology/Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Laura Merriman, Holdenville, Okla., Biosystems Engineering; Sara Oppel, Albuquerque, N.M., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Cody Ott, Fairview, Okla., Agribusiness; Erin Prutow, Newton, Pa., Political Science and Philosophy; Andrea Richardson, Pittsburg, Okla., Human Nutrition; Teresa Richert, Tulsa, Okla., Nutritional Sciences; Johnna Lynn Rushin, Mustang, Okla., Agricultural Economics and Accounting; Dillon Sparks, Hennepin, Okla., Animal Science/Ranch Operations; Devin Stanfield, Oklahoma City, Okla., Management Information Systems; Ben Stukenborg, Tulsa, Okla., Architecture; Wyatt Swinford, Okemah, Okla., Agriculture Business; Maria Vera, Tulsa, Okla., Chemical Engineering; Whitney Wernimont, Rowlett, Texas, Nutritional Sciences.

Fall Commencement set for Stillwater and Okmulgee

Oklahoma State University will hold fall commencement ceremonies on two of its campuses in December.

STILLWATER CEREMONIES

Students from both OSU-Stillwater and OSU-Tulsa will participate in commencement ceremonies in Gallagher-Iba Arena Dec. 17-18.

Coach President and Chief Operating Officer and OSU alumnus Jerry Strizke will be the featured speaker during the two undergraduate commencement ceremonies on Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m..

The Graduate College commencement ceremony will be on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

OKMULGEE CEREMONY

OSU Institute of Technology will hold its fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Covelle Hall on the OSUIT campus. The commencement address will be given by Phil Berkenbile, State Director for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.



JERRY STRIZKE

OSU-OKC Spreads Cheer with Poinsettia Sale, Holiday Celebration

The OSU-Oklahoma City Agriculture Technologies Division is holding its annual Poinsettia Sale and Farmers' Market Holiday Celebration. The sale runs through Dec. 11 in the John E. Kirkpatrick Horticulture Center, 400 N. Portland Ave. The Holiday Celebration will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Horticulture Pavilion at the same address.



There are around 1,700 poinsettias of different colors, sizes and prices available for sale to the public. Poinsettia Sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The sale is closed Sunday.

The annual Farmers' Market Holiday Celebration offers shoppers the chance to select from 100 percent Oklahoma Grown produce and Oklahoma Made items. For more information about the Poinsettia Sale or the Farmers' Market Holiday Celebration, call (405) 945-3358 or visit www.osuokc.edu/farmersmarket.