



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A report to the OSU/A&M Regents from the Office of the OSU System CEO and President.

April 18, 2008

## OSU: The State's Home for Outstanding Scholars!

When it comes to prestigious national and international scholarships and awards, Oklahoma State University is THE place to be this spring.

So far, eight students have been selected as recipients of prestigious national and international scholarships, an outstanding alumnus has received another award, and each week has brought news of more student honors.

"We're having an exciting spring semester at Oklahoma State University, especially with all of these announcements in such a short period of time," said OSU President Burns Hargis. "This shows that OSU can compete academically with students from anywhere in the country.

"Everyone at OSU is extremely proud of these students. These major achievements are a wonderful reflection on OSU, and demonstrate our university's mission to produce quality students who made a real commitment to changing our world. These young people have exciting futures in store for them."

Robert Graalman, director of the OSU Office of Scholar Development and Recognition, is thrilled for the students. His office and faculty mentors in every college on campus have spent thousands of hours working with the students and encouraging them in the process of applying for these life-changing scholarships.

"Many of my colleagues from around the country are not

only impressed but amazed at our students, resources, programming, and especially faculty involvement OSU enjoys that cause results like this to occur," Graalman said. "If there is an academic example of how teamwork across an entire campus can inspire success, we're seeing it this year. OSU can be proud of these students and of a lot of others who are making the same kind of efforts in every college."

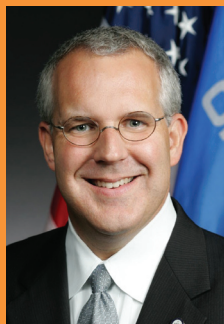


Cortney Timmons was surprised when OSU President Burns Hargis and other university officials told her she had become the 15th Oklahoma State University student to receive a Truman Scholarship.

### 2008 Commencements



OSU-Okmulgee  
7:30 p.m., April 24  
Covelle Hall  
Dr. Kermit McMurry  
Vice Chancellor  
Division of Student  
Services for the  
Oklahoma State  
Regents for Higher  
Education



OSU-Stillwater  
10 a.m., May 3  
Gallagher-Iba Arena  
Gov. Brad Henry  
(Agricultural Sciences  
and Natural  
Resources; Arts and  
Sciences; Education)



OSU-Stillwater  
2 p.m., May 3  
Gallagher-Iba Arena  
Lt. Gov. Jari Askins  
(Engineering, Archi-  
tecture and Technol-  
ogy; Human Environ-  
mental Sciences;  
Spears School of Busi-  
ness; Center for Veteri-  
nary Health Sciences)



OSU-Tulsa  
7 p.m., May 5  
The Pavilion at Expo-  
Square in Mid-town  
Tulsa  
Glen Johnson  
Chancellor,  
Oklahoma State  
Regents for Higher  
Education



OSU-Center for  
Health Sciences  
7 p.m., May 9  
Union Performing  
Arts Center, Tulsa  
Elaine Ramos  
President, Class of  
2008



OSU-Oklahoma City  
7 p.m., May 12  
Cox Convention Center  
Arena  
Burns Hargis  
President, Oklahoma  
State University

## Outstanding Scholars

### Timmons Selected as Oklahoma State's 15th Truman Scholar

Cortney Timmons of Ada, a biosystems and agricultural engineering major, is the 15th OSU student to receive one of the nation's most prestigious scholastic honors, the Truman Scholarship.

Only 80 U.S. college juniors annually receive the \$30,000 scholarship for students with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or other public service.

She also will receive leadership training, career and graduate school counseling and special internship opportunities within the federal government.

"In speaking to those who attended her surprise Truman announcement, Cortney displayed that wonderful air of self-confidence with her characteristic sense of humility," said Ed Miller, professor and associate dean in the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

"In more than 40 years in higher education, I have not met a student who has been a better model of excellence in scholarship, leadership and service," said Karl N. Reid, dean of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology.

### Alumnus Receives New Fellowship

Kyle T. Jones of Norman, a 2006 OSU honors graduate in political science and economics and the first OSU student to receive the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship, has been awarded a Presidential Management Fellowship.

He is completing a master's degree in public policy at Harvard University and was selected from a national search for the presidential program. Each Fellow has the opportunity to work for two years in the office of his choice in Washington, D.C.

The program attracts outstanding men and women from different academic disciplines who have shown a commitment to excellence in leadership and management of public policies and programs.

Jones served for two years as president of the OSU Residence Hall Association, and was president of Jones Hall Government and a senator for the Student Government Association.



Jones

In 2007, Timmons received a Morris K. Udall Scholarship.

She recently was named Oklahoma Collegiate Recycler of the Year for initiating the "Real Cowboys Recycle" at OSU home football games with the support of the Student Government Association.

### Williams Named Oxford Scholar

Kelsey Williams, Stillwater English senior, is one of 50 American students to receive an Oxford Clarendon Press Scholarship that provides full tuition and fees for American graduate students at Oxford University. The scholarship includes a stipend for living and other expenses.

"He was raised in a home that values reading, music, art and science as a part of one's everyday experience, and I have rarely known a student so motivated by the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake," said Elizabeth Grubgeld, OSU English professor who directed his Honors College thesis.

He has studied twice in Cambridge with OSU's Scholar Development program.

Her future plans include designing agricultural systems and programs to protect and sustain the quantity and quality of water, soil and other natural resources, while developing techniques to make agricultural operations more environmentally friendly.

He spent the 2006-07 academic year as an exchange student at St. Andrews University on an OSU Bailey Scholarship, and was captain of the university's competitive academic team and debating society.

Williams, a finalist in the Gates/Cambridge competition, also was the recipient of two Lew Wentz Research Scholarships. He plans to pursue a career in scholarship and teaching after completing his Ph.D. at Oxford.



Williams

### Smith Awarded Udall Foundation Scholarship

Savannah Smith of Talihina, an environmental science major with an option in environmental policy, is the sixth OSU student to be awarded a Morris K. Udall Foundation Scholarship for her senior year.

The scholarship provides \$5,000 for educational expenses to outstanding sophomores and juniors studying the environment and related fields, or are Native Americans or Alaska Natives in fields related to health care or tribal public policy. It was created in 1992 to honor U.S. Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona, who fought to preserve and to protect the nation's environment, public lands and natural resources.

"Savannah possesses a balance of leadership, communication, technical and academic skills that set her apart from her

peers," said Jeff Hattey, plant and soil sciences professor.

Ed Miller, associate dean for academic programs in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said

Smith is always humble about her capabilities.

"When good things happen, she is so surprised and amazed. She is going to have wonderful opportunities to interact in Tucson with other Udall Scholars who have similar interests," Miller said.



Smith

### Rowland Receives NSF Graduate Fellowship

Sarah Cook Rowland, Morrison senior, is a 2008 recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship.

The program provides opportunities for outstanding graduate students to become knowledgeable experts who can contribute significantly to research, teaching and innovations in science and engineering.

Rowland, a biosystems engineering major with a Spanish minor, has served the OSU Department of Biosystems and

Agricultural Engineering as an interim student recruiter since January.



Rowland

She will serve her fellowship as an OSU research assistant working on the development of cellulosic biofuels.

## Three Named Goldwater Scholars

Paul Egan of Broken Arrow, Ilya (Eli) Sluch of Stillwater, and Renee Hale of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., have been selected as Barry M. Goldwater Scholars for 2008-09.

More than 1,000 students applied this year for the one or two-year scholarships, and 321 were awarded for 2008-09, according to Peggy Goldwater Clay, chair of the board of trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

The Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious and competitive scholarship for undergraduate sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue careers in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering, and will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to \$7,500 per year.

"This is yet another example of how strongly qualified OSU's students are for major scholarships," said Robert Graalman, director of the OSU Office of Scholar Development and Recognition.

Egan is a physics and mechanical engineering double major.

"Paul is exceptionally diligent, hard working, determined and productive. In fact, his maturity and development is more reminiscent of an excellent and seasoned graduate student than an undergraduate student—even one of superior abilities," said L.L. Hoberock, professor and head of the OSU School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

Sluch is a chemistry sophomore.

"Eli really stands out among his peers because of his passion for and devotion to research. He has the qualities that we hope to find in doctoral students: a hunger for

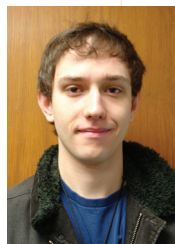
new knowledge and the patience and skill to learn the techniques needed to gain it," said Lee Slaughter, chemistry assistant professor.

Hale is a chemical engineering major. Her sister, Melinda Hale, a 2007 OSU graduate in mechanical engineering, also received the Goldwater award three years ago.

"Renee Hale is atypical when compared to most all of our undergraduate students in engineering, in that she has engaged in an unusual blend and level of academic and creative pursuits," said Karl N. Reid, dean of the OSU College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology.



Egan



Sluch



Hale

## Milliken Receives Fulbright for Indonesia

Christy Milliken of Edmond will spend next year in Indonesia as a Fulbright Scholar for 2008-09.

Milliken, an English and economics senior, received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, which places students as English teaching assistants in overseas schools to improve foreign students' English language abilities and knowledge of the U.S.

"I had previous experience in China, which I thought would translate very well into another South Asian country," she said.

"OSU is proud of Christy's commitment to make a difference in the world," said OSU President Burns Hargis. "It is vital in today's world, both economically and politically, that all students have an international experience, and OSU's goal is to help provide 100 percent of our graduates some type of international experience."

Milliken is no stranger to traveling abroad. In the summer of 2005, she studied at the Burgundy School of Business in Dijon, France. In the summer of 2006, she studied English at Magdalene College in Cambridge, England. In March 2007, she studied humanities in Spain and Morocco.

In the summer of 2007, she boarded a

plane for China, without a job but knowing she'd find a position teaching English.

"The unfamiliarity of a land so far removed from our western ways of life called to me, and when I ventured into an ESL classroom, it was in China," she said.

For two months, she taught English in a variety of settings, including a primary and secondary school summer camp in Xuzhou; lecturing for English majors at a university in Shijiazhuang; tutoring a high school senior; and recording a series of conversations that would be administered as the oral section of the standardized middle school final exam. She lived with a local family and took weekly Mandarin lessons.

Milliken will receive her OSU Honors Degree in English in May, along with a B.A. in economics.



Milliken

She hopes to attend law school to study international law when she returns, and work for the U.S. government and possibly do economic policy work.

## Williams Receives International Honor

Amanda Williams of Tulsa has received an international honor for undergraduate research she did on ways online interaction is transforming classic communication for adolescents.

The OSU-Tulsa human development and family science graduate student received the Wesley Burr Paper Award from the National Council on Family Relations for her study, "A Review of Online Social Networking Profiles by Adolescents: Implications for Future Research and Intervention."

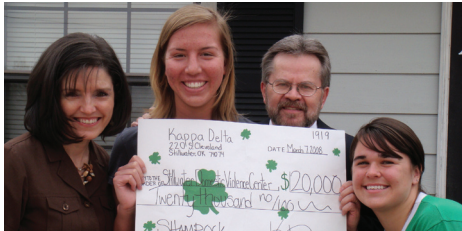
Her research involved observing 100 profiles from disclosed social networking Web sites and monitoring them for a semester.

She wrote the paper for her honors thesis, and her paper also has been selected for journal publication.



Williams

## Student News



Lindsay Rother, second from left, and Christa Towns, far right, presented Brenda Gill, M.S., LMFT, and Ralph Lindsey, Ph.D., Stillwater Domestic Violence Center executive director, with a check for \$20,000 prior to the 2008 Shamrock event.

## Kappa Delta Project Continues Philanthropy

Kappa Delta sorority raised more than \$37,000 for its local and national philanthropies during its 25th annual Shamrock event in March.

The total raised was \$37,483.98, according to Shamrock chairs Lindsay Rother of Lawton and Christa Towns of Edmond.

Checks totaling nearly \$30,000 were presented to the Stillwater Domestic Violence Center to help keep programs going that were facing dramatic budget cuts, and Prevent Child Abuse America received more than \$7,000.

The fundraiser included a men's slow-pitch softball tournament and a letter-writing campaign.

**Jered Wendte**, Choctaw second-year veterinary student, was accepted into the Howard Hughes Medical Institute-National Institutes of Health Research Scholars Program. This is the first time the program has been offered to veterinary students and he is one of only four such students selected nationwide. He will travel to NIH headquarters in Bethesda, Md., in August and he will live with the other 41 scholars for the next year.



Wendte

Student chairs for the Sept. 26-28 OSU Parents Association Family Weekend Steering Committee are **Kourtney Childers**, Waynoka, agricultural communications; **Emily Cole**, Edmond, general business; **Samantha Parker**, Oklahoma City, psychology; **Cathy Rutter**, Plano, Texas, finance; **Wendy Slusher**, Weyers Cave, Va., agricultural education; and **Kari Taylor**, Ponca City psychology.



Sixteen students have been selected to receive the 2008 Oklahoma State University Outstanding Senior Award this spring.

This award, presented by the OSU Alumni Association, recognizes students who distinguish themselves through academic achievement, campus and community activities, academic, athletic or extra-curricular honors or awards, scholarships and work ethic during their time at OSU.

The 16 students were selected from the 41 Seniors of Significance named last fall by the OSU Alumni Association Awards and Selection Committee.

A public banquet honoring the OSU Outstanding Seniors will be held April 21 at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center at 6:30 p.m.

This year's honorees are **Heather Beem**, Stillwater, mechanical engineering; **Matthew Beier**, Stillwater, chemical engineering; **Matt Carter**, Norman, economics and finance; **Whitney Danker**, Wellston, agricultural communications and agricultural economics; **Nicholas Eschner**, McHenry, Ill., fire protection and safety technology; **Ebonie Hill**, Lawton, public relations and marketing; **Travis Jett**, Laverne, agribusiness; and **Eunice Menja**, Stillwater, child and family services.

Also receiving the honor are **Christy Milliken**, Edmond, English and economics; **Sara-Jane Smallwood**, Clayton, agricultural communications and American Indian studies; **Ashley Spess**, Cleveland, human development and family science and English; **Patrick Stein**, Cherokee, agribusiness; **Matthew Stiner**, Broken Arrow, political science and history; **Aspen Wilds**, El Reno, business management and marketing and human resources; **Kelsey Jackson-Williams**, Stillwater, English and history; and **Aaron Wilson**, Stillwater, economics and pre-law.

**Meng (Vivian) Wang**, Shanghai, Ph.D. student in educational leadership and policy studies, and **Phuong Le**, Vietnam, journalism and broadcasting senior, received \$500 Mercedier Cunningham Scholarships for outstanding scholastic achievements and notable extracurricular involvement. Wang is working on a workshop to bring Chinese administrators to OSU for training in student affairs. Le has represented OSU in recruitment trips to her home country.

**Julie Rutledge**, Bartlesville human development and family science doctoral student, won the graduate student competition at the Society for Research in Human Development in Little Rock for her paper, "How are Parenting and Sociomoral Reflection Related in a Sample of Low-income Mothers."

**Mike Langston**, Stillwater doctoral student, received the \$1,000 Jimmie Pigg Environmental Policy Research Assistantship from the Oklahoma Bar Association environmental law section.

OSU veterinary students have confirmed that exposure to arsenic is directly linked to gene altering that causes various cancers in animals. **Tisha Posey** of Enid and **Heidi Stricker** of Hill City, Kan., are part of a research team that published its findings in *BMC Genomics*. Dean Michael Lorenz calls that "a huge accomplishment considering that both are full-time veterinary students." Posey received a Veterinary Student Fellowship from the Morris Animal Foundation for this work.

A total of 21 students and five staff from OSU Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council brought home 11 outstanding awards from the Mid-American Greek Conference and the National Black Greek Leadership Conference in Chicago. Gamma Sigma Alpha took fall and spring Academic Excellence Awards. **Adam Cantley** and **Erika Curry** took third place in the Order of Omega Case Study Competition. OSU was honored for donating \$3,000 to St. Jukes Hospital Programs, money they saved by taking a bus.



**Kevin Rauckman, Garmin CFO/treasurer, right, presented MBA students Tiantian Zhang, China; Jessie Loeffler, Tecumseh; Michael Tapley, Tulsa; and Matt Quade, Edmond, with the first place award at the annual Big 12 MBA competition in Kansas City.**

## MBA Students Take First Place in Competition

OSU business graduate students took first place at an annual Big 12 Masters of Business Administration case competition in Kansas City.

Teams had 24 hours to analyze, solve a current real-world problem for Garmin International, a Kansas City-based manufacturer of devices using global positioning systems, come to a decision and craft a presentation to deliver to a panel of judges.

Students Michael Tapley, Tiantian Zhang, Jessie Loeffler and Matt Quade were given courtside seats at the Big 12 men's basketball final game and were recognized at the game.

**Kevin Kraft**, Pennington, N.J., and **Carl Segura**, Amherst, Mass., educational leadership studies graduate students, took first place in the 2008 National Case Study Competition at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators conference in Boston.

OSU Women's Faculty Council honored winners of 2008 Awards for Research by Women Students **Sayanti Ganguly**, India, English; **Seema Haridas**, India, microbiology; **Erika Brown**, Katy, Texas, psychology; and **Qiang Guo**, China, statistics, all doctoral students; and senior **Effie Craven**, Oklahoma City, physical education.

Campus Crusade for Christ sent 52 people, including 48 OSU students and a staff member, to New Orleans on spring break to help with the Katrina clean-up. They built fences, picked up trash, gutted and framed houses, painted, did yard work, and planted trees at the national parks by Lake Ponchartrain, according to **Brian Hales**.

## Ag Students Awarded Nearly \$1 Million in Scholarships

OSU agriculture students received more than \$434,100 in scholarships and awards from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources on April 4.

Banquet ceremonies honored many of the college's best and brightest, part of \$967,075 in scholarships and awards that will be presented to OSU agriculture students this spring by CASNR and its academic departments for 2008-09.

Lindsey Kuzma, Lodi, Wis., animal science-agribusiness, was named the 2008 Paul and Mary Hummer Outstanding Senior in CASNR, and accepted a Remington bronze statue.

Receiving 2008 Dean Fred LeCrone Senior Leadership Awards were Whitney Danker, Wellston, agricultural communications; Travis Jett, Laverne, agribusiness; Kuzma; Blake Wilson, Okemah, animal science; and Jillianne Zweacker, Pawnee, agricultural communications.

2008 CASNR Top Ten Seniors are Christopher Branch, Comanche, agricultural economics; Alicia Davis, Bixby, animal science; Megan Downing, Locust Grove, animal science; Matthew Dvorak, Perry, agricultural economics; Randis Gallaway, Marlow, agricultural economics; and Danker, Jett, Kuzma, Wilson and Zweacker.

Other awards went to Jared Crain, Wood-

**Heidi E. West**, Stillwater graduate student in plant and soil sciences, received a \$2,500 Annie's Homegrown Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship. With assistant professor Chad Penn, she is examining the potential use of short-rotation woody crops in combination with agronomic crops to remediate animal waste lagoons.

**Julie Rutledge**, Bartlesville human development and family science doctoral student, won the graduate student competition at the Society for Research in Human Development in Little Rock for her paper, "How are Parenting and Sociomoral Reflection Related in a Sample of Low-income Mothers."

Three journalism students received \$2,000 scholarships from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation for 2008-09. **Jordan Woodruff**, Gans senior, received the Bill Teegins Memorial Scholarship; **Pat Ball**, Broken Arrow senior, received the Mark Rawlings Memorial Scholarship; and **Chad Marshall**, Abilene, Texas, senior, received the Stan Forrer Scholarship.

ward plant and soil sciences, the 2008 Charles and Magda Browning Outstanding Freshman Award; Patricia Ayoubi, biochemistry and molecular biology assistant professor, the OSU Ag Ambassadors Outstanding Adviser Award; and Gerry Smith, entomology and plant pathology, the OSU Ag Ambassadors' 2008 Outstanding Professional Staff Award.

Alpha Zeta was named 2008 Outstanding Club in CASNR. Agricultural economics professor Kim Anderson was named the 2008 Alpha Zeta Outstanding Teacher.



**For the ninth year, veterinary students organized a Neighborhood Neuter for shelter animals at the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. A total of 54 students took part at the Center's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. First year students performed physical exams and blood work; second year students handled anesthesia during surgery; and third and fourth year students were in charge of the spays and neuters, supervised by residents, interns and faculty who volunteer their time.**

**Levi Dykes** of Helena, a fourth-year veterinary student, received the Above and Beyond Award for the fall 2008 semester from the Center's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. He was recognized for his organizational skills, his helpfulness and excellent work ethic.

**Kathryn Elkins**, OSU-Tulsa environmental science graduate student, received the \$1,000 Public Service Company of Oklahoma Research Assistantship in Environmental Management.

Works of four graphic design students, **Sean Ball**, Stillwater; **Steve Loftis**, Blackwell; **Chris Miller**, Broken Arrow; and **Kermit Mulkins**, Tulsa, were accepted at the Dallas Society of Visual Communications Student Show and Conference.

OSU-Okmulgee student **Karla LaMunyon**, Enid information technology major, was one of 32 students named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team at the 41st Annual Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Conference in Midwest City.

## McPherson to Speak on Study Abroad

As a part of the Wes Watkins Distinguished Lectureship, the School of International Studies at OSU will host the president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges on April 24.

Peter McPherson will speak at 2 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center on study abroad and other international educational initiatives.

In addition to his responsibility as NASULGC president, he is the chair of the board of directors of Dow Jones and Company, and was president of Michigan State University for more than 11 years.



**Horticulture, agriculture and veterinary technology students at OSU-OKC will soon begin classes in the Agriculture Resources Center, dedicated March 11. The 33,000-square foot ARC provides state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories. The \$5.5 million cost is funded by gifts from individuals, business and industry, and \$3.7 million in Oklahoma Higher Education Promise Act capitol bond funding.**

## OSU in Race for National School of the Year

OSU won the Regional School of the Year Award for the Southwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls at the Annual No Frills Conference in February.

The university will now bid for the title “National School of the Year” at the National Association of College and University Residence Halls Conference that will be hosted at OSU in May.

OSU has won the regional award two years in a row and has won the national award more than any other school.



**More than 400 runners and walkers took part in the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's 29th annual Osteopathic Scrub Run. The run is organized by OSU medical students and race proceeds benefit Lifeshare Transplant Donor Services of Oklahoma.**

## \$22 Million INSPIRE Award

# OSU Receives NASA Grant

A \$22 million grant to manage NASA's Interdisciplinary National Science Project Incorporating Research and Education Experience (INSPIRE) has been awarded to OSU.

Through INSPIRE, OSU will help to develop K-12 students' educational opportunities in the science-related areas. The grant, awarded over five years, is the latest in OSU's long partnership with NASA.

Steve Marks, aviation and space education professor, coordinates the program in the OSU College of Education.

“INSPIRE provides OSU the opportunity to again partner with NASA and engage students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) experiences on the national level,” Marks said. “This project complements the involvement of OSU with the NASA Explorer Schools Project, which targets the middle school level student, and extends the educational

opportunities to the high school and undergraduate student levels.”

Under the grant, OSU will provide administrative services for student recruitment, online resources, logistics and program evaluation. The work will be performed at NASA facilities throughout the country.

OSU has 37 years of experience in NASA educational partnerships and currently holds two NASA grants with total annual funding of more than \$5.1 million. OSU operates NASA's Teaching from Space Project at NASA Johnson Space Center and provides ongoing support for the NASA Explorer Schools Project and the NASA Digital Learning Network Module.

The INSPIRE Project will bring OSU's total annual grant funding from NASA to \$7.4 million.

## Okmulgee Students Study Model A Cars

Automotive technology students at OSU-Okmulgee got a unique lesson in automobile history when 33 members of the Tulsa Model A Ford Club drove their vintage cars to the campus for a visit.

Tour organizer Roy Cail said the group thought automotive students would be interested in seeing these functional antiques to better understand how automobiles have progressed.

The 17 Model A's making the trip were all manufactured between 1928 and 1931. Models vary from sedans to coupes, roadsters, pickups and trucks.

Cail said all cars in the Tulsa Model A Ford Club are stock, except some have slight modifications to make them more

roadworthy. “Many people are surprised to see the range of colors for Model A's, although the fenders were always black.”



**A Ford Model A two-door coupe**

The **Student Union Marketing Department** took first place in miscellaneous promotions at the 88th Annual Association of College Unions International Conference in New Orleans in March. Its entry was the popular collectible OSU logo button pins distributed during the Student Union's GameDay at the Union prior to each home football game. The department also received an honorable mention in the one-color brochure category for its Madrigal Dinner promotional piece.

**OSU-OKC President Jerry Carroll** is chair of the "Walk for the Cure" this year. OSU-OKC is the site of the walk on May 31 for the Central Oklahoma Chapter, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

**Fred S. Guthery**, professor and Bollenbach Chair in Wildlife Ecology, is releasing "A Primer on Natural Science." Published by Texas A&M Press, the book describes the nature, practice and philosophy of natural resource science from the perspective of more than 30 years in the field.

"40 Under 40," *Oklahoma* magazine's annual roundup of outstanding young Oklahoma professionals for 2008, featured OSU employees and graduates. Included were **Rachel Hubbard**, agricultural communications, associate director and general manager of KOSU radio; **Amanda Dailey**, biology, Metro Development Group president; **Jennifer Grigsby**, accounting, senior vice president, treasurer and corporate secretary, Chesapeake Energy Corporation; **Molly Jarvis**, marketing and MBA, vice president of marketing and sales, Cherokee Nation Enterprises; **Holly Allen**, broadcast journalism, vice president and general manager, Clear Channel Television in Tulsa, FOX23 and My41; **Sarah Soell**, hotel management and M.S., hospitality administration, event planner/marketing professional, assistant vice president for public affairs, University of Oklahoma; **Cheena Passo**, marketing, community relations director, St. Johns Health System; **Mandy Leemhuis**, education, senior executive director, American Heart Association; **Spencer Haines**, accounting, attorney, McAfee & Taft; **Andrea Baker**, journalism, attorney, deputy general counsel, office of Gov. Brad Henry; **Justin Johnson**, graphic design, principal founder of More Branding+Communication; and **Kyle Wray**, OSU marketing director.



**OSU Fire Protection Publications assistant director Nancy Trench, left, received the 2008 Dr. Anne W. Phillips Award for Leadership in Fire Safety Education at the Congressional Fire Services Institute's 20th annual National Fire and Emergency Services dinner in Washington, D.C. With her are Chief David Paulison, FEMA director, and Meri-K Appy, Home Safety Council president.**

**Lara Maxwell**, physiological sciences assistant professor, is conducting research to determine the efficacy of an antiviral drug to fight Equine Herpes Virus type I. She is working with a team of collaborators from OSU and the University of Kentucky.

**Wayne Bovenschen**, music associate professor, and **Mike Thompson**, religious studies adjunct associate professor, joined OSU staff **Joe Ray**, special events coordinator, and **Jenny Gililand**, energy education manager, along with 16 other area musicians in a big band concert on April 3 at the Stillwater Community Center. The concert featured big band music ranging in style from swing to rock/jazz fusion.

**Rita Ryan** and **Mitchell Clark** received the 2008 Outstanding Staff Awards in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. Ryan has been with the college for 8.5 years and serves as the financial coordinator for human development and family science. Clark is the CHES manager for information technology and has been an OSU employee for six years.

The Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center and OSU-Okmulgee Culinary Arts Program joined to form the **Oklahoma Culinary Research Alliance**. The objective of this relationship is to create and identify end-use ideas for ingredients and food items using principles in innovation. OKCRA held a dinner on April 11 that showcased innovative approaches applied to some beef products.

OSU Physics Department faculty **Bruce Ackerson** and **Stephen McKeever** were honored as Fellows of the American Physical Society in March in New Orleans.

**Pamela Fry**, College of Education dean, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. She was elected to one of six at-large seats through a national election by members of more than 800 AACTE member institutions.

**OSU President Burns Hargis** provided a jazz piano performance at the OSU Library fundraiser, "A Noteworthy Evening," on April 4. The event featured piano performances by OSU Music Department students and faculty and a dessert reception. All proceeds went to the Friends' Music Collection Endowment, which purchases library materials supporting the study of music.

The Tulsa Chapter of the Chaine des Rotisseurs presented a \$10,000 scholarship to School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration Director **Richard Ghiselli**.

In his latest update to the state's 2008 economic outlook, OSU economist **Mark Snead** said Oklahoma and the central region of the U.S. is outperforming the rest of the country. Job growth in Oklahoma is at 1.6 percent, putting it in the top 10 states for growth. While the state is experiencing a slowing in job growth that is expected to last through 2009, it is not deteriorating like the national economy.

**Susana Perea-Fox**, foreign languages and literature assistant professor, recently published her first book, "Elena Garro and the Faces of Power," which explores the work of the woman whose controversial writings were first printed in the 1930s in Mexico. Written in Spanish, it debuted in December at the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico.



Perea-Fox

**David Holder**, OSU-OKC chemistry instructor, received two awards in the recent Oklahoma Poetry Society contest, a first place in the Biblical section ("Did You Really Laugh") and a third place in the State's Birthday section ("Happy Birthday Oklahoma").

## Veterinary Alumnus Provides for CVHS

The OSU Foundation announced two planned gifts totaling \$10 million from Harold Ivie, of San Mateo, Calif., to benefit the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

The endowments, to be funded through charitable remainder trusts, will primarily benefit the areas of small animal medicine and basic sciences once the principal investments reach \$100 million each.

“Dr. Ivie has a vision for OSU to have the top veterinary school in the United States,” said Gary Clark, former vice president and general counsel of the OSU Foundation, who worked with Ivie in planning the structure of the gifts. “His gifts provide the opportunity for that dream to become reality.”

The retired small animal practitioner is a member of the second class to graduate from OAMC’s veterinary school in 1952.

A stint in the Navy during World War II introduced Ivie to the West Coast, and the Tulsa native moved to California two days following graduation.

Ivie’s gifts were prompted by his desire to see OSU’s veterinary college receive national recognition and prominence.

“My hope is that OSU will continue to attract top-notch students. And top-notch

faculty will graduate the best veterinarians in the country,” Ivie said. “I want to see OSU at the top of the list for veterinary colleges in the United States or in all of North America. I want to help make [OSU] the premier institution for veterinary medicine education. But for this goal to become a reality will require help from many others along the way, as well.”

Once the gifts reach maturity, typical expenditures could include faculty salary enhancements; endowed chairs and professorships; graduate student and residency fellowships; financial assistance for undergraduate students; imaging, nuclear and laser technology units; clinical, surgical and postmortem pathology areas; anesthesiology unit; cancer treatment center; public health disease control, food and water safety; and much more.

“Our alumni have distinguished themselves in many aspects of veterinary medicine,” said Michael Lorenz, dean of the Veterinary Center. “We are very grateful to Dr. Ivie for this generous gift to the veterinary college. It will help transform our college in many dramatic ways.”

## Ardent Health/OSU Sign Agreement

Ardent Health Services and OSU have signed an agreement that will put into place an ownership structure to insure the long-term stability of OSU Medical Center and OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine’s residency program.

The agreement calls for Ardent’s Hillcrest HealthCare System, the owner of OSU Medical Center, and OSU-COM to sell the hospital for a nominal \$5 million to a public trust. The value of the sale is considered good will, as the facilities, equipment and infrastructure at OSU Medical Center, formerly known as Tulsa Regional Medical Center, is estimated between \$140-160 million.

The two parties have negotiated diligently since mid-December to reach an agreement aimed at best meeting the needs of both organizations, while at the same time providing tremendous benefit to the entire state of Oklahoma.

“This agreement prepares the way for OSU Medical School to continue its mission to train much-needed family doctors for Oklahoma,” said OSU President Burns Hargis.

The goal of the agreement is to provide long-term stability for both the hospital and the medical school. By transferring the hospital from a private to a public entity, it will allow the hospital to realize significant financial improvement through the elimination of sales and use and property taxes; a reduction in liability insurance; and retention of all IME funds.



**OSU President Burns Hargis visited with OSU-Tulsa students, faculty and staff during a recent welcome reception. OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl, left, said he was excited to introduce President Hargis to the warm friendliness of the OSU-Tulsa community.**



**CDL Director Dianna Ross, left; Human Development and Family Science Department Head Sue Williams; and Early Childhood Education Program Director Linda Sheeran celebrate with children attending the Cleo L. Craig Foundation Child Development Lab.**

## Child Development Lab Receives Accreditation

OSU’s Cleo L. Craig Foundation Child Development Laboratory is one of the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

As part of the Center for Early Childhood Teaching and Learning, the CDL is one of the premier facilities for children ages 2.5 years through kindergarten. Each of the two classrooms is staffed with degreed and highly qualified teachers.

A recent gift from the Cleo L. Craig Foundation allowed for an expansive renovation that upgraded the facilities to meet the revised standards for NAEYC accreditation.

## CHS Awarded Cancer Education Grant

The Oklahoma Area Health Education Center at OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa recently received a \$150,000 grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation to support the Cancer Survivorship Education Program.

The program will be focused in rural Oklahoma where survivorship education and resources are scarce. Cancer patients and their families, as well as health providers, will be taught how to better communicate with each other, and share resources from the Lance Armstrong Foundation and from state agencies.

Thanks to the grant, OKAHEC plans to visit 24 rural communities in three years with educational programs and, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Comprehensive Cancer Network, will establish an ongoing cancer survivorship education infrastructure. This is the first community program grant given in Oklahoma by the LAF.