



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

April 17, 2009

Campuses Celebrate the Classes of 2009 Commencement Speakers



Larry L. Polk
Charter Faculty Member
of Richland College, Dallas
**OSU Institute
of Technology**
April 23
7:30 p.m.
Covelle Hall



Jari Askins
Oklahoma Lt. Governor
**OSU-Oklahoma
City**
May 8
7 p.m.
COX Business Services
Convention Center



Chris Bengé
Oklahoma House
Speaker
OSU-Tulsa
May 11
7 p.m.
The Pavilion
at Expo Square



Chad Chamberlain
President, Osteopathic
Medicine Class of 2009
**OSU-Center
for Health Sciences**
May 15
7 p.m.
Spirit Bank Event Center



OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRATULATES OUR GRADUATES AND FAMILIES



OSU-Stillwater

May 8
Gallagher-Iba Arena
7 p.m. Graduate College

May 9
Gallagher-Iba Arena
9:30 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Human Environmental
Sciences

1 p.m.
College of Education
College of Engineering,
Architecture and Technology

4 p.m.
College of Agricultural Sciences
and Natural Resources
Spears School of Business

7:30 p.m.
Hooping ceremony for the
Center for Veterinary
Health Sciences



Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry signed into law March 9 a bill that created a public-private agreement and funding for the OSU Medical Center.

Milestone Bill Signed for Medical Center

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry signed House Bill 1127 on March 9, which created a public-private agreement for the OSU Medical Center. With the new law, the state will contribute \$5 million a year for the next five years.

“Today’s signing represents a major milestone for the many parties who worked tirelessly to arrive at this point,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “Nothing has been more important to our medical school than securing its future, and by doing so, it can move full speed ahead in meeting its teaching, training and research mission, which is so vitally important to our state.

“We express our heartfelt thanks to Gov. Brad Henry, Senate President Pro-Temp Glenn Coffee, Speaker of the House Chris Benge and their respective staffs. In addition, we thank Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor and St. John Health Systems CEO David Pynn, as well as George Kaiser and Ken Levitt with the Kaiser Family Foundation. I also want to thank Jake Henry, president and CEO of Saint Francis Health System, for stepping forward with a solution at a critical time when the future was truly uncertain.”

OSU Saves More Than \$5 Million in Energy

OSU has saved more than \$5 million in its energy conservation effort started in June 2007.

For 2008, OSU reduced energy consumption by 66.997 million kilowatt hours, with a savings of \$3.94 million or 18 percent over the 12-month period, which is more than \$750,000 above the estimated savings. The OSU-Stillwater campus alone saved \$3.13 million, and total system savings since June 2007 is \$5.069 million.

The energy savings program was implemented in conjunction with Energy Education, Inc., a Texas company founded by OSU alumnus William Spears. The Dallas-based company specializes in people-oriented energy conservation services.

In addition to the energy conservation initiative, OSU is focusing on sustainability efforts in the areas of climate change,

food and recycling, physical plant, green building and transportation.

OSU now has an agreement to purchase wind power from OG&E; dining services buys fresh, locally grown produce; select facilities have gone trayless to save water; recycling efforts include batteries, oil, glass, plastics and paper, and surplus property; new campus construction is incorporating various energy efficient methods; has obtained status as an EPA/DEQ “Energy Star Partner”; and will have a CNG refueling station to allow OSU to use an alternative source of fuel for buses and fleet vehicles.

The President’s Task Force on Sustainability, chaired by Vice President of Research and Technology Transfer Stephen McKeever, is focusing on three areas: -- sustainability application, education and research.

University to Partner with Hawassa in Ethiopia

OSU will partner with Hawassa University in Ethiopia as part of a broader effort to strengthen higher education in sub-Saharan Africa and help develop the region’s economy.

Twenty U.S. universities earned the opportunity to be paired with African counterparts, according to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which awarded the partnerships \$50,000 each through a higher education initiative grant competition that emphasized collaborations in agriculture, health care, teacher training and other areas.

The OSU grant proposal was developed by an ad hoc committee that worked with leaders from Ethiopian and Kenyan universities. The committee was initiated by

OSU Provost Marlene Strathe and chaired by Stephan Wilson, College of Human Environmental Sciences dean.

The overall plans of the 40 universities include the creation of a Consortium of African and United States Educators, which will be a 15-20 year partnership/project to build capacity of the East African region to address the needs of higher education.

Groundbreaking Set for May 1 in Ardmore

Construction of OSU’s Institute for Agricultural Biosciences in Ardmore will begin with official groundbreaking ceremonies at 2 p.m. on May 1.

The Oklahoma Legislature and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Whitson



Whitson Named to Lead Two Southern Associations

Robert E. Whitson, vice president, dean and director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, was recently named president of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists and chair of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities’ Administrative Heads Section – Southern Region.

Whitson said one of his major goals as president and chair is to encourage land-grant institutions to expand interdisciplinary, interregional and multi-state projects.

“Partnerships between disciplines and organizations have become a necessary component of developing solutions that foster Congressional support for teaching, research and extension issues in the South.”

2009 Outstanding Students

Goldwater Scholar

Ryan Paul, a Tulsa aerospace engineering senior, is the 17th student from OSU to be named a Barry M. Goldwater Scholar.

Receiving an honorable mention for this year's scholarship was John Cooper, a Wichita, Kan., senior who is majoring in chemistry and microbiology/cell and molecular biology.



Paul

According to Peggy Goldwater Clay, board of trustees chair of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, 1,097 students applied for the one- or two-year scholarships, and only 178 were awarded for 2009-10.

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 past year, Paul led the OSU team that designed a unique aircraft that eventually set a world record on autopilot for time aloft, and the aircraft is currently under review by the National Aeronautic Association for permanent approval and recognition.

Udall Intern

Jeremy Bennett, an Oklahoma City environmental science senior and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is one of 13 students from across the U.S. selected for the 2009 Native American Congressional Internship by the Morris K. Udall Foundation.



Bennett

The students will complete an intensive 10-week internship this summer, and were selected on the basis of demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy and academic achievement.

This highly regarded internship program in Washington, D.C., provides an insider's view of the federal government, and is

known for placing Native American students in competitive positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand.

Udall Scholar

Jessica J. Lay, Broken Arrow biosystems and agricultural engineering student, has been awarded a Morris K. Udall Foundation Scholarship for her senior year. Only 80 students nationwide are selected for this honor.

Lay is the seventh OSU student to receive the scholarship. OSU students received an unprecedented four Udall Scholarships in the last three years.

The Udall Scholarship provides \$5,000 for educational expenses to outstanding sophomores and juniors who are studying the environment and related fields, or are Native Americans or Alaska Natives in fields related to health care or tribal public policy.

She will attend the Udall Scholar Orientation Weekend in Tucson, Ariz., in August.

Lay wants to do research on water quality issues and has already taken several mission trips to bring fresh water to areas of Mexico. Her plans include serving in the Peace Corps and joining Engineers Without Borders.

She helped organize the successful "Real Cowboys Recycle" program with previous Udall Scholars Cortney Timmons and Savannah Smith, and the program has won state awards for its impact. Lay also has served as captain of the OSU women's lacrosse team.

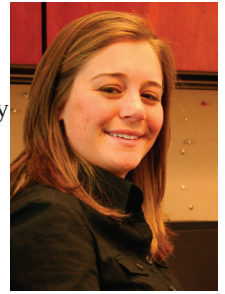
PR Intern

Lawton journalism and broadcasting senior Meagan Wheeler placed second in the PRWeek Student of the Year competition for 2009, which pitted her against 908 other contestants from around the country.

Wheeler received \$1,000 and a paid internship at Hill & Knowlton, a leading global, multi-specialist communications firm.

For the competition, she submitted an extensive public relations campaign for a

sports apparel company and responded to an imaginary crisis that could adversely impact the firm. She was among five finalists asked to pitch their plans and respond to a panel of PR professionals in New York City and then to an editor at BusinessWeek magazine.



Wheeler

Scripps Howard Winner

Jaclyn Cosgrove, Arpela news-editorial and broadcast production senior, is a winner in the Roy W. Howard National Collegiate Reporting Competition from The Scripps Howard Foundation, including a study trip to Japan and South Korea.

She has worked for The Daily O'Collegian since August 2005, served as editor-in-chief, and is now a senior staff writer and staff photographer.

Cosgrove, along with eight other winners, will study from June 13-27 on an expense-paid trip led by Bradley J. Hamm, dean of the journalism school at Indiana University and a Roy W. Howard Scholar who has extensive travel experience throughout Asia.



Cosgrove

Student D.O. of the Year

Chad Chamberlain, MS-IV at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, has been selected as Student D.O. of the Year by fellow medical students and faculty members.

The Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents sponsors the award that recognizes the overall achievements of outstanding student doctors from osteopathic schools and emphasizes service rather than academic performance.

It honors a medical student who has displayed commitment to school, community and the osteopathic profession.

Chamberlain is president of the medical school graduating class of 2009.



Chamberlain

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
Outstanding Seniors
 2008 - 2009
 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The OSU Alumni Association has announced 13 recipients of the 2008-09 Outstanding Seniors Award.

This award 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 Oklahoma State University. Students were selected from the 44 Seniors of Significance from the fall of 2008.

The 2008-09 Outstanding Seniors are: Jimikaye Beck, Broken Arrow, nutritional sciences and Spanish; Evan Black, Stillwater, public relations and Spanish; Jolie Britt, Edmond, biochemistry; Jered Davidson, Fort Cobb, agricultural economics; Kyle Ensley, Valliant, international business and political science; Austin Horn, Yukon, agricultural economics and Spanish; Mary Oliver Marshall, Wichita, Kan., management and accounting; Yolanda Odenyo, Osterbybruk, Sweden, child and family services; Germaine Paul, Eules, Texas, public relations; Evan Schwenk, Stillwater, biochemistry and molecular biology; Andrew Shacklett, Tulsa, physiology; Cortney Timmons, Ada, biosystems and agricultural engineering; and Meagan Wheeler, Lawton, public relations.



Ryan Baker, MS-I, helps visiting elementary students in a session about anatomy at the OSU-CHS Mini-Medical School for Kids.

OSU-COM Presents Mini-Medical School for Kids

First- and second-year medical student members of OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians presented "Mini-Medical School for Kids" on April 3.

They worked with approximately 90 fourth- and fifth-graders from Tulsa's Eugene Field Elementary School. The goal of the program was to provide information about healthy living, to fight childhood obesity, and to show the dangers of tobacco and drug use.



OSRHE Chancellor Glen D. Johnson congratulates Christie Backoulou on her research presentation.

Senior Honored During Research Day at the Capitol

Four OSU students presented research posters to the State Legislature and the public during Research Day at the Capitol, sponsored by Oklahoma EPSCoR, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and The National Science Foundation.

Christie Backoulou, Stillwater biochemistry and management senior, placed third in the research intensive campus category for her research on osteoporosis.

Also presenting were Ashley Hayes, Oklahoma City mechanical engineering senior; Ellen Jarrett, Tulsa mechanical engineering junior; and Lauren White, Idabel environmental science junior.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity hosted a Mommy Market table in March. The Mommy Market is a donation-based program through Stillwater Services to help those mothers who are having unplanned pregnancy, regardless of age, race, gender, social status, etc., through donations of new items or money.

Twenty-two OSU medical students participated in **D.O. Day at the Capitol** in Oklahoma City. This is the 35th year that the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association sponsored the program during the month of March. The students provide service to the State Capitol's First Aid Station during the legislative session. The program gives the medical students the opportunity to bring osteopathic medicine to the legislators, as well as see their leaders at work.

The OSU team of **William Powell**, Oklahoma City management junior, and **Jeremy Bersche**, Skiatook natural resource ecology and management junior, won the National Guard FLW College Fishing Texas Division tournament on Sam Rayburn Reservoir in March with six bass weighing 18 pounds, 9 ounces. The victory earned the team \$10,000 to be split evenly between the school and the school's bass-fishing club.

A total of 22 students recently attended the **Student American Veterinary Medical Association Symposium** at The Ohio State University. They participated in various wet labs, attended lectures, toured the veterinary school and campus, and participated in academic competitions.

2009 College of Human Environmental Sciences honorees were Seniors of Excellence **Jimikaye Beck**, Broken Arrow; **Amanda Moore**, Ponca City; **Misty Gillespie**, Cushing; **Whitney Burns**, Norman; **Shannon Sullivan**, Tulsa; **Melissa Oliver**, Tulsa; **Anna Kelley**, Pocola; and **Amanda Humphrey**, Tulsa. **Taryn Tate**, Shawnee, was the Outstanding Undergraduate Student, and **Amanda Williams**, master's student in Human Development and Family Sciences, and **Muna Gharaibeh**, Ph.D. candidate in Human Environmental Sciences, were named Outstanding Graduate Students. **Arpita Basu**, nutritional sciences assistant professor, received the Marguerite Scruggs Award for Early Career Meritorious Research.



The craft fair held in conjunction with Mom's Day this year had 37 booths, including local artists, and six of the booths featured student work. Hundreds of people visited the fair, according to Fran Gragg, coordinator of the Office of Parent and Family Relations.

Kristen Armstrong Myers received the Bob Huss Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officers Conference in Hot Springs, Ark. Myers is a residence director for OSU's Department of Housing and Residential Life.

OSU Housing and Residential Life's Residence Director **Amanda Mollet**, Casper, Wyo., educational leadership studies, won the American College Personnel Association's Outstanding Graduate Student Award during the convention in Boston.

More than 500 job seekers spoke with more than 60 Oklahoma employers at the OSU-OKC Spring 2009 Job & Career Expo.

OSU **men's and women's cross country programs** were recognized as all-academic teams by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The Cowboys have earned all-academic recognition from the association in each of the last 11 years and the Cowgirls have secured the honor in each of the last six seasons, which is based on team scoring and grade point requirements.

Terrell Grayson, Oklahoma City chemical engineering junior; **Cameron Gaddy**, Stillwater civil engineering junior; **Dejanae Berry** and **Gabrielle Brown**, Oklahoma City industrial engineering and management freshmen; and **Darryl Wells**, St. Louis mechanical and aerospace engineering sophomore, received scholar awards at the National Society of Black Engineers national convention in Las Vegas in March for exemplifying ideals of academic excellence, professional success and dedication to improve the black community.

Dustin McBride, OSU-OKC business sophomore, is one of five future Oklahoma entrepreneurs selected for a new paid fellowship program at Digitouch Innovations, an Oklahoma City company that provides digital interactive information through a centralized Web interface.

2008 Greek Award recipients include **Jacqueline Guidry**, Tulsa, Zeta Tau Alpha, 2008 Greek Woman; **Kyle Ensley**, Valiant, FarmHouse, 2008 Greek Man; **Rachel Herrmann**, Stillwater, Chi Omega, Panhellenic outstanding new Greek; and **Ryan Ramseyer**, Wichita, Ka., Sigma Nu, IFC outstanding new Greek.

The FERPA training video created by OSU educational leadership studies graduate students **Amanda Mollet**, Casper, Wyo.; **Terrance Smith**, Meridian, Miss.; **Erica Mederos**, Hutchinson, Kan.; and **Matt Sullivan**, Central City, Neb., won two awards from Student Affairs.com. It took first place as the Most Creative Video and second place as the Most Educational Video in the 2009 Case Study Competition. The video takes a creative approach to describing FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. As first place winners, team members received \$150, and as second place winners, received \$100 each.

The OSU Cowgirls beat Baylor 11-5 to take the **first equestrian championship** in the Big 12 in March. The competition was held in Stillwater, and the team is coached by **Larry Sanchez**.



Dozens of students have taken part in "Burgers with Burns" at Eskimo Joe's this year, where students met informally with the president and his wife Ann.

Andre Storey, Tulsa; **Jenna Hartman**, Marietta; **Brittney Lane**, Oklahoma City; and **Thu Tran**, Ho Chi Minh, all human resource management seniors, earned the "congeniality award" at the Southwest Regional Human Resource Games held in Denver. The award was voted on by all participants, according to **Tom Stone**, management professor and team adviser.

U.S. Navy veteran **Nathan Bates**, 27, a Broken Arrow health education junior, has assumed the office of mayor of Stillwater after defeating incumbent Roger McMillian by only 37 votes.

Will Hanner, a second-year medical student, presented two 40-minute osteopathic manipulative medicine demonstrations at the Southeastern Association of Advisors for the Health Profession in Birmingham, Ala., in March. More than 60 pre-medical advisers attended the demonstrations.



More than 350 runners and walkers took part in the OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine's 30th annual Osteopathic Scrub Run. Medical students organize the event and proceeds benefit LifeShare Transplant Donor Services of Oklahoma. Sonya Chahardy, MS-II, was this year's event chair. The 2008 event raised \$2,000.

More than \$10,000 was raised by **Spring Sing** for the OSU Coaches vs. Cancer Campaign, bringing the total since 2005 to more than \$40,000.

Top 10 College of Education seniors are **Ashley Boling**, Miami, aerospace administration and operations/professional pilot; **Effie Craven**, Stillwater, physical education; **Allison Davis**, Owasso, elementary education; **Kacey Gilpin**, Tulsa, secondary education/English; **Coree Edwards**, Davis, elementary education; **Cody Jarboe**, Pryor, athletic training; **Hannah Keith**, Overland Park, Kan., leisure studies/therapeutic recreation; **Emily Littlejohn**, Newcastle, athletic training; **Kayla Spalvieri**, Chandler, elementary education; and **Amanda Swinney**, Stillwater, health promotion.



Sarah Cary, Tulsa mechanical engineering; **Amal Abo Basha**, Stillwater civil engineering; and **Eric Kim**, Bartlesville civil engineering, members of the OSU student chapter of Engineers Without Borders, and faculty sponsor **Jonathan S. Goode**, civil engineering assistant professor, traveled to Honduras to conduct an initial site investigation over spring break. Their visit to a village included land surveying, drinking water and waste water assessment, establishing contacts with local suppliers, and helping Honduran children with their school work.



Carnival 2009 at Wes Watkins Exhibit Hall celebrated a widely recognized international festival while promoting study abroad and the many cultures represented at OSU.

OSU Wind Ensemble Captures Crowds

The highly acclaimed OSU Wind Ensemble received several standing ovations at last month's National Conference of the College Band Directors National Association in Austin, Texas.

It was OSU's third invitation to the conference and the group was one of only three in North America to perform.

"I've only seen four or five standing ovations in my career, and we received several at the Austin conference," said Joseph Missal, director of the Wind Ensemble.

The OSU ensemble, which has performed in Japan, England and Austria in recent years, is ranked in the top 20 wind ensembles in the United States.



Renee Hale, a W. W. Allen Scholar in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, recently presented an Allen Scholar jacket to OSU President Burns Hargis. The scholars program is the premier undergraduate engineering scholarship and enrichment program in the nation. It features a one year study abroad at Cambridge University in England immediately following graduation with a B.S. degree in engineering from OSU. The original program began in 2005. A landmark gift from Allen, former CEO of Phillips Petroleum Co. and OSU engineering alumnus, created a new version of the program in 2007.

2009 Outstanding College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology students are **Cortney Timmons**, Ada, engineering; **Katy Harp**, Tulsa, architecture; and **Brett Venamon**, Bartlesville, technology. St. Pat Award Winners are **Matthew Meeker**, Inola, and **Caroline Diedrich**, Perryton, Texas, industrial engineering and management; **Will Findlay**, Bartlesville, and **Mary Bruce**, Wichita, Kan., mechanical and aerospace engineering; and **Cortney Timmons**, Ada, biosystems and agricultural engineering.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources presented 2009 awards to students and faculty this spring. **Jered Davidson**, Fort Cobb agricultural economics, received a plaque and a Remington bronze statue as the 2009 Paul and Mary Hummer Outstanding Senior. Receiving 2009 Dean Fred LeCrone Awards for the Top Five Seniors were **Davidson**; **Cassie Bacon**, Prairie Grove, Ark., animal science and agricultural communications; **Austin Horn**, Yukon, agricultural economics; **Emily Kilian**, Medford, agricultural communications; and **Cortney Timmons**, Ada, biosystems and agricultural engineering. Also recognized as Outstanding Seniors were **Myriah Johnson**, Perry, agricultural economics; **Jonathan Kelly**, Altus, natural resource ecology and management; **Aimee Lee**, Pryor, food science; **Tiffani Pruitt**, Tuttle, animal science; **Savannah Smith**, Talihina, environmental science; **Nathan Thompson**, Chandler, agricultural economics senior; and **Travis Wolff**, Yale, biochemistry and molecular biology. **Sarah Fry**, Omega biochemistry and molecular biology, received the 2009 Charles and Magda Browning Outstanding Freshman Award. **Jon Ramsey**, agricultural education teaching associate and field placement coordinator, received the OSU Ag Ambassadors Outstanding Adviser Award for 2009, and OSU Ag Ambassadors honored **Mary Ellen Beyl** with its 2009 Outstanding Professional Staff Award. Agricultural economics assistant professor **Shannon Ferrell** was named the 2009 Alpha Zeta Outstanding Teacher in CASNR.

Douglas Foster, D.O., OSU-CHS surgery assistant professor, was elected to serve as vice chair of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Cancer Network Steering Committee.

Ed Keller, chair of the OSU-Tulsa Trustees, was presented the Excellence in Education award by the Foundation for Tulsa Schools for his dedication and longstanding commitment to education.

The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences recently received a \$5,000 gift from **Pfizer Animal Health** to purchase equipment and probes to advance bovine respiratory disease research. This gift is the remaining part of a \$25,000 matching challenge grant from the Kerr Foundation. The Pfizer gift was joined with a \$20,000 gift from the Kirkpatrick Foundation to meet the \$25,000 matching challenge.

The 2009 Environmental Awards recipients at the annual event sponsored by the Environmental Science Graduate Program included **John Veenstra**, civil and environmental engineering professor and head, the Sterling L. (Bud) Burks Award for Outstanding Faculty Environmental Research; **Brian Carter**, plant and soil sciences professor, the Ted Mills Award for Outstanding Faculty Environmental Teaching; **Sandra Rodriguez**, environmental science doctoral student, for Outstanding Student Environmental Research; **Matt Albright**, for Outstanding Staff Environmental Service; **Jane Talkington**, Stillwater environmental science doctoral student, Outstanding Student Environmental Service; **Jimmy Phillips**, Enid environmental science graduate student, the James R. Esbenshade II Rural Sustainability Research Assistantship; **Aaron Mittelstet**, Enid environmental sciences graduate student, the Jimmie Pigg Environmental Policy Research Assistantship; **Chad Burton**, the PSO Research Assistantship in Environmental Management.

OSU President **Burns Hargis** was inducted as an honorary member of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. Conducting the ceremony was **Michael M. Smith**, history professor and president of Phi Beta Delta. Conferring the medallion was OSU Regent **Lou Watkins**, also an honorary member.

Shana Kaufman, human development and family science graduate student, was part of a group of professors and therapists who went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for 10 days to teach college juniors and seniors an Introduction Workshop to Marriage and Family Therapy.



Carl Thoma served samples of Van Duzer wines to a few of the 500 guests during the Grand Tasting Event of the Wine Forum of Oklahoma. The inaugural event was produced by the College of Human Environmental Sciences' School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration. Thoma and his wife Marilynn provided the lead gift for the Wine Forum of Oklahoma.

Honeywell Corporation, donor of a new fire alarm system to the **OSU-OKC Fire Protection and Safety Technology Department** last fall, will conduct a regional alarm technician training class for alarm technicians from several states in the FPST lab in May.

OSU has been recognized as a **Certified Healthy Business**. "Your efforts to provide your employees a healthy work environment deserve the highest praises," according to a letter from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma to OSU President **Burns Hargis**.

The Deaconess Nursing Auxiliary presented the **OSU-OKC LPN to RN program** with a \$5,000 scholarship on April 1.

Karen Hickman, natural resource ecology and management associate professor, was selected as the Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher by the Range Science Education Council and Society for Range Management.

DHM professor **Cheryl Farr** and co-principal investigator **Michael Reiskind**, entomology and plant pathology assistant professor, have entered into a contract with Har-Son industries to conduct research on protective fabrics as a solution to the problem of arthropod pests (mosquitoes, biting flies, ticks and chiggers). Chemical barriers can be effective at preventing exposure to biting arthropods, but require reapplication and involve strong chemicals. Their research will test the effectiveness of Rynoskin as a protective barrier against ticks and biting flies.

Larry Sanders, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service agricultural economics and agricultural economics professor, received a Southern Agricultural Economics Association's lifetime achievement award.

Carey Pope, Regents Professor, physiological sciences head and Sitlington Endowed Chair in Toxicology, had his NIH grant renewed. The research project, "Presynaptic modulation of anticholinesterase toxicity," is in its 11th year and evaluates mechanisms of neurotoxicity of common insecticides.

New Diplomates in the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences are **Jim Giles** ('98), American College of Veterinary Surgeons; and **Peggy Brosnahan**, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Mary Bea Drummond, OSU-Tulsa marketing and public relations director, has been named president of the Tulsa Advocates for the Rights of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities for 2009.

Tom Hennessey, natural resource ecology and management professor, was named a Fellow by the Society of American Foresters.

OSU-Tulsa's **Jami Fullerton**, the Peggy Layman Welch Chair in journalism and broadcasting, received the Billy I. Ross Advertising Education Award from the American Academy of Advertising.



The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences' Open House welcomed 700 visitors in April. Faculty, staff and students had displays, guided tours, dog agility and K-9 unit demonstrations, face painting, goats, miniature and draft horses, and cat and dog shows. Also, 37 visitors gowned up and assisted in "teddy bear surgery" to repair their stuffed animal or one provided by veterinary students. In the Zoo, Exotic and Wildlife Medicine Department, people could see a bearded dragon and parrots, including Raine, a Solomon Island Eclectus parrot.

Patti Anderson, veterinary assistant and Junior Surgery Laboratory coordinator, is completing her M.S. degree from Iowa State University in animal physiology and nutrition, and her graduate project was recognized with the National Pork Board Innovation Award for Research.

Gretchen Hilton, animal science assistant professor, received the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science Young Animal Science Award in Education at the annual meeting in Atlanta. She received a plaque and \$500.



Hilton

Pre-nursing student **Sabrina Roberts**, OSU-OKC Student Support Services, was one of six \$1,000 scholarship winners from the Oklahoma Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra donated \$15,420 from its concerts in Oklahoma to the **Rise School** of Stillwater to expand the school's music therapy program.

Architecture professor **Mohd Bilbeisi** took first place in the informal sketch category of the 24th Annual International Competition of Architectural Illustrators.

OSU's College of Education will induct into its 2009 Hall of Fame alumni **Cathy Jameson** of Davis, **Sherry Morgan** of Sand Springs and **Toni Stone** of Stillwater, along with the late **Bernard Belden**, professor emeritus, on June 5.

OSU-CHS faculty **Richard Wansley**, behavioral sciences associate professor, and **David Wallace**, assistant dean for research and pharmacology professor, were inducted into Sigma Xi international science honor society.

Andrew Arena Jr., aerospace engineering professor, received the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Teaching at a Research University.

In honor of the 26th anniversary of the Simon Estes Education Foundation, the **Run for Education** took place March 7 with proceeds benefiting the foundation's scholarship program. The race was in the historic Greenwood District, including through the OSU-Tulsa campus.

Gaylord Foundation Gives Equine Gift

OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences received a \$1 million gift from the E. L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation to launch the Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital's Equine Critical Care Unit.

The hospital's Large Animal Clinic treats about 1,600 equine in-hospital cases per year. With more than 214,000 Oklahomans involved in the horse industry, the equine industry's economic impact on the state is estimated at \$189 million per year.

"The Gaylord Foundation's \$1 million gift will launch a campaign to fund the \$3 million project, which will help advance the health of horses well into the future and have a positive impact on Oklahoma's horse industry," said Michael Lorenz, veterinary center dean.

"We have long recognized the excellence of OSU's Veterinary Health Sciences Center," said Christy Gaylord Everest. "The equine area is of particular interest to us because of our family's love of horses and longtime involvement with the horse industry. We are very pleased that through the E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation, we can help make the critical care facility a reality for Oklahoma."

The unit will be located adjacent to the east of the hospital, with about 4,600 square feet of new and renovated space for the critical care needs of equine patients. It will be a fully enclosed, climate controlled facility with video monitoring systems, including the latest in critical and intensive care equipment.



The Equine Critical Care Unit will benefit patients like this premature foal and mother, who are now isolated rather than being in the main equine barn with other horses.

Miss Hispanic OSU 2009



Yasmin Vizcaino

**Oklahoma City Sophomore
Secondary Education**

Miss Black OSU 2009



JeVonna Caine

**Tulsa Senior
Microbiology/Cell
and Molecular Biology**

Kamm Honored at College Personnel Meeting

The late Robert B. Kamm, who served as the 13th president of Oklahoma State University from 1966-77, was honored with a special resolution during the 85th annual American College Personnel Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

Kamm, who died last October, served as president of this major student personnel association from 1957-58.

The resolution, presented at the ACPA annual business meeting on March 31, stated that the "ACPA-College Student Educators International thanks Robert for the many gifts he has shared with individuals, the student affairs profession, and the world of higher education."

The resolution was read during the meeting by Kent Sampson, director of OSU's Campus Life.

"It was an honor for me to represent OSU in honoring our former president at this meeting," Sampson said. "Dr. Kamm was one of the pioneers of this student affairs profession, which has now grown to around 9,000 members."

Buy 2-Get 1 Free At OSU-OKC

OSU-Oklahoma City has launched a Buy 2-Get 1 Free scholarship program. Students who commit to two consecutive semesters get their third semester totally free.

Full- or part-time students qualify for the scholarship, which covers 100 percent of the cost of tuition, fees, required books and materials for the third consecutive semester.

"The Buy 2-Get 1 Free scholarship will provide financial relief at a critical time in a student's academic career," said Tim Faltyn, OSU-OKC assistant vice president of academic affairs, who said the focus is on students' momentum toward continuing their education, not financial need or academic achievement. Scholarships for the third free semester will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, and funds are limited.

According to Evelyn Bollenbach, OSU-OKC marketing and communications director, 400 students applied prior to the comprehensive marketing campaign.



Cierra Maddox, OSU-OKC African American Student Association vice president, helped a child at an Oklahoma City school for homeless children create art during Positive Tomorrow's St. Patrick's Day Arts & Crafts Day as part of Black History Month.