



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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OSU's Amazing Fundraising Blitz

In an incredible demonstration of loyalty and support, Oklahoma State University announced approximately 900 individuals, companies and foundations donated \$66.8 million in six weeks to create a multitude of endowed faculty positions that will touch nearly every college and campus across the OSU System.

Once fully matched dollar-for-dollar by T. Boone Pickens' \$100 million chair match commitment, as well as by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the total impact of the historic initiative will be \$333.6 million for endowed chairs and professorships at OSU. All the gifts were made prior to the July 1 change in the state's endowed chair matching program.

The unprecedented number of gifts could increase OSU's current number of professorships and faculty chairs of 101 by more than 175 positions. With the new donations and matches, the OSU endowed chair program will have three-and-a-half times the amount that was available for endowed chairs prior to the Pickens gift on May 21.

"The response from our alumni and friends exceeded our wildest expectations," said OSU President Burns Hargis. "Inspired by Boone Pickens' astounding generosity, donors answered the call to make a lasting difference and open a new and exciting chapter at Oklahoma State University. We can't thank them enough."

According to Hargis, these gifts will allow OSU to attract and retain the best and brightest faculty as the university pursues a bold vision of creating a modern land-grant university that cuts across disciplines to better prepare students for a new world and expands outreach across our state and around the globe.

"To raise the money we did in 40 days is a testimony to the passion people have for OSU and higher education, as well as the tireless hours and work of the OSU Foundation and academic leaders from across the campus," Hargis said.

"There is great enthusiasm building at OSU in academics and athletics," said Pickens. "Burns has done a phenomenal job leveraging my \$100 million gift. Give Burns an ax and he'll do some chopping, and he really whacked away on the opportunity to improve our endowed chair program."

"We are absolutely overwhelmed by the outpouring of support we have received in recent weeks," said Kirk A. Jewell, OSU Foundation president and CEO. "Boone provided a tremendous incentive for donors to play a critical role in our future. It is clear that these individuals, businesses and foundations believe in President Hargis' leadership and the essential part our faculty must play to transform OSU while we prepare our students to thrive in today's dynamic and competitive world."

Jean Van Delinder, chair of the OSU faculty council, commended Pickens and Hargis for their leadership on this initiative. "Like everyone else, OSU faculty members have been amazed and delighted at the generous response of OSU supporters," she said. "Endowed positions allow OSU to attract and retain the best faculty and we look forward to the tremendous impact this will have on academics at OSU."



OSU President Burns Hargis, left, thanks Malone Mitchell 3rd and his wife, Amy, for their gift of \$57.2 million to Oklahoma State University and presented them with a gift on behalf of the university. The Mitchells were honored at an event attended by OSU faculty, staff and students.

Some of the professorship and chair gifts involved pooling of donations from individuals or organizations, while many were single gifts from individuals, couples, corporations and foundations.

The \$66.8 million in new endowed faculty funds includes \$22 million of the recent \$57.2 million gift from Malone Mitchell 3rd and his wife Amy, which also included \$28.6 million for athletics and \$6.6 million for the new OSU entrepreneurship program.

Pickens' gift also served as a matching gift incentive for other OSU donors. He agreed that if other donors funded a chair or professorship, they could name the chair and determine the academic program to be supported.

With \$66.8 million already secured and matched against Pickens' challenge, more than \$33 million remains eligible for OSU donors to utilize for future chair and professorship gifts. Even with the changes to the state's matching chair program, OSU donors may still triple a gift to the endowed program by taking advantage of Pickens' match plus the state's match on Pickens' gift.

Generous Gifts for Oklahoma State Provide Support

Gifts raised through the OSU Foundation in recent weeks, taking benefit of T. Boone Pickens' offer to match funds and meeting the deadline for matches from the state of Oklahoma, means more than 175 new endowed chairs or endowed professorships.

Endowed professorships and chairs are academic designations

that provide support for faculty salary, graduate assistantships, equipment and research needs, as well as other support. These endowed faculty positions allow a university to attract and retain the best and the brightest academic minds in the world.

Many of the faculty positions are listed on pages two and three.

New Professorships

- Ralph A. and Peggy Brenneman Professorship Fund, \$200,000
- Claud D. Kniffin Professorship of Library Service and Education, \$250,000
- Puterbaugh Foundation Professorship, \$250,000
- Construction Management Technology Advisory Board Professorship, \$118,068
- George Chiga Animal Science Endowed Professorship, \$250,000
- Bryan Close Professorship in Adulthood and Aging, \$250,000
- Endowed Professorship in Finance, \$250,000
- Audrey E. Oaks Endowed Professorship, \$250,000
- Jennifer Flanery Jacques Professorship, \$250,000
- Joan Donelson Jacques Professorship in Health Promotion, \$250,000
- Elizabeth Jacques Munroe Professorship in Reading and Literacy, \$250,000
- A.J. and Susan Jacques Professorship in Special Education, \$250,000
- Laurence L. and Georgia Ina Dresser Professorship in Rural Sociology, \$414,164.22
- Laurence L. and Georgia Ina Dresser Pro-

- essorship in Rural Teaching, \$414,164.23
- Barry Pollard, M.D./P&K Equipment Inc. Professorship in Agribusiness, \$250,000
- Vennerberg Professorship in Developmental Disabilities Psychology, \$151,916.91
- Vennerberg Professorship in Art, \$251,916.91
- Thomas E. Berry Professorship in Water Research and Management, \$250,000
- Fran D. Jabara Professorship, \$500,000
- Oklahoma Farm Credit Professorship in Agricultural Economics Fund, \$250,000
- Meibergen Family Professorship in Plant and Soil Sciences, \$250,000
- Equine Science Professorship Fund, \$250,000
- Endowed Professorship of Family Medicine, \$250,000
- Dillon and Lois Hodges Professorship in Plant and Soil Sciences, \$250,000
- Henthorne Clinical Professorship in Small Animal Medicine, \$250,000
- Greg Massey Professorship in Finance, \$250,000
- John A. and Donnie Brock Professorship in Educational Leadership, \$250,000
- Tahlequah Hospital Foundation Endowed

- Professorship of Rural Graduate Medical Education, \$250,000
- Nutrients for Life Foundation Professorship in Soil and Food Crop Nutrition, \$250,000
- Jim and Lynne Williams Professorship in Energy Technologies, \$250,000
- Jim and Lynne Williams Professorship in Nutritional Sciences, \$250,000
- Doug and Nickie Burns Endowed Professorship in Vocal Music, \$250,000
- Patrick B. Dorr Professorship, \$293,503
- Janes Professorship in Fire Protection and Safety, \$315,503.66
- College Student Development Professorship, \$251,650
- Endowed Professorship in Parenting, \$350,000
- Advance Foods/S.E. Gilliland Professorship in Microbial Food, \$250,000
- Roger Howell Endowed Professorship in Agricultural Education, \$250,000
- 4-H Centennial Professorship, \$250,000
- Jay and Fayenelle Helm Professorship, \$250,000
- M.B. Seretean Endowed Professorship in Wellness, \$250,000
- Alice Phillips Endowed Professorship in Elementary Education, \$250,000
- Williams Companies Professorship in Civil Engineering, \$353,193.75
- Clinical Professorship in Bio-Medical Laser Surgery, \$250,000
- Northwest Oklahoma Osteopathic Foundation Endowed Professorship of Primary Care Programs, \$250,000
- Joan Kirkpatrick Chair in Clinical Professorship—Small Animal Internal Medicine, \$500,000
- Charles and Linda Shackelford Professorship in Horticulture, \$250,000
- Ray and Linda Booker Professorship in Aerospace Engineering, \$250,000
- First National/Citizens Security Professorship, \$200,000
- Wilson Bentley Professorship in Industrial Engineering and Management, \$250,000
- Centennial Professorship in Architecture and Architectural Engineering, \$402,450
- Halliburton Professorship in Engineering, \$250,000
- Stillwater National Bank Professorship of Masters of Healthcare Administration, \$250,000

Malone Gift to Benefit Two OSU Programs

A gift of \$57.2 million from Texas oil and ranching alumni Malone Mitchell 3rd and his wife, Amy, will create a state-of-the-art entrepreneurship program in the Spears School of Business and provide support for the university's athletic programs.

The Malones donated one million shares of SandRidge Energy stock, which will be split evenly between the Spears School of Business and the OSU Athletic Department. The gift to the business school is the largest donation ever to a university entrepreneurship program and the second largest academic gift ever to OSU, coming after T. Boone Pickens' record \$100 million gift for faculty chairs.

With \$22 million designated for chairs in the business school, their gift will have an impact of \$94.6 million once fully matched dollar-for-dollar by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as well as Pickens' \$100 million chair match commitment.

This places the gift's total cumulative academic and athletic impact at \$123.2 million.

Mitchell, '83 agriculture, and Amy, '83 family relations and child development, founded Riata Energy (now SandRidge Energy) in 1984 with a \$500 loan, and the company became one of the largest privately held energy companies and the largest privately held land driller in the U.S. In December 2006, Malone retired from SandRidge to start new companies.

The commitment to the Spears School of Business will build a world-class entrepreneurship program over the next five years and will create the Riata Center for Entrepreneurship.

Support to the OSU athletic department will allow the university to be more competitive on a national level by providing endowed support to future athletic facility projects and scholarship initiatives.

New Chairs

- ☐ Rainbolt Endowed Chair in Agricultural Finance, \$500,000
- ☐ Norman C. Stevenson Chair in Entrepreneurship, \$4,000,000
- ☐ Johnny D. Pope Chair in Entrepreneurship, \$4,000,000
- ☐ N. Malone Mitchell Jr. Chair in Entrepreneurship, \$4,000,000
- ☐ Chair in Entrepreneurship No. 1, \$4,000,000
- ☐ Chair in Entrepreneurship No. 2, \$4,000,000
- ☐ Chair in Entrepreneurship No. 3, \$2,000,000
- ☐ Chesapeake Energy Chair of Petroleum Geoscience, \$1,000,000
- ☐ Laurence L. and Georgia Ina Dresser Chair in Rural Health Policy, \$517,798.44
- ☐ Laurence L. and Georgia Ina Dresser Chair in Rural Medicine, \$517,798.44
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (A) at OSU-Tulsa, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (B) at OSU-Tulsa, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (C) at OSU-Tulsa, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (D) at OSU-Tulsa, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (A) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (B) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (C) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (D) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (E) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (F) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (G) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (H) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (I) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (J) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (K) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (L) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (M) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (N) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (O) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (P) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (Q) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (R) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (S) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (T) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (U) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (V) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (W) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (X) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (Y) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair (Z) at OSU-Center for Health Sciences, \$1,000,000
- ☐ John Hendrix Chair in Engineering Fund, \$500,000
- ☐ Wilton T. Anderson Chair in Accounting, \$500,000
- ☐ A.J. and Susan Jacques Chair in Agricultural Economics, \$1,000,000
- ☐ OG&E Energy Technology Chair Fund, \$500,000
- ☐ Center for Innovation and Economic Development Chair in Sensor Technology, \$500,000
- ☐ Samson Investment Co. Chair in Petroleum Engineering, \$1,000,000
- ☐ Chuck and Kim Watson Chair in Business, \$500,000
- ☐ Chuck and Kim Watson Chair in Education, \$500,000
- ☐ Madeleine Pickens Chair Fund (A), \$1,000,000
- ☐ Madeleine Pickens Chair Fund (B), \$1,000,000
- ☐ Madeleine Pickens Chair Fund (C), \$1,000,000
- ☐ Madeleine Pickens Chair Fund (D), \$1,000,000
- ☐ Madeleine Pickens Chair Fund (E), \$1,000,000
- ☐ Masonic Foundation Chair in Gender Studies, \$500,000
- ☐ Lew Ward Chair in Petroleum Engineering, \$550,000
- ☐ Continental Resources Chair in Petroleum Engineering, \$1,000,000

Digital Geology Consortium to be Created with AAPG

The American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation announced a \$9.4 million donation from geologist, businessman and entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens to develop a GIS digital geology consortium between AAPG and OSU.

The gift from the T. Boone Pickens Foundation will create the first consortium of its kind, designed to produce digital geographical information system products through OSU's Geology and Geography Departments, and be made available to professionals and the public via AAPG's intranet database.

The AAPG Foundation gift comprises \$240,000 per year for 10 years, plus a gift of \$7 million provided in Pickens' will as a legal testament.

In April, the AAPG Foundation launched a campaign to raise \$35 million for a number of projects to support educational, charitable and scientific projects that directly and indirectly benefit the geologic

professional and general public.

The funds will provide operating capital for the Boone Pickens Digital Geology Fund to provide geologic, scientific and resource information to the general public via a map-based format researched and compiled by graduate geology students.

Gift to Benefit Animal Critical Care Unit

A \$1 million gift from Bill and Sallie Morris of Lubbock, Texas, will benefit OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences' Small Animal Critical Care Unit.

Through an endowment agreement, they established a \$1 million life insurance gift that will fund the facilities most pressing needs. The center's critical care unit is the only facility in the state providing full-service, 24-hour care to small animals in critical condition. Not only does the unit provide quality care to roughly 8,000 animals each year, but it also serves as a

The project also will benefit students by providing industry-specific research projects, which would be published in industry-friendly formats, enhancing their skill set and boosting their desirability as graduates.

training laboratory for veterinary students.

The couple also established a \$1,000 scholarship for an incoming veterinary student at the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, \$1,000 scholarship at the OSU Spears School of Business, and a \$1,000 scholarship for the master's program at Texas Tech's School of Business.

These gifts along with the endowed gift to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, realize the Morris' passion for animals and philanthropy.

A&S Students Tour

China This Summer

Nine students explored the China of centuries past and the China of today this summer in a cultural program coordinated by OSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Yonglin Jiang, assistant professor of history, has led the tour for three years.

Students arrived in Shanghai and departed from Beijing, where they saw preparations underway for the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

Taking part were Hannah Gordon, Bartlesville biological science junior; Ben Brown, Stillwater graduate student in history; Rhys Gay, Edmond history senior; James Hall, Muskogee political science sophomore; Mark Ladwig, Boulder City, Nev., international studies graduate student; Victoria Medellin, Donna, Texas, international studies graduate student; Matthew Mowdy, Coalgate sophomore; Mitchell Sims, Oklahoma City international business senior; and Brittney Wilson, Coalgate history and agricultural education sophomore.



OSU students recently traveled to China where they visited the Great Wall along the southern edge of Inner Mongolia.

The OSU-Mexico Liaison Office hosted a certificate ceremony recognizing 57 students in its summer study abroad program recently. The students from Mexico's Institute of Technology (ITESM – Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey) have been studying finance, entrepreneurship and engineering at OSU. The School of International Studies plans to use the program as a prototype to offer study abroad experiences to other students as well as encourage other countries to offer similar month-long experiences for OSU students. The program was started last year by the Spears School of Business.



Several music students recently performed at the 2008 International Trombone Festival at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Musicians taking part in the 2008 festival were from North, Central and South America including the American Brass Quintet, Trombones de Costa Rica and the Viento Sur Trombone Quartet from Argentina. Performing at the festival were Jason Cash, Enid sophomore; Brandon Dyer, Arlington, Texas, senior; Steven Jessup, Virginia Beach, Va., senior; Noel Seals, Tulsa junior; Ted Sonnier, Port O'Connor, Texas, senior; Stephen Torbert, Lawton senior; Steven Warren, Ponca City freshman; and Isaac Washam, Stillwater junior.

Meat Judging Team Wins in Australia

OSU's Meat Judging Team represented the U.S. in the Australian National Meat Judging Contest and won the contest by more than 80 points.

Ten teams from Australia, the national team from Japan and OSU competed in the contest that consisted of beef carcass and cuts judging, pork carcass judging (whole carcasses/unsplit), lamb carcasses, written reasons, questions, and retail and primal identification.

The OSU team also won beef judging, lamb judging, placings, and reasons/questions. The team placed second in pork judging and third in retail identification.

Kelly Manke of Marlow was the contest's

overall high individual, winning every division contest except lamb judging. Breanna Winters, Old Washington, Ohio, was fourth high individual, Brendon Lowe of Chickasha was seventh high individual, and Kashen Urban of Roosevelt was eighth high individual. Lacey Vedral of Midlothian, Texas, placed second in beef judging.

Other team members included Jill Fletcher, Paradise, Texas; Kacie George, Walworth, Wis.; and Carrie Highfill, Enid. Coaches of the team were Gretchen Hilton and Andrea Garmyn. Generous support from BPI and owner Eldon Roth helped fund the OSU teams' trip.

OSU-IT's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, **Beta Alpha Alpha**, was named one of the "Top 100 Chapters" for the second year in a row at the conference in Philadelphia, taking first place in "Scholarship Hallmark," the "Most Distinguished Chapter" award, and the "Kacee Williams 'I Feel Good' Spirit" award. Crystal Robol received the \$1,000 George Nigh Public Service Leadership Scholarship and Karla LaMunyon received the "2008 Most Distinguished Chapter Officer" award for the region.

The OSU-OKC Hispanic Student Association has been named campus Student Organization of the Year for 2008.

The **Human Development and Family Science Club** raised more than \$1,400 to assist the Slum Outreach Nursery School in Kibera, Kenya, which was recently vandalized and robbed. All of the food stored in the school, along with cooking utensils, desks and chairs were stolen. The school educates around 105 students ages 3-9, who live in one of the poorest areas of Nairobi.

Nani Pybus, Stillwater history doctoral student, was one of five invitees this summer to attend the Stanford Thesis Workshop in Palo Alto, Calif. She met with leading historians of the American West to discuss her innovative research, which focuses on tornado mythology.

Blue Key Honor Society Members Volunteer in Mexico

Seven Blue Key Honor Society members traveled to central Mexico in May for a service project funded by OSU Blue Key, the OSU President's Office, OSU International Education and Outreach and the OSU Student Government Association.

The students were hosted by the OSU-Mexico Liaison Office and visited several of OSU's academic partners, volunteered at two Mexican institutions and experienced the culture of Mexico.

May graduates Matt Carter of Norman, Whitney Danker of Wellston, Jonathan Krepel of Kingfisher and Kenner Misner of Sapulpa, along with Brianna Jett and Travis Jett, both Laverne seniors, and Courtney Timmons, Ada senior, were in Puebla and Mexico City where they attended a local parade celebrating Cinco de Mayo, saw a bullfight and volunteered at an African safari park.

They visited the campuses of two of OSU's most important partners in Mexico, the Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, where they took part in its 35th anniversary celebration, and the Universidad de las Américas – Puebla, where they visited with UDLA students and staff.

The students also did volunteer work at an orphanage in Puebla

and traveled to Africam Safari, a progressive, open space zoo that is home to 2,000 animals of 250 species, and toured the park by bus.

They also helped prepare animals for shipment to Chihuahua, aiding in the handling, feeding, crating and movement of a capybara, two baboons, several African antelope and a hippo.



Blue Key Honor Society members and friends



Steve Doede, Automotive Technologies Division chair at the OSU Institute of Technology, explained the Toyota program to recent visitors from the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estada de Pueblo.

UPAEP Tours Okmulgee Programs

The OSU Institute of Technology recently hosted a group of visitors from the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla, a university in Puebla, Mexico, that partners with the OSU Institute of Technology.

The delegation was attending English as a second language courses at OSU-Stillwater and was interested in touring the Okmulgee programs, especially the automotive technologies, heavy equipment vehicle institute, information technologies, engineering technologies and watchmaking programs.

Thomas Kipkurgat, OSU-IT's international and multicultural coordinator, said he and other officials at OSU Institute of Technology anticipate further collaboration with UPAEP in these academic areas as well as recruitment of students in the future.

"The OSU-Stillwater campus, particularly the Department of Agriculture, has been sharing with our university the delegations that are interested in our programs. We hope to expand collaboration with other departments as well as we make efforts to globalize our campus."

Students Take Part in Archaeological Dig

OSU students unearthed remains of an 18th century Native American village



OSU students excavated on the Bryson-Paddock site on the Arkansas River near Newkirk.

that contains artifacts of early American French traders. The Bryson-Paddock site is located on the Arkansas River near Newkirk.

"This program gave our students first-hand experience in the techniques of surveying, remote sensing, lab processing and mapping techniques," said Stephen Perkins, sociology assistant professor.

The dig was part of the Summer 2008 Archaeological Field School, which is a collaboration of the OSU Sociology Department and the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey at OU.

Excavations were first begun in 1926. According to historians, it is one of the earliest Wichita sites in Oklahoma that had extensive contact with Europeans.



Five Tulsa-area colleges and universities participated in the Collegiate Challenge at OSU-Tulsa on June 21. Students, faculty and staff from OSU-Tulsa, OSU-CHS, Tulsa Community College, OU-Tulsa and North-eastern State University-Broken Arrow competed in team events including a tug-of-war, coed volleyball, an obstacle course, a most-fit competition, horseshoes and relay races. OSU-Tulsa's team won the event.



Members of the family and graduate student housing community enjoyed the activities at the tenth anniversary of the Family Resource Center.

Family Resource Center Celebrates Anniversary

The Family Resource Center at OSU celebrated its tenth anniversary at its current location at 719 N. Walnut in June with an eye toward future expansion.

The center, which started in a double-wide mobile building in 1987, got a new home in 1998 and currently provides so many programs to students and their families that FRC leaders are hoping to expand soon.

The FRC teaches free English classes to more than 175 residents a week in more than 10 class sections and provides

various classes, programs, activities and services for couples, women and men as well as children.

The daylong anniversary celebration included special recognition of FRC supporters with three rooms formally dedicated to Marie Hesser, Beulah Hirschlein and Bob Huss in honor of their dedication and continuous support to the FRC over the years.

The day of activities concluded with an outdoor community celebration.

OSU Counseling Services Reaccredited

The International Association of Counseling Services, Inc., has re-accredited the OSU Counseling Services, reaffirming its competent and reliable professional services to clientele.

University Counseling Services, directed by Suzanne M. Burks, offers individual and group, couples, crisis, career, alcohol

and substance abuse counseling, consultation, and proactive educational outreach programming to currently enrolled students.

Approval by IACS is also dependent upon evidence of continuing professional development as well as demonstration of excellence of counseling performance.

Grandparent University Continues Growth

The OSU Alumni Association welcomed alumni and their grandchildren to the Stillwater campus this summer to participate in Grandparent University, a unique learning experience that continues to grow as it marks its sixth year.

The two-day summer camp offered alumni and their grandchildren ages 7-14 a chance to interact and create new memories while introducing the youngsters to various OSU majors.

Grandparent University attracted 245 participants from Oklahoma and 11 other states this year compared to 80 participants in 2003. The event, which offered only four majors that first year, now features nine majors including fire protection, aviation, entomology, athletic training, veterinary medicine, broadcasting, interior design, architecture and art.



Veterinary technician Summer Priest holds Trevor, a Golden Retriever while Dr. Nicole Ponzio helps 8-year-old Nathan of Edmond listen to the dog's heart-beat. Nathan was one of 23 grandchildren and 23 grandparents who took part in the two-day program at the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, where participants learned about veterinary medicine through many hands-on activities.

Awards Presented at OSU Center for Health Sciences



Sherry Eastman, rural health, and Michelle Bartlett, student affairs, received Staff Appreciation Day Awards of Excellence at the OSU Center for Health Sciences.



Dennis Adams, left, accepted the OSU-Center for Health Sciences Staff Advisory Council's Clyde B. Jensen Award for leadership from SAC President David Barron.

OSU-OKC Center Receives Accreditation

The OSU-Oklahoma City Child Development Center has received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

This accomplishment involved all CDC staff and took more than 1.5 years of preparation.

In Oklahoma, 80 centers are accredited and only 32 have achieved NAEYC accreditation under the new guidelines.

In addition to providing the highest quality of care for the children of students, employees and the public, the OSU-OKC CDC serves as a learning laboratory for Early Care degree program students.

OSU-OKC Interpreter Training instructor (and alum) **Gary Davis** and 14 deaf people and interpreters are now certified to assist during emergency community situations. Davis helped recruit the group to take Community Emergency Response Team training in June. CERT is a partner of the federal Citizen Corps.

OSU Honors College Assistant Director **Jessica Roark** has been appointed by National Collegiate Honors Council President Hallie Savage to serve as co-chair of NCHC's Committee on Honors Advising and Major Scholarship Preparation.

OSU-OKC Public Relations Director **Evelyn Bollenbach** was elected to the executive committee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Communicators Council and also will serve on the council's Economic Development Committee for 2008-09.

Gary L. Slick, D.O., osteopathic medicine associate dean for graduate medical education, was named to the Great Pioneers in Osteopathic Medicine by the American Osteopathic Association to recognize his work on behalf of the medical profession. He was inducted in the AOA's House of Delegates meeting on July 18 in Chicago.

Carey Pope, Regents Professor, head and Sitlington Chair Chair in Toxicology, has been appointed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel for a four-year term, effective July 1.



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The seven-member panel provides scientific advice and recommendations on pesticides and pesticide-related issues.

OSU faculty, staff and students, and others involved in the agricultural industry, got a first-hand look at the agricultural diversity the state has to offer during a two-day **Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Access Tour**. The tour was organized to strengthen the connection between OSU faculty and staff and the state's rural residents, and allowed industry professionals the opportunity to voice concerns on agriculture and changes taking place.

David Bosserman, OSU vice president of Administration and Finance, received a Distinguished Business Officer Award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers in June. The award, the highest individual honor bestowed by the association, is given to business officers who, during the course of their careers, have made outstanding contributions to business and financial management in higher education.

Marlene Strathe, OSU provost and senior vice president, was elected chair of the board of trustees of the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, during its June meeting in Duluth, Minn.

Brandt Gardner, assistant professor, and **Kelly Roberts**, clinical instructor and internship coordinator, human development and family science, presented a paper at the White House Conference on Research Related to Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in June.

Shelia Kennison, psychology associate professor, is one of 30 mid-career psychologists in the U.S. selected to attend an inaugural Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology on Aug. 12 in Boston. The Institute is sponsored by the American Psychological Association.

The **OSU-OKC Sign Language Interpretation A.A.S. program** recently completed a self-study for the Commission of Collegiate Interpreter Education accreditation process. This is the first time that an accreditation process has been put in place for sign language interpreting programs in the U.S., and program faculty and staff are pleased to have been in the first group to go through the self-study.

Approximately 50 Oklahoma media and food and agricultural industry representatives attended the **Food and Ag Products Center** fourth annual Media Day July 10.

Nineteen ninth and tenth graders have just completed the OSU-OKC RC BOTS Summer Regents Academy in robotics and electronics. **Calvin Hill**, associate professor, coordinated the two-week academy, which included basic electronics, soldering skills and programming a robot to do various Mars Missions' tasks.

Veterinary Technician Department Head/Professor **Sally Henderson, D.V.M.**, organized the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association continuing education seminar "Spay/Neuter programs for prepubescent dogs and cats" for veterinarians that will take place at OSU-OKC on Aug. 16.

Anil K. Kaul, M.D., D.D.S., M.P.H., visiting associate professor of microbiology at the OSU Center for Health Sciences, received the Science Achiever of the Year Award at the South Asian Excellence Awards ceremony in New York City. This award was conceived by Sony Entertainment Television to recognize the success of South Asians in multiple fields of expertise throughout the U.S. The show was broadcast live in more than 100 countries.



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OSU-Tulsa Board of Trustees officers for the 2009 fiscal year will be **Ed Keller**, Summit Bank chairman, who will serve as chair; **Joel Sander**, Tulsa County Clerk's Office finance officer, who will be vice chair; and **Larry Mocha**, Apsco Inc. president and CEO, who will be secretary.

Mike Smolen, biosystems and agricultural engineering professor and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service water quality coordinator, received the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers G.B. Gunlogson Countryside Engineering Award at the society's annual international meeting in June. The award honors outstanding engineering contributions to the development and improvement of the countryside.

James L. Leising, professor and head of agricultural education, communications and 4-H, was named a Fellow of the American Association for Agricultural Education.

Playwright Tracy Letts and author Mitch Albom will join more than 70 writers, artists and musicians for the **Celebration of Books** Sept. 26-27 at OSU-Tulsa. The Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers will begin with "An Evening with Tracy Letts and Mitch Albom" on Sept. 26, and on Sept. 27 continue with panel discussions, writing workshops, presentations, interviews and book signings. Letts will receive the Homecoming Award and Albom will receive the Ambassador's Award.

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