



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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## Students, Families Learn about OSU

More than 4,000 students, along with family members and brothers and sisters ages 12 and up, have been taking part this summer in OSU's New Student Orientation and Enrollment Programs.

"The programs are designed for the benefit of both incoming students and their families," said Missy Wikle, director of Student Orientation and Enrollment. "The college experience goes beyond the student attending OSU."

A total of 21 sessions have been scheduled for this summer for new freshmen, with more than 3,200 new enrollees taking part. In addition, six transfer student sessions have been scheduled, with approximately 1,300 students expected to take part.

While students are completing their enrollment, parents attend sessions to learn more about the campus, student and parent resources. The orientation process is offered in two formats: an overnight session and a one-day program.

The OSU new student orientation team consists of 23 student leaders and four professional staff. The student leaders guide incoming freshmen throughout the program, and are joined by representatives from campus resources, student service offices, and campus organizations who work both in small and large groups.

"The goal of New Student Orientation and enrollment is not just the act of enrolling," Wikle said. "The goal is to make sure students and their families learn what questions to ask and leave with many more answers than they ever expected."

### Parents are saying:

"Great experience—being from out of state, everyone here has been so very helpful in making us feel welcome."

"So impressed. We are leaving here today with the feeling we have made a great decision and this is where (my daughter) belongs. It is obvious that work and thought has gone into this program. Everyone, and I stress everyone, was friendly and very approachable. It was very obvious how much students and employees really love OSU."

"The orientation staff was the best! All of the students and staff were energetic and eager and willing to help. They made you feel like they want you here and will do anything to help you or your student make the adjustment."

"My 'take away' is that OSU really wants students to succeed and that they start this process with the freshmen."

### Students are saying:

"The way the staff made everything fun and exciting totally got me pumped for college."

"The orientation leaders were extremely helpful and made me feel like I wouldn't get lost. They really made it an enjoyable experience."

"Getting to speak with the students and group leaders was great. And my adviser really worked with me to find classes I would enjoy!"

"I had a blast! Thanks for making this a great experience."



2009 New Student Orientation and Enrollment



OSU President Burns Hargis signed the strobic fan as OSU A&M Regent Calvin Anthony looked on during the topping out ceremony for the Interdisciplinary Science Research Building.

## ISRB Celebrates

### Topping Off Ceremony

More than 150 people celebrated the May 21 topping off of the OSU Interdisciplinary Science Research Building, hosted by Flintco Construction.

Those present signed a strobic fan, used to exhaust air, which was then hoisted by the 167-foot-tall tower crane to the roof, marking the end of the need for crane.

Speakers included Flintco Division President David Kollmann, OSU President Burns Hargis and Stephen McKeever, OSU vice president for research and technology transfer. The building should be completed by Fall 2010.

The 137,000-square-foot ISRB is the single-largest project of the Oklahoma Higher Education Capital Bond Program, which was signed into law by Gov. Brad Henry in May 2005.

## Bradley Awarded NSF Graduate Fellowship

Kristopher Bradley, Hennessey experimental psychology doctoral student, is the first OSU psychology student to receive a National Science Foundation Fellowship.

The fellowship provides a \$30,000 annual stipend that can be used for up to three years of graduate study. It also provides \$10,500 annual tuition allowance, as well as funds for foreign travel.



“The research that my adviser, Shelia Kennison, and I are conducting focuses on the implications that reminders of mortality can have on individuals, referred to as the ‘terror management theory’,” he said.

Also receiving NSF fellowships this year were Cortney Timmons, Ada, who will attend Colorado State University, and Lesa Heintzman, Joelton, Tenn., who will attend Vanderbilt University.

## ConocoPhillips Presents \$2 Million Annual Gift

ConocoPhillips recently presented OSU with its \$2 million gift annual support gift that benefits more than 30 campus units. Presenting the check was Debbie Adams, ConocoPhillips president of transportation and '83 chemical engineering alumna.

The corporation's recent gift was unrestricted. Its Matching Gift Program totaled an additional \$90,480. ConocoPhillips and its predecessors have given more than \$34 million to OSU and the company remains the university's largest corporate donor.

“ConocoPhillips hires more OSU graduates than any other company, so it is a valuable relationship for both of us,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “They help us create, innovate and educate with their

generous gifts.”

The corporation recommended the following allocation of the \$2 million gift: \$1 million for the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center; \$350,000 for the SPIRIT Scholars Program; \$225,000 for the Spears School of Business; \$192,000 for the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology; \$118,000 for diversity programs; \$70,000 for other support; and \$45,000 for Arts and Sciences.

The funds will support academic endeavors such as scholarships, endowed chairs, visiting speakers, graduate studies, equipment purchases, career services, multicultural development and other projects.

## OCAST Awards Funding to Four Researchers

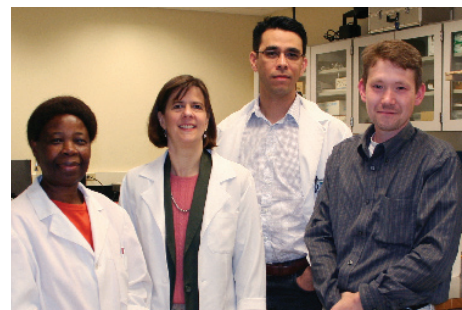
Four OSU researchers received funding for health-related projects from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology on May 7.

The projects were chosen by a peer-review team from more than 152 applications. The awards total more than \$500,000 in funding for the next three years.

According to OCAST, “research funded under the program investigates the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of human diseases and disabilities and facilitates the development of innovative health care products and services.”

The successful OSU projects include: Rita Miller, “The Regulation of Bik1p by Phosphorylation”; Damon Chandler,

“Visually Optimal Compression of Medical Imagery”; Eduardo Yukihara, “Novel Nanophosphors for Dose Mapping in Radiotherapy”; and Solo Kuvibidila, “Effects of Mushrooms on Endothelin-1 Secretion and Cancer.”



Solo Kuvibidila, Rita Miller, Eduardo Yukihara and Damon Chandler

## CHS to Lead Regional Sarah Jane Brain Project

OSU Center for Health Sciences has been selected as the state lead for the Sarah Jane Brain Project, a national effort to build a comprehensive network of care for children who suffer from acquired brain injuries. It also will serve as regional lead for Adult Transitions, one of the seven identified categories of care.

Traumatic brain injuries suffered during

childhood are the leading cause of death and disability for children and adults through age 25 in the U.S., according to the foundation.

OSU-CHS will develop and implement a statewide master plan in partnership with other state healthcare and educational institutions and organizations, and will use its telemedicine expertise and mobile telemedicine clinic for rural outreach efforts. OSU-CHS research facilities include a hyperbaric chamber and a biomedical research department available for translational studies with clinicians.

OSU-CHS will serve as regional lead for Adult Transitions for older youth transitioning into adult systems of care. Other states in the South Central Region are Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico and Texas.



OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl, left, received the Williams Man of the Year Award from the Tulsa chapter of the American Red Cross, presented by Travis Campbell of Williams.



**Groundbreaking for OSU's Institute for Agricultural Biosciences took place May 1 in Ardmore.** The 33,000-square-foot facility is a branch of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station and is located near the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation. Pictured are Burns Hargis, OSU president; Robert E. Whitson, vice president, dean and director of the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; Mike Spradling, president of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau; Mike Cawley, CEO and president of the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation; J.D. Strong, secretary of the environment; and Bobby Wegener, secretary of energy.

## OSU-OKC Awards First Bachelor Degrees

In May, OSU-OKC awarded the first bachelor degree in its 48-year history, the bachelor of technology—emergency responder administration degree.

The six graduates first completed OSU-OKC associate in applied science degrees in municipal fire protection, municipal fire protection – paramedic emphasis or police science. All six graduates are full-time public safety professionals, working 40 hours a week, and most took online courses to complete their degree.

Since fall 2008, enrollment in the program has increased 60 percent with applications received from across the U.S.

Kent Studnicka is head of the emergency responder administration department.

## BBC Crew Films OSU Observatory

A British Broadcasting Corp. crew visited OSU's H.S. Mendenhall Observatory in April to film segments for a five-part series on the solar system to air in 2010.

The Stillwater observatory houses the largest and most technically advanced telescope in the state, according to Peter Shull, physics associate professor and director of the observatory.

The telescope, installed in 2007, was funded by a \$231,000 grant from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. It also allows students to track asteroids that threaten to collide with Earth and to measure the changing brightness of objects whose light output varies with time, such as stars with planets following edge-on orbits.



## Energy Conservation Program Receives Honor

OSU has been honored with the "Grand Finalist" award from the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers. This best practice award is for the university's energy conservation program.

"This national award is not only recognition for the university but for every student and employee that has taken part in our conservation efforts," said David Bosserman, OSU vice president of administration and finance. "We appreciate the work of our physical plant team and the support of

the entire campus."

The award and a \$1,500 check were presented during the SACUBO annual meeting in Hot Springs, Va.

The university has donated the \$1,500 to staff scholarships in the Staff Advisory Council's Scholarship Fund.

Since the summer of 2007, OSU has racked-up more than \$5 million in energy savings. The energy conservation initiative is a result of OSU's partnership with Energy Education.

## Occupational Education Ranks Nationally

*U.S. News and World Report* has ranked the OSU College of Education's Occupational Education graduate program among the best in the nation.

The publication chose seven university programs to appear on its list of Best Educational School Specialty Rankings in the

technical/vocational category. OSU landed the seventh spot after previously ranking No. 9 or 10 for more than five years.

Rankings are based on factors such as research record and reputation of faculty and graduate students.

## OSU-COM Works with Iraqi Health Providers

The OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's Office of Continuing Medical Education is reaching out to medical professionals in Iraq with help from the school's medical library.

Cyndi Canning, CME program specialist, is working with Capt. Bob Hart, D.O., a 2004 OSU osteopathic medicine graduate, to provide journals, texts and other educational materials to Iraqi health care providers.

Capt. Hart is the Brigade Surgeon for the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division. The OSU CME office has donated three complete sets of video discs, each set with more than 200 hours of continuing medical education lectures, and the OSU medical library provided recent medical books and journals.



**Doan Martin, OSU-CHS medical library associate director; Cyndi Canning, CME program specialist; Stephen Eddy, D.O., CME director; and Mahalia Hawkins, library technical assistant, look at some of the materials being sent to medical professionals in Iraq.**



Receiving scholar awards from the National Society of Black Engineers are Darryl Wells, Dejanae Berry, Terrell Grayson, Gabrielle Brown and Cameron Gaddy.

## Engineering Students Honored at Convention

Five OSU students were honored for exemplifying the organization's ideals at the National Society of Black Engineers national convention in Las Vegas.

Receiving awards were Terrell Grayson, Oklahoma City chemical engineering junior, ExxonMobil National Scholar; Cameron Gaddy, Stillwater civil engineering junior, ExxonMobil Regional Scholar; Dejanae Berry, Oklahoma City industrial engineering and management freshman, and Gabrielle Brown, Oklahoma City industrial engineering and management freshman, NSBE Fellows Scholars; and Darryl Wells, St. Louis mechanical and aerospace engineering sophomore, Fulfilling the Legacy Scholar.

Their adviser is Travis Griffin, Multicultural Engineering Programs coordinator.

## Space Cowboys Conduct Experiments at NASA

OSU's "Space Cowboys" spent a week this month at NASA in Houston where they conducted their unique microgravity experiment under the same conditions as NASA's own scientists.

Seniors Jeremy Hill, Midwest City; Abraham McClellan, Bethany; Eric Johnson, Caldwell, Idaho; Johnny Chandler, Chowchilla, Calif.; Alan Larson, Oklahoma City; and Josh Hathaway, Tulsa, tested inflatable space habitats in a microgravity environment aboard NASA's "vomit comet." They were one of only 20 teams selected nationwide.

"Hopefully, the results of the experiment will provide valuable data for the students and the scientists at NASA on how large space habitats can be deployed under



OSU's "Space Cowboys"

## Oklahomans Awarded Fulbright Assistantships

Andrew Moore of Oklahoma City and Emilee Lehenbauer of Stillwater have been awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships, which places students in overseas schools to improve foreign students' English language abilities and knowledge of the U.S.

Moore begins teaching in Mexico in September and Lehenbauer begins teaching in Korea this month, according to Stephen Hallgren, OSU Fulbright adviser and natural resource ecology and management associate professor. OSU has had six Fulbright Scholars in three years.

Moore will receive an Honors College Degree in Spanish in July and Lehenbauer received a B.A. degree in international business and Spanish and a B.S. degree in community nutrition and leadership in May.

This international educational exchange program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries.



weightless conditions," said Jamey Jacob, aerospace engineering associate professor.

While flying in the "vomit comet," NASA's zero-gee aircraft and a major requirement for all astronauts, the students experienced about 25 seconds of microgravity where they were essentially weightless.

## OSU-OKC Hispanic Student Association Earns Honor

For the second consecutive year, OSU-Oklahoma City's Hispanic Student Association has been named Group of the Year.

"They all are first-generation college students and American citizens, and they understand how hard it is to obtain this," said Joaquin Ruiz, Hispanic Student Services, and group adviser. "That is what makes the community and campus activity they do so special."

Ruiz was named Outstanding Student Organization Adviser for his work with HSA and Amaya Barron was named Outstanding Student Leader for her work and dedication to SGA and HSA.

OSU soccer star **Yolanda Odenyo** of Sweden was named the 2009 Arthur Ashe Jr. Female Sports Scholar of the Year by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. OSU has topped the Big 12 in Ashe winners for four years. Ten other athletes honored were **Rickie Fowler**, Murrieta, Calif., top choice in men's golf; **Kendall Horner**, Claremore, baseball; **Kilee Stewart**, Tuttle, equestrian; **Jessica Gladd**, Tulsa, track; **Brandi Andrews**, Chattanooga, Tenn., track; **Brian Gosnell**, Tahlequah, track; **Alejandro Ruiz**, Elgin, Texas, track; **Newly McSpadden**, Vinita, wrestling; **Mark Chesnut**, Miami, football; and **Byrce Hood**, Ramona, football.

Plant and soil sciences students **Emily Rutto**, Kenya; **Yumiko Kanke**, Japan; and **Tanka Kandel**, Nepal; and **Silvano Abreu**, Brazil, received \$2,000 Graduate College Research Fellowships for Summer 2009, made possible by the Robberson and Murray Case Sells Foundations.

Business graduate student case competition team **Fernando Mayorga**, **Mihir Parkar**, **Pramoda Bangalore S.** and **Kinjal Hate** represented OSU at the 2009 International Telecommunications Education and Research Association Conference.

After attending OSU-OKC part time for seven years, **David Kofoed** won the Summer Enrollment Sweepstakes, which awards him free summer semester tuition.

**Kyle Ensley**, Valliant May graduate, was one of 60 students in the nation to receive a \$5,000 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Award. He will use it to attend the Harvard Kennedy School of Government this fall.



OSU's student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers won best overall design in the National Timber Bridge Design Competition competing against 14 other U.S. and Canada chapters. Students had to construct and test a timber bridge on campus and submit documentation to a panel of judges for review. OSU's entry also took second in best deck, third in best support structure, and second in most innovative, receiving cash awards totalling \$1,050.

**Jered Davidson**, Fort Cobb agricultural economics May graduate, was named to the second team in USA TODAY's annual All-USA College Academic Team competition that honors those who excel in and out of the classroom.

**Nicole Mayes Willis**, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine May graduate, organized the "Run to Breathe"

5 km road race and one-mile fun run in Owasso to benefit Tulsa's Cystic Fibrosis Foundation chapter. The race earned more than \$2,500.

Willis, now a pediatric resident physician at the OSU Medical Center, was among "Tulsa's 20 New Leaders" recently honored by the foundation's local chapter.



OSUIT's **Visual Communications** students and graduates demonstrated winning style at the regional Tulsa Art Directors Club "Graphex 40" Competition. One-third of the university awards went to OSUIT students, and half of the professional winners were OSUIT graduates.

OSU freshman **German Fernandez** won the 1,500 meters on June 13 at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville.

OSU Foundation's **Cowboy Callers** have secured more than 7,000 annual gifts and pledges totaling approximately \$684,000 this past academic year. **Sophie Nulliner**, Tulsa sophomore, was named Caller of the Year after raising \$21,138. The year's top fundraiser was **Leslie Weihs**, Llano, Texas, sophomore, who raised \$30,150 between January and April 30. **Curtis Moss**, Claremore sophomore, raised \$29,330, and is an Army National Guard specialist who was deployed to Iraq for a year before coming to OSU. **Amy Miller**, Chandler junior, raised \$27,780.

**Pradyumna Baviskar**, physiological sciences graduate teaching assistant, received the 2009 Gamma Sigma Delta Graduate Student Teaching Award for Merit.

**Stacey Dunbar**, Oklahoma City English junior, was selected as a member of the National Leadership Council for the 2009-10 academic year. The council is a leadership opportunity offered by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, an honor society for freshmen and sophomores.

Financial Management Association President **Conor Mahan**, Tulsa, and members **Amalia Deines**, Shattuck; **Aubrey Gooden**, Edmond; **Ross Gillispie**, Garland, Texas; and **Jay Creech**, Miami, gave a presentation at Stillwater's Lincoln Academy on basics of budgeting, retirement saving and monitoring bank accounts and credit.

OSU-OKC's Student Government executive team of **Amy Thompson**, president; **Jazmine Thompson**, vice president; **Daniel Mungle**, parliamentarian; and **Bryce McCleary**, historian, attended the National Student Leadership Conference in April. They passed the Certified Student Leader Exam and are now Certified Student Leaders.

The **OSU Human Resource Management Association** received a superior merit chapter designation from the Society for Human Resource Management.

**Beta Alpha Psi** accounting honorary society received the OSU Outstanding Community Service by a Student Organization Award. During the 2008-09 academic year, BAP performed more than 3,000 hours of service to the community and OSU.

The 2009-10 recipients of the Bailey Family Memorial Scholarship to study abroad were recognized at a banquet with Alma Bailey and her family. Since its establishment, \$1,683,396 has been awarded to 237 OSU students to study in 34 countries. New scholars are **Elaine Enix**, Fort Collins, Colo., *Spain*; **Yance Farney**, Stafford, Kan., *Mexico*; **Jonathan Hollingsworth**, Mesquite, Texas, *Morocco, Egypt, United Kingdom*; **Leslie Jacobs**, Frederick, *Scotland*; **Kendall Looney**, Rowlett, Texas, *France*; **James Miller**, Stillwater, *Russia*; and **Michol Miller**, Stillwater, *Spain*.

**Na'cole Woods**, Cherokee business administration graduate student, has received an internship with Trigon, an investment banking firm in Poland. She will spend the fall semester in Warsaw introducing American business customs to Trigon's employees and analyzing business deals offered to the firm from companies throughout Europe. The internship is sponsored by Spirit Bank in Tulsa. She is the third OSU student to receive this internship and will earn credit from OSU-Tulsa while abroad.



Two teams of **OSU aerospace and mechanical engineering students** earned first and second place at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Design/Build/Fly International competition in Tucson in April. The teams built unmanned planes, flying them in three contest missions. OSU Black took first place and set a speed record, while OSU Orange finished second overall. In the past 10 years, OSU teams led by **Andrew Arena Jr.**, L. Maciula Professor in Engineering, have won six first place and seven second place awards, and four times have taken both first and second place.

**John Supon**, Tulsa leisure studies graduate student, received the Larry J. Mildren Graduate Scholarship from the Therapeutic Recreation Symposium for the Southwest for his commitment to therapeutic recreation and leadership potential.

Golfer **Karin Kinnerud**, Norrkoping, Sweden, and track and cross country runner **Alejandro Ruiz**, Elgin, Texas, were among 24 Big 12 student-athletes to receive the 2008-09 Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarship.



More than 60 graduating seniors took part in the Inaugural Farewell Senior Toast, saluting the Class of 2009 with orange champagne. The toast is a new tradition hosted by the OSU Student Alumni Board and sponsored by Gary, Glenn and Mark Zannotti. Taking part were OSU President Burns Hargis and Alumni Association Leadership Council member Chris Batchelder. Seniors Jered Davidson and Meagan Wheeler presented the inaugural toast.

**Regina DeWitt**, physics assistant research professor, has received a \$496,000 NASA grant. The two-year award funds further development of a miniature optical dating instrument that can be used for dating the surface of Mars. DeWitt will partner with ICx Nomadics, an international sensor development company. **Stephen McKeever**, OSU's vice president for research and technology transfer and a Regents Professor in physics, is a co-investigator on the project.

**Joni Bice**, OSU-OKC interpreter training department head, recently received the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf Circle of Star Award at the OAD Banquet. She was nominated by co-worker **Gary Davis**, interpreter training instructor, who had the honor of announcing it at the banquet.



OSU-OKC hosted a “**Moms to College Fair**” with more than 40 participating colleges and social services groups. The event was coordinated by the Single Mothers Academic Research Team (SMART), an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education program. More than 100 visitors received college information.

**Judith Cronk**, theater associate professor, is one of about 100 staff members selected this summer to work at the Porthouse Theater in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Cronk is designing costumes for the production of “Annie Get Your Gun.” The outdoor 500-seat theater is affiliated with the Kent State University's theater program.

### “Cowboys on the Move” Hits One Million Minute Milestone

A program to get more OSU employees moving toward better health is paying off with almost 1,000 participants and more than 1,000,000 minutes of physical activity clocked as of June 1, according to Robin Purdie, OSU Seretean Wellness Center director.

The program, known as “Cowboys on the Move,” started in February with a Web site that provided practical information and a weekly e-mail to help participants stay motivated.

Plans are already in the works to enhance offerings on the Web site in September by including a personalized way to track workout activities, a nutritional component, a social networking option and an iPhone application.

**Debbie Shotwell**, **Shane Lansdown** and student employee **Michael Bohanan** in Student Union Marketing took two first places and two honorable mentions at the Association of College Unions International “Steal This Idea” competition. All four entries were displayed at the 89th national conference held in Anaheim, Calif.

**David Morales**, OSU-OKC veterinary technology assistant professor, will participate in the June Test Writers Workshop for the veterinary technician national examination (the official veterinary technician licensing exam). He will write exam questions that could be included in the nationwide exam.

**Charlotte Wright**, professor and Lanny G. Chasteen Chair of accounting, was named the 2009 Outstanding Accounting Educator at the Oklahoma Accounting Educators Conference in May. The award, sponsored by the Oklahoma Society of Certified Professional Accountants, recognizes individuals who have contributed to the accounting field by innovating educational techniques, motivating students and teaching excellence.



**Dan L. Johnson**, OSU-OKC law enforcement and criminal investigation professor, was honored by a resolution forwarded by State Sen. Constance Johnson that proclaimed May 30 Dan L. Johnson Day in Oklahoma. He has taught classes at state schools over the past 40 years.

**Goutam Chakraborty**, marketing professor, received the bronze award for best practices for excellence in distance learning teaching from the U.S. Distance Learning Association at its 2009 international meeting in St. Louis.

**Dan Chaney**, social sciences librarian, received the 2009 Mountain Plains Library Association Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award, given for his contributions as MPLA Webmaster for the past 12 years.

**Jay Helm**, OSU/A&M regent, received OSU's Center for Health Sciences Distinguished Public Service Award in May. This is the highest honor the medical school bestows upon individuals for achievement in development of medical education and improvements in health care.

**Richard Bunce**, chemistry professor, received the 2009 Oklahoma Chemist Award from the American Chemistry Society. He was honored at the annual meeting for research in heterocyclic chemistry, a field important in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry degree programs. The award is the highest honor for any chemist in the state, and OSU chemists have received the honor 12 times since its inception in 1971.



**Jason Stone**, OSU-OKC humanities department head and instructor, received an “Outstanding Achievement” award in Technology and Printed Training and Development from the American Society of Training and Development for the “my-writinglab.com” instructional video and handout he produced.

**James Hromas**, OSU director of international education and outreach, director of the School of International Studies and marketing associate professor, received the University Continuing Education Association's 2008 Walter S. Bittner Award for Outstanding Service. He recently completed 40 years of service to OSU.



**Heidi Hoffer**, theater professor, was one of 14 U.S. and Canadian design professors selected to attend the invitation-only premiere North American symposium on performance design education in April at the University of Texas in Austin.



**Steven Price**, associate vice president for technological development, set the world record for the number of pull-ups done in 24 hours. He began on April 21 at 6 a.m. at the OSU Wellness Center and broke the previous world record of 3,116 with 3,200 pull-ups in 18 hours and 15 minutes. He'll be listed in the “Book of Alternative Records.”

OSU-Tulsa hosted the 18th annual **Sip for Sight** fundraiser on April 18. The wine tasting gala and silent auction benefits Prevent Blindness Oklahoma.

**Bobbi Kay Lewis**, advertising assistant professor, was named National Outstanding Faculty Adviser for the Association of Women in Communications. The award will be presented in October at the 2009 AWC National Conference in Seattle.



**Lin Liu**, Lundberg-Kienlen Professor of Biomedical Research and director of the Lung Biology and Toxicology Lab in the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, received his second Pfizer Award for Research Excellence. He also received funding for two grants from the NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute with funds provided from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**Subhash Kak**, computer science head and professor, will be a keynote speaker on Aug. 10 at the Astronomy and Civilization Conference in Budapest, Hungary, to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy.

The National Association of College and University Food Services awarded the **Twenty Something Convenience Store** in Kerr-Drummond Residence Hall “the Best in the Business honorable mention” in the Updating Your C-Store category. The award recognizes creativity and innovation in marketing, merchandising, layout and design, and food service applications.

**Robert Purcell**, Haileyville native, co-chief of the infectious diseases lab at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., and a lead researcher behind hepatitis vaccines, received the 2009 distinguished Alumnus Award for Arts and Sciences.

The Oklahoma House of Representatives and Senate honored OSU-Tulsa President **Gary Trennepohl** for his service and commitment. House Speaker Chris Benge and Sen. Jim Halligan authored the resolutions.

**Nadine Olson**, teaching and curriculum leadership associate professor, received OSU’s 2009 Outstanding Study Abroad Leader Award from the OSU Outreach Council.

**David Lilley**, mechanical and aerospace engineering professor, will receive the Worcester Reed Warner Medal for outstanding individual contributions to the permanent literature of engineering from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at its international congress in November.

**Stanley Gilliland**, Regents Professor and Sitlington Endowed Chair in animal science, was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists for his research on probiotic cultures and the benefits for humans and livestock, as well as his role as an educator and student mentor.



### Farmers' Market Open

OSU-Oklahoma City’s Summer Farmers’ Market celebrated its grand opening May 28 at its new location west of the Chesapeake Energy Corporation’s campus.

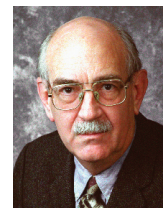
The market runs from 3 to 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Glenbrook Centre East parking lot located on N.W. 63rd between N. Western Avenue and N. Grand Boulevard. More than 30 vendors are selling 100 percent Oklahoma-grown products.

This year, OSU-OKC provided shoppers with free Farmers’ Market recyclable tote bags. With fresh foods, seasonal produce, certified organic products, fresh-cut flowers and a variety of handmade skincare and craft items, the market has something for everyone. Vendors only accept cash or check.

This market is in addition to the successful year-round Saturday Farmers’ Market located on the OSU-OKC campus at 400 N. Portland Ave.

**Mike Schnelle**, Extension ornamental floriculture specialist, received the 2009 President’s Volunteer Service Award for teaching short courses in Turkmenistan and Nepal in 2007 and 2008. He was nominated by officials representing Winrock International. The award was established in 2003 by President George W. Bush’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

**Robert S. Conrad**, microbiology professor, and **Kirby Jarolim**, anatomy professor and chair, were honored for their 35 years of service to the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Conrad and Jarolim were members of the inaugural faculty at the college, which began educating osteopathic physicians at the new Tulsa school in 1974.



Conrad



Jarolim

**Tracy A. Suter**, marketing associate professor, received the 2009 Ken and Leitner Greiner Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award and **J. Craig Wallace**, management assistant professor, received the Ken and Leitner Greiner Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award.

**OSU Parking and Transit Services** partnered with Payne County Youth Services in Project Safe Place to give youth a “safe place” in time of need. Locations display a distinct yellow and black Safe Place logo that middle to high school students look for when they are in a crisis situation or need a place to get help. The 18 transit buses that cover the Stillwater community will serve as mobile safe places as of June 1, along with the multi-modal facility at the corner of Monroe and Hall of Fame.

The 2008 issue of **Vet Cetera** received an Award of Excellence from the International Academy of the Visual Arts and the Communicator Awards in a print category for educational institutions. **Eileen Mustain** is magazine editor, **Paul Fleming** is art director, both in University Marketing, and **Derinda Lowe** is the CVHS public relations, marketing and alumni affairs coordinator.

The Journal Record and the Tulsa Business Journal selected **Scott Newman**, OSUIT information technologies division chair, as one of the state’s top leaders under 40 for 2009. He is one of only two people honored by both publications.



The **Adult Basic Education** program at OSUIT, funded by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, graduated seven students. Classes are provided in Okmulgee, Hughes and Seminole Counties.

# OSU System Receives Special Gifts

OSU has been the recipient of several important gifts during the past few weeks. Recent gifts to OSU include:

--- The **Tulsa division of Spirit AeroSystems** donated \$100,000 worth of carbon fabric to OSU's College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology to make composite laminates to investigate the effects of environmental exposure. The Wichita-based company is the world's largest supplier of commercial airplane assemblies and components, and its relationship with OSU began as a lead sponsor for the Design, Build and Fly Competition, which has helped form an award-winning OSU team.

--- The **Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation** in Tulsa has committed \$50,000 a year for three years to help fund the **Shelter Medicine Program** for the partnership with the City of Tulsa and the Tulsa Animal Shelter.

--- OSU received a \$99,000 award from the **II-VI Foundation**, presented by Chairman Carl Johnson, to support a one-year research study of the subsurface damage imparted to single-crystal YAG by various stages of commercial finishing. The work will be conducted by undergraduate, master's and doctoral students under the direction of Don Lucca, Regents Professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering. YAG is a man-made crystal material used in lasers that has also recently found application as a substrate for optical components

like prisms and mirrors.

--- The **Oklahoma Department of Libraries, in partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board**, awarded a "Threats to Your Collection" grant of \$3,500 to the **OSUIT Library** to purchase needed equipment to help the university preserve a major part of the matted images currently held in the archive.

--- Oklahoma City-based **Minick Materials**, one of the region's largest landscape material distributors, committed about \$70,000 to OSU-OKC to help make the campus more environmentally friendly. The company has donated \$42,000 worth of materials, including a rain-water harvesting system to capture run-off and cycle it through a water aeration system before it is filtered to an underground holding tank that will supply water for an above ground water feature. Minick also donated 562 hours of labor and committed a future gift of \$25,000 in additional funding. This gift has placed the campus at the forefront of environmentally friendly building and water conservation, according to Dave Edwards, agriculture technologies division head. Sam Minick, vice president and owner, is a former OSU-OKC student. To recognize his support, OSU-OKC will name a classroom after his parents, Kenneth and Nova Minick, who founded Minick Materials in 1958.



The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences flag pole in front of McElroy Hall has a new home. The Military Veterinarian Honor Court was constructed to honor OSU veterinarians who have served or are currently serving in the military. It is located next to the new Walk of Honor and bricks can be purchased for \$50 to honor a special military veterinarian. The court's formal dedication is set for the fall.

## CASNR Helps Trains Oklahoma National Guard

Members of the Oklahoma National Guard who will serve in Afghanistan in October came to the OSU Stillwater campus this month for technical assistance to help "nation building."

"Our primary mission will be to help villagers improve their agricultural skills," said Col. Mike Chase.

Agriculture accounts for about 45 percent of Afghanistan's gross domestic product and employs about 69 percent of the country's workforce. However, there is a shortage of food, with 45-55 percent of children 5 years of age or younger suffering from malnutrition. Only one in every eight acres in Afghanistan can be cultivated.

A major challenge faced by the U.S. military in helping Afghanistan to fight insurgents is the lack of infrastructure and its effect on improving the quality of life for Afghanistan's largely agrarian society. That is where the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is able to lend valuable expertise.

"Our state and federally mandated land-grant mission is to help improve the quality of life for individuals and communities across Oklahoma and beyond," said David Henneberry, division director of International Programs in Agriculture.

The one-week training program included in-class presentations and hands-on activities.

## Elementary Students Get Opportunity for Scholarships

OSU-Oklahoma City has awarded supplemental scholarships to 31 fifth graders at nearby Westwood Elementary School, providing them with the chance of a lifetime – attending college. The supplemental scholarships to OSU-OKC are for tuition, fees and books.

Educating predominantly Hispanic students, Westwood will see approximately 40 percent of its students drop out before completing high school and only 13 percent attend college. OSU-OKC hopes to see an increase in high school graduation and continuing education through this free education opportunity.

OSU-OKC will communicate with the students through birthday and holiday cards. Once students enter eighth grade, OSU-OKC will host seminars and classes for students and their parents. Events will

range from OHLAP and FASFA workshops to general college information.

To receive the scholarship, students are required to graduate from an Oklahoma City public high school and apply for OHLAP and FASFA. Whether or not they qualify for financial aid, they will be able to obtain the scholarship.

OSU-OKC plans to collaborate with Westwood on the scholarship project for at least three years, and its goal is to send 100 students to OSU-OKC for free.

