



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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OSU Creativity Initiative director John Mowen, center, congratulates the winners of the first OSU Creativity Challenge: Chris Ramsay, Veddu Hsu, Terry Baker, (Mowen), Savannah Smith, Jessica Lay and Cortney Timmons.

## Farm to Dining Idea Takes Grand Prize At First OSU “Creativity Challenge”

OSU employees Terry Baker, University Dining Services director, and Veddu Hsu, University Dining Services assistant food services manager, earned grand prize honors in the first OSU Creativity Challenge for their proposal for “Farm to University Dining.”

The idea came from Baker and Hsu’s recognition of the need to support the local economy while educating students on sustainability and the university’s social commitment to Oklahoma. The project provided an outline for local food distribution channels, creative menu planning based around seasonal Oklahoma foods, education about farmers’ markets and their impact on the economy, and a farmer’s market that would be created on the Stillwater campus.

The Creativity Challenge asked participants to submit proposals for projects that could help OSU become a leader in creativity and innovation and could be implemented within a three-year time frame.

“I want to congratulate the winners of our first Creativity Challenge,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “We received many wonderful ideas from students, faculty and staff. We have a goal to create a culture of creativity where all our professors, researchers, staff and students are free to explore creative ideas, to collaborate and to develop entrepreneurial programs that will involve many departments and colleges. We are off to a great start.”

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The Creativity Challenge was part of the OSU Creativity Festival, held in conjunction with OSU Research Week, and was a part of the OSU Creativity Initiative. Ten finalists were selected from 180 submitted proposals.

“The participation in the Creativity Challenge contest exceeded our expectations in terms of both the quality and the quantity of ideas received,” said John Mowen, marketing professor and OSU Creativity Initiative director. “The next challenge will be to work through the process of implementing as many as possible.”

Grand prize winners Baker and Hsu received \$5,000 in prize money. Winning students received scholarships and faculty/staff winners

received tax-adjusted payment checks.

Cortney Timmons, Ada biosystems engineering senior; Savannah Smith, Talihina environmental science senior; and Jessica Lay, Broken Arrow biosystems engineering senior, received \$1,500 and first place runner-up honors in the student division with a proposal for “Real Pokes Pass It On.” The project focused on students, faculty and staff donating discarded, yet reusable materials, to non-profit organizations and those in need within the OSU-Stillwater community.

Jonathan Hufnagel, Plano, Texas, journalism and broadcast junior, received \$1,000 and second runner-up honors for second

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The OSU Center for Health Sciences and the City of Tulsa and Tulsa Police Department broke ground for construction of a new shared forensic science and biomedical science facility. At the dig line are House speaker Chris Benge, OSU Regent Jay Helm, Tulsa City Councilor Rick Westcott, Rep. Lucky Lamons, Chapman Foundation Trustee Jerry Dickman, OSU-CHS President John Fernandes, Tulsa City Councilor Dennis Troyer, State Regent General Counsel Robert Anthony, OSU-CHS Vice President of Research and Institutional Advancement Leigh Goodson, Tulsa Police Officer Steve Bayles and Chief Ron Palmer.

## CHS Breaks Ground for Forensic, Research Facility

The OSU Center for Health Sciences and the City of Tulsa broke ground Feb. 20 on a shared forensic sciences and biomedical research facility that will house forensic sciences and biomedical research interests.

John Fernandes, D.O., OSU-CHS president, said the shared facility concept was born from the strength of the relationship between the Tulsa Police Department and OSU's forensic Sciences program.

The 160,000 square-foot building will have five floors; floors one and two for police department use, and floors three, four and five for OSU-CHS.

The Forensic Sciences program is one of only eight in the nation accredited by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

## NASA Awards Teaching From Space Project

OSU's College of Education has been awarded a five-year \$4 million grant to manage the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's Teaching From Space Project.

OSU and the college had managed the grant since its inception in 1985, and received it again following a competitive, open application process.

"We are honored NASA has selected OSU to help lead the educational frontier of using orbital platforms to conduct educational programs from space," said Steve

Marks, OSU's NASA Education Projects coordinator.

Teaching From Space, a national program involving educators and K-12 students, facilitates education opportunities that use the unique environment of human spaceflight. The TFS Office, located in the Astronaut Office of the NASA Johnson Space Center, works closely with crew members to facilitate live in-flight education downlinks, education payload operations and education demonstration activities.

OSU has 38 years of experience in educational partnerships with NASA, and currently manages three NASA grants with nearly \$7 million of funding this year and \$30 million overall.

## OKC Wind Turbine Program Receives Grant

OSU-Oklahoma City's pioneering wind turbine program has received a \$1,480,708 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The President's Community-Based Job Training Grants were introduced in 2004 to help colleges give their regions' workers the skills needed to enter high-growth/high-demand industries. Through these grants, more than 34,000 individuals have completed their education and training.

OSU-OKC's wind turbine technology degree program exceeded enrollment expectations with 50 students the first semester.



Jerry Nielsen, OSU-OKC division head, Science and Engineering Technologies, works with wind turbine technology student Jeff Blurton.

## CVS Named Bayer Industry Partner

The OSU Foundation has received \$225,000 from Bayer HealthCare, LLC, Animal Health Division, for the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences to become the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology's second industry partner.

This partnership will help further advances in controlling parasitic diseases of animals through integrated programs of applied graduate and residency training, targeted research initiatives, and a diagnostic and consulting service that serves the veterinary profession worldwide.

OSU's NCVP will be a national resource for diagnostic testing and will help fill a need for clinically-oriented veterinary parasitologists who can meet current and future demands of the industry.

Bayer, along with Novartis Animal Health, NCVP's first industry partner, will offer the program financial support, help guide and develop the NCVP as a member of its advisory board, and interact with graduate students and residents in training.

The Germany-based Bayer is a world leader in the healthcare and medical products industry, and has given more than \$376,000 to OSU in donations and grants.

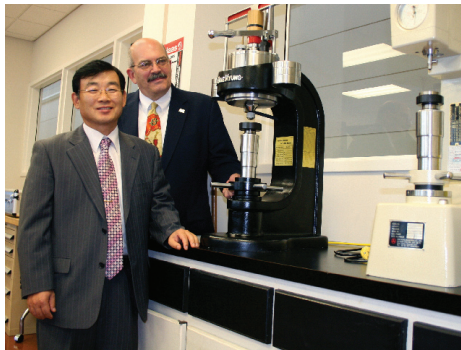
## Medical School Earns Continued Accreditation

OSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine has received continued accreditation from the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.

The medical school received the maximum seven-year approval. Prior to the approval, the college conducted a 15-month institutional self-study. A site inspection team from the AOA in September also was part of the approval process.

The report to AOA-COCA by the site inspection team stated "OSU-COM is to be commended for its mobile telemedicine clinic," calling it an asset to the college. "It is well accepted by the people served and the students who gain great clinical experience working with the rural communities of Oklahoma."

The team complimented OSU's use of osteopathic technique with patients at OSU Medical Center, and the clinical faculty and medical school alumni were noted for their loyalty.



**Park Yong Soo of Korea and Mike Taylor of OSUIT look over some of the equipment that was donated.**

## South Korean Business Donates Testers to OSUIT

The OSU Institute of Technology so impressed a group of South Korean businessmen that one recently returned with gifts for the Engineering Technologies Division.

Park Yong Soo, president of Daekyung Engineering Company, which manufactures equipment for chemical plants and develops environmental systems, delivered a Brinell hardness tester, a Rockwell hardness tester and a tension compression tensile tester for use by students in the Quality Systems and Practices course, a required course for Manufacturing Technologies.

“These will be very valuable to our cur-

## NSF grant to boost women, minority representation

OSU has received a \$499,372, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to bolster its existing campus-wide initiative to promote the representation of women and minorities in the STEM disciplines - science, technology, engineering and mathematics - as well as agriculture.



**The NSF grant team of Stefanie Badzinski, Jean Van Delinder, Aimee Barrett and Melanie Page will be working to increase the number of women and minorities in several academic disciplines campus-wide.**

## Fire Protection Receives National Recognition

Some of our nation’s most cherished documents, artifacts and landmarks are being protected by graduates of OSU’s School of Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology.

OSU’s program, the only fire and safety program in the U.S. accredited through the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology, recently received national recognition when it was singled out by the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

riculum,” said Ken Milliman, manufacturing instructor. “Having a compression/tension tester with a three-ton capacity means we can determine the physical properties of a wide variety of materials.”

According to Mike Ogden, OSUIT’s manager of Workforce Development Programs, the value of the gifts was \$30,000. Daniel Oh, director of Korea Materials & Components Industry Agency, provided shipping and handling for the equipment.

Last fall, KMAC, which is sponsored by the South Korean government, sent a 15-member delegation to Oklahoma to seek out business collaboration and training opportunities, and OSUIT was one of the university campuses they visited.

OSU seeks to achieve these aims by providing support for female faculty at all levels, and through research, workshops, and training seminars to broaden the participation of women in science, according to Jean Van Delinder, sociology associate professor, core faculty in Gender and Women’s Studies, and principal investigator for the grant.

Joining her as principal investigators are Provost Marlene Strathe; Robert V. Miller, professor and head, microbiology; James Wicksted, professor and head, physics; and John Veenstra, professor and head, civil engineering. Senior investigators are Lu Bailey, social foundations assistant professor; and Melanie Page, psychology associate professor.

OSU will partner with the University of Missouri and will share its programs with area colleges, including Langston University and the tribal colleges of the Muscogee, Comanche and Pawnee Nations.

At OSU, women make up 11 percent of the faculty in STEM disciplines.

“As the only accredited program in Fire Protection and Safety in the U.S., and the largest and oldest fire-related academic program in North America, SFPS is a national treasure, and we need it to grow,” wrote Adair Margo, PCAH chair.

Save America’s Treasures is a PCAH program advocating the preservation of the nation’s most historically significant treasures. Michael Larrañaga, SFPS associate professor and head, said OSU’s program is significant to the PCAH because of the nationwide emphasis on protecting art and cultural treasures from loss.

The FPST program is unique not only because it is the only accredited program in the nation, but also because it is an engineering technology degree, which offers hands-on experience and training in both fire protection and safety.



**School of Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology students Laura Gross, Ben Eschner, Zac Thompson, Tom Mooney and Patrice Barnett stand outside the campus fire station, the original home to OSU’s SFPS program, which began in 1937.**

## Architecture Ranked In Top 20 Nationwide

OSU’s School of Architecture earned a place among the Top 20 in a leading nationwide survey of architectural undergraduate programs.

The 10th annual DesignIntelligence survey was based on the rankings of more than 200 leading professional firms, including 85 percent of the largest architecture and design firms in the U.S. Leaders in the field with direct hiring experience were asked which college and university programs have best prepared students for the profession.

The survey also factored in responses from more than 900 architecture students who completed questionnaires about their satisfaction with design education.

## Doctoral Candidacy Reception Held



The OSU Graduate College recognized graduate students entering the final phase of their doctoral studies with a Doctoral Candidacy Reception on Feb. 18 in the Student Union Ballroom. The reception highlighted this special milestone for qualified students, according to Gordon Emslie, OSU Graduate College dean. Congratulating Ola Shadiya, center, doctoral student in chemical engineering from Lagos, Nigeria, are David Thompson, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology associate dean, and Karen High, chemical engineering associate professor.

## NSF Awards Grant For Transfer Students

OSU recently received the first part of a \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to recruit and teach students majoring in biological science, physiology or zoology.

The project's goal is to improve success rates for students transferring from two-year colleges, said Kristen Baum, OSU zoology professor who is overseeing the initiative.

More than 60 scholarships, up to \$10,000 each per year, will be awarded over a four-year period to academically talented and financially needy students. The five-year program will start in 2010.

The team also includes zoology professor Donald French, zoology counselor Melissa Gentry, life sciences and pre-health counselor James Hull, scholarship and financial aid director Charles Bruce, and university academic services director Martha McMillian.

The project is funded by the NSF Scholarships in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program.



Elementary students from Cushing took part in "Insect Expo" at OSU on Feb. 23, held in conjunction with the Southwestern Branch Entomological Society of America. The activity-oriented learning experience included the opportunity to hold a variety of live insects.

## Rural Health Presents Check to Hospital

Val Schott, director of the OSU Center for Rural Health at the OSU-CHS, recently presented Darrell Morris, CEO of Drumright Regional Hospital, with a check for \$8,283 as part of the Small Hospital Improvement Program grant.

"It is always a pleasure to be able to assist and support our small rural hospitals. Small hospitals in Oklahoma are vital to the health of rural residents, the economic well being of our health system, and indispensable to future community development," Schott said.

The SHIP grant is administered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Health Resources Service Administration.

The OSU Center for Rural Health received \$523,096 in 2008 to assist 60 hospitals in Oklahoma. To be eligible, a hospital must be located in a rural area and have no more than 49 staffed beds. Nationwide, approximately 1,600 hospitals participate in the SHIP program.



Val Schott, far right, presented a check to Drumright Hospital CEO Darrell Morris, far left, as Doug Brant., D.O., and fourth-year osteopathic medical student Tony Glenn looked on.

## Criswell to Intern at Embassy in Nigeria

Michael Criswell, Spencer marketing senior, will intern with the U.S. State Department for 10 weeks this summer in the economic and political science department of the U.S. embassy in Abjua, Nigeria.

"Nigeria is one of the world's less developed countries and the chance to help people there is what excites me the most," Criswell said.

For Criswell, the State Department offers a unique way to help those in need. "It is a way for me to serve my country and help people in a way other than joining the military," he said.

The internship is one of 700 offered by the U.S. State Department's Distinguished Intern Program, and Criswell was chosen to intern in one of only 25 paid positions. The internship begins May 15.

Criswell hopes to work full-time for the State Department when he graduates in December.



## CHS Symposium Presents Awards

The OSU Center for Health Sciences' 20th annual research symposium featured presentations by students, faculty and staff, including 45 poster presentations and 12 oral presentations. Awards went to the top three entries in oral and poster categories for medical student and graduate student presentations.

Graduate student oral presentations award recipients were E. Matthew Hoffman, Broken Arrow; Yanina Levchenko-

Lambert, Tulsa; and Arunkumar Thangaraju, Chennai, India. Receiving poster presentation awards were Thangaraju; Minh T. Ngo, Tulsa; and Sallie Ruskoski, Haskell.

Osteopathic medical student oral presentation award recipients were Tess Hanner, Miami, and Megan Wilson, Morris. Poster presentation award recipients were C. L. Bass, Tulsa; J. C. Medved, Harrah; and D. O. Hayes, Ardmore.

**OSU-OKC's Horticulture Department** is participating in the John E. Kirkpatrick Centennial Endowment Challenge at the invitation of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. An OSU-OKC Horticulture Scholarship endowment has been established at OCCF and when the \$100,000 is raised, it will be matched dollar for dollar.

Students in OSU's **Interfraternity Council** and **Panhellenic** recently took part in the Mid-American Greek Conference. The IFC was recognized for excellence in public relations and membership recruitment, and Panhellenic was recognized for excellence in academic achievement, leadership and educational development, membership recruitment, public relations, risk reduction and management, and self-governance and judicial affairs.



**OSU students Aaron Conkling, Brooke Collins, Katy Thurman, Denzel Maxell, Cody Bruce and Denise Armstrong accompanied Campus Life director Kent Sampson to the Oklahoma Capitol to take part in Higher Education Day.**

OSU-OKC student **Heather Batson**, a health care administration major who plans to become a registered nurse, is one of 31 Oklahoma students to be named to the All Oklahoma Academic Team. A single mother of three elementary-age children, she finds time on campus to teach CPR classes, tutor in The Learning Center, and is Phi Theta Kappa publications officer. At home she is active in her church and a Girl Scout mom.

Oklahoma is one of two states to receive funding for the **2009 Coca-Cola 4-H2O: Replenish Project**, which leverages the expertise and partnerships of the 4-H Youth Development and the National Water Program at both the national and local levels.

**Cassie Bacon**, Prairie Grove, Ark., animal science and agricultural communications senior, took part in the 2009 International Livestock Congress in Denver.

**Matt Hoffman**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Biomedical Sciences Division, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at OSU-CHS, received first place in the annual Timpano Award Competition sponsored by the Oklahoma Microscopy Society at the fall 2008 OAS/OMS meeting. He was awarded travel support to the Microscopy Society of America/Microbeam Analysis Society meeting in Richmond, Va., in July and presented with a \$100 scholarship.



**OSU-OKC Student Support Services**, a federal Title IV TRIO grant program, has awarded 37 of its members \$14,600 in grant aid and tuition fee waivers for the Spring 2009 semester.

OSU-OKC student **Juan Guerrero** has started the "Establishing a Great Society" organization with a mission to clean up neighborhoods. It began with a southeast Oklahoma City business that's been a common gang target in the area. Oklahoma Sen. Andrew Rice, there to support the group's work in his district, said this work sends a message that this is private property and that we care about our urban neighborhoods.

**OSU's Greek community** has been honored again by Gamma Sigma Alpha, the national Greek academic honor society, for being in the top five percent of fraternity and sorority communities in North America whose GPA is at or above the campus GPA. OSU was named the top university in the Midwest Division, one of four U.S. divisions, for both the spring and fall semesters of 2008.

Twenty-three OSU students received the **SAS/OSU data mining certificate** in December. The SAS/OSU data mining certificate program is housed in the Spears School of Business and is the largest data mining program in the U.S., according to **Goutam Chakraborty**, marketing professor and founder of the OSU data mining certification program.

OSU athletic trainers **Kendall Choate** and **Rachel Weatherford** were two of three Oklahoma students selected to represent the state at the National Athletic Trainer's Association iLead Student leadership Conference in February. Accompanying them to Washington, D.C., was the Athletic Training Student Association's adviser, **Suzie Konz**.

The OSU Lahoma Club awarded six scholarships to OSU students in February. Receiving the scholarships were **Marrina Boontheekul**, Oklahoma City architecture junior; **Morgan Fulton**, Tulsa nutritional sciences senior; **Sarah Pannell**, Broken Arrow interior design senior; **Michelle Phillips**, Altus advertising senior; **Carolyn Siska**, Oak Lawn, Ill., advertising junior; and **Terri Thompson**, Chickasha hotel and restaurant administration junior.

Art senior **Darryl Hillard Jr.**, Oklahoma City, is one of three Spotlight Artists chosen for recognition during the 2009 Momentum Exhibition in Oklahoma City March 6-7. He creates oil paintings and oil pastel drawings he calls visual "statements of emotion." He is the first African-American to be awarded a spotlight designation, which includes a monetary award and three months of guidance with art experts to create a new body of work for the exhibition. The event features emerging artists under the age of 30.



**Andrea Sebree Warner** was welcomed to this year's Med-Xtravaganza, the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine open house, by student affairs representative **Sandra Hale**, right. The event drew more than 200 prospective students, guests and pre-medical advisers to campus to meet with OSU Medicine students, faculty and admissions staff, get information on all admissions' criteria, tour facilities, see hands-on lab demonstrations and talk with medical students.



Steve Price, director of OSU Office of Intellectual Property Management; Michael Ray of NPC; Mark Akselrod of Landauer Inc.; and Stephen McKeever, OSU vice president for research and technology transfer.

## University Presents Royalty Awards

OSU presented Landauer Inc. and Nutrition Physiology Corporation with corporate royalty awards on Feb. 18 at the university's 2nd annual Research Gala. License agreements between each company and OSU have generated more than \$1 million in royalties for the university.

"These partnerships are true examples of academic research developing into viable products," said Stephen McKeever, OSU vice president for research and technology transfer.

Chicago-based Landauer is the world's leading provider of technical and analytical services and products to determine occupational and environmental radiation exposure.

Nutrition Physiology Corporation is a Texas-based microbial technology company specializing in products for ruminant livestock nutrition and food safety.

"The 15-year relationship between NPC and OSU is a shining example of the long-term benefit of the university and industry working closely to solve complex food production and safety concerns," said Michael Ray, NPC founder and executive vice president.

## DASNR Makes Poxvirus Breakthrough

A major breakthrough by Junpeng Deng, a structural biologist in the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at OSU, and his first-year Ph.D. student Brian Krumm, may be the first step toward a pharmaceutical medication for smallpox and the emerging human monkeypox.

The human immune system is rendered helpless against poxviruses partly because the viruses block a human immune molecule, interleukin-18 (IL-18), from sending out a signal to the immune system. The body acts as if everything is fine and the deadly disease takes over.

## OCAST Funds Six Research Projects

Researchers from OSU have secured more than \$450,000 from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology's plant science research program. OSU projects represented six of the program's seven overall winners and 85 percent of the funding.

"We have outstanding researchers in the area of plant science," said Toni Shaklee, assistant vice president for sponsored research.

OSU winners are Justin Moss, horticulture and landscape architecture assistant professor, \$73,278 for a project to target the development of drought-resistant turf grasses; Rodney Will, natural resource ecology and management associate professor, \$54,808 for a project that includes determining both beneficial and detrimental uses of redcedar mulch for plant growth; Jeanmarie Verchot-Lubicz, entomology and plant pathology associate professor, \$80,682 for a project to characterize the mechanism controlling the long-distance flow of proteins and virus-derived nanoparticles in plants; Randy Allen, biochemistry and molecular biology professor, \$83,000 for a project that will seek to determine the function of responsive A20-like genes in certain plants; Liuling Yan, plant and soil sciences assistant professor, \$83,000 for a project that includes the study of nitrogen and its application as a fertilizer in wheat production; and Gerald Schoenknecht, botany associate professor, \$82,644 to acquire a long-term insight from the work to optimize pH regulation in crop plants.

Deng and Krumm joined an ongoing project midway through 2007 and Krumm found what he was looking for in December 2008. They solved a three-dimensional crystal structure of a poxvirus protein in the act of disarming the IL-18. With no current medication for poxvirus-caused diseases, this research could aid national and international security efforts against potential poxvirus use as bioterrorism.

The study was published in the Dec. 22 early online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America.

Fara Williams, Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance Minority Program data coordinator, was recently given the chance to take tours of a U.S. Navy submarine and aircraft carrier as a recruiting tool for the Navy, who hope that her experiences may encourage students to come work for them.

The OSU OKAMP program provides support for minority students majoring in science, technology, engineering or math by helping them find faculty mentors as well as internship and scholarship opportunities. Williams spent Dec. 17 touring a destroyer and a submarine in San Diego as part of a recruiting exercise for the Navy's NUPOC program, a training program designed to produce nuclear trained officers. Students enlist in the Navy (as E6 officers) while still pursuing their bachelor's degrees. In Florida, she flew on a C2 and completed an arrested landing on the flight deck of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.



Fran Gragg, Parent and Family Relations coordinator, was a co-presenter at the Big 12 Parent and Families Programs Conference in Austin about family weekends, the needs of today's parents and families of college students and how OSU's Parents Day has evolved into two separate Family Weekends.

Brian Whitacre, agricultural economics assistant professor, recently earned the title of "Pro Lightweight Champ" at the World Natural Bodybuilding Federation World Championship in New York City for the second year in a row. He was also among three finalists for the overall award at the New York contest. He serves as faculty adviser for the OSU Weightlifting Club and is the man behind the Mr. and Miss OSU Bodybuilding.



The **Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center** and the **Institute of Food Technologists**—Oklahoma Section held a research symposium on Feb. 17 to highlight food and agricultural products research conducted by the FAPC and OSU

Architecture professor **Mohd Bilbeisi's** book, "Graphic Journaling," is the only one of its kind to provide a critical academic view of the act of graphic journaling as an analytical and creative tool. It is the summary of 20 years of research in graphic communication and analysis that took him to more than 14 countries.

OSUIT photography instructor **Kelly Kerr** recently donated a copy of his book, "Oklahoma Revisited -- Out of the Way Faces and Places," to the Edmon Low Library during the library's recent celebration of authors.



**Pamela Brown**, associate professor, and **Kathryn Castle**, professor and graduate coordinator, both in the School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership, received the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators/Taylor and Francis Most Distinguished Article Award for the *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*. "The Nature of Primary Teaching: Body, Time, Space, and Relationships" was selected from all issues published in 2007.

The Special Education Resolution Center, a sponsored program of the OSU Sere-tean Wellness Center, received national recognition for its work in Alternative Dispute Resolution, according to **Linda Jaco**, Sponsored Programs associate director. SERC manages the special education mediation and due process hearing system through a contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

American Hotel & Lodging Association Chairman of the Board **Joe Martin** and his wife and business partner **Pam** of Stillwater, both OSU alumni, received the OSU School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration's 2009 Hall of Fame Award on Feb. 16. The award recognizes their distinguished careers in the hospitality industry and their commitment to the students and faculty of OSU.

**KOSU**, the State's Public Radio, partnered with the Journal Record to bring the newspaper's popular regular features about Oklahoma's landmark buildings to radio. "These Walls" airs on KOSU Fridays at 9:17 a.m. on 91.7 FM in central Oklahoma and 107.5 FM in northeastern Oklahoma. Providing the history behind the architecture in Oklahoma, "These Walls" is written by reporter Kelley Chambers and bureau chief Kirby Davis.

**OSU-Tulsa** hosted the state's top cops in February for the 16th annual Buckledown Awards, the largest law enforcement recognition program in the state.

The **Center for Veterinary Health Sciences** received a \$300,000 gift through the Lundburg-Keinlen estate that will be evenly allocated to support the Professorship in Biomedical Research and the student endowed scholarships currently in place. The CVHS also received a fully funded endowed student scholarship in honor of 1970 alumnus D.C. Smith from the Stuart Family Foundation in Tulsa. The \$25,000 endowment will produce a minimum annual award of \$1,000.

The Mercy Work Foundation approved a grant request for \$38,000 to support the **Cohn Family Shelter for Small Animals**. **Patty Whitecotton** of the Dean's Development Associates was instrumental in securing the funds through the foundation.



**Sidney Ewing**, CVHS emeritus faculty, second from right, and former graduate student **J.S. Mathew**, far right, who works for Merck & Company in Rayway, N.J., recently spoke at the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Pookot, Kerala, in India.

**Brenda Sheik**, extension educator, recently achieved Basic Research Administration Certification offered by OSU.



**Mary Ann Moy-Hochstetler**, adjunct faculty in the Culinary Arts program at the OSU Institute of Technology, created a wedding cake that was featured in the March/April 2009 edition of "Brides Magazine." Moy-Hochstetler chose flowers with meaning for her cake's bridal-gown motif – the white roses symbolizing purity and forget-me-nots suggesting true love.

**James Hromas**, associate director of marketing and director of the OSU International Education and Outreach and the OSU School of International Studies, will receive the University Continuing Education Association's 2008 Walter S. Bittner Award for Outstanding Service at the organization's national conference in April.

OSU consigned the **grand champion bull** at the 2009 National Western Livestock Show at Denver recently. The bull, **Orion 8102**, first topped the early winter calf division. OSU also showed the reserve grand champion pen of three bulls.

OSU librarians **David Oberhelman**, humanities and social sciences, and **Barbara Miller**, documents, worked with the Oklahoma Humanities Council to develop the 1930s-themed book discussion series "The Worst Hard Time Revisited: Oklahoma in the Dust Bowl Years" as part of the "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma" program. The new series debuted this spring at the Stillwater Public Library and is already booked through 2010.

**Bill Bryans**, history associate professor, will receive the 2009 Oklahoma Heritage Association's Bass/McCaslin Award for Excellence in Teaching Oklahoma History at the college/university level.

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place in the student division. His proposal for an “OSU Student Competition Center” was geared toward helping OSU students better compete for national competitive contests. The center would provide advisement and support for student teams entering academic contests at the local and national level.

The first place runner-up in the faculty division went to Chris Ramsey. He received \$1,500 and submitted a proposal for “OSU-Stillwater Cultural Center.” In his project, Ramsey

sketched the foundation for a downtown arts center where students, the public and outside artists could come to develop and enjoy art of all kinds.

Second place runner-up and \$1,000 prize winners in the faculty division were Manny Al Harake and Mitch Kilcrease with their proposal titled “Alternative Energy for the Student Union.” Through this project, the university would utilize wind generators and solar panels as the source for electricity in the Student Union.

**OSU-Tulsa Gets Creative!**

**Engineering Design Projects**

In celebration of National Engineers Week, OSU-Tulsa challenged students to demonstrate their creativity while learning about science, engineering, teamwork and the design process.

About 275 participants from several area schools designed, built and raced a self-propelled, motorized watercraft during the event.

Student teams tested their design skills by building one of three motorized watercrafts including a traditional, open or air boat design. Awards were given in categories such as fastest boat, aesthetics and teamwork. This year’s event was sponsored by American Airlines and Domino’s Pizza.

“The Engineering Design Challenge is a perfect mix of math and science education, teamwork and the creative design process,” said OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl. “Each year, the enthusiasm of Tulsa-area teachers and our generous sponsors make this event a success.”



**What IS Creativity?**

What do people consider creative? Thirty-nine students at OSU-Tulsa worked on that concept and produced videos that show their interpretations of creativity.

Students in OSU-Tulsa’s new Creative Marketing course presented their video projects on Feb. 12. They were challenged by Tracy Suter, marketing associate professor, to learn how to produce videos to express their own creativity.

Both the video production and the TAS-sel Project were part of his class assignments. The TAS-sel Project, named as a metaphor for a graduation tassel, consisted of a unique creativity tournament that resulted in more than 101,400 hits to the projects’ official Web site, [www.tas-sel.org](http://www.tas-sel.org), in a few short weeks. To learn more about the TAS-sel project, visit [www.osu-tulsa.okstate.edu](http://www.osu-tulsa.okstate.edu) and click on “Creativity Initiative.”

OSU-Tulsa students also could express their creativity on a large canvas in the Main Hall Lobby.