

GAYLORD PRIZE

Monday, Dec. 7, 2009
11:30 a.m.

Honoring Thomas L. Friedman,
Pulitzer Prize winning author and
New York Times foreign affairs columnist

The Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel
Century Ballroom
1 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City

Hosted by President and Mrs. David L. Boren and
the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication

Students please RSVP to kadams@ou.edu or 325-2721.

Dear OU Faculty,

The 2009 Gaylord Prize for Excellence in Journalism and Mass Communication will be awarded to Thomas L. Friedman, Pulitzer Prize winning author and *New York Times* foreign affairs columnist. The event will be held at the the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. President Boren wants as many students as possible to attend.

To make this event successful and special to our students, we are asking for your help. We are seeking your permission to allow this student to attend with an excused absence. We realize you have many requests to allow excused absences for students, and we know this is a disruption to your class, but we believe this event will have an educational benefit for our students.

We will have buses to transport students, faculty and staff to Oklahoma City. The time commitment will be approximately from 10:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Your signature below indicates that the student will be allowed an excused absence. The student is responsible for coordinating any assignments or exams with you.

Thank you for your help.

Yes | No

Student Name

Date

I plan to ride the bus.

Course Name & Number

Day/Time Class Meets

Faculty Signature

Please confirm my student's attendance at email provided.