Dear Member of the Class of 2013,

Welcome to the University of Oklahoma. This is an exciting time in your life and it is an exciting time to be at OU.

As you prepare for your first semester, let me encourage you to take some time to chart a course for your future. It is not too early to begin planning for graduation. Think seriously about your major and the type of courses you want to take. Don’t be wary of trying something new and don’t feel as though you need to focus on one field of study too early. However, in pursuing a broad curriculum always be mindful of the requirements for graduation and plan accordingly. This planner will help you in this process.

The University of Oklahoma is an extraordinary institution, known for its academic excellence and strong sense of community. The University attracts top students from across the nation and almost 100 countries around the world. As a member of the Class of 2013, you are now a part of the academically highest-ranked student body at a public university in the history of our state.

There are many resources on campus to help you toward graduation and enhance your educational experience. This planner is a guide to some of the offices on campus that are here solely to help you. Take advantage of all of the opportunities and services available to you at OU. Get involved outside of class. Look into Study Abroad programs. Join an organization and contribute to our student community through student government. Volunteer your considerable skills for the benefit of others in our community.

Planning for graduation is not a passive activity! Discuss your goals and desires with faculty and staff at the University. You are surrounded by caring professionals who can offer valuable insight, expertise and experience in planning your academic and career paths.

We are glad that you are part of our student community. Again, welcome to the University of Oklahoma. I look forward to getting to know you.

Sincerely,

David L. Boren
President
The mission of the University of Oklahoma is to provide the best possible educational experience for our students through excellence in teaching, research, creative activity, and service to the state and society. Therefore …

The Success of Our Students Is the Most Important Measure of the University of Oklahoma’s Success.

To this end, we believe that...

- Every student admitted to the University of Oklahoma is capable of attaining a degree from the University.

- Every student who develops through higher education his or her highest potential for personal and economic success and community leadership is prepared to enhance the quality of life in his or her community, state and nation.

- Every member of the university community shares the responsibility for providing an environment of assistance and support that provides each student with the maximum opportunity to complete his or her degree through continuous enrollment at the University of Oklahoma. This includes the students themselves, their parents, and the university’s faculty, staff and administrators.

- Every student enrolled at the University of Oklahoma should have the opportunity to develop a close working relationship with a member of the university family. Through these relationships, students should receive guidance throughout their academic experience as they advance toward completion of their degree.

- Every student is entitled to a broad spectrum of support services, including regular advising, involvement in learning communities, valuable mentoring and outlets for social growth.

- Every student should be encouraged to become actively involved in the life of the university.

- Every student, fostered by the collective effort of the university community, should be encouraged to complete the educational cycle that begins with New Sooner Convocation and ends with Commencement. All members of the University of Oklahoma family are encouraged to participate in the events that celebrate this passage.
This Graduation Planner was designed to help you:

- Clarify your decision about an academic major
- Plan a program of study to graduate from OU
- Make sound decisions about the courses you will take each semester
- Develop your interests and skills and enhance your opportunities for employment or for graduate or professional school
- Build positive working relationships with OU faculty and staff
- Utilize campus resources
- Take your place among the OU alumni in 2013!

What do you do with your Graduation Planner?

- Bring it with you to each advising session
- Use it to plan a schedule for each semester (check out the Academic Advisement and Planning section for worksheets or see the CD in the back of the planner for an electronic version)
- Use it to seek out resources on campus
- Use it to store such important University information as
  1. A degree requirement check sheet for your academic major(s) and minor(s), if applicable
  2. A copy of your semester Advisement Form
  3. Information about Study Abroad, internships and other campus activities
  4. Specific information about your degree-granting college

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU GRADUATE A SOONER!

The goal of the Graduation Office is to assist students in reaching their graduation goals and we will be here to celebrate with you as you meet those goals at Commencement and Convocations in 2013.

If you are experiencing difficulties or encountering barriers to graduation, please let us know and we will assist you in staying on track to graduation.

Drop by and see us at Lissa and Cy Wagner Hall, 1005 Asp Ave., Suite 203

OU is a dynamic place, and it is likely that over the course of your college career some of the information included here, such as Web sites or contact information, may change. If you have difficulty finding a resource or contacting someone, contact the Graduation Office (see contact information above) and we will assist you in obtaining the most up-to-date information available. You may also visit ou.edu/graduatesooner for updates to this Graduation Planner.
Welcome to your new city! Norman, OK is a great place to live. Norman offers small town charm with big city entertainment and events. Whether you are enjoying Norman’s live entertainment and concerts, the thriving arts community, great shopping, a sporting event or spending time in the great outdoors at one of the many parks and recreation centers in and around Norman—there is something here for everyone! To make the most of the next four years, make sure you experience all that OU and Norman have to offer! Go to visitnorman.com for information about the City of Norman, including a printable map of the area.

**On-campus Activities and Events**
- Union Programming (movies, live music, special events) ou.edu/upb
- *The Oklahoma Daily* (the student newspaper) oudaily.com
- Campus Activities Council (student events, concerts and speakers) cac.ou.edu
- Center for Leadership Development and Volunteerism (leadership book club, seminars and volunteer programs) leadandvolunteer.ou.edu

**FREE On-campus Museums**
- Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History snomnh.ou.edu
- Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art ou.edu/fjjma

**Arts District**
Check out the OU Arts District! With events from the schools of Music, Art, Dance, Drama and the Musical Theatre Department, there is always something to see! ou.edu/finearts/events.html

**Off-campus Activities and Events**
- Check out historic Campus Corner and downtown Norman
- Campus Corner and downtown Norman offer numerous opportunities for wonderful dining, great shopping and a fun nightlife scene. Whether you are looking for Sooner memorabilia, a quiet lunch or to take in some great live music, check out what Norman has to offer! visitnorman.com or oucampuscorner.com

**How to get around Norman**
Cleveland Area Rapid Transit provides Norman with a great public transportation system. CART is a great option for getting around Norman without the hassle of traffic and parking. Visit cart.ou.edu for information on the complete CART route. You can find a map of Norman online at visitnorman.com.

➤ Check out *The Oklahoma Daily* (the student newspaper) for more information about on-campus and off-campus activities and events.
# Boomer Sooner

In 1905, Arthur M. Alden, a student in history and physiology, wrote the lyrics to the University’s “Boomer Sooner,” borrowing the tune from Yale University’s “Boola Boola” but improvising the words. A year later, an addition was made to it from the North Carolina’s “I’m a Tarheel Born,” and the two combined to form the University’s battle song of today:

**Boomer Sooner, Boomer Sooner**

**Boomer Sooner, Boomer Sooner**

**Boomer Sooner, Boomer Sooner**

**Boomer Sooner, O-K-U**

**Oklahoma, Oklahoma**

**Oklahoma, Oklahoma**

**Oklahoma, O-K-U**

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**I’m a Sooner born, and a Sooner bred**

**And when I die, I’ll be a Sooner dead!**

**Rah Oklahoma, Rah Oklahoma,**

**Rah Oklahoma, O-K-U!**

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