James L. "Jim" Gallogly was named the 14th president of the University of Oklahoma on March 26 and assumed the office on July 1. A 1977 alumnus of the OU College of Law, Gallogly was the first-ever CEO from a Fortune 500 company to lead the University.

OU continued its efforts to keep obtaining an education affordable for students. Tuition remained flat for both in-state and out-of-state students and nearly every scholarship for incoming freshmen was increased for the 2019-2020 school year.

As part of its dedication to affordability, OU launched the Crimson Commitment program which, beginning in fall 2019, was to cover tuition and average fees for incoming and current resident students who were recipients of Oklahoma’s Promise. The program was an upgrade and replacement of the previous Sooner Promise program.

OU was awarded the Davis Cup for the sixth consecutive year in recognition of its enrollment of United World College international freshmen.

An OU junior pursuing a dual major in physics and mathematics was announced as the University's 53rd Goldwater Scholar. A recent OU graduate was named a 2019 Marshall Scholar, OU's seventh since the scholarship began in 1953.

OU received more than $136.2 million in private cash gifts in the 2018 fiscal year. Included in the total gifts for the fiscal year were those of the annual Campus Campaign, in which more than 2,380 faculty, staff and retirees contributed $3,057,945 to support scholarships and programs across all three OU campuses.

The spring 2018 semester marked OU’s 13th consecutive semester GPA above a 3.00. The 3.13 recorded by OU’s student-athletes during the spring was the best single semester mark in recorded school history.

In November 2018, the university announced a $34 million gift made to Harold Hamm Diabetes Center at OU Medicine. The gift was to be allocated over the next 10 years to fund research, talent and technology. The gift from The Harold Hamm Foundation was the largest gift ever made to the HHDC and follows the gift given by Hamm in 2007 that established the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center with the goal to cure diabetes.

The OU College of Public Health was officially named the Hudson College of Public Health in recognition of a $5 million leadership gift from Dr. Leslie Hudson and Clifford Hudson.

In May 2018, the Stephenson Cancer Center received from the National Cancer Institute the highly-competitive status of “NCI Designation” and was awarded a P30 Cancer Center Support Grant. The Stephenson Cancer Center was one of only 69 (Top 2%) other cancer centers in the nation to be selected as a Designated Cancer Center by the NCI and the only one in the state of Oklahoma.

In recognition of major gifts from the Avenir Foundation and Professor Chun Lin, a former OU faculty member and current chair of the OU Department of Physics and Astronomy Board of Visitors, the university dedicated the Dodge Physics Complex and Lin Hall, a new academic building featuring more than 18,000 square feet of research laboratory space and an astronomy observatory on the roof.

The University of Oklahoma dedicated the Tom Love Innovation Hub at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on the Research Campus.

Among the University of Oklahoma's most recognizable communal facilities as well as one of the state's most historic buildings, Holmberg Hall celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The University received one of the largest single gifts in OU history with a $20 million investment to renovate OU ROTC program facilities, including the historic Armory, and to establish a scholarship endowment benefitting students enrolled in the Army, Navy or Air Force ROTC programs. A year-long celebration of the centennial of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp at OU culminated at the OU vs. Army football game.

OU celebrated the Geostationary Carbon Cycle Observatory project, known as GeoCarb, a science mission to space led by OU and funded by NASA. At $161 million, it was the single-largest contract to be received in school history. The mission marked one of the most exceptional accomplishments in OU history.
The University announced $68 million in GEAR UP partnership awards to the K20 Center, with an additional $68 million of matching funds for a total of $137,006,776. With these awards, the K20 Center had an opportunity to make a significant impact on the quality of education in 46 schools and more than 12,000 students across Oklahoma, many of which have been deeply affected by issues such as poverty and teacher shortages.

 Shortly before the end of the year, the University’s goal to double research had already resulted in 742 grants for over $174 million since July 1 – an increase of 98 grants for over $15 million since November 1.

 OU dedicated the James P. Pappas University Outreach Administration Building. The building was named in honor of James Pappas, former OU vice president for University Outreach, dean of the College of Liberal Studies and professor in the departments of Educational Psychology and Liberal Studies, who retired in January 2017 after almost 30 years of service to the university.

 OU was named a top 50 best college for Latino students by Latino Leaders, a magazine dedicated to connecting and inspiring future leaders. The publication honors academic institutions that have excelled in serving the Latino student population.

 The OU-TU School of Community Medicine, in partnership with the OU Hudson College of Public Health, launched an innovative initiative called culinary medicine in 2018. Future physicians and physician assistants are now learning how to integrate evidence-based nutrition and related lifestyle changes into patient treatment plans.

 A total of 102 OU-TU School of Community Medicine students, as well as an additional 147 medical residents and faculty, participated in classes at the Tandy YMCA, where they received hands-on, healthy cooking instruction on how food can be used to prevent, treat and reverse chronic disease. A portion of these students went on to co-facilitate community cooking classes, which reached 182 individuals who are living with or who are at-risk for nutrition-related chronic disease.

 In 2018 alone, the OU Center for Studies in Democracy and Culture hosted 14 community presentations and events, which were attended by a total of 850 faculty, staff, students and community members.

 In March, a Stickwork sculpture designed by renowned artist Patrick Dougherty, was unveiled at the Chapman Green Park in downtown Tulsa at 6th and Main. Urban Design students helped Urban Core Art Project efforts to revitalize the space. Students coordinated community volunteers and helped build the piece. The sculpture is a semi-permanent art installation scheduled to be on display for the next couple of years.

 The Early Childhood Education Institute received a $2.7 million grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development within the National Institute of Health to extend its SEED (School Experiences and Early Development), study in collaboration with researchers from Georgetown University.

 In June 2018, the OU-TU School of Community Medicine’s Physician Assistant Program celebrated its 10-year anniversary of welcoming the first class. Since the program began, a total of 213 physician assistants have been trained on the OU-Tulsa campus. For the past five years, there had been a 100 percent pass rate for the national certification exam, PANCE, for graduates. Further, since the program began all have gained employment as a physician assistant within three months of graduation.

 The Oxley Foundation contributed $6.5 million to establish the Mary Kay and John T. Oxley School of Community Medicine Scholarship Program. This generous gift provided scholarship support to medical and physician assistant students interested in entering general fields of medicine, such as family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics or psychiatry upon graduation.

 The Sooners opened the 2018-19 academic year with 37 national championships and a continuing streak of producing at least one national title each year. Men’s gymnastics led all teams with 12 national team titles. OU has won 287 conference titles since its first in 1915. Softball, women’s gymnastics and men’s gymnastics has won seven consecutive league titles, while football has won the Big 12 championship four consecutive seasons.

 The 2017-18 academic year marked the 19th consecutive year for OU to produce at least one CoSIDA Academic All-American.