2016 Kickoff & Membership Event
Sunday, September 11, 2016 @ 2 pm
Gaylord College of Journalism, 395 W. Lindsey
Ethics and Excellence Auditorium

Our speaker, Yvette Walker, is the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. She earned a Bachelor of Science from Northwestern University’s School of Journalism, followed by a Master’s degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Before coming to Oklahoma, Dean Walker was News Editor at The Kansas City Star and kansascity.com. Locally, Dean Walker has served in director and manager positions at The Oklahoman and NewsOK.com. Her desire to motivate the next generation of journalists is clearly seen as she manages high school journalism camps. Dean Walker has a wide range of professional experience to share as she has worked as reporter, editor, trainer, ombudsman, manager, and newsroom executive. We look forward to hearing about these endeavors and Dean Walker’s view of the future of journalism in our technology changing world.

Come and see the beautiful Gaylord College of Journalism, completed in 2004 to be one of the largest and technically advanced colleges of journalism in the US. The college’s mission states: To educate producers and consumers of existing and emerging forms of public communication, and to instill in them the value of freedom of expression, intellectual and cultural diversity, critical thinking, creativity, ethics, professional skills, and social responsibility.
Hello UWA Sisters,

Welcome back to the 2016-17 academic year at the University of Oklahoma. Sixty-six years ago, the University Women's Association was formed to promote fellowship among University women, and financial support for female OU students. Today, UWA still gathers for fun and educational events. This year we have exciting events planned, along with our Special Interest Groups which meet regularly throughout the year. These are great for having fun and making new friends.

Our main goal is to award scholarships to deserving women who have been nominated by their colleges. This year we have awarded eight scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year. Plus, this year’s goal is to raise funds for eight scholarships to be awarded next school year. This is made possible in the spring as we sell tickets to an outstanding OU Performing Arts play.

Most of our members are active or retired faculty, staff, alumnae along with spouses of this group. Also, honorary memberships can be attained by those with a commitment to the University and its educational programs. UWA Sisters, please share our organization with your friends. I'm looking forward to January, when I will be happy to host our New Members Luncheon. This is sure to be a great year together. Please come and join us, and help us find new members.

Jan Schwarzkopf, UWA President

Did you know that UWA is working hard to build our OU Foundation Scholarship Fund to $100,000? That will GUARANTEE scholarships for our future OU women students. We’re up to $80,000 now!!!! Please consider making a tax deductible donation or memorial gift to help us reach this goal.
UWA Interest Groups

Books - Contemporary: Meets on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Yelka Weaver (home) 364-9161

Books - Eclectic: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, at 1:00 p.m.
Chair: Ruth Edger (home) 501-2324

Investment Club: Meets the second Tuesday of the month, at 10:30 a.m.,
at Southwest Securities Bldg., 704 Wall St. Cost: $50.00 per month
President: Janet Crain (home) 321-8184 (cell) 229-3794

Out-To-Lunch Bunch: Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 11:30 am, at various restaurants.
Chair: Sonya Fallgatter (home) 364-6883 (cell) 306-5147

Salad Luncheon: Meets on the first Tuesday of the month in a member’s home, with the assistance of a co-hostess.
Chair: Kay Floyd (home) 701-3887 (cell) 254-592-1392

Walking Shoes: Usually meets on Monday, in different places at different times, depending on the weather. The group often takes day trips to nice parks or locations.
Chair: Janet Crain (home) 321-8184 (cell) 229-3794

New Group! Social Hour: Meets on the 1st Wednesday, at 5:30 pm, at various locations
Chair: Wendi Ghassemi (Cell) 979-595-7953 wendi.ghassemi@ou.edu

In most of the groups, members host and co-host their get togethers. This is a great way to make new friends and have LOTS of fun. If you are interested in organizing a new interest group, please email Interest Group Coordinator, Yelka Weaver, at yyweaver@cox.net or call her home phone (405)364-9161.

Please consider joining one or more groups at the upcoming Fall Kickoff Event.

* October 23, 2016
  Bunco Party

* January 21, 2017
  New Member Luncheon

* February 18, 2017
  School of Business: How to Avoid Online Scams by Matt Jensen

* March 6, 2017
  Open Board Meeting to present and vote on new officers

* April 8, 2017
  Spring UWA Luncheon and 2016-17 Scholarship Awards

* April 27, 2017
  Champagne & Chocolates Reception followed by the Scholarship Fundraiser Play, Curtains performed by OU Performing Arts Dept.
Celebrating 67 years of Friendship, Service, & Fun!!!

Celebrating the Galileo’s World Exhibit
and
Presenting Eight UWA Scholarships

Our Luncheon Committee chair, Mona Springfield, did a magnificent job of making this event special. Our speaker, Brett Purkaple, opened our eyes with his topic, “The Biographical Dictionary of Women in Science.” It was our pleasure to have Brett and his wife at the Luncheon, and we thank him greatly for his time and dedication. His love of Science is inspiring! What a great way to end the year! “Thank you” to everyone who participated. We are so glad you were there!

Meet our 2016-2017 UWA Scholarship Recipients

At our Spring Luncheon, on April 30th, UWA awarded eight outstanding OU women $1,000 scholarships. UWA President, Barbara Schindler welcomed our scholarship recipients. Special thanks goes to Sarah Hall, our Scholarship Chair, for all of your hard work. You did an outstanding job!

Alexandria Skaar is a junior stage management major in the School of Drama, College of Fine Arts. She has stage management experience with the Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre, Oklahoma City Philharmonic, and OU’s University Theatre, Lab Theatre, School Dance, and Student Theatre Initiative. Alexandria is described as a leader and a collaborator with a sense of respect for all.

Sarah Rodriguez is a junior in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences. Sarah’s goals and future plans: “I would like to help improve our severe weather prediction capabilities and improve warning times by researching the sorts of conditions that lead to severe weather events. Following graduation, I hope to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, as a Weather Officer.

Tessa Gidish is a junior in the College of Fine Arts majoring in dance. Tessa’s career goals include traveling to Spain with the Modern Dance program and auditioning for positions with several companies across the country.

Audra Brulc is a junior in the college of International Studies working toward a BA/MA, with a focus on social justice, Latin American studies, and Spanish. She would like to express her immense gratitude for the wealth of opportunities that the College of International Studies has provided her, and is proud to call CIS her home at OU.

UWA thanked our 2015-2016 President Barbara Schindler for all of her hard work!
UWA fundraisers are always fun but this year’s “Thoroughly Modern Millie” was outstanding! The traditional Champagne and Chocolates reception was enjoyed by all. Thank you Janet Crain, Judy Grillot, Juanitta Goins and the rest of the UWA Board for all of the hard work to make this fundraiser such a success!

Meet our other 2016-2017 UWA Scholarship Recipients

**Jardin May** is a junior in the Gaylord College of Journalism majoring in Public Relations and is a member of the International Dean’s Honor Society. "Receiving the UWA scholarship opens me up to more opportunities. I am currently interning for the NBA players association in New York City because of the financial assistance the scholarship provided me with. I am forever grateful."

**Sydney Arrendell** is a junior in the College of Fine Arts majoring in piano performance. "Conducting a major professional symphony is my ultimate goal and is what drives all of the plans I make for the future. This scholarship provides a resource for me to achieve my goals and lifts some of the financial burden that accompanies acquiring a college education."

**Madison Levy** is a sophomore in the College of Fine Arts -School of Drama. She may look familiar as she preformed in "Thoroughly Modern Millie". “I can not thank the UWA enough for giving me this scholarship. It is so nice to know that there are people who support our dreams of becoming professional preforming artist. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to further my education.”

**Emily Nichols** is a sophomore in the College of Fine Arts majoring in ballet performance and journalism. “I am so deeply honored to have been selected for a UWA scholarship. It really is a huge blessing to be able to put toward my college education. After some financial struggles this past year, I was doubting whether or not I’d be able to come back to school and continue my education at OU. But because of the generosity of the UWA, I am so grateful and thrilled to return to this incredible university. I could not imagine myself anywhere else.”

$4,000 raised
“Share UWA with your friends and colleagues. New members bring variety of experience, expertise, and enthusiasm of our UWA family. With growth in membership, we can expand our scholarship opportunities for outstanding OU women students.”

Barbara Schindler 2015-2016 President

Newsletter Editor, Shae Mann
Thank you M’Liss Graham for all of your help with this newsletter!