



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA®
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans–Norman Campus

FROM: André-Denis G. Wright
Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus

DATE: January 14, 2026

SUBJECT: External and Community Awards and College Hall of Fame Events

As University Experiences continues to work with you on college- and center-level awards and stewardship events, we would like to share the information below as a reminder.

All External and Community Awards

College- and center-level award selections must be submitted by the Dean/Center Director for Provost and Presidential approval prior to notifying the intended recipient or third parties of the award, including those that are not managed by University Events. This process will help us track the individuals each college or center is honoring and address any overlap. Processes for internal awards to students, faculty, and staff will not change.

College Stewardship Events

As part of the OU Marketing and Communications unification process, University Experiences will continue to take the lead on planning these stewardship events:

- Order of the Owl
- Dentistry Dean's Circle
- Gaylord Evening of Celebration
- Trailblazer Gala
- Adams Society Gala
- Arts and Sciences Impact

Sponsorships that were part of these events will continue to be coordinated by the OU Foundation. Attendance will be free of charge for all guests, although criteria for the invitation can be a specific giving level. Student attendance inspires future giving, so colleges and centers will invite select students at no cost to the student, with a goal of having at least one student per table.

College and Center Fundraising Events

University Experiences will continue to take the lead on planning these fundraising events:

- Arts! Arts! Arts!
- College of Medicine Evening of Excellence
- Harold Hamm Diabetes Center Connect and Cure Gala

The fundraising portions of these events will continue to be coordinated by the OU Foundation. As with stewardship events, colleges and centers will invite select students at no charge, with a goal of having at least one student per table.

If you have hosted a college hall of fame or stewardship event that is not listed and are interested in working with the University Experiences team, please reach out to your MarComm account executive to submit a request for event support.

The University Experiences team looks forward to enhancing the OU brand through impactful events, showcasing the outstanding achievements taking place at the university.

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