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4 MAKE NO SMALL DREAMS OU's 14th president, Jim Gallogly, earned a reputation as a corporate problem-solver, first at Phillips Petroleum and most recently at LyondellBasell, where he rallied employees to take their company from the brink of Chapter 11 to Fortune 500 status. Now he tackles higher ed's thorniest issue: continuing to grow excellence while keeping costs in check.

12 A VOICE FOR CHANGE OU alumna Olivia Munn was not born when her family fled Vietnam, but resilience is in her DNA. She became a sports reporter in a male-dominated world, overcame sexual harassment from a Hollywood producer, and battles the Predator in a major theatrical release this fall. And, as comedian Jon Stewart noted, she can also make you laugh like crazy.

20 OVERCOMING INFERTILITY After seven miscarriages, Stephanie O'Hara could have lost hope of having a second child. Instead she turned to the Reproductive Medicine program at OU Medicine, where doctors put her on a path to pregnancy through a surrogate carrier. With individual treatment plans, some surprisingly low-cost, OU doctors are helping couples achieve their dreams of a family.

25 STARTING OVER IN AMERICA With medical degrees from Iran, Farid Omoumi and Mehri Mobaraki-Omoumi came to the United States hoping to make a better life for themselves. When timing and bureaucratic red tape made practicing medicine in their new country next to impossible, husband and wife returned to school to learn another way to help patients through doctoral programs offered by OU engineering.

29 FOCUSED ON FIVE OU men's gymnastics coach Mark Williams returned to Illinois, where he took his first gymnastics lesson, to lead his team to victory in its fourth straight national championship. Only the University of Nebraska has won more. With nearly all of the OU men returning this fall, that record could be on shaky ground come spring.

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