

Sooner Shorts



105th Student art show

Bernadette Krawczyk presents the Michael Krawczyk Award, named for her late husband, to OU student **Andrea Burnsworth** at the 105th Annual OU School of Visual Arts Student Exhibition. The competitive, juried show highlights the diversity of work produced by OU visual arts students. A select few are awarded cash prizes, while one student's work is chosen to become part of the OU Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art's permanent collection.



OU debate team wins nationals

The University of Oklahoma Debate Team duo of **Jazmine Pickens** and **Darius White** won the 2019 National University Debate Championship tournament April 7, beating out 102 teams from across the country. Pickens, a senior in political science from Sacramento, Calif., and White, a junior in communication from Shreveport, La., took home the championship, besting a team from the University of Kansas.



◀ With kindness for all

When chemistry junior **Tara Curb** transferred to OU in fall 2018, she brought with her the idea of starting a campus organization to promote happiness through acts of kindness. The Acts of Kindness Club does just that — writing thank-you notes, handing out balloons, and volunteering at the OU Food Pantry and Habitat for Humanity. "I'm hoping it grows, and I'm hoping it continues here because it's definitely a positive club," says faculty adviser **Robyn Biggs**. "It's so focused on giving back and being positive."

Sooner Magazine is published quarterly by the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. with private funds at no cost to the taxpayers of the state of Oklahoma. The magazine is printed by the Transcript Press, Norman, Oklahoma, and is intended primarily for private donors to the University of Oklahoma and members of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association. Opinions expressed are those of the author and do not reflect the official position of the University of Oklahoma or the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc.

Archived copies of Sooner Magazine are available on the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. web site: <http://www.oufoundation.org>.

Copyright 2019 by the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. Address all inquiries and changes of address to: Editor, Sooner Magazine, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019-0685. Phone: 405/321-1174; email: sooner magazine@ou.edu.



UDALL SCHOLAR

OU honors student and citizen of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation Maya B. Henderson has been named a 2019 Udall Scholar. The award recognizes undergraduates who demonstrate a commitment to the environment or to Native American public policy or health care. Henderson is a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in environmental sustainability in the OU College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences with a special interest in studying urban environmental concerns. Her career goal is to create viable frameworks for green city development after earning a Ph.D. in geography.



OU Law wins national championship

The University of Oklahoma College of Law was crowned the national champion of this year's Federal Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition, marking the fourth national competition championship for OU Law in the past two years and placing the college among the top law schools in the nation for moot court. The OU team of second-year law students Taylor Freeman Pesheonoff of Ada, Okla., and Bakhtawar (Becky) Hafiz of Denton, Texas, competed in five rounds, prevailing over 39 other teams.

New stent for aneurysms ▶

OU Medicine neurosurgeons are the first to use a new medical device to prevent aneurysm rupture and recurrence — without opening a patient's skull. Professor and neurosurgeon Bradley Bohnstedt has been using the Surpass Streamline Stent to divert the flow of blood away from an aneurysm, which greatly decreases its potential for rupture. The advantage of the device is that it is designed to treat larger aneurysms in more areas of the brain. "We're treating far more aneurysms with the Surpass Stent than we previously treated," Bohnstedt says.

