

# Sooner Shorts



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## OU top tier research university

OU has made the 2018 Carnegie Institution's Very High Research Activity classification, placing it in the nation's top 120 doctoral-degree granting institutions in the research category. OU made history in 2010 as the first public institution in Oklahoma to receive the Carnegie top tier research university classification and was classified again as a top tier research institution in 2015.



Ty Russell



## Winged Art

The Sam Noble Museum is hosting a wonderful world of wings with its exhibit, "Winged Tapestries: Moths at Large." The exhibit features large-format prints of more than 40 different species of moths taken by Ottawa photographer Jim des Rivières. In addition to the prints, the exhibit will display moth specimens of species native to Oklahoma. The exhibit runs through May 12.

## NFL BOUND

Kyler Murray is a man of many surprises, not to mention talents. In his one-and-done year as the Sooners starting quarterback he led the team to its 12th Big 12 Championship and earned the Heisman Trophy, giving Lincoln Riley back-to-back Heisman winners in his first two seasons as head coach. In January, Murray, who was headed to the Oakland A's baseball franchise, decided instead to enter the NFL draft much to the delight of teams shopping for a signal caller with versatility, pocket patience and lightning-fast legs.

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## Distinguished Visiting Artist

An exhibition of works from San Francisco artist, activist and educator Mildred Howard will be featured at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art through April 7. Howard, the 2019 Jerome M. Westheimer Sr. and Wanda Otey Westheimer Distinguished Visiting Artist Chair, addresses social issues, past and present, in her innovative sculpture and assemblages of glass, wood, textiles and paper. Detail, above, is from *Magnolia Project IV*, 2008.



## PUT 'ER THERE, PAL

Targa, a golden retriever, meets Rumble, mascot for the Oklahoma City Thunder, at The Children's Hospital, where Targa works as a therapy dog. OU Medicine and the Oklahoma City NBA team have announced a 10-year partnership in which OU Medicine becomes the official health care provider for the Thunder. Could the movie "Air Targa" be far behind?



## Crimson Commitment

As part of its dedication to affordability, OU is launching the Crimson Commitment program for in-state students who are recipients of Oklahoma's Promise for families with an annual income of \$55,000 or less. Beginning in fall 2019, a student enrolled in Crimson Commitment will not have to pay tuition and fees for four years by combining outside and OU resources. The program also offers academic and personal support, including peer mentoring, graduation coaching, and ongoing programming.