

OSU professor wins state honor

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— Charlotte Wright, professor and Lanny G. Chasteen chairman of accounting at Oklahoma State University, was honored as the 2009 Outstanding Accounting Educator at the Oklahoma Accounting Educators Conference in Norman on May 2.

The award, sponsored by the Oklahoma Society of Certified Professional Accountants, recognizes individuals who have contributed to the accounting field by innovating educational techniques, motivating students and teaching excellence. “It is really quite a nice honor since it is a state wide award,” Wright said. “There are many deserving accounting educators in the state of Oklahoma, and I am humbled to have been chosen for the 2009 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award.”

Individuals nominated for the award must be a full-time or retired accounting educator at a two- or four-year Oklahoma college or university; display superior teaching skills, student motivation abilities and notable education innovations; and demonstrate active involvement in professional accounting activities.

Wright came to OSU in 1982 as an assistant professor after obtaining her doctorate from the University of North Texas. Both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees came from the University of Texas in Arlington. As a research assistant at UNT, she worked with the Securities Exchange Commission on developing accounting standards used by many oil and gas companies today.

At OSU, Wright teaches Financial Accounting III and a graduate course, International Petroleum Accounting. Wright is the coauthor of two books: “International Petroleum Accounting” and “Fundamentals of Oil and Gas Accounting.” Her published work includes research articles in journals like The Accounting Review, The Journal of Business, Finance and Accounting, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy and Advances in Accounting. Her extensive work and success in the oil and gas accounting industry is something she partly credits to an outstanding mentor along her career path.

“Dr. Horace Brock, from the University of North Texas, was my dissertation chair and the director of the Institute of Petroleum Accounting for many years,” Wright said. “He is perhaps the leading expert internationally in oil and gas accounting. His stature in the industry opened many doors for me and we remain very close friends.”

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