



# Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society

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**To:** Oklahoma Higher Education History & Education Teachers/Professors  
Oklahoma Universities and Colleges

**From:** Dr. Don C. Davis, President  
Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society

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**Subject:** Dan Hobbs Prizes for Research in Oklahoma Higher Education

I wish to call to your attention (and through you, to the attention of your students) a special opportunity. The Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society has created the Dan Hobbs Prizes to be awarded to an undergraduate student and a graduate student for research done on any aspect of the history of Oklahoma higher education. The Prize is named in honor of Dan S. Hobbs, a longtime and prominent figure in Oklahoma higher education and a pioneer in the work of the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society.

The winning paper can deal with any part of the history of a particular state institution of higher education, with any group of institutions, or with the state's higher education system as a whole. It can trace the development (or disappearance) of particular programs or projects. It can focus on particular faculty members or administrators or with groups of them. It can trace the relationship between Oklahoma higher education and the state or the nation—how the higher education in Oklahoma responded (for examples) to wars or depressions or the Dust Bowl or the oil boom or the civil rights movement. Student activity and campus organizations are other areas of possible exploration. Athletics is another. But I emphasize that these examples are merely suggestions. The Society is interested in virtually any serious examination of the history of our state's system of higher education.

The entries must be produced during the academic year, **2016-2017**, and **submitted any time before June 1, 2017**. The work may be presented as a traditional research paper **at least ten pages (double-spaced), including documentation** or in a public history mode such as in digital or hypertext form. The work will be judged, by a committee of professional historians and others, on the basis of the quality of research and the skill of conveying its findings.

Winners in each of the **two categories (undergraduate and graduate)** will each receive a **prize of \$500**. And the winning student and his or her supervising teacher, will be recognized at the Society's October 2017 Hall of Fame Banquet in Oklahoma City.

Entries may be submitted at any time to Ms. Amanda Jacobs, Executive Secretary of the Society, Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society, PO Box 60388, Oklahoma City, 73146. They also may be submitted electronically to: [ajacobs@okhistory.org](mailto:ajacobs@okhistory.org). Authors should submit entries with the provided cover page that can also be downloaded at the Society's website.