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CROSS COUNTRY 2012



2012 SCHEDULE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
September					
Sat.	Sept. 8	UCO Land Run	W: 5K; M: 8K	8:30/9:15 a.m.	Edmond, Okla.
Sat.	Sept. 22	OCU Fall Classic	W: 5K; M: 8K	8/8:45 a.m.	Oklahoma City
Sat.	Sept. 29	OSU Cowboy Jamboree	W: 5K; M: 8K	8/8:35 a.m.	Stillwater, Okla.
October					
Sat.	Oct. 6	OBU Invitational Classic	W: 5K; M: 8K	9:30/10:15 a.m.	Shawnee, Okla.
Sat.	Oct. 20	NAIA Mid-States Classic	W: 5K; M: 8K	10:15/11 a.m.	Winfield, Kan.
November					
Sat.	Nov. 3	SAC (Hosted by OBU)*	W: 5K; M: 8K	TBA	Shawnee, Okla.
Sat.	Nov. 17	NAIA National Championship*	W: 5K; M: 8K	TBA	Vancouver, Wash.

*Must qualify for these events



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USAO Drovers



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USAO AT A GLANCE

Name.....	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Location	Chickasha, Okla.
Enrollment.....	1,087
Founded	1908
Team Nickname.....	Drovers
School Colors.....	Green and Gold
President	Dr. John Feaver
Athletic Website	www.usao.edu/sports
Conference Affiliation.....	Sooner Athletic Conference
National Affiliation....	National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
Women's Sports.....	Soccer, Cross Country Basketball, Softball
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

USAO is one of the most unique and progressive universities in the nation. It is Oklahoma's only public liberal arts college.

As a liberal arts institution, we believe it is important that students always have before them the simultaneous experience of specialized and general learning. We believe it is important that they be challenged to relate their academic concentration to the broader realm of knowledge and that they be continually encouraged to develop meaningful and useful associations between diverse bodies of information.

This is the meaning of interdisciplinary education, and it is what truly distinguishes the learning experience at USAO. We intend that the rigors students face in interdisciplinary learning will result in significant personal growth and development. Challenge is what interdisciplinary education is all about. It is what USAO is all about.

USAO has one of the best-prepared faculties in the state to offer and help conquer this challenge. Now, an impressive 93 percent of professors have earned the highest degree available in their field.

In 2011, USAO joined the prestigious list of "National Liberal Arts Colleges" in the *U.S. News and World Report's*

annual ranking — the only institution in Oklahoma, public or private, to be included on this select, national list. The same list includes Trinity, Amherst, Swarthmore and hundreds of other respected, private liberal arts colleges.

USAO also received an 'A' grade from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) for the strength of its IDS curriculum, making it one of only 19 universities nationwide to score this near perfect score.

As of fall 2011, no institution in Oklahoma has higher admission standards. This is only one of the ways this institution is being transformed by its 10-year Mission Enhancement Plan.

In addition to the unique curriculum, USAO is a National Historic District and is the only college or university in Oklahoma to be on the National Register of Historic Places. It was given this status because of its history and the preservation of numerous original buildings on campus.

Originally founded as Oklahoma College for Women in 1908, the school was the first college created by Oklahoma's first Legislature. Additionally, it was one of only seven colleges nationwide created with the mission of catering to women.

PRESIDENT JOHN FEAVER

In 2000, John Feaver was named the 12th President of USAO, and since then the institution has been named among the top public colleges in America by *U.S. News and World Report*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* and the American Council of Trustees and Alumni.

Feaver's Mission Enhancement Plan seeks to establish USAO's reputation as an affordable, high-quality, public liberal arts education. Its 51-hour core curriculum is like none other in Oklahoma, aimed entirely at producing creative, entrepreneurial graduates who think critically, globally and resourcefully.

No other university in Oklahoma has higher admission standards than USAO.

Feaver's first major achievement as president was to earn national status for USAO as a National Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

Before he became president, Feaver

spent eight years on the faculty and 12 years as vice president for academic affairs.

Off campus, Feaver serves on the boards of Preservation Oklahoma, Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, Oklahoma Creativity Project and others in education and economic development.

Statewide, he is recognized for his leadership on economic development issues, the liberal arts, creative and private funding strategies for higher education and the preservation and restoration of historic buildings.

Feaver was an instructor of history at the University of Oklahoma. He obtained his master's degree from OU in European history with an emphasis in the Russian and Soviet area. Feaver completed the requirements for his doctorate in United States' diplomatic history at OU in 1980.



LEANDRA JOHNSON

HEAD COACH

Originally hired as an assistant women's basketball coach, Johnson accepted the challenge of restarting a program and was named the head men's and women's cross country coach.

She immediately began recruiting and preparing to build the program. Cross country debuts this fall after nearly 20 years of hibernation.

Helping build a program has been a whirlwind in conjunction with basketball season, but that's how Johnson likes it.

"It's been kind of crazy," she said. "It's been an adventure, and it's been fun. It keeps me busy."

Johnson joined the USAO family in 2011 after spending two years as a graduate assistant at Northwestern Oklahoma State and two years as a player for the Lady Rangers.

Before her time in Alva at Northwestern, Johnson played post at Redlands Community College for two seasons.

Johnson is just eight hours away from completing her master's degree from Northwestern OSU.

Johnson graduated from NWOSU with a bachelor's in health and sports science in 2009.



JOHNSON BRIEFLY

- **Born:** Aug. 4, 1986
- **Education:** BS, health/sports science, NWOSU, 2009
- **Interesting Fact:** Likes to wake board

HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING

The Drovers are ready to hit the ground running — literally — as USAO welcomes back cross country, debuting Sept. 8.

In its first year, head coach Leandra Johnson said she expects her teams to continue to work hard all throughout the season. She collected a team of six women and five men.

“With it being our first year, our main goal is to get through the season and see where we stand at the end,” Johnson said. “Each time we have a meet or a timed trial, I would like for my runners to cut down on their individual times by at least 30 seconds until we are down to a consistent pace for them as a runner.”

Johnson found three runners straight out of high school to help build the program. The rest of the athletes were already students at USAO, including Brittni Kent and Beatriz Rey. Johnson said Kent and Rey have emerged as leaders on the women’s side.

Kent, a junior from Sapulpa, is a hard worker and fast runner. She will be tough to contend with, Johnson said. Kent also is playing her third season of USAO soccer this fall.

“I’m never seen an athlete work as hard as she does, going from one sport right to the other and in class every

day,” Johnson said. “She’s going to be one of our biggest keys.”

Rey, a senior from Texhoma, leads by example, working hard both in the classroom and in practice, Johnson said.

Kieran Brennan, a former soccer player from England, and Aaron Manuel, a junior from Sapulpa, could be crucial leaders on the men’s side.

“Those are the guys I’ll be look for to do something this year,” she said. “I think once we really get into the season, all of our runners will step up.”

Because it is a new program, Johnson said she had some hiccups recruiting to an unknown program.

As in the other sports at USAO, cross country competes in a tough conference. On the men’s side, two Sooner Athletic Conference schools — Wayland Baptist and Oklahoma Baptist — sit in the NAIA Top 5.

The Drovers have five meets lined up for the regular season. While none are hosted in Chickasha, there are two in the Oklahoma City area and one in Shawnee.

While the sport served USAO in the mid-1990s, it was discontinued after just a few years. The decision was made in 2011 to bring men’s and women’s cross country back to the university, beginning in the fall of 2012.



2012 DROVERS



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Name	Height	Year	Hometown/Previous School
Women			
Tabby Bailey	5'4	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla./Redlands CC
Brittney DeWitt	5'7	Fr.	Tuttle, Okla./Tuttle HS
Katie Jones	5'1	Jr.	Norman, Okla./Norman North HS
Brittni Kent	5'5	Jr.	Sapulpa, Okla./Sapulpa HS
Deborah Park	5'3	Fr.	Enid, Okla./Oklahoma Bible Academy
Beatriz Rey	5'3	Sr.	Texhoma, Okla./Texhoma HS
Men			
Kieran Brennan	5'6	Jr.	Windsor, England/Windsor Boys' School
Anthony Klipp	5'6	Sr.	Chickasha, Okla./Chickasha HS
Chisum Lane	5'11	Sr.	Hydro, Okla./Hydro-Eakly HS
Aaron Manuel	5'11	Jr.	Sapulpa, Okla./Sapulpa HS
Jeffrey Poolaw	5'5	Fr.	Anadarko, Okla./Anadarko HS

Head Coach: Leandra Johnson

TABBY BAILEY



Class: Senior
Height: 5'4"
Previous School: Redlands Community College
Parents: Bertrand and Juandalyn Bailey
Interesting Fact: Knows all the lines in "Hangover"

2010-12: Bailey spent two seasons playing for USAO's basketball team. She scored 244 points and collected 140 rebounds for the Drovers.

2008-10: Bailey played basketball for two seasons at Redlands Community College.

High School: Before college, Bailey attended Tulsa Central High School.

BRITTNEY DEWITT



Class: Freshman
Height: 5'7"
Previous School: Tuttle High School
Parents: Jeff and Jennifer DeWitt
Interesting Fact: Her family adopted a girl from Haiti

High School: DeWitt ran cross country at Tuttle High School and was named a 2012 State Academic Champion for 4A schools.

KATIE JONES



Class: Junior
Height: 5'1"
Previous School: Norman North High School
Parents: Carla Jones
Interesting Fact: Is a twin

2008: Jones played soccer for the USAO team as a freshman.

High School: Jones attended Norman North High School.

BRITNI KENT



Class: Junior

Major: Psych./Biology

Height: 5'5

Hometown: Sapulpa, Okla.

Previous School: Sapulpa High School

Parents: Steve and Darby Kent

Interesting Fact: Is good at handstand push-ups

2010-12: Kent is in her third season with the USAO soccer team.

High School: Kent ran cross country and played soccer at Sapulpa High School. In cross country, she was named All-State Second Team and was a state qualifier.

DEBORAH PARK



Class: Freshman

Major: Business

Height: 5'3

Hometown: Enid, Okla.

Previous School: Oklahoma Bible Academy

Parents: Clank and Marisa Sauls

Interesting Fact: Was born in Korea; lived in China

High School: Park ran cross country for Oklahoma Bible Academy in Enid where she was named All-Region and Tonkawa Team Champion in 2011.

BEATRIZ REY



Class: Senior

Major: Speech Path.

Height: 5'3

Hometown: Texhoma, Okla.

Previous School: Texhoma High School

Parents: Manuel and Maria Rey

Interesting Fact: Can't stand watching cartoons

High School: Rey ran cross country for Texhoma High School and was named Runner of the Year in 2008 and 2009. She also ran track.

KIERAN BRENNAN



Class: Junior
Height: 5'6
Major: Education
Hometown: Windsor, England
Previous School: Windsor Boys' School
Parents: Darren and Gillian Brennan
Interesting Fact: Is an Englishman who likes country music

2010: Brennan played soccer at USAO for one season.

High School: Brennan attended Windsor Boys' School in England.

ANTHONY KLIPP



Class: Senior
Height: 5'6
Major: Natural Science
Hometown: Chickasha, Okla.
Previous School: Chickasha High School
Parents: Steven and Michele Klipp
Interesting Fact: Running and jumping are his favorite

High School: At Chickasha High School, Klipp was a two-time state qualifier. He was named Chickasha Runner of the Year as a senior.

CHISUM LANE



Class: Senior
Height: 5'11
Major: Economics
Hometown: Hydro, Okla.
Previous School: Hydro-Eakly High School
Parents: Brad Lane and Kelly Thomas
Interesting Fact: His mom still buys his clothes

2010-12: Lane has helped out as manager for the men's basketball team for two seasons at USAO.

High School: Lane ran cross country for Hydro-Eakly High School. He helped his team become regional champions and take third place in state.

AARON MANUEL



Class: Junior

Major: Math/Physics

Height: 5'11

Hometown: Sapulpa, Okla.

Previous School: Sapulpa High School

Parents: Steve and Kerri Manuel

Interesting Fact: Still watches Dragonball Z

High School: Manuel attended Sapulpa High School before coming to USAO.

JEFFREY POOLAW



Class: Freshman

Major: Native American Studies

Height: 5'5

Hometown: Anadarko, Okla.

Previous School: Anadarko High School

Parents: Robert and Sandra Poolaw

Interesting Fact: Speaks Kiowa

High School: At Anadarko High School, Poolaw was a 4A state meet qualifier.



ANTHONY KLIPP

USAO
OVERVIEW

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DROVER
MEN

SAC &
POLLS

JOHN BROWN



Mascot/Nickname..... Golden Eagles
 School Colors..... Royal blue and gold
 Location Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Enrollment 2,100
 Men's Head Coach Matt Pearson
 Women's Head Coach Matt Pearson
 Cross Country Founded 2010
 Website www.jbu.edu/athletics
 Sports Information Nick Robinson
 SID Phone Number (479) 524-7304

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN



Mascot/Nickname..... Chaparrals
 School Colors..... Blue, white and red
 Location Lubbock, Texas
 Enrollment 2,000
 Men's Head Coach Derek Kite
 Women's Head Coach Derek Kite
 Cross Country Founded 2007
 Website www.lcuchaps.com
 Sports Information Chris Due
 SID Phone Number (806) 720-7283

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST



Mascot/Nickname..... Bison
 School Colors..... Green and gold
 Location Shawnee, Okla.
 Enrollment 1,700
 Men's Head Coach Ford Mastin
 Women's Head Coach Ford Mastin
 Cross Country Founded 1923
 Website www.obubison.com
 Sports Information Ray Fink
 SID Phone Number (405) 585-5304

OKLAHOMA CITY



Mascot/Nickname..... Stars
 School Colors..... Royal blue and white
 Location Oklahoma City
 Enrollment 3,770
 Men's Head Coach Conor Holt
 Women's Head Coach Conor Holt
 Cross Country Founded 2008
 Website www.ocusports.com
 Sports Information Rich Tortorelli
 SID Phone Number (405) 208-5304

ROGERS STATE



Mascot/Nickname..... Hillcats
 School Colors..... Navy blue and red
 Location Claremore, Okla.
 Enrollment 4,667
 Men's Head Coach Chris McCormick
 Women's Head Coach Chris McCormick
 Cross Country Founded 2010
 Website www.rsuhillcats.com
 Sports Information Sara Williams
 SID Phone Number (918) 343-7989

WAYLAND BAPTIST



Mascot/Nickname..... Pioneers
 School Colors..... Blue and gold
 Location Plainview, Texas
 Enrollment 1,600
 Men's Head Coach Brian Whitlock
 Women's Head Coach Brian Whitlock
 Cross Country Founded 1968, 1982
 Website www.wbuathletics.com
 Sports Information Kevin Lewis
 SID Phone Number (806) 291-3805

WOMEN TOP 25

Preseason Rank	Final Points
1 Cal State San Marcos (20)	591
2 British Columbia	569
3 Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) (1)	550
4 College of Idaho	537
5 Northwest Christian (Ore.)	507
6 Carroll (Mont.)	495
7 Biola (Calif.)	485
8 Lewis-Clark State (Idaho)	445
9 Westmont (Calif.)	424
10 Concordia (Neb.)	393
11 Milligan (Tenn.)	387
12 The Master's (Calif.)	383
13 Southern Oregon	343
14 Spring Arbor (Mich.)	332
15 Dordt (Iowa)	321
16 Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	306
17 Aquinas (Mich.)	289
18 Indiana Wesleyan	230
19 Trinity Christian (Ill.)	205
20 Cornerstone (Mich.)	190
21 Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	184
22 Shawnee State (Ohio)	174
23 Huntington (Ind.)	159
24 Saint Xavier (Ill.)	139
25 Northwest (Wash.)	128

MEN TOP 25

Preseason Rank	Final Points
1 Southern Oregon (8)	486
2 Lewis-Clark State (Idaho) (3)	475
3 Wayland Baptist (Texas) (3)	472
4 Cal State San Marcos (4)	445
5 Oklahoma Baptist	420
6 The Master's (Calif.)	412
7 Shawnee State (Ohio)	409
8 British Columbia	397
9 St. Francis (Ill.)	357
10 Bryan (Tenn.)	337
11 Eastern Oregon	320
12 Westmont (Calif.)	312
13 Aquinas (Mich.)	301
14 Morningside (Iowa)	247
15 College of Idaho	239
16 Southwestern (Kan.)	226
16 Spring Arbor (Mich.)	226
18 Biola (Calif.)	213
19 Concordia (Neb.)	195
20 Cornerstone (Mich.)	194
21 Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	168
22 Park (Mo.)	146
23 Cumberland (Ky.)	139
24 Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)	126
25 Baker (Kan.)	119

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MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma is the state's public liberal arts college. Its mission is to provide the public with a distinctive and accessible liberal arts and sciences education. In combination with an interdisciplinary core curriculum with superior instruction in major fields of study, USAO aims to provide a thorough education that prepares students for meaningful, purposeful lives.

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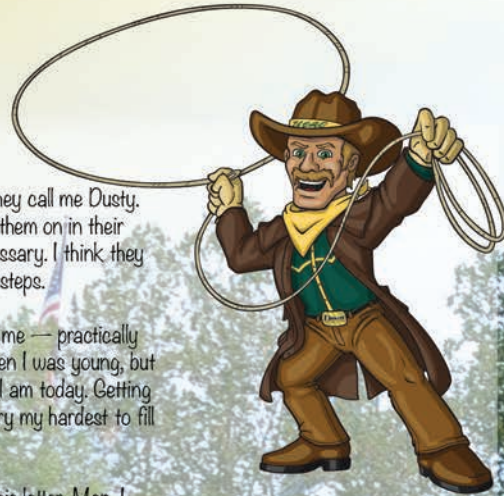
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Well hello there!

Allow me to introduce myself to those I haven't had the privilege of meeting yet. They call me Dusty. I've recently started looking after our students here on USAO's campus, cheering them on in their victories, guiding them through success and even acting as a counselor when necessary. I think they call me a "mascot," whatever that means. I'm just following in my Uncle Dan's footsteps.

I'm sure you met good ole Dan. He was on campus for years. He's like a father to me — practically raised me since I was a little boy. I don't really remember my parents; they died when I was young, but Uncle Dan brought me to this wonderful college and raised me to become the man I am today. Getting up there in years, Dan has retired and put me in charge. It will be tough, but I will try my hardest to fill his giant shoes!

You wouldn't believe how beautiful of a morning it was here on campus as I write this letter. Man, I love this place. It's the greatest place on Earth — the only place I'll call home. A genuine thanks to everyone who has helped make USAO great over the years! Oh, and next time you're on campus, don't forget to stop by my new watering hole, Dusty's, on the second floor of the Student Center.



Dusty

Drovers

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