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## **OCU Instructor Receives the Hap Peebles Lifetime Achievement Award**

**OKLAHOMA CITY--**Jim Halsey, director of the music and entertainment business program at Oklahoma City University, was presented with the Harry "Hap" Peebles Lifetime Achievement Award Saturday, June 14, in Nashville, Tenn.

The award was given by the International Entertainment Buyers Association in recognition of Halsey's achievements throughout his 40-year career in the entertainment business.

As an agent and artist manager, Halsey has guided the careers of many well-known performers such as Roy Clark, The Oak Ridge Boys, Waylon Jennings, The Judds, Reba McEntire, Minnie Pearl, Clint Black, Tammy Wynette, The Kentucky Head-Hunters, Dwight Yoakam, Lee Greenwood, Ronnie Milsap, Freddy Fender, Mel Tillis and Hank Thompson. He has organized and presented country music performances all over the world.

Halsey joined the faculty at OCU in 1994. He is also a visiting professor at HED Music College in Yehud, Israel. He lectures at colleges and universities around the world, often via interactive television.

Halsey serves on the board of directors of the National Music Council and of the Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association. He is listed in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Entertainment*, *Who's Who in the Southwest*, *Who's Who in Business and Finance* and the *International Directory of Distinguished Leadership*.

"A few other schools offer courses in music business; no other school has Jim Halsey," said Mark Edward Parker, dean of the OCU Margaret E. Petree School of Music and Performing Arts.

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