



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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What is your position? NOC President

How many years have you been at NOC? Started my ninth year on June 1, 2019. 26 years in higher education.

What is your greatest accomplishment? Being given the responsibility and privilege to be a steward of Oklahoma's first public community college and to help lead this incredible institution along with so many hard-working employees who care about our students.

What are you most proud of? My daughters Cara (MBA) and Christa (Attorney). My two-and-a-half-year-old grandson, Charlie, and his baby sister who will arrive in September.

What are your hobbies/spare-time activities? Travel. We've been to every county in Oklahoma, every state in the U.S. and numerous other countries. Israel has been my favorite international trip. We also love to spend time with family in the country on a place in rural Alfalfa County, near the Salt Plains, that has been in Tom's family for 70 years. We enjoy taking pictures of the wildlife, riding ATVs, fishing, kayaking, seeing wild flowers, watching the seasons unfold and birds migrate, viewing Oklahoma's amazing sunrises and sunsets, and just generally appreciating the great outdoors.

Provide an example of what "Life Changing" means to you? I get a front-row seat on graduation day. As I hand our graduates their diplomas, I get to turn and look out into the audience and see the pride beaming from family members and friends. I know that for the majority of our graduates, they are the first in their families to earn a college degree. Their learning will turn into earning power that can change not only their life, but the ones they love too.

What are three words to describe you? Positive, Productive and Persistent

What are your top three life highlights? 1. My faith 2. Family (Tom and I celebrate 38 years of marriage this year.) 3. Career helping others in education.

Something others would be surprised to know. I stopped out of college after my sophomore year to operate our furniture and flooring store, "Evans Home Center" in Cherokee (We were young entrepreneurs.) I didn't complete my baccalaureate degree until I was 30 years old. Eight years later I earned my doctorate. It is never too late to complete your educational goals. I really believe learning is a lifelong process.