

What's Happening

July 30, 2020

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NOC Virtual Graduation set for Aug. 8

The Northern Oklahoma College Class of 2020 will be celebrated with a Virtual Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, Aug. 8.

The ceremony is not live, but the link to the virtual commencement will be made active at www.noc.edu Aug. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

The ceremony will celebrate Fall 2019 graduates as well as Spring and Summer 2020 graduates.

NOC is partnering with Fogarty Services to provide each graduate of the NOC Class of 2020 the opportunity to share and celebrate this milestone with supporters, family, friends, faculty and staff or fellow graduates through a personalized virtual commencement celebration.

The virtual ceremony will contain many of the same aspects as the traditional ceremony including a message from NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans and commencement speaker Diane Anderson.

"We are so disappointed that we could not share this moment with our graduates and their families," said NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans. "We chose the virtual graduation as the best option based on the current environment. Our top priority is the safety of our students and their families."

Evans said the virtual ceremony gives the students an opportunity to share the graduation experience with their families.

"We hope that friends and family members will take the time to congratulate our students by taking a few minutes to sign in and send best wishes," Evans said. We appreciate the hard work these graduates have put in to accomplish their academic goals at NOC."

Graduates have submitted photos for their respective pagees. Family and friends of graduates may visit this link <https://noccommencement.commencementreimagined.com/> to submit congratulatory messages, photos and videos to celebrate our graduates.

All submissions are due by Aug. 3. The link will close at 5 p.m. CDT on this day. Please note submissions will be screened, and any inappropriate material will be eliminated.

The link to the page will be shared with students on the day of graduation so they can share it with their loved ones personally and on social media.

Fall Enrollment continues
Call 580.628.6200 or
visit <http://www.noc.edu/fall-sessions>

Save *the* Date

Class of
2020

August 8, 2020

NOC COMMENCEMENT

will be celebrated through a virtual ceremony which will include our entire Class of 2020 with our fall 2019 and spring and summer 2020 graduates.

For more information, visit our website
at www.noc.edu/graduation

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NOC FALL 2020 COURSE OPTIONS

Tonkawa Campus Enid Campus Live Online
\$152.00 | \$165.00 | \$167.50
per credit hour tuition/fees

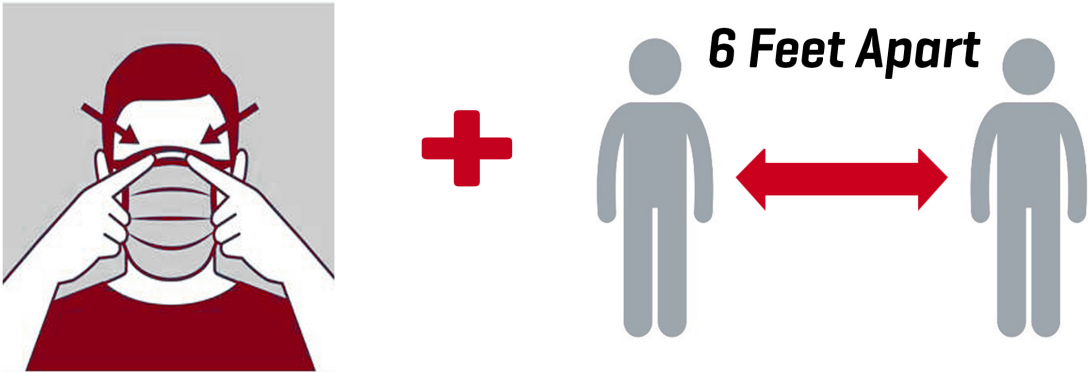
For additional tuition information on NOC/OSU Gateway Program, UC – Ponca City, visit www.noc.edu/tuition
[Oklahoma Resident Rates]

NOC August Birthdays



Kim Ochoa	Aug. 1	Fred Heath	Aug. 15
Nolan Fanning	Aug. 5	Scott Cloud	Aug. 18
Brad Matson	Aug. 6	Cindy Fox	Aug. 23
Gene Young	Aug. 8	Cissy Leonard	Aug. 23
Todd Ging	Aug. 8	Bart Allen	Aug. 23
Niesha Jones	Aug. 8	Paul Bowers	Aug. 24
Curtis Parr	Aug. 9	Michael DuRoy	Aug. 24
Erin McCoy	Aug. 11	Jennifer Hammons	Aug. 26
Bobbi Carson	Aug. 11	Anna Scott	Aug. 26
Paul Lester	Aug. 13	Vanessa Ailey	Aug. 30
Casey Durbin	Aug. 13		

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To help prevent the spread of COVID-19,
Cloth Face Covering & Physical Distancing
REQUIRED
while on campus

*If you are sick,
Please Do Not Enter!*

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Alan Foster named athletic director

Northern Oklahoma College has hired Alan Foster as the school's new athletic director.

Foster comes to NOC after serving as assistant athletic director and head women's basketball coach at Midway University, an NAIA school in Midway, Kentucky.

"I would like to thank President Evans, Jason Johnson (Vice President for Student Affairs), and the rest of the search committee for their part in my selection as the next Athletic Director at Northern Oklahoma College," Foster said. "I am very excited to join Northern Oklahoma College. I look forward to continuing to build on the success that the athletic program has experienced in the past."

"These last two years at Midway University coaching some incredible young ladies have been arguably the most enjoyable of my 30 years," Foster added. "It was going to take a very special opportunity for me to leave. I believe that the future at NOC is so promising and I look forward to being a part of it."

NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans said, "We welcome Alan to the Northern family. I am confident that with his years of experience as an athletic director, Alan will help the Jets and Mavericks athletic teams continue their successful legacies by focusing on degree completion and competitive programs. I believe the coaches, athletes, and fans will enjoy interacting with him too."

Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, said he is excited for what Foster can bring to NOC.

"I am excited with the opportunity to get to work with Alan and continue with the great tradition of Northern Athletics," Johnson said. "Alan brings many years of athletic experience and will be an asset to our institution."

Foster previously spent 18 seasons as the head men's basketball coach at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

During his 18 seasons with the Warriors,

Foster amassed 292 victories, which has him at No. 20 among the NAIA Division I men's basketball winningest active coaches.

While serving as the head men's basketball coach at Bacone, Foster also served as the Athletic Director for the Warriors beginning in September 2007. Foster also was the Assistant Athletic Director from September 2000 until September 2007.

Prior to joining the coaching staff at Bacone in April 2000, Foster spent eight seasons at Kemper Military Junior College in Boonville, Missouri. He was the assistant men's basketball coach for the first two years before becoming the head coach in August 1994.

Foster got his start in the college ranks at State Fair Community College where he served as an assistant coach under Missouri Hall of Fame coach, Bill Barton.

He got his start in coaching as a student assistant at his alma mater, Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri. He was on the coaching staff from 1986-1988 and was part of the Lions National Tournament Team.

Foster holds a Master's of Science in Sports Administration from East Central University. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Education from Missouri Southern State University.




Alan and his wife, Sonya, have two sons, Ryan Hieronymus and Riley Foster, and one daughter, Reyd Foster.

Foster replaces Jeremy Hise whose last day at Northern was July 14.

Foster began his duties July 27.




Alan Foster



REGISTRATION Everest Administration Building, Room 108


- Parking Decal
- Residence Hall Card
- Student I.D. Card
- Class Schedule/Transcripts
- Add/Drop Courses
- Meal Plan Activation
- Pay Tuition and Fees
- NOC Card Questions

STUDENT AFFAIRS Everest Administration Building, Room 105




- Student Employment Application
- Disability Services
- Counseling Services

FINANCE OFFICE Everest Administration Building, Room 106




- Acceptance of Financial Aid
- Questions Regarding Financial Aid
- FAFSA Questions

TESTING Everest Administration Building Room 101G




- Test Scheduling

SCHOLARSHIPS Everest Administration Building, Room 101D




- Scholarship Information
- Campus Tours
- High School and College Relations

ADVISEMENT Everest Administration Building Room 101E



- Academic Advisement
- Enrollment Assistance

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Zollars Memorial Library, Room 402



- Internet and NOC Computer Technical Support
- My NOC Questions
- Student Email and Blackboard Questions

ZOLLARS MEMORIAL LIBRARY Zollars Memorial Library Building, Second Floor

- Tutoring
- Group and Individual Study Areas
- Computer Access

For More Information, Contact Student Affairs 580.548.2327



New NOC regent Jami Groendyke takes the oath of office from Hon. David Bandy at the Board of Regents meeting July 22. (photo by Scott Cloud/Northern Oklahoma College)

Groendyke sworn in as NOC regent

New Northern Oklahoma College Regent Jami Groendyke was sworn in Wednesday at the July Board of Regents meeting at the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa.

She was sworn in by the Hon. Judge David R. Bandy, an associate judge for the 8th District in Oklahoma serving Kay and Noble Counties.

Groendyke, an Enid Real Estate Appraiser originally from Claremore, is a 2003 graduate of Northern Oklahoma College, earning an Associate Degree in Science from NOC Enid. She also played on the Lady Jets' basketball team.

She later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from the University of Oklahoma in 2005. She previously served as a trustee to the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation

her term ending June 30, 2020.


She has worked in youth athletics and health promotion in the Enid area since 2006.

"Jami is going to bring a fresh perspective to the board," said NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans. "It is good to have an outstanding alumna of the College serving. We are very pleased to have her join the board of regents."


In other business, regents approved the NOC Employee Handbook, 2020-21 Course Catalog, and also approved student handbook updates.

Regents also approved tenure requests for NOC instructors Lynn DeMuth, Wendy O'Neill, and Kathy Shamburg. The tenure requests were

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WHERE TO GO FOR WHAT?



NOC TONKAWA

REGISTRATION

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 113

- Student I.D. Card
- Class Schedule/Transcripts
- Add/Drop Courses
- High School & College Relations

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 101

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- Residence Hall Card Activation
- Student Employment Application
- Disability Services
- Counseling Services

FINANCIAL AID

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 105

- Acceptance of Financial Aid
- Questions Regarding Financial Aid
- Assistance with FAFSA Completion

FINANCE OFFICE

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 109

- Meal Plan Activation
- Pay Tuition and Fees
- NOC Card Questions

SCHOLARSHIPS

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 111

- Scholarship Information
- Short-Term Loans

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 100F Inside the Vineyard Library

- Tutoring/Mentoring
- Group and Individual Study Areas
- Native American Cultural Activities
- Laptops Available for Checkout

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Wilkin Hall, Room 206

- Internet and NOC Computer Technical Support
- My NOC Questions
- Student Email and Blackboard Questions

COLLEGE SUCCESS CENTER

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 102

- Retention Specialist
- Academic Advisement

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Regent

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recommended by Math Division Chair Cassie Firth.

The BOR also approved several July purchases including Video Conferencing equipment for Hybrid-Zoom classrooms on all campuses, the replacement of desktop and surface tablets for all campuses, and Video Conferencing equipment for the Renfro Center and Walcher Conference Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Regents also heard a presentation from Dr. Kathleen Otto, NOC Director of Institutional Research, regarding the NOC Fact Book. The Fact Book is a 107-page document providing detailed information about NOC. NOC started producing the document in 2014.

"The Fact Book is an important document," said Dr. Evans. "It allows us to share accurate information for reporting pertinent information about NOC. It is a very time consuming

and labor-intensive document to produce. I appreciate Dr. Otto and all our staff for their hard work to produce this important document."

In the administrator reports, Vice President for Enid Raydon Leaton and Vice President for Stillwater Diana Watkins reported that a number of campus tours have been ongoing at Enid and Stillwater as students begin the process of making plans for the fall.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson reported that new athletic director Alan Foster will begin July 27. Johnson said Foster has 30 years of experience in coaching and working as an athletic director.

Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development and Community Relations, said that plans are ongoing for NOC's Virtual Graduation, set for Aug. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

NOC adds wind energy classes

Northern Oklahoma College is introducing an "Introduction to Wind Energy" course in its Fall 2020 semester. The course is being offered as part of NOC's Process Technology Program (PTEC).

The purpose of this course is to introduce interested students to Oklahoma's Wind Energy Sector in preparation for employment in the Wind Energy field. Recent years have seen an increase in the wind farms in the geographical area in which the three NOC campuses are located.

This course is seen as an addition to NOC's current PTEC program and should provide students currently enrolled and other interested student education in preparation for a career in the wind energy sector.

The Introduction to Wind Energy course is open to all students with an interest whether or not they are currently enrolled in the PTEC program. If interested in this course or in the PTEC program you can contact Dr. Frankie Wood-Black at frankie.woodblack@noc.edu or call 580-628-6440.



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Enrollment is open, and while you're applying for college, don't forget to check out the many institutional and private NOC Foundation scholarships that are still available!

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:

AUGUST 25 - All other scholarships for the Fall semester

JANUARY 25 - New or transfer students for the Spring semester

1.

Apply to NOC

www.noc.edu/future-students

2.

Complete FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov. NOC School Code 03162

3.

Scholarship Form

www.noc.edu/scholarships

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Four NOC employees retire

Northern Oklahoma College honored four employees who are retiring from NOC this year.

Retirees include Deb Garoutte, Mary Skidmore, Laura Marshall, and Jeff Foss.

Normally, retiring employees are honored in May of each year but the ceremony was postponed due to Covid-19. The ceremony honoring the retirees will be held at a later date.

"Northern appreciates the years of dedication and service provided by each of these wonderful individuals," said NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans. "Their commitment to serve students has made a lasting impact. I regret that we are unable to host our traditional special event in their honor at this time, but we do recognize and celebrate their careers and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives."

Laura Marshall began her career at Northern Oklahoma College in 1976 as the Executive Assistant to the President, Dr. Edwin Vineyard. In 1979, she left to work for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education office as the Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs until 1981. She then went to work for the Oklahoma City Clinic. She returned to NOC in 1983 as the Executive Assistant to Dr. Edwin Vineyard until his retirement in 1990, she then worked for President, Dr. Joe Kinzer until 1991. In 1991, she began a new chapter at NOC when she became a freshman business instructor. She has continued at this capacity for the last 29 years.

Marshall is a Ponca City High School graduate. She attended Northern Oklahoma College receiving her Associates in Arts degree in 1974. She continued her education at the University



Laura Marshall

of Central Oklahoma obtaining her Bachelors of Arts in 1981 and her Masters in Education in 1993. She has also taken additional graduate hours from Southwestern Oklahoma State University throughout the years.

Upon retirement in May, she plans on working as an Adjunct Instructor for Northern Oklahoma College and being involved in community and church activities.

Jeff Foss spent almost 21 years serving in the United States Air Force. He began his military career at McConnell Air Force Base where he served in the Strategic Air Command working on Titan II missiles for 10 years. For the next five years he was stationed in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he served in U.S. Space Command working satellite ground systems control. He then went to Thule Air Force Base in Greenland where he worked at a radar surveillance site. He finished his career in the Air Force serving with a detached unit at Cape Cod. He was assigned to a radar site where they watched missiles launches worldwide.



Jeff Foss

Foss retired from the military and began working for Northern Oklahoma College in 1999 as the Information Technology Computer Systems Technician. In 2004 he went to Blackwell Public Schools and became the Information Technology Director. Jeff was at Blackwell Schools for 13 years before returning to NOC as the Network Server Administrator.

Foss has been married to his wife, Amy, for 33 years. Amy serves as the Northern Oklahoma College comptroller. They have a daughter, Elise, who just graduated and will begin teach-

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NOC Life changing.

Retirees

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ing in Ponca City this fall.

He plans to spend time with his family, do some projects around the house, go kayaking and catch some fish.

Deborah Garoutte began her career at Northern Oklahoma College Enid in 2004. As the Director for Northern Oklahoma College Project Achieve she has served the community of Enid, in social services, for the past 29 years.

Garoutte earned her Bachelors of Arts in Education from Southern Arkansas University in 1983, and served our nation for six years in the United States Army. After serving, she eventually made her way to Enid where she continued to serve but in a different aspect.

She has been a huge advocate for low income families. Whether it be working alongside community partners to establish transportation for nursing students to get to school, or speaking in front of congress advocating for services in rural counties, she laid the foundation of what a director of a student support program should entail. She continues to work alongside community partners to meet the needs of NOC students.

Garoutte diligently works to help every Northern student with educational advisement as well as assist with needs during their educational process. Being a single parent is difficult while attending college, and she sees the need to advocate and provide resources for single parents. By assisting our single parent population, it helps alleviate stressors that are preventing them from completing a class or even graduating.

She plans to relax next to a lake. Fishing will be



Deb Garoutte

top of her daily agenda, along with continued family time.

Mary Skidmore began her career at Northern Oklahoma College Enid in 2007. She was hired as the Staff Assistant for Student Affairs and worked for the Dean of Students, Boomer Appleman. In 2012, she transitioned to the position Administrative Assistant for the Vice President-Enid campus, working for Dr. Ed Vineyard until he retired in 2019. She spent her entire professional career at NOC working in Student Affairs. She has also assisted Athletic Director, Jeremy Hise and the current Vice President of the Enid Campus Raydon Leaton.

Skidmore and her husband, Larry, were married May 29, 1964 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Enid. They have three sons, Dean, David and Daniel, four grandsons and a granddaughter. She said that Larry's love after family is golf. When he is not playing or working at Pheasant Run, they plan to spend time with family and do some traveling.



Mary Skidmore



Life changing.

Jets athletes earn academic honors

Twenty NOC Enid Athletes earned NJCAA Academic All-American honors for the 2019-20 academic year.

Student-athletes are eligible to earn academic honors by achieving an overall GPA of 3.60 or higher for the 2019-20 academic year. The criteria for the three All-Academic teams are listed below as follows: NJCAA All-Academic First Team: 4.00 GPA, NJCAA All-Academic Second Team: 3.80-3.99 GPA, NJCAA All-Academic Third Team: 3.60-3.79 GPA

The academic all-American list was released last week.

First team members include Slater Eck, Waukomis, OK (softball), Conner Thaxton, Duncan, OK (baseball), and Lauren Wade, Marlow, OK (women's basketball).

Second team members include Kolten Childers, Enid, OK (men's basketball), Rylee Detrick, Ringwood, OK (softball), Madelyne Hankins, Blackwell, OK (women's basketball), J. Morrow, Owasso, OK (baseball), Shane Nixon, Ontario, Canada (baseball), Conner Priest, Roff, OK (baseball), Josie Stites, Drummond, OK (softball), and Hollie Wood, Pryor, OK (women's basketball)

Third team members include Kyle Bass, Bixby, OK (baseball), Alec Buonasera, Plano, TX (baseball), Josh Crutchfield, Norman, OK (men's basketball), B. Eropkin, Shawnee, OK (baseball), Addison Gilliam, Moore, OK (softball), B. Hill, Edmond, OK (baseball), Kaylee Hurst, Woodward, OK (women's basketball), Drew London, Edmond, OK (baseball), and Steve Owings, Bixby, OK (baseball).

NOC Calendar

Aug. 3

Begin Regular Hours
Begin Fall Bookstore Sale

Aug. 4

Stillwater Faculty Report

Aug. 5

PLC Student Retreat, Renfro Center, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Aug. 8

Virtual Graduation, www.noc.edu, 9:30 a.m.

Hise reflects on years at NOC

After 20 years at Northern Oklahoma College including the final seven as athletic director, Jeremy Hise is leaving NOC for a teaching and coaching position at Enid High School.

Hise will teach English and be the high school assistant softball coach.

Hise, a native of Perry, served as athletic director since 2013. He served 11 years as an assistant to NOC Enid coach Raydon Leaton before becoming the school's athletic director. He graduated from NOC Tonkawa in 1998, then earned a bachelor's degree from UCO and a master's degree at Northwestern.

"I love Northern Oklahoma College," Hise said. "I love the coworkers and students I have been fortunate enough to work with over the past 20 years."

"There are so many people who provided me with opportunities at Northern," Hise added. "I am thankful Raydon (Leaton) hired me when we started the baseball program 20 years ago. I am thankful Dr. Evans provided me with the opportunity to serve as athletic director. Most of all I am thankful for all the friendships that have been formed through it all."

Hise reflected on his tenure as the athletic director.

"I've said many times before that if we lose every game and every student-athlete has a 4.00 GPA we have failed," he said. "On the flip side, if every team wins a national title but nobody graduates we have failed. Over the past seven years we have had 48 teams recognized by the NJCAA for academic excellence, 280 Academic All-Americans, and two NJCAA Academic National Team of the Year."

"During that same period of time we had eight teams qualify for the National Tournament, 21 All-Americans and a National Championship. That reflects the hard work of our student-athletes, the dedication and leadership of our

coaches, and the many great faculty and staff who are always willing to help all of our students at Northern."

He is excited to back on the field as a coach and in the classroom.

"I am excited about this new opportunity and new challenges at Enid High School," he said. "I have missed the relationships you get to build with students in the classroom and through coaching. I hope that I am able to have a positive impact in some way."

Hise leaves an outstanding legacy at NOC, according to college president Dr. Cheryl Evans.

"Jeremy provided great leadership for athletics and the institution," she said. "He managed to help teams from both campuses improve their academic standings, facilities, and traditions. He was a great advocate for players and coaches. He has an outstanding work ethic and went above and beyond to help students excel. He was respected by his peers and he will be missed at NOC."

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson agreed.

"Jeremy has been an amazing Athletic Director for NOC," he said. "His leadership over the last seven years has produced numerous academic achievements, region championships, multiple trips to national tournaments and an NJCAA National Championship in 2019. I am going to miss his leadership."



Jeremy Hise



Mav athletes earn academic honors

Forty-five NOC Tonkawa Athletes earned NJCAA Academic All-American honors for the 2019-20 academic year.

Student-athletes are eligible to earn academic honors by achieving an overall GPA of 3.60 or higher for the 2019-20 academic year. The criteria for the three All-Academic teams are listed below as follows: NJCAA All-Academic First Team: 4.00 GPA, NJCAA All-Academic Second Team: 3.80-3.99 GPA, NJCAA All-Academic Third Team: 3.60-3.79 GPA

The academic all-American list was released last week.

First team members from NOC Tonkawa include Collin Armstrong, Choctaw, OK (baseball), Jenna Chassie, Plano, TX (softball), Garrett Crone, Edmond, OK (baseball), Chelsea Demauro, Jennings, OK (softball), Nancy Herr, Bliebertville, TX (women's soccer), Kayla Hooper, Ponca City, OK (women's soccer), Sofie Joergensen, Denmark (women's soccer), Wyatt Johnson, Geronimo, OK (baseball), Francisco Lopez, Tulsa, OK (men's soccer), Josh Major, Edmond, OK (baseball), Alex Moore, Moore, OK (baseball), Savannah Nelson, Owasso, OK (women's soccer), Jade Severin, Helena, OK (women's basketball), Aylin Nunez, Pauls Valley, OK (softball), Sam Shank, Arlington, TX (baseball), Zach Stephenson, Houston, TX (baseball).

Second team members include Zoe Athens, Tulsa, OK (women's soccer), Holden Bortosovsky, Elgin, OK (baseball), Alexis Booth (softball), Bryant Bailey, Red Oak, TX (baseball), Bryan Burgos, San Juan, Puerto Rico (baseball), Ivan Delgadilla, Enid, OK (men's soccer), Blake Hubbard, Tyler, TX (baseball), Sean Klein, Dallas, TX (baseball), Kirby Lohrengel, Dallas, TX (baseball), Ben MacNaughton, Edmond, OK (baseball), Carli Sader, Ripley (women's basketball).

Third team members include Bryson Armstrong, Norman, OK (baseball), Drew Blankenship, Ripley, OK (baseball), Josh Bumgarner, Duncan, OK (baseball), Kaylee Cline, Edmond, OK (women's basketball), Chase Defillippo, Elgin, OK (baseball), Kynly Duncan, Perry, OK (women's basketball), Marissa Gaytan, Princeton, TX (women's soccer), Hannah Hembree, Tonkawa, OK (women's soccer), Laney Hover, Carney, OK (softball), Ally Jennings, Ponca City, OK (women's basketball), Cassie Manning, Glencoe, OK (women's basketball), Mark Milstead, Broken Arrow, OK (men's soccer), George Robinson, Maidstone, England (men's soccer), Jackie Robinson, Edmond, OK (baseball), Cole Weiberg, Madill, OK (men's soccer), John Woodhead, Newcastle, England (men's soccer), Katelyn Yee, Stillwater, OK (softball), Skylar Yocham, Bristow, OK (women's soccer).

According to the NJCAA, the 2019-20 academic year presented unprecedented challenges to NJCAA student-athletes, but through determination and excellence in the classroom, 9,555 student-athletes nationwide garnered All-Academic recognition for achieving a GPA above 3.6.

"NJCAA student-athletes proved that no obstacle is too difficult to overcome," stated NJCAA President & CEO Dr. Christopher Parker. "These difficulties pushed our student-athletes to the limit this year, but the opportunity to overcome these challenges presented itself and our student-athletes flourished academically. The association commends all individuals for their continued success on the playing surfaces and in the classrooms."

Life changing.

Jennings to lead Lady Jets program

Northern Oklahoma College has hired Kelli Jennings to head the NOC Enid Lady Jets basketball program.

Jennings comes to Enid from Okarche High School where she posted a three-year record of 78-17, earning trips to the Class A State Tournament semi-finals in 2018 and 2020.

"I am excited for the incredible opportunity to take over the Lady Jets basketball program and continue the rich tradition of contending for conference and national titles each year," Jennings said. "More importantly, I look forward to coaching and mentoring women of character who want to represent NOC and our community well. Coach Morris has done a tremendous job in building the best JUCO program in the state of Oklahoma. I am honored to follow in his footsteps upholding the same standards of excellence that have become the foundation for success."

NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans said, "We are pleased to have Kelli Jennings join the NOC family. We think that she will continue her winning ways with the Jets women and be a positive influence in their lives."

Athletic Director Jeremy Hise is excited to bring Jennings to NOC Enid.

"We are excited to welcome Kelli to the NOC family," Hise said. "We know that she is a high energy coach who is passionate about the game of basketball and cares a great deal about her student-athletes. We think she is a perfect fit to continue the tradition of academic and athletic excellence that we value here at Northern."

Jennings, a native of Seiling, played at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, graduating in 2010 with a degree in Mathematics Education. She earned her Masters of Education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she assisted coach Kelsi Musick.

She also coached at Oklahoma Bible Academy and Cashion.

Jennings currently lives in Enid with husband Bradley.

Jennings replaces Scott Morris, now the head boys' coach at Stillwater High School.



Kelli Jennings

NJCAA delays 2020-21 athletic seasons

As per an NJCAA decision on Monday, Northern Oklahoma College and two-year institutions across the country are delaying athletic seasons until the spring semester.

All teams will prepare for their seasons during the fall semester.

Men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball competition will begin Jan. 22, 2021.

Men's and women's soccer will begin competition April 2, 2021.

The NJCAA decision followed the recommendations from the NJCAA Presidential Advisory Council and the NJCAA Board of Regents.

The soccer season is limited to 14 matches while the basketball schedule is limited to 22 games.

Baseball will play 56 games, softball will play on 30 dates.

NOC scholarship deadline is Aug. 25

Northern Oklahoma College is continuing to accept scholarship applications for Fall 2020.

The deadline for scholarship application is Aug. 25 for institutional and private NOC Foundation scholarships. To apply, simply enroll at NOC, apply for financial aid and then fill out the scholarship form at www.noc.edu/scholarships.

For the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget, the college allocated \$2.7 million in scholarship support. These waivers and scholarships continue to assist our students with academic accomplishments and participation in college activities.

Additionally, through the NOC Foundation during the 2018-2019 academic year, the Foundation awarded over \$261,000 in scholarships to 392 recipients from the Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater campuses. So far, this 2019-2020 academic year, we have awarded over \$288,000 in scholarships to students.

According to Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development and Community Relations, "PLC and State Regents scholarships have already been awarded based on the February 20 deadline. However, priority deadline for all other scholarships, which began February 20, is ongoing with scholarships awarded to qualified applicants on a first come, first serve basis until August 25."

To be considered for scholarships, applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov

(www.fafsa.ed.gov (Northern's Title IV Institutional Code is 003162) within 30 days of accepting a scholarship award.

For a complete listing of all scholarships available, please visit our website at www.noc.edu/scholarships. For more information contact the NOC Scholarship Office at 580-628-6760 or scholarships@noc.edu.

