

What's Happening

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120 NOC Employees Receive First COVID-19 Vaccine

On Friday, Feb. 120 Northern Oklahoma College employees were vaccinated in a large pod at the Renfro Center, Tonkawa campus thanks to a partnership between NOC and the Ponca Tribe, along with the White Eagle Health Center (WEHC).

Staff from WEHC along with volunteer faculty, staff and students in the NOC Nursing program helped administer the first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to interested employees from the Enid, Stillwater and Tonkawa campuses.

Daniel Sherron, Health Services Director at Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, said, "As

the Health Administrator for the White Eagle Health Center and an adjunct faculty member of Northern Oklahoma College, I am super excited that I am able to help my colleagues with this vaccination process. Community partnering is essential in times of pandemic as we are all moving in the same direction and that is a return to normal. It is my hope that this vaccination will aid in helping in that return."

NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans said, "We are so thankful for the Ponca Tribe and White Eagle Health Center for including Northern. We are thrilled and so excited to have this opportunity for our employees. This will make a huge difference for our campus communities."

WEHC has scheduled Round 2 of the vaccine for NOC employees on Friday, March 26 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Xanadu now March 18-21

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Fine Arts presentation of "Xanadu" has been postponed.

The new date is March 18-21.

The musical comedy was originally set for March 4-7 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.



NOC alumna Kimberlee Burgess vaccinates NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans during last Friday's COVID-19 Vaccinations. Additional photo and Round 2 vaccination information on Page 3. (photo provided)



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NOC March Birthdays



Alan Foster	March 5	Anthony Luetkenhaus	March 12
Nikki Cooley	March 6	Greg Krause	March 16
Sara Hawkins	March 6	Brain Baird	March 22
Scott Harmon	March 7	Elaine Briggs	March 22
Sherri Martin	March 10	Jimilea Jansson	March 28
Nikole Hicks	March 10	Chris Young	March 28
Matthew Bolz	March 10	April Heitfeld	March 28
Kathy Phillips	March 11	Kurt Campbell	March 30
James Cooley	March 11		

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Round 2 vaccinations set for March 26

The Ponca Tribe and White Eagle Health Center have scheduled Round 2 of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for NOC Employees.

Round 2 vaccinations will be held Friday, March 26 in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa. Vaccinations will be provided from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Employees who received the Round 1 vaccination will be contacted to schedule their Round 2 vaccination. Employees are asked to bring their Photo ID and COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card that employees received after their Feb. 26 vaccination.




White Eagle Health Center staff vaccinated NOC employees Friday, March 3. Pictured (L-R): Yvonne Warrior, Kaycee Childs, Kimberlee Burgess, Dr. Cheryl Evans. (photo provided)

Alumni and Friends Reunion March 27

The NOC Alumni and Friends Reunion will be held Saturday, March 27 at the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa.

There will be five inductees this year, Risha Grant, Marta Sullivan, and Jonathan Kissinger from 2020 along with 2021 inductees Evelyn Coyle and Dr. Justin Funk.

The event will be held in person with Social Distancing rules applying.



Food Services

Cafeteria Menu for March 8th – 12th, 2021

Chicken Strip Basket Week!
Served Monday – Thursday nights in the cafeteria.

	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Dinner:</u>
Monday March 8th	Pork Loin Dirty Rice	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta BBQ Sausage
Tuesday March 9th	Beef and Broccoli Baked Ham	Taco Tuesday Baked Spaghetti
Wednesday March 10th	Chicken Pot Pie Philly Steak Sandwich	Chicken Fajita Fettuccini Bratwurst
Thursday March 11th	Pot Roast Taco Salad	BBQ Rib Sandwich Chicken Chimichanga
Friday March 12th	Baked Fish Salisbury Steak	Chef's Choice

Potato Soup @ Lunch

Menu subject to change

All meals served with the following: Vegetable, Starch, Bread (Dinner Roll, Breadstick, etc.), Salad Bar,* Sandwich Bar,* Pizza Bar, Assorted Desserts, Assorted Fountain Drinks, Kool-Aid and Tea (* = Vegetarian Option Available)

<u>Dining Hours, Monday - Friday:</u>		
Lunch:	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	\$8.50 (+ tax)
Dinner:	5:15 PM – 6:30 PM	\$8.50 (+ tax)
Friday Dinner:	4:45 PM – 5:45 PM	\$8.50 (+ tax)
Saturday:	Breakfast 9:00-9:30am / Lunch 12-12:30pm / Dinner 5:00-5:30pm	
Sunday:	Breakfast 9:00-9:30am / Lunch 12-12:30pm / No Dinner	

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NOC Calendar

March 6-12

March 6

Home Jets Baseball vs. North Central Missouri, noon
Home Jets Baseball vs. Northeast Nebraska, 7 p.m.
Away Mavs Softball vs. Pratt, noon
Away Mavs Softball vs. Frank Phillips at Pratt, 4 p.m.

March 7

Away Mavs Softball vs. Frank Phillips at Pratt, noon
Away Mavs Softball vs. Pratt, 4 p.m.

March 8

Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Seminole, 5:30 p.m.
Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NEO, 5:30 p.m.

March 9

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Jets Softball vs. Allen (KS), 2 p.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. Butler, 2 p.m.
Away Mavs Softball vs. Butler, 2 p.m.
Runner Girls, Wesley House, 4 p.m., Tonkawa
Renew at the BCM, BCM, 7 p.m., Tonkawa

March 10

ACT Prep Workshop, Briggs Auditorium, 8:30 a.m., Enid
Early Morning Prayer, BCM, 9 a.m., Tonkawa
Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Board of Regents Meeting, Renfro Center, 1 p.m., Tonkawa
BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

March 11

Home Mavs Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m.
Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 5:30 p.m.
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NOC Enid, 5:30 p.m.

March 12

Home Baseball vs. Texas Post Grad, 1 p.m.

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Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture, and society that is observed annually in the month of March. As part of our celebration of Women's History Month at NOC, the institutional diversity committee asked some familiar faces from NOC to share about a woman in their life who has inspired them.

The committee asked Dr. Cheryl Evans, NOC's first female president, to start off the celebration by sharing her thoughts regarding diversity and women in leadership.

What challenges did you encounter a decade ago as a woman taking on a role that had traditionally been held by a man?

"There were challenges, but I don't think it had anything to do with gender really. I think it's a different style of leadership that people maybe weren't accustomed to that was perhaps more collaborative. I don't mind taking a little more time to make some critical decisions and listening to different stakeholders, because everything is so interconnected and we try to avoid unintended consequences by thinking about repercussions for the entire institution instead of just one site or department. I think once everyone knows each other and adapts to a new style of leadership people worked well together

toward common goals to help students succeed."

Do you think that some of your leadership style came from the things you had done in the past before you reached this position?

"I was a non-traditional student when I completed my degree. I was thirty. My first job was as an adjunct faculty member then I became a faculty member and then I became a division chair. Not an unusual path, but maybe just the timing in my life. I kind of got the best of both worlds. I was a traditional college student and then I was a nontraditional college student and we owned a business in between. I think that does give you a different perspec-

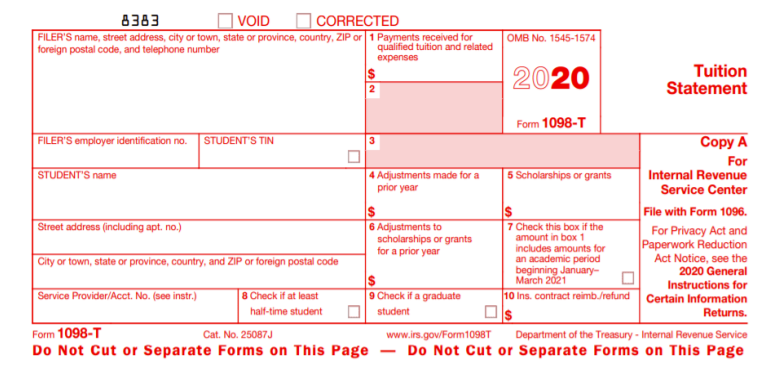



Dr. Cheryl Evans

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tive. I think it carries over into working with employees as well. Work is only one part of an individual's life. We want them to be happy and whole in all aspects of their life."

What techniques did you find most helpful in overcoming the challenges that came with serving as the president at NOC?

"The first thing I did was try to listen to everybody. I literally made appointments with every division and went around and sat down with employees from different groups. I kind of continued that out throughout my tenure here. About every other year I would do listening sessions and spend weeks scheduling and sitting down. I think hearing everybody, although we can't always do everything everybody wants, informs my decisions and gives me a better perspective of the institution."

What lessons would you like to share regarding breaking down barriers for women?

"I think mentoring is a really important way to help people who are different from you or other young women. It was kind of humbling and surprising when my retirement announcement was made that I heard from students and co-workers from nearly thirty years ago. These are people that you just helped by doing what you do and they sent really nice messages. I never saw myself in that role necessarily, but I know people helped me in that way as well."

Teachers make all the difference. I think in my life, even in high school my business teacher Loretta Sharp was one of mine. She was there at 6:30 every morning. I was working on extra-curricular activities and she would say "Come on up and help or do your work." As I was working with her, she wasn't afraid to say, "You can do better. Try again." Her input and investment in me raised my expectations of myself. I think just her positive reinforcement clicked with me. Not that I didn't get that other places, but the

first time it registered I think. You put in a little more effort and if you try a little harder, or even if you do it again that you'll be happier in the end. Role models are important. We need to strive to employ people who bring different experiences, talents, and perspectives. That's the only way we are going to get there. We just have to keep doing the next right thing and helping others. I've learned from my students over the years. They teach us as too. When you listen to them and the challenges they face, it will really open your eyes."

This month the diversity committee is asking individuals associated with NOC to share about a woman who inspires them. As a woman who has inspired many at NOC, we wanted you to begin our series. Tell us about a woman who has inspired you.

"I am just proud of the work that women do. There's a lot of women in leadership in division chairs and on executive council, sponsors of organizations and things like that. I strongly believe that you don't have to have a title to be a leader. You just need to inspire people to come with you to do the work that you are passionate about. A lot of women go unnoticed even when they are doing the work and they are leading, but they are doing what they believe in for all the right reasons."

"For me, I think it's the women close to me in all seasons of my life, they've weaved in and out of my world helping me. For example, the work ethic that was modeled by Loretta Sharp as I mentioned earlier. Women that I see volunteering in the community. I could literally have pages so I am really hesitant to name names. I have just been so fortunate that so many women have touched my life. I have many strong women in my family. Over the years, I've developed

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a close group of professional female friends who I might only get to interact with every month or so, but these women help each other whenever possible and I've appreciated them in my life too. Higher education is blessed with so many women making a difference at our institution and across the state. It is good to see more female presidents in Oklahoma now than ten years ago too. To be fair, I have had great role models in male leadership too. I know we

are talking about Women's History Month, but I think you take the good from everybody. And also, I learned from poor role models as well. You just keep your eyes open and look for the good and try to do good. Nobody is perfect. I'm not perfect. Anybody who has worked with me knows that, but I think you are motivated by trying to do what you believe is right with the resources and time that you have."

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