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# What's Happening

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## Donnie Jackson leaves Northern after eight years

Northern Oklahoma College Men's Basketball Coach Donnie Jackson resigned today accepting the same position at Cowley College in Arkansas City, Kansas.

Jackson, who just completed his 8th year at NOC served as an assistant four years at Cowley before coming to NOC in the 2013-14 season.

Jackson's teams were 183-69 in eight seasons and earned two trips to the NJCAA National Tournament. This past season, the Mavs won the OCAC Title and the Region 2 Tournament. They lost to eventual NJCAA National Champion Coffeyville (KS) in the Elite Eight.

"NOC and the Tonkawa community will always have a very special place in my heart,"

Jackson said. "I'm very appreciative of Dr. Evans giving me my first opportunity to be a head coach. I have developed many lifelong relationships with so many people. Words cannot express what everyone means to me."

"The last eight years of my life has been impacted by the family-oriented culture that NOC cultivates," he added. "It has been one heck of a run, and I'm very proud to have brought some great kids to Northern to experience the same culture that I have. There are many special shout-outs I'd like to give, but if I did that, I'd mention just about everyone. Thank you for allowing me to be your basketball coach. Once a Mav, always a Mav."

NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans said she is

appreciative of what Jackson brought to NOC. "Donnie built a successful program at NOC," she said. "I appreciate the past eight years that he invested in our players helping them succeed in their academic pursuit of a college degree in addition to a winning tradition on the court. Donnie is a great coach and will be missed by the Mavericks and their fans."

Dr. Evans sentiments were echoed by athletic director Alan Foster.

"Donnie will be missed at NOC," Foster said. "He has done a fantastic job his entire career but definitely highlighted by the last cumulating with National Tournament berths. Cowley is getting a good coach but a great person who will be an asset to their institution. I wish Don-

nie all the best and am grateful to have got to work with him. I am excited for him and his future."

Cowley College has made back-to-back appearances in the NJCAA Tournament reaching the finals in 2021.



Donnie Jackson

### *NOC adjunct listed in magazine*

Northern Oklahoma College Adjunct Instructor Daniel Sherron was named to the Oklahoma Magazine 40 Under 40 List for 2021.

The magazine annually honors 40 Oklahoma young professionals (under 40) to watch. Sherron, #30 on the list, was honored in the March 25, 2021 edition. He teaches in the Business Division at NOC.

According to the Oklahoma Magazine, Sher-

ron works diligently to protect the Ponca Tribe of Indians in his role as health services director. Overseeing all health programs for the tribe, Sherron manages the White Eagle Health Center, the Hope and Recovery Center, the Behavioral Health Program, and the Ponca Nation Wellness Center.

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**NOC Summer Hours  
begin Monday, May 17  
Mon. - Thur. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

# Sherron

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“Having the opportunity to make improvements and offer better standards of care, while challenging, is a passion,” he says. “In the past, Indian healthcare has been viewed as substandard and behind the status quo, but tribes across the state are stepping up and showing out that we can play a vital role in being community partners and not only improving the lives of our citizens, but those around us.”

Sherron was also a driving force in the White Eagle Health Clinic’s determination in providing COVID-19 Vaccinations for Ponca Tribe members. The vaccinations began for Ponca Tribe members on Dec. 17 and eventually included area educators at Northern Oklahoma College, along with Tonkawa, Blackwell, and Ponca City Schools.

Sherron stays busy off the clock; he’s an adjunct professor at both Northern Oklahoma College and Southwestern College, teaching business and humanities courses.

“Teaching is a passion of mine, and having Native American representation is critical with regard to faculty composition,” he says.

On top of that, Sherron volunteers with the Ponca City Lions and serves on the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission and the Ponca Enterprise Gaming Board. Sherron is father to six kids and enjoys coaching basketball, spending time with his wife and attending tribal events.



**Daniel Sherron**

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## NOC Calendar

*May 15 -21*

**May 16**

Home Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert in NJCAA Region 2 Tournament, 10 a.m.  
 Away Mavs Baseball vs. Western in NJCAA Region 2 Tournament, 7 p.m.

**May 17**

Begin Summer Hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Thursday)

**May 21**

No Classes/Offices Closed

For additional information, visit the following links: [NOC Calendar](#)





The NOC Sheep Center recently attended the Black and White Sheep Show and Sale. NOC consigned the Champion Dorset Wether, NOC 210051. He was sired by "Here Comes the Boom." He sold in the sale to Indiana for \$3200. The Wether is pictured with Makayla Donaldson and Sydni Case (holding the sheep) at the event. (photo provided)

## NOC May Birthdays



Ian Layne	May 17	Janet Jarvis	May 26
Linn Laughrey	May 21	Dianna Ditmore	May 29
T.L. Walker	May 21	Jena Kodesh	May 29
Kathy Hannah	May 24	Kalin Herren	May 29
Jeremy Cook	May 25	Claura Wilson	May 29



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# Day Camp

**3 DAYS  
ONE-ON-ONE COACHING**

**SESSION 1**

June 7-9, 2021

AGES 9-13

**SESSION 2**

June 10-12, 2021

AGES 14 AND UP

**COST**

**\$150 - FOR ALL 3 DAYS  
OR \$60 - PER DAY**

*Face Masks and Social Distancing Required*



### REGISTRATION

**Due no later than May 15  
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

This three-day judging camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members who are interested in improving their livestock evaluation skills, while receiving one-on-one oral reasons help with NOC's finest judges.

Register online: <https://www.noc.edu/about-noc/community/summer-camps/>

Contact Jennifer Bedwell, NOC Livestock Judging Coach  
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## NOC Board of Regents meet

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents met Wednesday at the Renfro Center in Tonkawa.

In the vice-president's update, Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson reported that as of Friday, May 7, NOC had no COVID-19 cases and no contact tracing on any of the three campuses.

Vice President for Community Relations & Development Sheri Snyder reported that a new Pandemic Plan update would be upcoming as the college transitions to a more normal Fall 2021. She said that summer activities are being scheduled with day camps and other activities.



**NOC Tonkawa student Taylor Downs was recognized by the Oklahoma Council of Two-Year College Presidents and the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges for the All-Oklahoma/USA Coca Cola Academic Team. Down is pictured with NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans.**

She added that announcements would be forthcoming on four NOC Foundation scholarships in the coming weeks.

Dr. Pam Stinson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, thanked the regents for attending the commencement exercises on May 1 at Enid and Tonkawa. She also submitted a list of instructors for the 2021-22 school year.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson said that college officials have been holding budget meetings in preparation for the new fiscal year budget.

Simpson added that NOC is receiving \$7.7 million in CARES funds, \$3.9 million for direct disbursement to NOC students.

President Dr. Cheryl Evans updated the regents on the Yatika Starr Fields mural in the Cultural Engagement Center at NOC Tonkawa. The mural is nearing completion with an event planned in June for the permanent exhibit. This project was made possible with a private donation from Hugh Pickens.

Dr. Evans also said that incoming president Dr. Clark Harris will be on campus May 20-21 to tour and visit as the presidential transition continues.

The regents approved the Residential Rental Properties, Facility Rental Fees, and Faculty Usage Fees for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Regents also approved the regents meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The Program Showcase for May was Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington who explained the college's new JRM system that allows the college to reach more potential students. He explained how the system sorts names from acquired lists for current high school students who wish to enroll concurrently and those attending college after high school.

The next BOR meeting is Wednesday, June 16 at NOC Tonkawa.

## Northern lifts mask mandate effective immediately and revises Pandemic Protocols

Northern Oklahoma College has updated the NOC Pandemic Plan effective immediately, according to school officials.

The college is lifting its mask policy mandate making masks no longer required, effective immediately. Exception: masks will be required in certain areas of health services. Although mask mandates for campus will no longer be in effect, community members may continue to voluntarily wear masks based on their own needs.

To continue campus safety, all NOC students, employees, and visitors are encouraged to maintain 3' social distancing, frequent hand-washing, and continued cleaning and disinfecting routines.

The revised plan has relaxed some of the prior protocols as the College's most recent weekly reports have shown zero positive cases, those in the college community who wish to be vaccinated have had opportunity to do so, and state restrictions along with CDC guidelines have been adjusted recently.

The institution is making these transitions for the summer semester in hopes of providing a 2021 fall semester that is much more like students have enjoyed at NOC in years prior to this pandemic.

NOC will continue to monitor guidelines recommended by the CDC for recommended safety protocols in the workplace and classroom

and adapt as needed as it has since March, 2020, but desires to provide a "normal college experience" next fall for students.

Beginning Monday, May 17, campus facilities will also begin to reopen to the public for rentals allowing non-college events back on campus, i.e., civic club meetings, reunions, weddings, day camps, banquets. Food service and catering options will not be available this summer for external events.

In addition, the Wellness Center in Tonkawa will be open to the members of the public with paid memberships, employees, and students from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday for the summer.

At the beginning of the Pandemic, NOC proactively froze all Wellness Center memberships when the center closed to the public and upon reopening, NOC will reactivate and extend existing memberships accounting for the time the facility was closed.

Summer camps will also once again be held on campus including the Girls' Basketball Camp and the Arts and Adventure Camp in Tonkawa. Those camps will be day camps, overnight camps will not occur this summer.

The updated NOC Pandemic Plan is available at <https://www.noc.edu/emergency/noc-pandemic-response-plan/>



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