

What's Happening

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NOC taking steps to reaccredit the nursing program

Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents dents and employees at these meetings," Dr. Nursing Division Chair, regarding the NOC Nursing Accreditation Self Study.

The document was created in advance of an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) visit scheduled for March 8-10 in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa. ACEN is the accrediting body that approves college nursing programs, and enables them to prepare registered nurses. Public comments on the nursing program may be made Wednesday, March 9, at 3 p.m. in the Renfro Center.

current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the president has the discretion to allow individuals to carry weapons on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it. The resolution strongly opposes any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses in Oklahoma.

Board members also heard a President Dr. Clark Harris regarding the Building a Better NOC Program at Wednesday's meeting in across the country. Tonkawa.

Dr. Harris has been holding meetings on all three campuses providing an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to provide suggestions to build a better college community.

"We have received good feedback from stu-

heard a presentation from Dr. Nikole Hicks, Harris said. "We will take these great ideas and through the Executive Council build a strategy going forward."

> Harris said that at the Tonkawa meeting, he asked faculty and staff that attended NOC or had family members attend NOC to stand up.

> "It was amazing, as 90% of the participants stood up," he said. "It just shows the investment that our faculty and staff have in NOC, as they are NOC. That is something we can build on for the future."

In administrator updates, Vice President for The board passed a resolution supporting the Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington reported that enrollment for Spring 2022 is up 5% over Spring 2021. He said the largest jump in enrollment is through the Gateway Program at Oklahoma State University.

> Diana Watkins, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported on successes for NOC students who are part of a rocket launch program as well as NOC Livestock Judging and Sheep Center students participating in events

> Vice President for Community Relations & Development Sheri Snyder reported the Renfro Lectureship Series featuring singer/song writer Jimmy Webb will be held March 8. She also reported the creation of a quarterly newsletter by the NOC Alumni & Community Relations Of-

Alumni Advisory Board that will be sent digitally to NOC alums.

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise reported that 91 high school students were at NOC Enid participating in the Northern Encounter program on Feb. 16. Northern Encounter provides high school students, parents, and school counselors an opportunity to see what NOC has to

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson reported that NOC's COVID-19 cases are tracking similar to state trends. He provided a report that showed that NOC has zero active COVID 19 cases. He added that NOC has had a total of 488 total positive cases for students and employees since the pandemic began and

fice developed through an intiative by the NOC reported that all 488 individuals have recovered.

Other board actions were as follows:

In other business, the board approved the 2022-23 Academic Calendar. The fall semester will begin Monday, Aug. 22 while the spring semester will start Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The regents also approved the financial report and monthly allocations for December and Jan-

During lunch, the regents heard a program showcase from Social Science Instructor Troy Cochran who leads the Criminal Justice program at NOC.

The next board of regent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 at NOC Stillwater in the Brown Conference Room at 1 p.m.

Sophomore transfer days scheduled

NOC Enid and NOC Tonkawa are hosting sophomore transfer days Feb. 23-24.

NOC Tonkawa is hosting on Wednesday, Feb. 23 inside Memorial Student Union from 9 a.m. noon.

NOC Enid is hosting on Thursday, Feb. 24

inside the Gantz Center from 9 a.m. – noon

Several universities including NWOSU, OSU, Tulsa University, SWOSU, OU, and UCO will be on hand to answer questions and help with the transfer process.



The following is the Jets Sports Calendar for February:

Feb. 19: Home Jets Softball vs. Barton (KS), 1 p.m.

Feb. 19: Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. NEO, 1 p.m.

Feb. 21: Home Jets Baseball vs. Butler (KS), noon

Feb. 21: Away Jets Softball vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan JV, 1 p.m.

Feb. 21: Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Eastern, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 22: Away Jets Softball vs. Neosho (KS), 1 p.m.

Feb. 24: Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Connors, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 25: Home Jets Softball vs. DMACC (IA),

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Feb. 26: Home Jets Softball vs. Kirkwood (IA), noon

Feb. 26: Home Jets Baseball vs. DMACC (A), 1 p.m.



The following is the Mavs Sports Calendar for February:

Feb. 20: Home Mavs Baseball vs. Pratt (KS),

Feb. 20: Away Mavs Softball vs. Carl Albert at Ponca City, noon

Feb. 21: Away Mavs Baseball vs. Vernon (TX) at USAO, 3 p.m.

Feb. 21: Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Murray, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 22: Away Mavs Softball vs. Cowley (KS), 1 p.m.

Feb. 24: Away Mavs Baseball vs. Rose, 3 p.m.

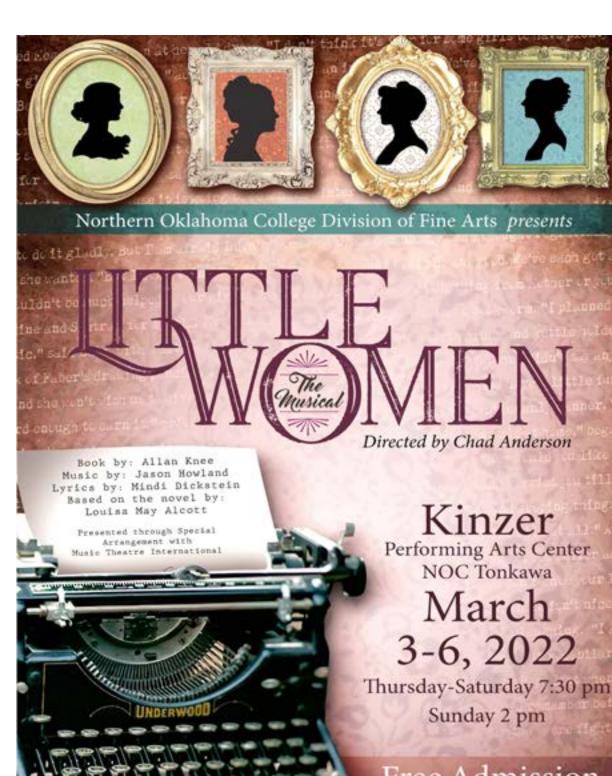
Feb. 25: Away Mavs Softball vs. Butler (KS) at Branson, MO, noon

Feb. 25: Away Mavs Softball vs. Seward (KS) at Branson, 4 p.m.

Feb. 26: Home Mavs Baseball vs. Rose, noon

Feb. 26: Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Redlands, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 27: Home Mavs Baseball vs. DMACC (IA), noon



Black History Month program set for NOC Enid on Saturday, Feb. 26

The NOC Diversity Committee is sponsoring a Black History Month Program Saturday, Feb. 26 in Enid.

The event will be held at Briggs Auditorium at 5 p.m., according to MaryAnn McCoy. McCoy said the Enid Community Choir will perform with Praise Dance Teams from area church-

Also, the 2022 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poetry and Essay Contest Winners will be featured. The NOC and Enid area communities are invited.

The program will be live streamed on the NOC website: https://www.noc.edu/atheletics/stream-ing/noc-events-streaming/



The NOC Competition Rocket Team "Quixote's Quest" playing with high-power rockets with the Tulsa Rocketry Club. Three of our members passed their Level 1 Certifications. Team members include Minda Sweet, Dr. Frankie Wood-Black (Team Mentor), Rachael Chatterji, Brien Wood (Tulsa Rocketry and Tripoli Mentor), Phillip PrairieChief, Timothy Edwards, and Megan Pickering (Not Pictured is Kaylyn Marr).

NOC Pre-Engineering students building rockets for 'Quixote's Quest'

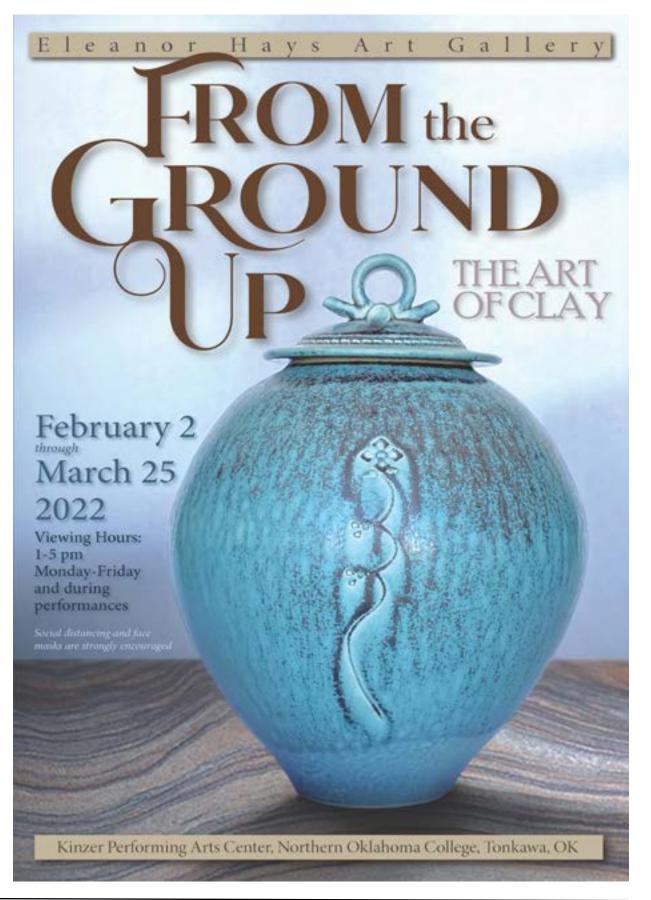
The rocket program has created a great deal of excitement within the Pre-Engineering Group at NOC.

The current NOC team consists of six members, two from each campus.

The team has four females, and two males, two of the students are Native American, three of the students are non-traditional, three are second year students and three are first year students. One of the students is not a pre-engineering major she is a biology major and is part of the Gateway Program. The team was able to participate with Tulsa Rocketry on February 13, and certified three rockets to the Level 1 Status, pictures and rocket launch videos can be found on the NOC Website.

The NOC team will be competing in April.

Team members include Minda Sweet, Dr. Frankie Wood-Black (Team Mentor), Rachael Chatterji, Brien Wood (Tulsa Rocketry and Tripoli Mentor), Phillip PrairieChief, Timothy Edwards, and Megan Pickering (Not Pictured is Kaylyn Marr).





Cam Malry earned the Jared Weiberg Memorial Scholarship presented by Mick and Vina Weiberg at Monday night's game against Connors. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

Cam Malray earns Weiberg scholarship

Cameron Malray was named recipient of the Malray and is an Athletic Training major from Jared Weiberg Endowed Scholarship for the Kansas City, MO. 2022-2023 academic year.

Basketball team whose qualities include a passion for basketball. Cameron is the 21st recipient of this award and will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship. He is the son of Ebony and Derrick Library-Administration building.

Presenting the scholarship certificate is Head The Jared Weiberg Endowed scholarship is Coach Brad Witherspoon, Vice President for presented to a member of the Maverick Men's Development and Community Relations; Sheri Snyder, President; Dr. Clark Harris, and Parstrong work ethic, loyalty, unselfishness, and a ents of Jared Weiberg; Mick and Vina. Cameron's name will be inscribed on the memorial plaque, which is displayed in the lobby of the



What's Next?

Are you graduating? Thinking of transferring?

Don't Miss

SOPHOMORE Transfer Day

Several universities will be present to answer questions and help with the transfer process!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Oklahoma State University University of Tulsa Southwestern Oklahoma State University The University of Oklahoma University of Central Oklahoma

THURSDAY February 24 9 - Noon **GANTZ CENTER**



ENID



David Owusu earned the Donald R. Hays Memorial Scholarship presented by Coach Brad Witherspoon, NOC President Dr. Clark Harris, Athletic Director Alan Foster and Vice President for Community Relations & Development. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

David Owusu earns Hays scholarship

David Owusu was named the Donald R. Hays Scholarship recipient for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The late Ms. Eleanor Hays established this scholarship is 1991 in memory of her husband, Mr. Donald R. Hays, who was a former basketball player at Northern (at the time it was called the University Preparatory School) and the University of Oklahoma.

Owusu will receive this scholarship award for

being a male basketball player who attained the highest-grade point average during his freshman year at Northern Oklahoma College. Owusu is a Business Administration major from Oklahoma City, OK.

Presenting the scholarship certificate is Dr. Clark Harris, NOC President and Mrs. Sheri Snyder, NOC Vice President of Develop and Community Relations. David is the son of Jennifer Owusu and is joined by Head Coach, Brad Witherspoon.

Life changing.

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WEDNESDAY
February 23
9 - Noon

MEMORIAL STUDENT UNION TONKAWA





Scholarship deadline February 20

Northern Oklahoma College is continuing to accept scholarship applications for Fall 2022.

Applicants applying for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship, the NOC/OSU Gateway Ambassadors Scholarship or the State Regents Academic Scholarship must apply by Feb. 20. Priority deadline for all other scholarships is Feb. 20 with scholarships awarded to qualified applicants on a first come, first serve basis until Aug. 25. To apply, simply apply for admission to NOC, apply for financial aid and then fill out the scholarship form at www.noc.edu/scholarships. https://www.noc.edu/assets/uploads/

sites/740/2020/12/NOC-Scholarship-Application-12-11-2020.pdf

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



Life changing.

February NOC Birthdays



Mackenzie Palmer Feb. 18 Cooper Battisti Feb. 20 Audra Biggs Feb. 23 Jeremy Hise Feb. 24 Jimmy Dickinson Feb. 24



Divestock Judging Contest BEEF | SHEEP | SWINE



APRIL 2, 2022

\$25 Per Team
\$5 Per Individual

NOC Tonkawa AG BARN / Check in Starts at 8 am / Junior and Senior Divisions



Contact Jennifer Bedwell 580.628.6293 | jennifer.bedwell@noc.edu

Social Distancing and Face Masks are Strongly Encouraged.



NOC faculty, staff, and students attended OSRHE Higher Education Day on Tuesday (photo provided)

NOC attends **OSRHE** Higher Ed Day

Students, faculty, and staff from NOC and other Oklahoma's state system institutions gathered at the State Capitol today to demonstrate the value and importance of higher education in the state.

Speakers included Gov. Kevin Stitt, Sec. Ryan Walters, Speaker Charles McCall, Sen. Roger Thompson, Rep. Kevin Wallace, Sen. Adam Pugh, State Regents chair Jeffrey W. Hickman, and Chancellor Allison D. Garrett.

"Students, faculty and staff from Oklahoma's public colleges and universities came together today at our State Capitol to highlight the value of a college degree," said Garrett. "Among our state's critical occupations, 47 of the top 50 highest paying jobs require a college degree. U.S. Census Bureau data show that individuals with an associate degree earn almost \$1,000 more per month than those with just a high school diploma, and individuals with a bachelor's degree earn over \$2,000 more per month than high school graduates. Public higher education is critical to strengthening Oklahoma's economy and building our workforce, and must be a top state priority."

Four students also shared how pursuing a degree at an Oklahoma public college or university has positively impacted their lives.

For FY23, the State Regents are requesting \$40 million for critical workforce development initiatives, including funds to help meet engineering, nursing and teacher education workforce needs, increase physician residency capacity in the state, fund pre-collegiate STEM Summer Academies and provide scholarships for adult students returning to complete their college degree or earn an industry-recognized micro-credential or certificate. Other priorities include requests to fully fund the concurrent enrollment program for high school seniors and juniors (\$4 million), increase investments in need-based financial aid and scholarship programs (\$6.85 million), and provide additional funding for system operations (\$34.3 million), which will support campus operations and infrastructure; promote collaboration, innovation and efficiency initiatives among institutions; and strengthen the quality and experience of online education.

Another priority for the state system of higher education in the upcoming legislative session will be to maintain the current law regarding weapons on higher education campuses. Okla-

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Olunteer INCOMETAX Assistance

FEBRUARY 3-APRIL 14 2022*

THURSDAYS 4-8 PM by appointment only



Cultural Engagement Center

Vineyard Library-Administration Building NOC Tonkawa

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Certified tax preparers provided by Northern Oklahoma College Business Division

Income limit of \$58,000

[*closed March 14-18 and for inclement weather]

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- Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse and dependents
- W-2 forms
- 1099 forms
- Receipts for childcare costs, education expenses and other deductions
- Checking account and routing number for refund
- 1095-A or healthcare coverage or exemption

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homa higher education supports the Second by the Southern Regional Education Board as Amendment and gun ownership. Under current law, campus presidents can authorize who may carry weapons on campus. The State Regents and the presidents of all 25 state system institutions strongly believe that the current law with regard to weapons on campus is working. The State Regents will also continue efforts to

preserve the dedicated funding source for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship. Recognized

one of the top promise scholarship programs in the nation, Oklahoma's Promise is considered a national model that combines emphases on academic preparation and financial support for college. Approximately 15,000 students are expected to receive the scholarship in college during this academic year. For more information about Oklahoma's Promise or to apply online, visit www.okpromise.org.

Jimmy Web concert set for March 8

Grammy award winning songwriter Jimmy Webb will be appearing at Northern Oklahoma of the NOC Renfro Lectureship Series.

2020 but was postponed.

honored.

The event is sponsored by the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program and Northern Oklahoma College. Webb will appear in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

Webb, known as America's Songwriter and native to Oklahoma, has written songs that transcend generations and genres including Wichita Lineman, MacArthur Park, By the Time I Get istration Building, NOC Tonkawa. to Phoenix, and Didn't We.

During this "Evening with Jimmy Webb," guests will hear this multi-Grammy Award winner's songs and experience his insightful and often humorous stories about his work with Glen Campbell, Frank Sinatra, Linda Ronstadt (Still Within the Sound of My Voice), Art Garfunkel (All I Know), The Fifth Dimension (Up, Up and Away), The Highwaymen (The Highwayman), Kanye West (Famous, features Webb's Do What

You Gotta Do), and more.

Webb is the author of the memoir. The Cake College Tonkawa on Tuesday, March 8 as part and the Rain, and the "bible" of songwriting, Tunesmith: The Art of Songwriting. In 2019 The event was originally scheduled for April Webb released a piano-only CD, "SlipCover", featuring some of his favorite songs from his Tickets already purchased for the event will be contemporaries; Billy Joel, Paul Simon, The Rolling Stones and more.

Individual tickets may be purchased for seating in the upper section of the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at a cost of \$20 each. The tickets are non-refundable.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling 580.628.6214 or in person at the NOC Development Office, Vineyard Library-Admin-

Former Oklahoma State Regent Carl Renfro and the late Carolyn Renfro established the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program with a gift in 2006. The primary purpose of the endowment is to provide support to cultivate and enhance the cultural and community enrichment offerings in northern Oklahoma to include lecture and performance series at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa and in the Ponca City area.



FEBRUARY

9	Wednesday Archery Tag – East Gym - 7-9 pm
12	Saturday Home Bedlam Basketball vs. NOC Enid - 6 pm, 8 pm
16	Wednesday Bingo for Food – East Gym – 7:30 pm
28	Monday Inflatable Putt Putt – East Gym – 4-8 pm

MARCH

2-5	Wednesday-Saturday NJCAA Basketball Region Tournament
7	Monday Video Game Trailer – Circle Drive – 6–8 pm
14 -18	Spring Break
22	Tuesday Hypnotist - KPAC - 7 pm
30	Wednesday OKC Thunder vs. Atlantic Hawks - Tickets \$10
	(Limited number of tickets available. See Renna in Student Affairs)

APRIL

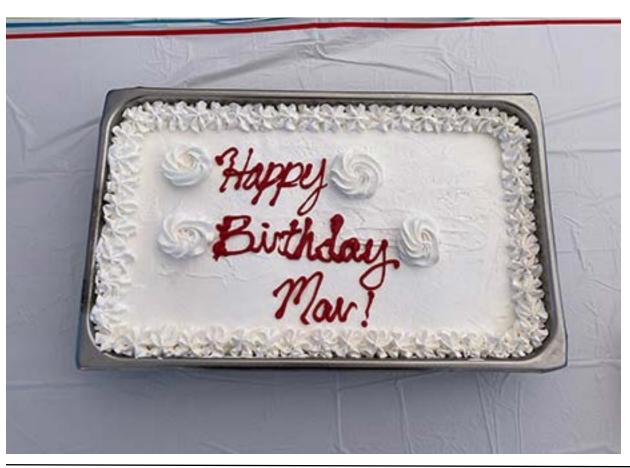
4	Monday Bingo for Food – East Gym – 7:30 pm
10	Monday Extreme Animal Petting Zoo – Gazebo Area – 10 am – Noon
13	Wednesday Jase Holtom Concert - Circle Drive/Outside Science
18	Monday Easter Egg Hunt – Meet at Gazebo (outside Student Union) – 6:30 pm
25	Monday Paint Night - 6:30 pm East Gym
	Sign up in Student Affairs Office by April 15

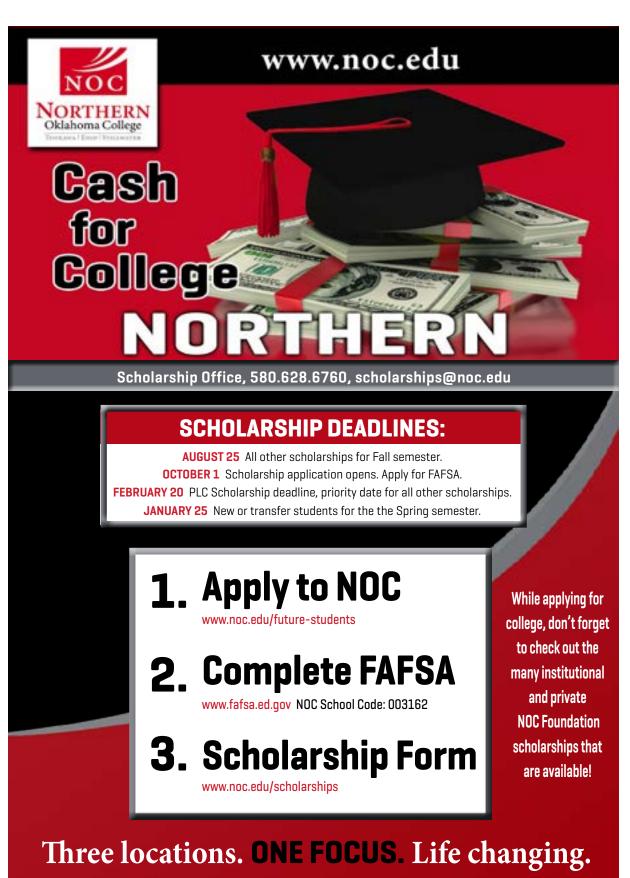
Monday | Food for Finals

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE 580,628,6240



"Mav" celebrated his 1st Birthday on Monday with a birthday cake. Students had a chance to meet the NOC Tonkawa mascot near the clocktower.





NOC Calendar

Feb. 19 - Feb. 25

February 19

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February 22

Free Student Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Away Jets Softball vs. Neosho (KS), 1 p.m. Away Mavs Softball vs. Cowley (KS), 1 p.m. Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m.

February 23

NOC Tonkawa Sophomore Transfer Day, Student Union, 9 a.m. - noon, Tonkawa Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Free Lunch, Gantz Center (James Room), 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m.

February 24

NOC Enid Sophomore Transfer Day, Gantz Center, 9 a.m. - noon Away Mavs Baseball vs. Rose, 2 p.m. Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Connors, 5:30 p.m.

February 25

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Daisy award nominations accepted

lege will be honored April 30 with The DAISY is an honor to partner with the DAISY Founda-Award® for Extraordinary Nursing faculty.

The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's ty – past, present, and future." mission to express gratitude to nurses with programs that recognize them for the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care they provide patients and families.

Nursing faculty may be nominated by colleagues, peers, patients, families, or alumni. The award recipients are chosen by a committee at NOC to receive The DAISY Award which will be presented once year at the Pinning Ceremony at NOC Enid on April 30.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "NOC's nursing faculty work tirelessly to ensure future nurses have a strong foundation

Nursing faculty at Northern Oklahoma Col- to provide nursing care for our communities. It tion to recognize our exceptional nursing facul-

> The DAISY Foundation expanded its' flagship brand The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses to Academic Institutions in order to recognize the faculty who inspire compassionate care in their students and the students who demonstrate it during their education.

> Each Honoree receives a certificate, a DAI-SY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

Nominations can be made at www.noc.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF UPCOMING ACCREDITATION REVIEW VISIT BY THE **ACEN**

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Nursing wishes to announce that it will host a site visit for continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree Nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

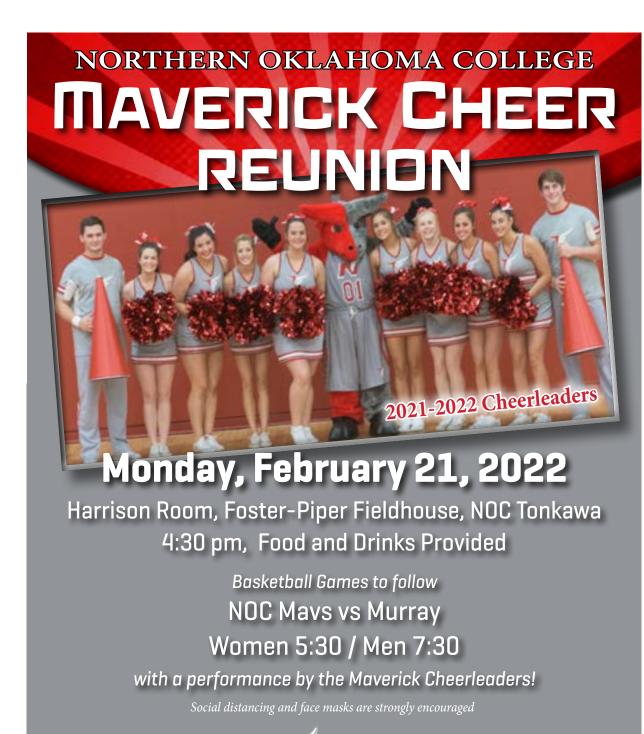
You are invited to meet with the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 9, in the Renfro Center located at 1409 E Grand, Tonkawa, OK 74653.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing 3390 Peachtree Road Northeast, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326

Or email: mstoll@acenursing.org

All written comments should be received by the ACEN by February 22, 2022*.



To RSVP or for more information, email
Mackenzie Palmer, Cheer Coach: mackenzie.palmer@noc.edu



BEHIND ON RENT AND UTILITIES?

WE CAN HELP YOU PAY YOUR RENT AND UTILITIES

Community Cares Partners is a public-private resource center that distributes Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) allocated by the State of Oklahoma, City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, and Cleveland County to help our neighbors maintain housing stability.

YOU COULD QUALIFY IF YOU:

Have lost your job or income due to COVID-19 on or after March 13, 2020 -AND-

2 Live in Oklahoma and are behind on your rent and/or utility bills

If anyone has lost any form of income due to the pandemic, we encourage you to apply for help with rent or bills through RSVP. CCP has the funds to help pay almost all bills owed if you have been affected by COVID in any way.

It is super easy, so long as we have the below information ready to go!

- Photo ID
- Utiliy Bills (Water, Gas, Electric Bill)
- Landlord contact info: phone, address and email address
- Receipt of last payment for rent

Additional documents to bring if you have them but are not required to apply

- Social security number
- Tax return from 2020 or statement of income for SSI or Disability
- Updated Lease agreement
- COVID-impact letter (i.e. letter from doctor or hospital, old employer etc.)



