

NOC Enid, NWOSU partnering for fast track elementary degree

State of Oklahoma so the Enid campuses for Northwestern Oklahoma State University and NOC. Northern Oklahoma College are partnering to do something about it.

A fast-track course of study for completion of the elementary education degree has been developed for the students at these two institutions of higher learning to meet the specific needs of our Enid area community. This program will allow Enid campus students to earn an associate's degree and a bachelor's degree in three and a half years, enabling them to be in the classroom and teaching more quickly than they could through traditional programs.

"A student needs to enter this program at the very beginning of the coursework to benefit from the fast-track initiative," said Dr. Christee Jenlink, associate dean of education and professor of education at Northwestern, adding that students will be taking courses simultaneously at Northwestern-Enid and NOC-Enid.

"As Oklahoma is facing a teacher shortage, this program allows students to obtain their degrees faster while still receiving the same great quality education for which Northern and Northwest-

There continues to be a teacher shortage in the ern are known," said Tiffany Meacham, Enid academic adviser for elementary education at school.

> The fast-track program will meet current standards for educator preparation so that completers have the knowledge and skills necessary to become highly effective educators who are ready to support the learning needs of Oklahoma's students.

> Jenlink noted that as a state requirement, the students will continue to complete their student

teaching assignments in their final semester of at the NOC Enid campus in Montgomery Hall

"We are very excited about this partnership," said Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president at Northwestern. "We feel this gives opportunities in Enid for teacher candidates to participate in innovative programs while meeting the education needs in northwest Oklahoma and the state."

Northwestern and NOC will be having advisement sessions regarding this fast-track program

and in the lobby of the Zollars Building from 8 a.m. to noon on March 28-29 and April 18-19. To learn more about this program, contact Mr. Jeremy Hise, vice president at NOC Enid, at (580) 548-2393 or jeremy.hise@noc.edu; or Dr. Josh Hawkins, assistant professor of education at Northwestern-Enid, at (580) 213-3182 or jlhawkins@nwosu.edu.

Northwest Oklahoma Early Childhood Coaliation to host Super Hero Saturday at North Meadowlake Park April 9

The Northwest Oklahoma Early Childhood Coalition is hosting a FREE Family Fun Event on Saturday, April 9, 2022 beginning at 9 a.m. and ending with a free lunch from 11 a.m. noon.

This celebration caps off the "Week of the Young Child," which is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

"The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs," said Cheila Armour, CDSA Early Childhood Coordinator.

The fun begins at 9 a.m. with free Putt-Putt, Paddle Boats, games, and fun activities for the whole family.

Theresa Sharp, Chair of the Coalition, said, "This is a great way for families to spend quality time together. We will be giving out health related information goodie bags and providing healthy activities for all. Parents will be able to learn about job possibilities, career advice and

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continuing education and scholarship opportunities from NOC, NWOSU, Autry Technology and other institutions, agencies and businesses. Together, we hope to solve problems, breakdown barriers and create opportunities for the entire family."

Superheroes scheduled to appear: Batman, Wonder Woman, Captain America, Sparky, Captain Super Tooth and many more. Kids are encouraged to wear their favorite Superhero costume.

In addition to the all the activities, the Enid Fire Department will have their firetruck on site along with Sparky and Batman will be appearing with the Enid Police along with their S.W.A.T. vehicle. Several agencies will be there sharing information and providing giveaways, games and much more.

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For more information regarding this event contact Chelia Armour, Early Childhood Coalition at (580) 242-6131 or email cheila.armour@cdsaok.org





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Daisy nominations due April 1

Nursing faculty at Northern Oklahoma College will soon be honored with The DAISY Award[®] for Extraordinary Nursing faculty.

Nominations are due April 1. They may be made at the following link <u>https://www.noc.</u> <u>edu/academics/academic-divisions/nurs-</u> <u>ing-division/daisy-award/</u>

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.

The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe. mission to express gratitude to nurses with pro-

grams that recognize them for the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care they provide patients and families.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "NOC's nursing faculty work tirelessly to ensure future nurses have a strong foundation to provide nursing care for our communities. It is an honor to partner with the DAISY Foundation to recognize our exceptional nursing faculty – past, present, and future."

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.



The following is the Jets Sports Calendar through April 13:

March 24: Home Softball vs. UA Rich Mountain (AR), 2 p.m.

March 26: Away Softball vs. Western, 2 p.m. March 29: Away Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 1 p.m.

March 31: Home Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m. March 31: Away Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m. April 2: Away Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m. April 2: Away Softball vs. Rose, 2 p.m.

April 5: Away Baseball vs. Butler, 1 p.m.

April 5: Away Softball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 2 p.m.

April 7: Away Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1 p.m.

April 9: Home Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa 1 p.m.

April 9: Away Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m. April 12: Home Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 1 p.m.



March 23

BCM Student Lunch, Gantz Center (James Room), 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Board of Regents Meeting, 1 p.m., Stillwater BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m.

March 30

BCM Student Lunch, Gantz Center (James Room), 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m.

April 6 BCM Student Lunch, Gantz Center (James Room), 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: <u>NOC Calendar</u>

Superheroes to appear:

Captain America, Wonder Woman, Batman, Captain Super Tooth, Sparky and many more.

We encourage kids to dress as their favorite Superhero.

SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2022 9AM - NOON ORTH MEADOWLAKE PARK

Free Lunch from 11 AM – NOON Provided by United Way of Northwest Oklahoma and Salvation Army

NW Oklahoma Early Childhood Coalition presents

Week of the Young Child

Fun Family Event with continuing Education/Career Fair for parents and health resource packets and activities for the kids.

Free Putt-Putt Golf © Free Paddle Boats •• Free Ice Cream • Free Petting Zoo Face Painting • Enid Fire Truck © Enid SWAT Vehicle



Jets softball update....

The NOC Enid Jets Softball team is 10-16 on the season for 2022. The Jets are 2-6 in conference play. NOC Enid is home on Thursday, March 24, against UA Rich Mountain at 2 p.m. at Failing Field.

Jets baseball update....

The NOC Enid Jets are 7-18 close to halfway through the 2022 season.

The Jets are 3-5 in conference play.

NOC Enid will be at home next on Thursday, March 31, against Murray State at 2 p.m. at David Allen Memorial Ballpark.

Jets-Mavs matchups in April

NOC Enid baseball and softball will be facing NOC Tonkawa in April. Jets' Baseball travels to Tonkawa on Thursday, April 7 and then hosts the Mavs on April 9. Jets' Softball travels to Tonkawa on Tuesday, April 5, and then hosts the Mavs on April 21.



Coach Hill talks to her Jet squad.



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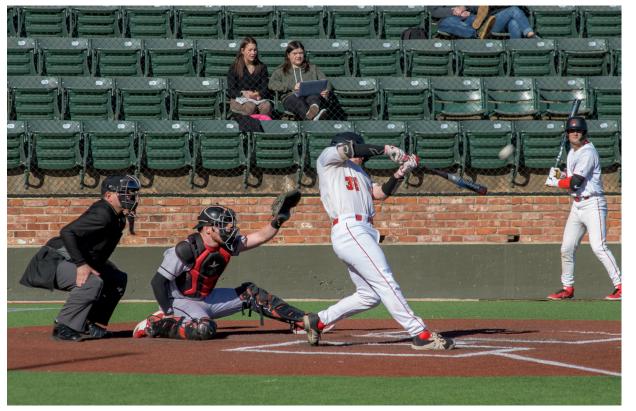
October 1 - FAFSA application opens December 1 - Priority deadline for State of Oklahoma (OTAG) June 30 - FAFSA application closes



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Blake Scott takes a healthy cut in Jets' action.



Jets' softball celebrates a run scoring play.



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