

What's Happening

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## Kreger, Vaughn inducted into Alumni Hall of Fame

Joe Kreger and Dr. Tara Tucker Vaughn were nize you for your service as a registered nurse, inducted into the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Saturday at Harris added. the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Dr. Clark Harris.

"I am so honored to be included in the alumni hall of fame," Kreger said in his acceptance speech. "When I got the call, I was surprised. It was unexpected for sure but definitely appreciated."

"NOC has played such a role in my entire ed to incoming freshman Jordan Nelson. family all the way back to the days when NOC was known as the UPS (University Preparatory School)," he said. "As great as NOC has always been, it will continue to prosper in the future."

In her induction speech, Dr. Vaughn said, "I so appreciate this honor," she said. "It makes me realize that I could never have done this alone. The support NOC gave me in those days was invaluable. I learned how to study, I learned how to be better organized, and so many other things."

"NOC has been my foundation," she added. Dr. Harris commented on the two inductees.

"Mr. Kreger, we are honored to recognize you this evening. Your accomplishments in agriculture and in the cattle industry are impressive. It is great that NOC can claim the Poet Laureate of Oklahoma," he said.

"Dr. Vaughn, Northern is honored to recog-

as well as your service in the Army Reserve,"

"I love to see that NOC grads, as both as you The inductions were made by NOC President have done by giving back as college educators. That is truly paying it forward. We are honored that you chose Northern and we are proud of the excellence you bring to your professions. You are bringing our mission to be Life Changing to the world."

The NOC Legacy Scholarship was also award-

The NOC Alumni Legacy Scholarship has been established through the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Through the generous support of alumni and donors, such as each of you here this evening, the endowed scholarship will provide students an opportunity to pursue their educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College on the Tonkawa, Enid or Stillwater campus.

This scholarship will benefit a current student who has a parent or grandparent that is a Northern graduate. We are thrilled to be able to award this year's scholarship to Jordan Nelson. Nelson is an incoming freshman on the Tonkawa campus. Her ultimate goal is to pursue a career in physical therapy. She is the granddaughter of Lee Tayrien, a1976 graduate of Northern earning an associate degree of Applied Science. Kreger (Class of 1959), a native of Tonkawa,



Dr. Tara Vaughn and Joe Kreger

received his Associate of Science degree from State University in 1961. Northern Oklahoma College in 1959 and his Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma

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#### Alumni

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From 1965 to 1968, Kreger taught Agriculture courses at NOC and served as department chair. During this time, he pursued graduate Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler work at OSU in Agricultural Education.

He worked for Continental Oil and Kreger ranching.

At age 56, he began writing poetry born of life Army Reserve. experiences. Often referred to as "Cowboy Poetry," his works were distributed across the area.

In 1988 Joe was appointed "Poet Laureate of Oklahoma" by Governor Frank Keating. Then, in 2021, Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Joe to the Laureate position once more, making him the first poet to have received this appointment twice.

Kreger was introduced by NOC Biological Science Instructor Dr. Kurt Campbell.

Tonkawa High School, Tara earned her Associate Degree in Business Administration from Northern Oklahoma College in 1989.

She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing at the University of Central Oklahoma and earned a Master of Public Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Vaughn has practiced as a registered nurse lations. for over 20 years and has served in the U.S. Army Reserve for over 28 years. Shortly after vices.

joining the Army Reserve in 1993, she attended nursing school, eventually earning her PhD in in 2019. Dr. Vaughn currently serves as a registered nurse at the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care. She is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the

> Vaughn's mother, Marion Tucker, served as a Vice President for Information Technology at Northern Oklahoma College from 1980-2008.

> Vaughn was introduced by Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Community Relations & Development. A video message from Nominee Faculty Emeritus Pat Hullet was also presented.

Alums from 1970-1972 were honored. They included Mark Humphries (1970), David Kahl (1970), Neil McConaghy (1970), Terry Pedigo Dr. Vaughn (Class of 1989), a graduate of (1970), Dennis Williams (1971), Melanie Williams (1972), and Peggy Thomas (1972).

> Miss NOC Tonkawa, Emma Valgora, sang the National Anthem while Mia Claire Jones, Miss NOC Enid, provided the invocation. Servers included President's Leadership Council students and NOC Lady Mavs basketball players.

The event was coordinated by Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Re-

Catering was provided by Aladdin Food Ser-

## Roustabouts Benefit Show April 2

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Fine Arts presents the Roustabout Benefit Show Saturday, April 2.

Showtime is at the Kinzer Performing Arts Dixon. Center at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. The Roustabouts are under the direction of NOC Fine Arts Division Chair Dr. Edward





Jordan Nelson received the NOC Alumni Legacy Scholarship at Saturday's NOC Alumni & Friends Reunion. Nelson is pictured with Dr. Jill Green, NOC Director of Development and Donor Relations. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College).

## Mobile Wellness Clinic coming to NOC Enid on April 14

Northern Oklahoma College Enid is hosting a Oklahoma State Health Department Mobile Wellness Center on Tuesday, April 14.

The center, located west of Briggs Auditorium, will be on campus from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Blair Coughlan, BS, CHES® | Health Educator III for Garfield, Kingfisher, and Logan Counties is operating the facility.

Services provided include Immunizations, Pregnancy Testing, STD testing, Dental Flouride (6 years and older), Blood Pressure Checks, BMI Evaluator, WIC, TB Testing, and Printing Shot Records.



# Divestock Judging Contest BEEF | SHEEP | SWINE



## APRIL 2, 2022

\$25 Per Team \$5 Per Individual No Personal Checks Accepted

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.







Dr. Clark Harris and Ashton Linton

## NOC students honored at OACC event at the State Capitol

Two Northern Oklahoma College students the All-USA Academic Team Program. The were among students named to the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC) 2022 All Oklahoma Academic Team.

Also, one NOC student received an OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award.

March 29 ceremony, held at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Students recognized were Ashton Linton, Tonkawa, and Abriana Suprebo, Ponca City.

The All-Oklahoma Academic Team Program provides statewide recognition to outstanding two-year college students. To be eligible, students must be nominated by their college president, eligible to graduate during the 2022 academic year and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 on all college-level coursework completed in the past five years.

Oklahoma is one of 39 states participating in per semester.

State Academic Teams were introduced in 1994 as a way to provide scholastic recognition to community college students, while promoting excellence at two-year colleges.

OACC is the organization of Oklahoma's 14 NOC students were recognized during a two-year colleges. Formed to advocate for the two-year college system as a powerful resource for economic and educational development, OACC also works to build awareness of community colleges as an excellent resource for students of all ages, at all stages of their careers.

> Also, NOC student Matthew Davis, Blackwell, was a recipient of the OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award. This \$1,000 tuition waiver award goes to deserving students selected for their outstanding academic achievement, their record in the classroom and leadership ability. The waiver may be applied to tuition for the upcoming 2022-23 academic school year at \$500



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#### Student Nurses Association at NOC Tonkawa F U N D R A I S E R



### Limited Spots Available, Reverve Early!

Tonkawa Residents:

(Limited delivery to surrounding areas also available.)

Order candy-filled eggs to be delivered to your doorstep on ORFriday, April 15

Order eggs to be hidden throughout your yard the night before Easter on Saturday, April 16.

### order deadline: Friday, April 8 75 Eggs-\$50 25 Eggs-\$20 50 Eggs-\$40 Orders can be placed by email: SNA.tonkawa@noc.edu Please include buyer's name, delivery address, phone number and amount of eggs to be delivered with your email order. Payment by cash or check can be dropped off or mailed to: Renfro Center, 1409 E. Grand, Box 310, Tonkawa, OK 74653 Please make checks payable to: SNA-NOC Tonkawa All proceeds will go to the Student Nurses Association at NOC Tonkawa.

## **Enid Planetarium Show April 6**

The Mackie Planetarium on the NOC Enid and visitors will take a tour of the solar system campus will present our next show on Wednesday evening, April 6, at 7 p.m.

the night sky over Enid and show prominent constellations in the early evening sky during March and April.

Osell will show visitors how they can find a star factory in the constellation Orion. He will also show how to find some clusters of young stars and clusters of very old stars that formed 13 billion years ago shortly after the creation of Universe.

He said they can dim the sun and show the planets near the sun in our afternoon sky. Visitors will be able to see which zodiac constellation the sun and planets are visiting this month

from Mercury to Pluto.

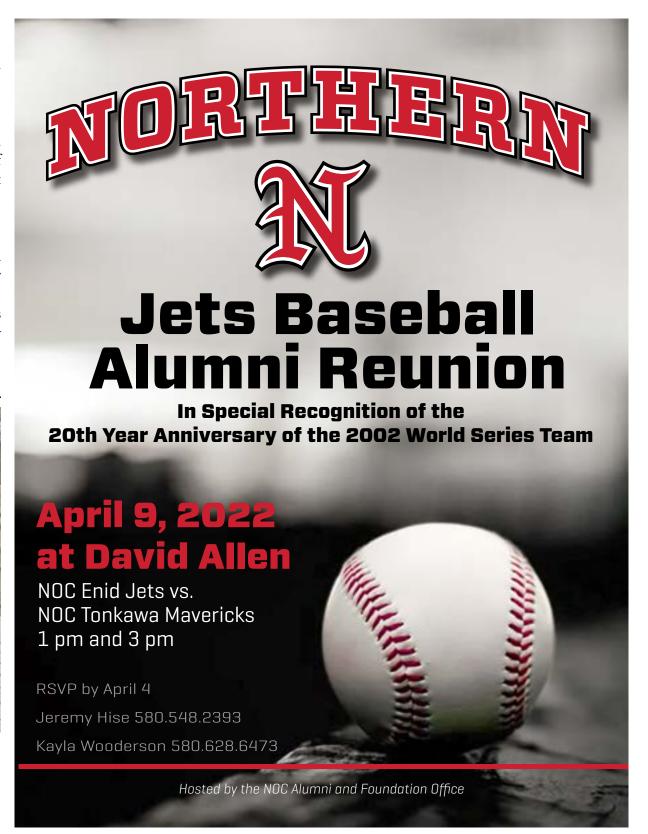
Osell will introduce a system called Slooh. Planetarium Director Fritz Osell will present Slooh enables anyone of any age to access research telescopes in the Canary Islands and in Chile. It will show some stunning images of galaxies, star clusters, planets and the sun that anyone may obtain from home using these tele-

> Osell will show examples of educational projects conducted using the Slooh system and show a curriculum guide for this system for K-16.

> There is no charge for the show but donations of non-perishable food items for Our Daily Bread will be accepted.



Enjoy some breakfast provided by the NWOSU Enid Campus! Representatives will be there to discuss the Bridge Program with NOC Enid students and continuing your education after your associate's degree.



## **NOC Mass Communication students** earn awards at Broadcast Education Day

NOC Mass Communication students attended the OAB/OBEA (Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters/Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association) Student Day on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Students were treated to a career fair, luncheon & awards Presentation, and then attended a session on "9 Ways To Power Up Your Writing", presented by Poynter Institute lecturer/instructor Al Tompkins.

NOC student Cierra Mardis (Enid) placed 1st in the Radio- Public Service Announcement category for her "Type 1 Diabetes" entry and Seth Martin (Tonkawa) placed 3rd in the Radio- Public Service Announcement category for "Child Obesity" entry.

Mass Communication students from colleges and universities across Oklahoma enter this annual competition and only the top 3 entries receive awards. Northern Oklahoma College



Sierra Mardis

has been a member of the OBEA since the organization was established in 1988.

## Career Fair in Tonkawa April 13

NOC students that are graduating and looking for a job to begin their careers or gain an internship for hands-on experience may attend the NOC Career Fair April 13 at the Cultural Engagement Center in the Vineyard Library/ Administration Building.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

recommended for this event, everyone is welcome. For assistance with a resume' or more in-Kathleen Swain at 580.628.6258 or Kathleen.

swain@noc.edu . to schedule a time to meet in person or via Zoom.

The following is a list of some of the potential employers registered to attend the NOC Job Fair: Ark City Police Department, Blackwell Police Department, Continental Carbon, Enel Numerous local employers will be on the - North America, Custom Mechanical Equip-Tonkawa campus to meet with students from ment, Farm Credit of Enid, Gateway First Bank, Grand Lake Mental Health, Oklahoma Depart-Although resumes and professional attire are ment of Human Services, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, OneOK, Phillips 66, Ponca City Police Department, Rock & Brews Casino – Braman, formation about the Career Fair please contact Seaboard Foods, Tonkawa Gaming, and TPI



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

#### MARCH

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

#### **APRIL**

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

Monday | Food for Finals

## March is Women History Month

#### Dr. Shaen McMurtrie and Dr. Mary Ann McCov

In 1987, Congress designated March as Women's History Month to celebrate women's contributions to history, culture, and society. However, Women's History Month had it's beginning in 1980 when President Jimmie Carter established National Women's History Week. In his speech President Carter stated:

From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this Nation. Too often, the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength, and love country and Europe. Some of her works include: of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well. (https://www.ajc.com/news/jimmy-carter-contributions-women-history-month)

This year, the Northern Oklahoma College Diversity Committee would like to highlight six notable women from Enid, Oklahoma, in NOC-Enid. celebration of Women's History Month. The first three are currently here in Enid in various capacities. Two of which attended NOC. The last three are more well-known on a national level and although two are not currently living in Enid, all three were all born in Enid. Highlighting these six women gives something of a flair towards: "look what you can achieve from

little ole' Enid".

Johnetta Washington, an African American, an Alumni of NOC, and currently the HR Director of FedEx.

Angeilka Bajo, a Marshallese, an Alumni of NOC, and currently works for the Health Department.

Irene Asai Clem is a member of the Garfield County Bar Associate and currently voluntarily assigned as Assistant District Attorney.

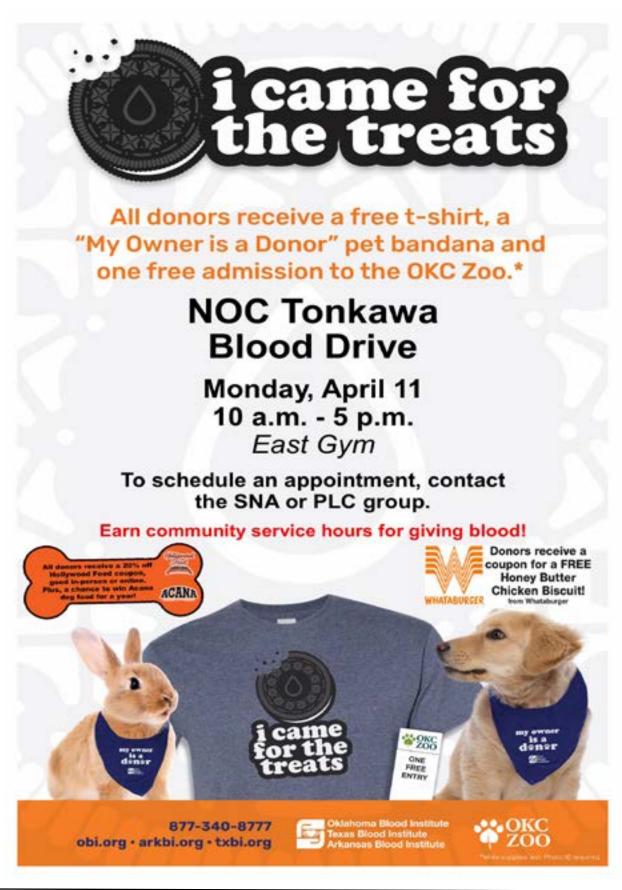
Charlotte Declue, Native American (Osage) and a Native American Author. Declue's poetry is marked by skillful use of the conversational idiom and trenchant wit. Her poems have appeared in numerous literary journals in this Ten Good Horses and Without Warning.

Carol Hamilton, Poet, Teacher, Children's Writer, b. 1935 in Enid, Oklahoma. She was the Poet Laureate of the state of Oklahoma from 1995 to 1997. Also of note, she received her BS degree from Phillips University, now the cite of

Leona Mitchell, is of African-American and Chickasaw descent, an actress, a singer (operatic soprano), and an Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame inductee.

Please discover information about other notable Oklahoma women from Enidbuzz.com and https://www.okhistory.org/learn/womenshistory.





## NOC Enid Baseball Reunion April 9

NOC Enid Baseball will host a reunion Saturday, April 9 at David Allen Memorial Ballpark.

The 2002 team will be recognized for reaching the NJCAA Division 2 World Series. The Jets finished 43-23 in 2002 and finished third in the World Series.

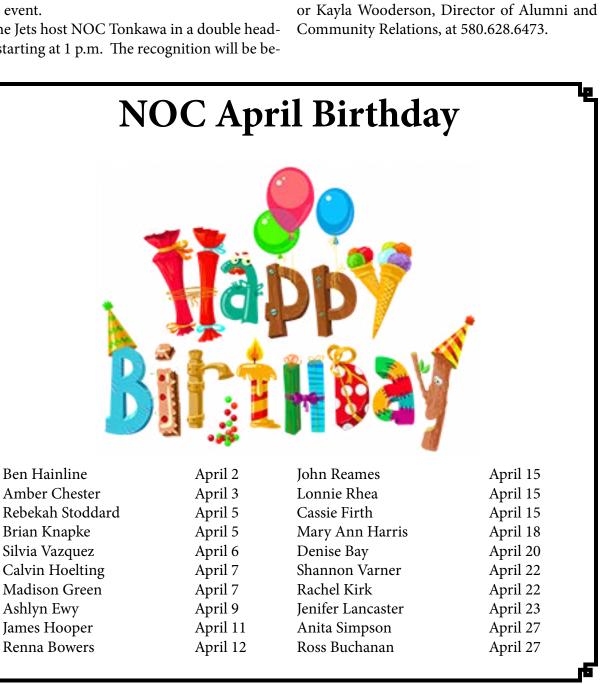
All NOC Enid baseball alumni are invited to the event.

The Jets host NOC Tonkawa in a double header starting at 1 p.m. The recognition will be between games of the twin bill.

Raydon Leaton was the head coach for the Jets who reached the World Series in the program's second year.

The RSVP for the event is April 4.

For more information on the reunion, call Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise at 580.548.2393







Representing The NOC Criminal Justice team jackets are Front Row (L-R): Sam Mears, Cassidy Edsall, Sierra Long. Back Row (L-R): Troy Cochran, Wes Dun, Owen Hutcheson, AJ Nichols, Seth Brockbank. (photo provided)

## Criminal Justice attends conference

The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter of the Criminal Justice Society at Northern Oklahoma American Criminal Justice Association National Conference and Competition in Kansas City, Mo from March 21-25.

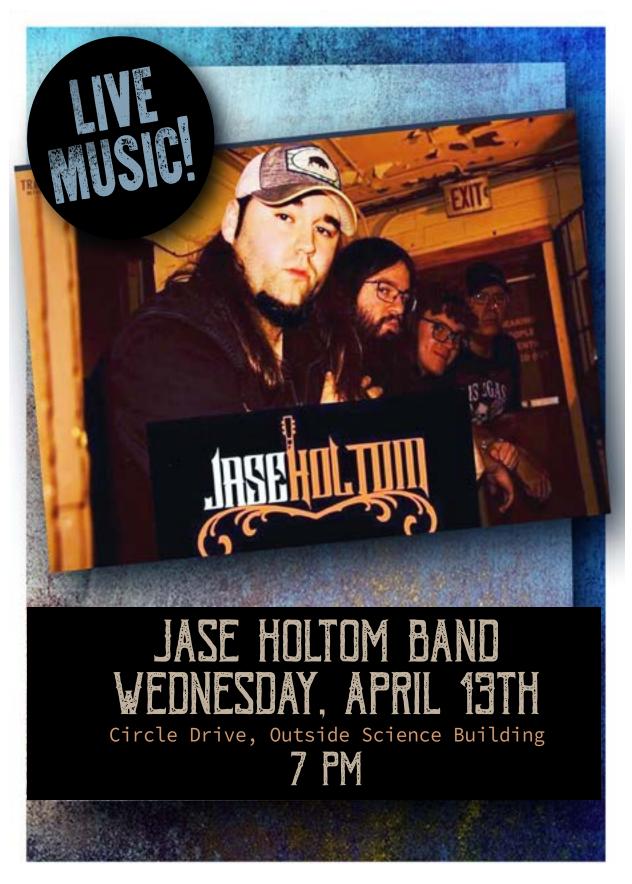
This trip was only possible with fundraising efforts and a generous grant from the NOC Foundation.

The students were exposed to a great career fair that included local, county, state and federal agencies in the criminal justice field. They were able to network students, colleges and univer-

sities from all over the United States. Students also heard presentations from FBI Agent Enoch College recently attended and competed at the Laudie, two exonerees from the Innocence Project and keynote speaker Matthew Horace about "choosing courage over avoidance."

> Students competed at the national level against all students who were considered lower division or students with 60 or less credit hours. NOC students competed in physical agility, crime scene investigation and written knowledge exams on various topics.

> > (See Criminal Justice on Page 10)



### **Criminal Justice**

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Criminal Justice instructor.

The following are the students receiving awards: Owen Hutcheson - Homeland Security (1st Place), Individual Talent (1st Place), Group Talent (1st Place), Cassidy Edsall—Corrections (3rd Place), Individual Talent (3rd Place), Juvenile Justice (3rd Place).

The program is led by Troy Cochran, NOC Place), Group Talent (1st Place), Samantha Mears - Corrections (1st Place), Homeland Security (2nd Place), Seth Brockbank - Forensic Pathology (1st Place), Troy Cochran-Pro Division -- Forensic Psychology (1st Place), Police Management (2nd Place), Corrections (3rd

#### NOC Tonkawa hosts softball reunion

The Northern Oklahoma College Mays Softball Team will host an alumni reunion Saturday, April 23.

Maverick softball alums will be recognized between games of the Maverick doubleheader against Connors. The doubleheader starts at 2

There will be a cookout for the softball alumni 18. after the second game against Connors.

NOC Softball started in 1995 when the program began under the tutelage of Annette Kennedy. The following is a list of softball coaches and the years they were at NOC: Annette Kennedy (1995-1998), Jo Stanhope (1999-2001), Karie Linsenmeyer (2002-2014), Kadie Berlin-George (2015-19), Tori Green (2020-Cur-

In case of game cancellation, the reunion will be held at the Renfro Center on campus.

The RSVP deadline for softball alumni is April

The event is hosted by the NOC Alumni and Foundation Office.

Contact Kayla Wooderson for additional information at 580.628.6473 or kayla.wooderson@noc.edu.

## Bedlam softball, baseball this week

NOC Enid and NOC Tonkawa will face each other in softball and baseball this week.

two conference doubleheaders on Tuesday, April 5 at Tonkawa starting at 2 p.m.

The second doubleheader between the Mavs and Jets is set for April 21 in Enid.

In baseball, the Mavs and Jets play the first of two doubleheaders on Thursday in Tonkawa The Jets and Mavs will play the first of their starting at 1 p.m.. Then on Saturday, the Mavs and Jets conclude their four game series at David Allen Memorial Ballpark starting at 1 p.m.

> The NOC Enid Jets will recognize members of the 2002 World Series Team between games.



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**Blood Drive** 

Thursday, April 21 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Gantz Center Ballroom

To schedule an appointment, contact Oklahoma Blood Institute at 877-340-8777 or visit obi.org.

Earn community service hours for giving blood!



### **NOC Calendar**

April 1 - April 9

#### April 2

Livestock Judging Contest, Ag Building, 8 a.m., Tonkawa Roustabouts Benefit Show, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 4

Bingo for Food, East Gym, 7:30 p.m.

#### April 5

Free Student Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa

#### April 6

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.

#### April 8

Final Day to Drop 16-Week Courses without Evaluation Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

#### April 9

Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 4:30 p.m., Tonkawa

For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar



through April 9.

April 1: Away Baseball vs. South Arkansas, noon

April 5: Home Baseball vs. Rose, 2 p.m.

April 5: Home Softball vs. NOC Enid, 2 p.m.

April 7: Home Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m.

April 7: Away Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m.

April 9: Away Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m.

April 9: Away Softball vs. Rose, 2 p.m.



The following is the Mavs Sports Calendar The following is the Jets Sports Calendar through April 9.

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

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

April 9: Home Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1

April 9: Away Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m.



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#### TRANSFER WEBINAR SERIES

Join us online once a month to learn about a different aspect of the transfer process at Oklahoma State University.

Register now at okla.st/virtualevents

## March 24 @ 12 p.m.

In this first Transfer Webinar. introduce what it means to be They break down what you should expect for your the helpful resources available to you as a transfer student.

#### COLLEGE CREDIT April 14 @ 12 p.m.

In this second Transfer Webinar, our admissions credits will transfer from your previous university to OSU. They also talk about your transition to OSU.

## May 15 @ 12 p.m.

In this third Transfer Webinar, our admissions counselors discuss transfer student life and go in depth about your academic resources, student life, living options, amenities

## First Annual Aggie Week in Tonkawa March 26-April 2













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FEBRUARY 3-APRIL 14 2022\*

**THURSDAYS 4-8** PM by appointment only



#### Cultural Engagement Center

Vineyard Library-Administration Building NOC Tonkawa

#### **FEATURING**

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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FREE E-FILING for Students NOC Employees Public

 Call 580.628.6340 or email Carolyn.johnson @noc.edu to schedule an appointment

#### **BRING**

- Photo ID for both spouses
- 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

