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# What's Happening

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## Graduation set for Saturday at Tonkawa, Enid

Oklahoma journalist M. Scott Carter will address candidates for graduation at Northern Oklahoma College commencement exercises April 30.

NOC Tonkawa candidates will march into Foster-Piper Fieldhouse on the Tonkawa campus at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30.

That same day NOC Enid and Stillwater candidates will enter Briggs Auditorium on the Enid campus at 2:30 p.m.

Pinning ceremonies for graduates from the NOC nursing program will take place at 7 p.m. on April 30, in Briggs Auditorium.

A sixth-generation Oklahoman, Carter has been a journalist in his native state for more than four decades. He has spent most of his career as an investigative reporter, career covering Oklahoma politics and writing about the impact of government policy on the public.

A Yale High School 1981 graduate, earning an Associate of Arts degree from Northern Oklahoma College and a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma. In 2016, he received the NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

In 2014, he earned a master's degree in Professional Writing from the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Carter has worked at newspapers across the state including the Stillwater NewsPress, the Norman Transcript

and the Oklahoma City Journal Record.

He has earned numerous state and national awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Associated Press, the Oklahoma Scholastic Media Association, the National Press Photographers Association, the National Magazine Publishers Association and the American Library Association.

In 2014, he captured the Associate Press-Oklahoma News Editors Sweepstakes Award for his investigation of the construction of two tornado-ravaged schools in Moore. That award, his fourth AP Sweepstakes Award in six years, followed his investigation of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs in 2012; and a series of stories about the sale of the Sardis Lake Reservoir in 2010.

In 2013, Carter and OETA reporter Bob Sands received the Media Partner of the Year award from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in 2013 for their reporting on veteran's issues. In 2008, Carter received the Marshall Gregory Award from the Oklahoma Education Association for his stories exploring teacher pay in Oklahoma.

Also, in 2013, he was named one of the Oklahoma's top three political reporters by The Washington Post's blog, The Fix.

A published novelist, his first novel, *Stealing Kevin's Heart*, was published in 2011 by Road Runner Press. That novel was a finalist for the

Oklahoma Book Award.

In 2013 Carter's second novel, *The Immortal Von B*, earned several significant awards.

In 2019, he was a co-founder of the largest high school journalism program in the state, the Epic News Network and in 2021 he received the Lois A. Thomas Newspaper Advisor of the Year award from the Oklahoma Scholastic Media Association.

Today, he is an adjunct Professor of Journalism at the University of Oklahoma and Rose State College and serves as the Capitol Bureau Chief for the Southwest Ledger.

Carter is a past president and member of the board of directors for the Oklahoma Pro Chapter Society of Professional Journalists.

Carter lives in Oklahoma City with his wife, Karen, an elementary school teacher, and their six children.



M. Scott Carter

### *Graduation 2022*

Tonkawa: Foster-Piper Fieldhouse, 9:30 a.m.  
Enid/Stillwater: Briggs Auditorium in Enid, 2:30 p.m.  
Nurses Pinning: Briggs Auditorium in Enid, 7 p.m.



NOC Rocket Team members at the 13th Annual First Nations Launch (FNL) High-Power Rocket Competition as part of NASA's Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium in Kansasville, Wisconsin.

## Rocket Team earns Outreach Award

The Northern Oklahoma College Rocket Team received the Outreach Program Award at the 13th Annual First Nations Launch (FNL) High-Power Rocket Competition as part of NASA's Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium in Kansasville, Wisconsin, April 22-24.

Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Chair of the NOC Engineering, Physical Science and Process Technology Division and mentor for the team, said the team had a successful flight at the competition.

"We had a successful flight," Dr. Wood-Black said. "We did have a recovery, though we had water damage to the cardboard. If it had landed on dry land, we would have been approved for a Second Flight. We did not meet the 2500-foot requirement (we were just shy of 2000 feet) which was okay if we had met the altitude, we would have been in the middle of the lake."

Team members include Phillip Prairie Chief, Team Leader, Kaylyn Marr, Nicole Simpson, Kaylyn Marr, Rachael Chatterji, Timothy Edwards, and Megan Pickering. The team has been supported by mentors from Tulsa Rocket-

ry, Brien Wood and Hal Ellis.

This competition was for students attending a Tribal College or University, a Native American-Serving Nontribal Institution (NASNTI), or who are members of an active American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) collegiate chapter. Teams compete to design build, and fly a high-powered rocket to be launched as part of the spring event in Kansasville, WI.

NOC participated in the Gateway level competition with plans to participate in the Moon competition next year. Dr. Wood-Black says that this has been a great experience for the students and is excited to see that students are getting to participate in an event that has a national reach.

Team members Phillip Prairie Chief and Megan Pickering achieved their Level 1 certifications earlier this year as part of the Launch 2 Learn program associated with WSCG. Wood-Black said that NOC now still has four team members that are attempting their Level One Certification.



## The 2022 Chautauqua Teachers' Institute

A History-Filled Professional Development Opportunity



**June 13-18, 2022**  
Northern Oklahoma College Enid



**Registration fee \$60 and includes:**

One week of history, culture, and fun

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Visit and Lunch

A visit to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum

This year's Institute spotlights  
**Surviving the Sixties: Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n' Roll**  
with character portrayals of Allen Ginsberg, Cass Elliot  
Christopher Isherwood, Timothy Leary, and John Lennon.

Accommodations at NOC Enid Residence Hall (Optional) \$15 per night  
Meals and transportation to and from scheduled Enid events will not be provided.

**Deadline: Thursday, May 5, 2022**  
**To register, contact Dr. DeLisa Ging**

**580.478.5174 or [delisa.ging@noc.edu](mailto:delisa.ging@noc.edu).**





# Spring 2022 Final Exam Schedule

*Tonkawa, Enid, Stillwater*

The following is the Jets Sports Calendar through May 15:

- May 1: Home Baseball vs. UA Rich Mountain, 1 p.m.
- May 3: Home Softball vs. Western, 2 p.m.
- May 5: Home Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m.
- May 5: Home Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m.
- May 7: Away Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m.
- May 12-15: Region 2 Baseball Tournament, Enid
- May 12-15: Region 2 Softball Tournament, Piedmont



The following is the Mavs Sports Calendar through May 15:

- May 1: Away Softball vs. NEO, 1 p.m.
- May 1: Away Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m.
- May 5: Away Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m.
- May 7: Home Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m.
- May 12-15: Region 2 Baseball Tournament, Enid
- May 12-15: Region 2 Softball Tournament, Piedmont



Monday, May 2	Tuesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5
If Course is MWF 8:30am  <b>EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 8:00 am TR 8:30 am  <b>EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am</b>	If Course is MWF 9:30am M, MW 9:00am  <b>EXAM is 8:00 am —9:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 9:00am  <b>EXAM is 8:00am -9:50 am</b>
If Course is MW or MWF 11:30am  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 10:30am  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>	If Course is MW or MWF 12:30 pm  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 12:00pm  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>
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If Course is MWF 2:30pm.or MW 3:00pm  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm—3:50 pm</b>	If Course is TR 1:00pm TR 1:30pm TR 2:00  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm—3:50 pm</b>	If Course is M 3:30pm  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm-3:50 pm</b>	If Course is TR 3:00pm TR 3:30  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm-3:50 pm</b>
If Course is M 4:30pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>	If Course is TR 5:30pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>	If Course is MW 5:30pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>	If Course is TR 4:00pm, TR 4:30 pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>
If Course is M 6:00 pm, M 6:30 pm or M 7:00pm <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm</b>	If Course is T 7:00pm  <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm</b>	If Course is W 7:00pm  <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm</b>	If Course is R 7:00pm  <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm</b>

# NOC Tonkawa student art exhibit closes May 3

Precarious Shapes—the annual Northern Oklahoma College student art exhibition is on display through May 3 in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Visual art students Hope Gillespie, Kelsie Grigg, Ash Herard, Tommy Jenkins and Zoe Oxford planned and organized the exhibit as part of the requirements for a credited Portfolio/Gallery Seminar at NOC. Precarious Shapes highlights the original art of these five artists along with works of other students enrolled in visual art, creative writing and digital imaging classes during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Under the guidance of Audrey Schmitz, gallery director and art instructor, Gillespie, Grigg, Herard, Jenkins and Oxford gained experience in developing the infrastructure of the exhibit, including choosing the show title and poster design which includes details of each student's art in the title's typography. They also prepared their own work to be exhibition-ready, produced artist statements and title cards and installed dozens of additional curated works made by other students, all as part of their professional growth as working artists.

"Overall there is great diversity of media, subject matter and style in the works on view in Precarious Shapes, and the student show is always the most popular event in the Eleanor Hays Gallery," Schmitz added. "We are glad to be back in the gallery after two years of having an "online only" show, and it is also the perfect opportunity to buy original art at great prices from talented artists early in their career."

The wide variety of work on display includes watercolor, acrylic and oil painting; sculpture; pastel, pencil, charcoal and ink drawings; pottery and ceramic forms; digital media; masks;

bas relief tiles and mixed media works. Select items are available for purchase. The exhibit also includes a selection of poems by students enrolled in creative writing courses.

Regular gallery hours are noon - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during events in the KPAC. The exhibit will also be open following NOC commencement Saturday, April 30.

For more information about Precarious Shapes contact Schmitz at 580.628.6670 or [audrey.schmitz@noc.edu](mailto:audrey.schmitz@noc.edu).

## Final Exam Breakfast

**Monday, May 2, 2022**  
**8:00am - 10:30am**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**  
**8:00am - 10:30am**



**FREE** for all NOC Stillwater Students



Second Floor Commons NOC Stillwater Classroom Building



# NOC earns health department award

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) today announced awardees for Certified Healthy Oklahoma, a public health initiative launched in 2003 to recognize businesses and organizations that implement best practices and policies that support improved health and wellness.

Northern Oklahoma College was named to the "Excellence" list for Northeast Oklahoma campuses.

Certified Healthy Oklahoma – a collaborative effort of OSDH, The Oklahoma Academy, Oklahoma Turning Point Council and the State Chamber of Oklahoma – offers certifications in seven categories: Business, Campus, Community, Congregation, Early Childhood Program and School.

More than 1,300 Certified Healthy Oklahoma applications were received statewide for 2021.

"Organizations and individuals that earn Certified Healthy Oklahoma certification at any level should be very proud of the accomplishment, and deserve to be celebrated for their efforts as a leader in Oklahoma health," Interim Commissioner of Health Keith Reed said. "These champions of health are helping pave the way to an elevated quality of life for all Oklahomans."

Applicants received a comprehensive assessment to gauge how effectively they are supporting health, with a special focus on strategies that address physical activity, nutrition, tobacco use and mental health. There are three levels of certification: Excellence, Merit and Basic.

## NOC Calendar

### April 30

Tonkawa Commencement, Foster-Piper Fieldhouse, 9:30 a.m.

Enid/Stillwater Commencement, Briggs Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Nurses Pinning, Briggs Auditorium, 7 p.m.

### May 2

Final Exams

Begin Summer Book Sale, NOC Bookstores

Final Exam Breakfast, Commons Area, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Stillwater

Scoops Ice Cream Truck, College Circle, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

Food for Finals, Student Union, 8 p.m., Tonkawa

### May 3

Final Exams

Precarious Shapes Art Exhibit Closes, KPAC,

Tonkawa

Final Exam Breakfast, Commons Area, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Stillwater

Student Honors Recital, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Tonkawa

### May 4

Final Exams

### May 5

Final Exams

### May 6

Dorms Close, 10 a.m.

Employee Service Awards, Renfro Center, 9:30 a.m. -11:15 a.m.

Retirement Luncheon, Renfro Center, 11:30 a.m., Tonkawaa

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



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# PRECARIOUS SHAPES

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION 2022

HOPE GILLESPIE | KELSEY GRIGG | ASH HERARD | THOMAS JENKINS | ZO OXFORD

APRIL 12 – MAY 3, 2022

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery  
Kinzer Performing Arts Center

Viewing Hours: 1-5 pm, Monday-Friday and during performances  
[www.noc.edu/finearts/art-exhibition/annual-student-art-exhibition-2022](http://www.noc.edu/finearts/art-exhibition/annual-student-art-exhibition-2022)

**MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION**  
Saturday, April 16  
6-7 pm



# Lynsey Ailey sets Mavs strikeout record

NOC Tonkawa pitcher Lynsey Ailey set the all time Maverick softball strikeout record last Friday against Connors State University.

The Blackwell sophomore right hander broke the record of 427 strikeouts held by Taylor Lane with her fifth strikeout against Connors.

After her record breaking strikeout, the Mavs congratulated her on the achievement on the mound and the crowd gave her a standing ovation.



Lynsey Ailey



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## TRANSFER WEBINAR SERIES

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## NOC May Birthdays



Jashawn Talton	May 1	Jill Green	May 12
Kelly Jordan	May 4	Ian Layne	May 17
Paula Lewis	May 7	Linn Laughrey	May 21
Megan Riddle	May 6	T.L. Walker	May 21
Emily Poindexter	May 7	Kathy Hannah	May 24
Brad Gordon	May 9	Jeremy Cook	May 25
Chris Storm	May 10	Janet Jarvis	May 26
Mark Tarrant	May 10	Jena Kodesh	May 29
Ty Shreck	May 11	Claura Wilson	May 29
Randy Walker	May 11		

### TRANSFER 101 & CAMPUS RESOURCES March 24 @ 12 p.m.

In this first Transfer Webinar, our admissions counselors introduce what it means to be a transfer student at OSU. They break down what you should expect for your application, acceptance and the helpful resources available to you as a transfer student.

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

In this second Transfer Webinar, our admissions counselors discuss how your credits will transfer from your previous university to OSU. They also talk about your application process and transition to OSU.

### TRANSFER STUDENT LIFE 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 on campus and more.



# Four NOC Nursing faculty finalists for DAISY Award® given April 30

A member of the Northern Oklahoma College Nursing faculty will be honored with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty at the NOC 2022 Nurses' Pinning Ceremony Saturday, April 30, at Briggs Auditorium at NOC Enid.

The Nurses Pinning begins at 7 p.m.

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

DAISY Award recognitions honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers – from Nursing Student through Lifetime Achievement in Nursing.

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty was established by The DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 from Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), an auto-immune disease. The Barnes Family was awestruck by the clinical skills, caring and compassion of the nurses who cared for Patrick. They created this international award to demonstrate appreciation to faculty for their commitment and inspirational influence on their nursing students and to say thank you to nursing faculty everywhere.

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."

Finalists for the award include Robin Baird, Kim Brewer, Marie Head, and Tricia Michaelis. The following are the bios for the four finalists: Robin Baird has enjoyed being a nurse for over

33 years now. She received her BSN from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1988 at which time she entered the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant staff nurse. Her career has included a variety of different nursing positions such as working with special needs children at the Bethany Children's Hospital, maternity nursing as well as Clinical Education at Hillcrest Hospital Cushing, and clinic nursing. Teaching BLS and Childbirth classes have been a loved addition to her roles.

Kim Brewer earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1996 and her Master of Science in Nursing Education from the University of Oklahoma in 2019. She graduated summa cum laude from both programs and, while at OU, received the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence from



**Robin Baird**



**Kim Brewer**

the Fran & Earl Ziegler College of Nursing. Kim has been a faculty member in the Nursing Division at NOC for four years, but her love of teaching began more than a decade ago in the Science department at NOC in 2007.

Marie Head completed her initial nursing degree at NOC in 2007 and continued her education earning a BSN at Kaplan University in 2014, her MSN at Purdue University in 2017 and her DNP at Oklahoma City University in 2020. She joined the nursing faculty in 2016 and teaches primarily in the skills and simulation practice lab settings. She has been married for 18 years and has four children and 9 grandchildren, seven of whom are boys and two are girls all ranging in age from 21 years old to newborn.

Tricia Michaelis attended NWOSU where she obtained her BSN. After graduating she moved to the Enid Area where she began 20 years of her nursing career. During these years she worked at the Billings Fairchild



**Marie Head**



**Tricia Michaelis**

Center, Grant County Health Department, and Northern Oklahoma College. During her summers off from teaching Ms. Michaelis also worked at OU Children's Hospital, and Integris Bass Baptist where she cared for neonates and pediatric patients. She obtained her Master's Degree from OU Health Sciences Center in 2006. Currently residing in the Tulsa area, Michaelis has served as the academic liaison and clinical educator for OSU Medical Center for three years and Ascension St. John Medical Center for five years.

Blind nominations for the award were submitted with a designated committee reviewing and ranking the nominees based on their commitment to student learning and success, utilizing personal interaction, providing rigorous instruction and innovative technologies, striving to provide high quality, accessible nursing education, and modeling the values of excellence, integrity, resourcefulness, impactful relationships, and compassionate service.

The winner will be selected by the The DAISY Award® Selection Committee.

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.

More information is available at <http://DAISY-foundation.org>.



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