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WELCOME

The NOC Alumni and Foundation department wants to welcome you to our newsletter. We will share new information quarterly.

The goal of this newsletter is to nurture relationships with alumni, donors, and friends. We will keep you updated on exciting things happening within the Northern family.

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The DAISY Award®

FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY

HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

Extraordinary nursing faculty to be recognized with The DAISY Award at NOC. Nominations are now open.

To Nominate a Nursing Faculty Member, visit:

<https://www.noc.edu/academics/academic-divisions/nursing-division/daisy-award/>

DAISY Award Consideration Criteria

- Committed to student learning and success
- Utilizes personal interaction, rigorous instruction, and innovative technologies
- Strives to provide high quality, accessible nursing education
- Models the values of excellence, integrity, resourcefulness, impactful relationships, and compassionate service

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Go to
www.noc.edu/alumni.

Kurtis Hair

*2011 Alumnus, NOC Stillwater
Mass Communications Major*

*Bachelor of Science Degree in
Mass Communications, Multimedia
Journalism from Oklahoma State University*



What makes NOC Life-changing?

“The high school I graduated from in Tecumseh, Oklahoma was a relatively small one, so, getting the chance to attend a college that offered a similar experience was invaluable. Intimate classroom settings that offered one-on-one work with professors, faculty and staff who always made themselves available to assist when needed and curriculum that challenges students without overwhelming them.”

“I took a few years off from school after graduating high school, but when I enrolled at NOC, the school gave me the tools to, well, “grow-up”. I wouldn’t have pursued education at the next level at OSU if I didn’t attend NOC, which means I wouldn’t have the career I have now, or even have a wife and a daughter for that matter. Everything I have now both professionally and personally, I owe a little, if not a lot to NOC Stillwater.”



What is your favorite memory at NOC?

“It’s not so much just one particular memory, but when I think back to that time, I always think about the classroom discussions and debates in Dr. Jeremy Cook’s class. It was most definitely a class you looked forward to.”



Where are you now?

“I am a
Producer/Director of
SUNUP TV
at OSU.”

IN YOUR CORNER

Get to Know NOC's
Alumni Advisory Board Member.

Ryan Paul

**1999
NOC ALUMNUS**

As a student on the Tonkawa campus, Ryan received an Associate Degree in Arts and Sciences. Ryan was involved in the Wesley House Council, Peer Counselor, Men's Basketball, BCM, FCA and Student Government Association.

Ryan has served on the NOC Alumni Advisory Board for the past two years.

What makes NOC Life-changing?

NOC is life changing because of the people who work here and care about the students. It's not a job but a group of people who actually want to see college students succeed in life. I was fortunate enough to meet my wife when I attended here but also some of my best friends while living in the dorms. Small college atmosphere, along with dorm life is what equaled lifelong friends for me.

What advice would you give new alumni and/or students?

The best advice I would give any new alumni or our students is to get out of debt. The faster a person can get out of debt the faster a person is available to bless others monetarily. NOC is a great school that with the help of them can create those life-changing experiences for others as well.

Tell us about yourself.

I'm a Christian first, husband second, father third, friend fourth. I try to be a good husband and father to my kids. I feel blessed to have a wonderful wife (Jennie Evans Paul 2000) for the last 20 years. My three kids are all pretty special in their own way, Jayla 12, Rylan 8 and Major 5. I enjoy watching anything OSU or survival shows on TV. Like to cook, garden and hunt in my spare time. Spend most my time going to NOC events and my kids' events. I think it is important to let youth know you care about them. Being the Institutional Dean of Students has allowed me to stay in contact with NOC students and hopefully make a positive impact on their lives. I really enjoyed coaching at NOC and coaching my kids' teams.



Bert Mackie

NOC Foundation Trustee

Originally from Ames, Oklahoma, Bert Mackie has been a mainstay in the Enid community for many years. His strong leadership skills and gentle influence has certainly made him the “go to guy” for many local, state and national projects. Over the years he has helped Enid become a better city with his extensive experience and knowledge in all areas of Finance, Public Utilities, Communications, Postal Operations, Health Care,

Education, Industrial Development, Local-State-Federal Government Relations, and vast experience in policy making, long range corporate strategy and making successful corporate business decisions.

Bert holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Finance from Phillips University, getting his degree as a non-traditional student. He later earned an Honorary Master of Law degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Bert Mackie continues his 50-year banking career with the same banking institution. He began his career in June of 1962 in the Bookkeeping and Proof departments of Security National Bank of Enid. He held positions in all areas of the bank before becoming President in 1990. Bert held this position until 2006 when he became the Vice Chairman of the bank’s Board of Directors.

He continues to hold this position. Bert Mackie is the kind of man most everyone considers a friend. He is indeed a friend to the Enid community. Many grants and funding would not have come to the Enid community without his leadership.

Mr. Mackie has served on numerous boards including: The Board of Directors Vice Chairman for Security National Bank of Enid, Asset Manager for the Hamm Financial Group, Director of ONEOK, Board Trustee of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Oklahoma Academy for Goals, Board of Governors of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, the Garfield County Joint Industrial Foundation and Enid Economic Coalition, Northwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation Board, Northern Oklahoma Foundation Board Trustee and Enid Higher Education Council. Mackie is a past Regent

on the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education and served on the Board of Governors for the United States Postal Service for 10 years.

Bert has been a strong advocate for higher education in Northwest Oklahoma and a leader in fundraising efforts for student scholarships, particularly through the Enid Higher Education scholarship campaigns. In 2011, Northern Oklahoma College formally dedicated their planetarium as the "Bert and Janice Mackie Planetarium". The Mackies have touched so many lives through their dedication, leadership, service, and support of the college, to higher education and to the Enid community.

Bert Mackie resides in Enid and is married to Janice. Together, they have two sons, Steven and David.



FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY

Extraordinary Nursing Faculty To Be Recognized With The DAISY Award® at NOC

Nursing faculty at Northern Oklahoma College may be nominated for The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing faculty.

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.

NOC Nursing Instructor Kim Brewer was awarded the first NOC The DAISY Award® in May 2022.

The NOC Nursing Division Chair, Dr. Nikole Hicks says, "NOC's nursing faculty and staff 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."

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, 2023. Nursing faculty may be nominated at <https://bit.ly/3GLauf9>.

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.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Barnes died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.)

The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired the creation of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, an evidenced-based means of providing nurse recognition and thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

"We honor faculty who inspire nurses to care like Patrick's nurses cared for him and for our family. Recognizing and celebrating nursing students for the above-and-beyond care and compassion they show to patients and their families will be a strong reminder that nursing is not all about tasks and technology," said Bonnie Barnes, CEO and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation.

NOC Foundation Establishes Judith L. Whitmore Scholarship

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation acknowledges the establishment of the Judith L. Whitmore Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Whitmore began her nursing career after graduating from NOC in 1990. After receiving her Bachelor's and Master's in Nursing, Judith began teaching future nurses where her nursing journey began at Northern Oklahoma College on the Enid Campus.

She started her Registered Nursing (RN) career at Bass Baptist Hospital where she worked as a surgical nurse at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid.



Judy Whitmore

In 2011, she became a nursing instructor at NOC where she educated the next generation of nurses. She then moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 2016 and worked as a Legal Nurse Consultant at Richardson, Richardson, Boudreaux, PLLC, until 2020. She then returned to Enid and began working at Integris Meadowlake Behavioral Health Center as an RN until the time of her passing.

“We are so blessed to work with the family to establish a memorial scholarship in Judith's name,” said Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development and Executive Director of the NOC Foundation. “Not only are they keeping her memory alive, her legacy will continue to live on in future generations of nurses in healthcare.”

Candidates must apply through the NOC Scholarship office and must be a full-time student in the NOC Enid Nursing Program. Preference will be given to applicants with the most financial need. Recipients must maintain a 3.00 grade point average.

The scholarship application is available at <https://bit.ly/3O0MR6v>.

NOC serves nearly 4,000 students through the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, and NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater. Of these students about 80% receive financial aid and/or scholarships. 75% of NOC students complete their degree with zero debt.

For more information about Northern Oklahoma College or giving to the NOC Foundation, please contact the Development office at 580.628.6208 or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu.

SHENANDOAH TO APPEAR AT THE NOC FALL RENFRO ENDOWED LECTURESHIP



The Grammy award-winning country musical group, Shenandoah, will perform at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Thursday, Sept. 29, as part of the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Series' fall event.

This tour is their 35th Anniversary Tour.

The Shenandoah event is sponsored by the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program and Northern Oklahoma College. The dinner will be held at the Renfro Center while the concert will be held in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

When country music lovers talk about the greatest groups in the genre, Shenandoah is always at the forefront of any discussion.

Fueled by Marty Raybon's distinctive vocals and the band's skilled musicianship, Shenandoah became well known for delivering such hits as "Two Dozen Roses," "Church on Cumberland Road" and "Next to You, Next to Me" as well as such achingly beautiful classics as "I Want to be Loved Like That" and the Grammy winning "Somewhere in the Vicinity of the Heart" duet with Alison Krauss.

The boys from Muscle Shoals have left a potent legacy in country music with more than 300 million streams, over 8 million combined album sales, and 13 No. 1 radio singles over the course of more than three decades.

Tickets may be purchased on a first come, first served basis for the event. A reserved table with seating for eight may be purchased for \$400, which includes full course dinner and concert with preferred lower section seating.

General admission tickets for concert only may be purchased at a cost of \$20 each. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are non-refundable.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the NOC Development Office in Tonkawa, in the Vineyard Library-Administration Building or by calling 580.628.6214.

Former Oklahoma State Regent for Higher Education, Carl Renfro and the late Carolyn Renfro, established the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program with a gift in 2006 to provide support for cultivating and enhancing the cultural and community enrichment offerings to northern Oklahoma on the Tonkawa campus and in the Ponca City area.

For additional information, call the Northern Oklahoma College Development Office at 580.628.6214.

**Join us for Mavs or Jets
All-Athletics Alumni Reunion:
To RSVP, Contact Kayla Wooderson
580.628.6473 | kayla.wooderson@noc.edu**



UPCOMING EVENTS

2022

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Charlie Adams Day, Newkirk
- 10-15 Kay County Fair
Blackwell, OK
- 17 Cherokee Strip Parade
Perry, OK 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Cherokee Strip Parade
Enid, OK 10:30 am
- 29 Renfro Endowed Lectureship,
Shenandoah, Dinner and
Concert, NOC Tonkawa

OCTOBER

- 6-9 "3 Sisters" Fall Play, 7:30 pm
KPAC, NOC Tonkawa
- 15 Mavericks All-Athletics Alumni
Reunion, NOC Tonkawa
- 20-21 Chikaskia Literary
Festival, NOC Enid
- 28 Tonkawa High School
Homecoming Parade
- 29 Jets All-Athletics Alumni
Reunion, NOC Enid
- 31 Trick or Treat Fair & Halloween
Spooktacular, NOC Tonkawa

NOVEMBER

- 1 Alumni Hall of Fame
Nomination Deadline
- 5 Veterans' Day Parade
Ponca City, OK
- 12 NOC Tailgate Party,
OSU vs Iowa State,
in Stillwater

DECEMBER

- 1-4 "9 to 5" Fall Musical,
7:30 pm, KPAC,
NOC Tonkawa





How to get involved

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized under IRS 501(c) (3), and receives and manages private gifts on behalf of the College. There are a wide range of gift opportunities at Northern.

Wherever your interests lie, there is a place for you to contribute and make a difference. We encourage you to check out our website at <http://www.noc.edu/foundation> to view the donor wish list. Development staff are available to assist you with information.

We look forward to another exciting year of being part of Northern's family as well as working together with you to promote NOC, its programs and students. We encourage you to get involved!

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Northern Oklahoma College, the state's first public community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services which create life-changing experiences and develop students as effective learners and leaders within their communities in a connected, ever changing world.

NOC, a public two year community college, serves over 4,200 students on the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater, online, and University Center at Ponca City.

NOC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers associate degrees in three general areas: Arts, Science and Applied Science. The associate degree fulfills lower-division course work which is applicable towards a bachelor's degree. For more information about Northern Oklahoma College or giving to the NOC Foundation, please contact the development office at 580.628.6208 or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu.
