

# What's Happening

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NOC Tonkawa celebrated the Grand Opening of the Pickens Learning Commons Wednesday afternoon. The Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the event. Included in the ribbon cutting were the NOC Board of Regents, Tonkawa Chamber

of Commerce Directors, current and former NOC administrators, Hugh Pickens and artist Yatika Starr Fields. (More photos on Page 10)

## Chikaskia Literary Festival in Enid Oct. 20-21

NOC Enid is hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chikaskia Press). Her poems and Literary Festival Oct. 20-21.

The festival will be held in the Marshall Build- in The Red Earth Reing Bivins Chapel.

Featured readers are Alan Berecka of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Joey Brown of Carl Junction, Missouri.

Twenty-two writers of poetry, fiction, and sa Review, Oklahoma non-fiction from Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas will share their work.

Alan Berecka is the author of five books of poetry, the latest A Living is Not a Life: A Working Title (2021, Black Spruce Press) was a finalist in the Hoffer Awards. His poetry has appeared in such journals and web sites as The Christian Century, The American Literary Review, The oil bust Oklahoma and Texas Review, The Texas Poetry Assignment a mystery novel—for and The Main Street Rag. He was recently invited by the Lithuanian Writers Union to take part in their international spring poetry festival which took place in May 2022. This was the second time Berecka has been invited to read writing conferences in the birthplace of two of his grandparents. He around the Midwest has earned his living for many years as librarian and sometimes beat Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. He looks yond. Joey now lives in forward to his retirement which will begin in southwest Missouri with January 2023. He and his wife Alice reside in Sinton, Texas where they raised their now two ist Michael Howarth, and spends her free adult children.

Joey Brown is a poet and a fiction writer. She has authored two poetry collections: The Feral Love Poems (Hungry Buzzard Press) and Oklahomaography (Mongrel Empire the general public.

prose have appeared view, Plainsong, Concho River Review, The Langdon Review of the Arts in Texas, Tul-Review, The San Pedro River Review, and other journals. She has recently completed two new manuscripts—a book length narrative poem set in early-80s which she is seeking publishers. She frequently performs her poetry at festivals and

her husband, the novel-



Alan Berecka



Joey Brown

Lovers of the Language Arts are welcome to come and enjoy works by regional award-winning poets and fiction writers.

The event is free for faculty, staff, students and

Spring/Summer Enrollment begins Monday, Oct. 17



#### Mays Athletic Alumni reunion Oct. 15

The Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Mavericks are hosting an All-Athletics Alumni Reunion Saturday, Oct. 15.

Alums will be hosted for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Renfro Center. Following the luncheon, there will be athletic team breakouts for each sport including Meet the Mavs, Athletic Activities, and Campus Tours.

The bookstore will be open from 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for NOC memorabilia.

Late afternoon and evening will be reserved for alumni groups to meet off campus.

For more information, contact NOC Alumni Coordinator Kayla Wooderson at 580.628.6473 or kayla.wooderson@noc.edu .

## **NOC October Birthdays**



| Andrea Burnes     | Oct. 14 | Tammy Davis     | Oct. 24 |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Stow      | Oct. 14 | Julie Baggett   | Oct. 26 |
| Cesar Zepeda      | Oct. 14 | Gene Mayo       | Oct. 27 |
| Jalana Cloud      | Oct. 15 | Wendy O'Neill   | Oct. 27 |
| Mary Gard         | Oct. 15 | Courtney Miller | Oct. 28 |
| Stephanie Weckler | Oct. 15 | Pam Keeler      | Oct. 28 |
| John Pickard      | Oct. 16 | Vickie Crouch   | Oct. 28 |
| Tricia Moore      | Oct. 17 | Eddie Dixon     | Oct. 29 |
| Lori Erasmus      | Oct. 17 | Darryl Rogers   | Oct. 30 |
| Alyce Webb        | Oct. 22 |                 |         |





## **MAVERICKS**

#### ALL-ATHLETICS ALUMNI REUNION

Following the luncheon there will be individual athletic team breakout groups with the following:

Meet the Mavs

Athletic Activities

Campus Tour

Bookstore will be open 1:00-1:30 pm for NOC memorabilia.

Late afternoon/evening will be reserved for alumni groups to meet off campus.

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 2022

ALUMNI LUNCHEON 11:30 AM -1:00 PM RENFRO CENTER NOC TONKAWA

RSVP by Monday, October 3 to Kayla Wooderson 580.628.6473 kayla.wooderson@noc.edu

As more details are finalized, updates will be posted on social media pages.

**NOC Facebook** 



NOC Alumni Facebook







#### **NOC Calendar**

Oct. 14

Nurses Pinning, Renfro Center, 7 p.m.

Oct. 15

Mavericks Alumni Reunion, Renfro Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Oct. 16

Away Women's Soccer vs. Redlands, 3 p.m.

Oct. 17

Begin Second Eight Weeks Spring/Summer Enrollment Begins 24 Works on Paper Art Exhibit (Mon – Fri), KPAC, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa Magician Jonathan Meyer, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa Yoga Mondays, EB Lobby, 8 p. m., Enid

#### Oct. 18

Final Day to Add L8 Courses and Log on to Online Courses Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa Pre-Nursing Student Day, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., all campuses Runner Girls, Tonkawa Track, 2:30 p.m., Tonkawa Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa Family Feud, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

#### Oct. 19

Northern Encounter, Stillwater, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Stillwater Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa BCM Student Lunch, James Room, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid Away Mavs Soccer vs. Rose, 1 p.m., 3 p.m. BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

#### Oct. 20

Chikaskia Literary Festival, Marshall Building (Bivins Chapel), 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Enid Jets Got Talent, Briggs Auditorium, 7 p.m., Enid

#### Oct. 21

Final Day to Drop L8 Courses with Full Refund Chikaskia Literary Festival, Marshall Building (Bivins Chapel), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Enid Home Lady Mavs Basketball Scrimmage vs. McPherson, 6 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar



# **Pre-Nursing Student Day Oct. 18**

The NOC Nursing Division is hosting a participate in a practice lab. Pre-Nursing Student Day Tuesday, Oct. 18 on all three NOC campuses.

The event is set for 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater.

Students have an opportunity to experience the nursing program with a facility tour and

Advisors and faculty will be available to answer questions.

Email the students' name and campus to nursing@noc.edu to reserve a spot.

Call 580.628.6679 for additional information.

# **NOC Distinguished Alum** nominations due Nov. 1

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2023 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 1, according to Kayla Wooderson, alumni relations coordinator.

Selected honorees will be inducted into the NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion to be held in the Renfro Center, April 1, 2023. This is the 21st year for the NOC Hall of Fame event.

The NOC Roustabouts will perform at the event before their annual benefit show at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, has been established to recognize the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of NOC. This award is the highest honor that Northern bestows upon an outstanding alumnus/a. To view the past honorees, visit the website at https://www.noc. edu/development/alumni/distinguished-alumni-hall-of-fame/award-recipients/.

Contact Wooderson at 580.628.6473, kayla. wooderson@noc.edu or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni.

## Final fall Northern Encounter Oct. 19

Northern Oklahoma College has announced Northern Encounter dates for Fall 2022.

The Stillwater date is Oct. 19 at the NOC Classroom Building.

Northern Encounter is designated as a day for high school juniors, seniors, and their parents to get an up-close look at the programs and services that Northern has to offer.

Students will receive free t-shirts and door prizes. They will discover programs, services, clubs and organizations at NOC. They will also meet NOC faculty, students, and take a campus tour. For more information about Northern Encounter, contact Janet Jarvis in Stillwater (580.628.6904).



Life changing.

# PRE-NURSING STUDENT DAY

Tuesday October 18th, 2022 1:30pm - 3:30pm **Experience the Nursing Program** on your campus!

- Tour the Nursing Division
- Participate in the Nursing **Practice Lab**
- Enroll in Spring semester courses
- Advisors and Faculty will be on hand to answer any questions

Reserve your spot!

**Email your Name and Campus to:** 

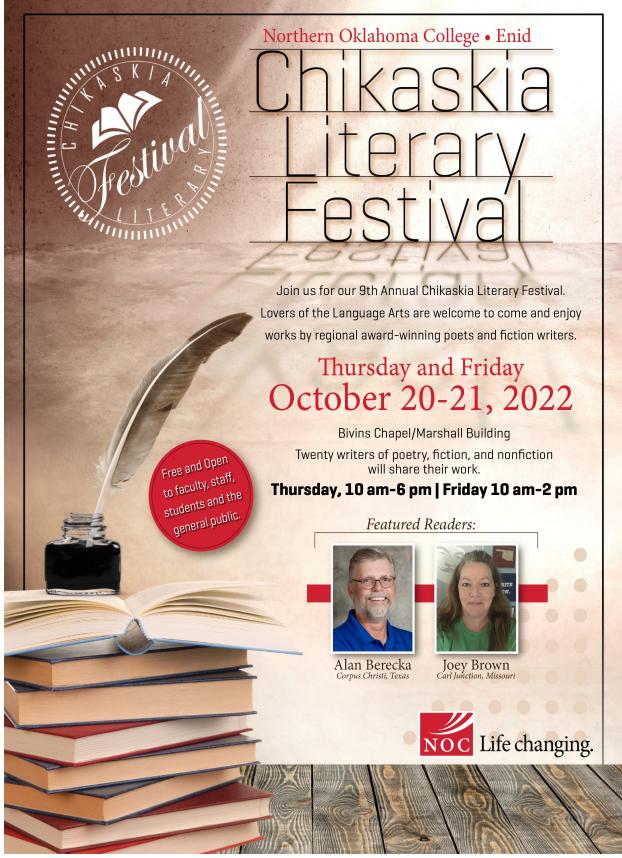
Nursing@noc.edu



Northern Oklahoma College had four students attend the 2022 Women in Science Conference at the Oklahoma Science Museum on Oct. 4 Abbigayle Vargas (Enel Booth), Raven Bruce (NOC booth), Brenna Leonard and Emmaline Dethloff (KidWind Booth). The students provided hands on demonstrations of the electric grid and wind turbine power generation to over 1,600 middle school and high school students from around the state. Over 200 vendors and volunteers participated in the conference. (photos by the 2022 OK NSF EPSCoR Women in Science Conference).



The NOC Tonkawa Roustabouts performed at the Full Moon Concert in Tonkawa on Sunday, October 9. Performing with the Roustabouts were a few NOC and Roustabout Alums. It was a beautiful evening for a wonderful concert. The alums included Cassidy Edsall '22, Taryn Pruett '19 and Carli Pendleton '22 singing with her sister Kira.



# Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

This week we end our coverage of Hispanic Her- Latino community. In celebration, here are four itage Month. The 30-day nationally observed of the greatest Hispanic athletes and scientists period September – 15 October) acknowledges the contributions made to this country by the American Athletes and Scientists of all time, go

of all time. To read about the Top 20 Hispanic

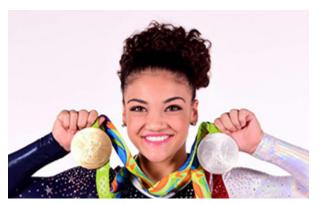
to the following link: The 20 greatest Hispanic (thefamouspeople.com) athletes of all time | Yardbarker

For more information on Hispanic American scientists go to: Notable Hispanic Scientists



Franklin Chang-Díaz

Franklin Chang-Díaz, the American Physicist worked on controlled fusion and fusion reactor design. He specialized in Applied Plasma Physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and received the doctorate degree from the same university. He became an astronaut in 1981 and later worked at NASA, as well.

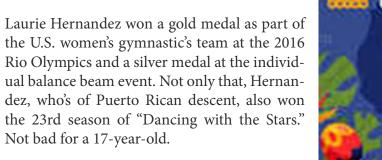


Laurie Hernandez



**Carmelo Anthony** 

Anthony, who's father is Puerto Rican, is the greatest Latino basketball player of all time. He's a 10-time NBA All-Star, has four Olympic medals (three gold and one bronze), and a NCAA national championship under his belt (he single-handedly made Syracuse champs in 2003). No one even comes close.





**Roberto Clemente** 

Arguably the greatest beisbolero (baseball player) to ever don the Pittsburgh Pirates uniform, #21 was a 15-time All-star who led his team to two World series (1960 and 1971). Hess also one of 31 players to get 3,000 hits. One of the first Latinos enshrined at Cooperstown, Clemente tragically died in a 1972 plane crash that was delivering aid to the victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua.





Ellen Ochoa

Ellen Ochoa, the astronaut and 1st Hispanic woman to go to space pursued her research on information processing from Sandia National Laboratories and NASA Ames Research Center. She is also a co-inventor on patents in optics, object recognition and image processing.

Other Hispanic scientists including Mario J. Molina, who stated that CFC'S are harmless and César Milstein, one of the fathers of modern medicine to develop the first monoclonal antibodies in 1975 are Hispanic scientists. Baruj Benacerraf, Jacinto Convit, Luis Alvarez are a few Hispanic scientists who also made their contributions to the world.



Three high school students received \$400 Tuition Waivers at the Tonkawa Northern Encounter last week at the Renfro Center. Northern Encounter is an opportunity for high school students to visit NOC Tonkawa and learn about NOC programs. Pictured (L-R): Victoria Mays, Frontier School; Kirklyn Warrior, Frontier School; Xandria Coffelt, Billings High School (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

# Jets Athletics Alumn reunion Oct. 29

The Northern Oklahoma College Enid Jets are hosting an All-Athletics Alumni Reunion Saturday, Oct. 29.

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GANTZ STUDENT CENTER
MONTGOMERY HALL
NOC ENID

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## Art exhibit continues at the KPAC

ing art exhibit that features artists who live and work in the state, will be on view from Sept. 26 - Nov. 4 in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery at al Arts Coalition, a statewide nonprofit whose Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

in age, background and style and what unifies them is that they all make work on paper - in media such as printmaking, drawing, painting and photography.

The guest curator for 24 Works on Paper was Michael R. Grauer, Curator of Cowboy Collec-

24 Works on Paper, Oklahoma's only travel-tions and Western Art at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The biennial exhibition is managed by the Oklahoma Visumission is to grow and develop Oklahoma's vi-Artists chosen for the curated exhibit differ sual arts community through education, promotion, connection and funding.

> Classroom curriculum guides and videos are made available for free to arts educators, homeschool groups, and other interested parties. Contact keri@ovac-ok.org for more information.

## **Dual Miss NOC set for Oct. 25**

The Miss NOC Enid and Miss NOC Tonkawa Scholarship Competitions are Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.

The dual competition starts at 7:30 p.m.

The current Miss NOC's are Mia-Claire Jones (Enid) and Emma Valgora (Tonkawa). The winners move on to compete in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in the summer.



NOC Tonkawa students enjoyed the Exotic Animal Petting Zoo on Monday.





Yatika Starr Fields, Hugh Pickens, and Dr. Clark Harris with the Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce certificate from the Grand Opening of the Pickens Learning Commons on Wednesday.



Dr. Harris, Hugh Pickens, and Yatika Starr Fields cut the ribbon for the Pickens Learning Commons on Wednesday.

#### COLLEGE A H O M A E M E S Fall Student Activities | Mark your Calendars! Friday, September 16 Monday Wednesday Thursday September 19 September 22 September 14 Constutution Wilkin Truck Video Game Day Dodge Ball Parade **Dunk Tank** Voter Registration Trailer Gazebo Area Entrance of Campus East Gym Circle Drive Outside 9 am-1 pm Ice Cream Truck 7:30 pm (Jenkins Street) 11 am-1 pm Student Union 6-7 pm 10 am -1 pm 6-8 pm Thursday-Friday Wednesday Wednesday Monday Monday October 14-15 October 13 September 26 October 5 October 10 Tonkawa Tonkawa **Bubble Soccer Paint Night Extreme Animal** Haunted Haunted North of Petting Zoo East Gym Sale Barn Sale Barn Softball Field 6:30 pm Gazebo Area 8-11 pm Dead End of 7th & Rivera Must show valid Student II 8-10 pm Dead End of 7th & Rivera Must show valid Student IC \*Please sign up in Student Affairs by Monday, Sept. 19tl 6-9 pm 10 am - Noon Thursday-Saturday Monday Tuesday October 20-22 Tuesday Wednesday October 18 October 25 October 26 October 17 Tonkawa Miss NOC **Magician Show** Family Feud **Family Feud** Haunted KPAC, 7:30 pm 7:30 pm KPAC, 7:30 pm Sale Barn 7:30 pm Winners from week before face Enid Campus Winners 8-11 pm Dead End of 7th & Rivera Just show valid Student ID Monday Thursday-Saturday Monday Wednesday Tuesday October 31 October 27-29 November 7 November 2 November 8 **Tonkawa** Tonkawa **Paint Night** Bingo **Archery Tag** Haunted Haunted East Gym for Food East Gym Sale Barn Sale Barn 6:30 pm East Gym 7:30 pm 8-10 pm 8-11 pm 7:30 pm Dead End of 7th & Rivera Must show valid Student I Wednesday Monday Tuesday Tuesday November 16 November 29 December 6 December 12 **Golf Simulator** Bedlam **Christmas Movie Food for Finals** Basketball and Cookie Racquetball Court Student Union vs Enid Decorating 7:30 pm 7:30 pm Women 5:30 pm East Gym, 6:30 pm Men 7:30 pm