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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.



## Alumni Spotlight

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Meet Emily Berry, Alumni Advisory Board Member, 2014 Alumna.

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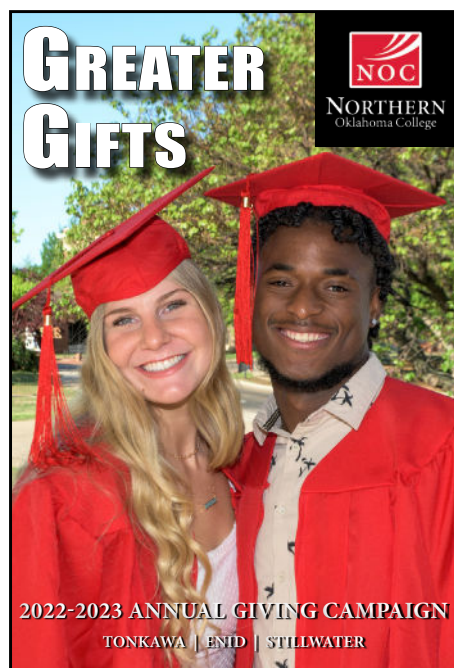
## NOC Fall Activities

Catch all the highlights of several fun-filled events that took place this fall.

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Catch up on events and new things happening at Northern, as well as what to expect in the upcoming months.

Go to  
[www.noc.edu/alumni](http://www.noc.edu/alumni).



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# ALUMNI — SPOTLIGHT

Northern Oklahoma College Announces the 2023

## *Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients*

Dr. Jim Appleman, Jeff Medders and Willie Street, MPAS, PA-C, have been chosen as the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni for 2023.

The announcement was made by the NOC Director of Alumni and Community Relations, Kayla Wooderson.

Appleman, NOC Class of 1975, is the Co-Founder at Primmune Therapeutics and has published over 70 scientific articles. He currently resides in San Diego, California.

Medders, NOC Class of 1983, is the owner of Geronimo Productions which produces more major cowboy events than any others including 10 days of the NFR in Las Vegas. He currently resides in Jenks, Oklahoma.

Street, NOC Class of 1982, is a Physician Assistant and Nursing Supervisor at Phillips 66 Health Services as well as a First Responder with the P66 Ponca City Refinery Emergency Response Team. He resides in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The banquet will be Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Renfro Center with the NOC Roustabouts Benefit Show following the banquet in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center on the NOC Tonkawa campus.

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 Northern Oklahoma College. This award is the highest honor that Northern bestows upon an outstanding alumnus/a.

A complete listing of Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award recipients is located on the NOC website at [www.noc.edu/alumni](http://www.noc.edu/alumni). More information about the 2023 inductees along with event tickets will be available in February.



## IN YOUR CORNER

Get to Know NOC's Alumni Advisory Board Member

# EMILY BERRY

A 2014 NOC Stillwater Alumna, Emily received an Associate Degree in Arts and Sciences, Education - Elementary Option. In her spare time, Emily helps with the President's Leadership Council.

Berry has served on the NOC Alumni Advisory Board since 2020.



Emily Berry with husband James and children, Avalon (6 years), Elena (4 years) and Olivia (2 years).

### *What makes NOC Life-changing?*

NOC helps bridge the gap for students from small communities to prepare and succeed at larger universities. I came from a small town and would have been overwhelmed if I had jumped right into a major university. NOC provided me the opportunity to have close contact with instructors that really cared about me and my success. I believe that contact and support is what helped me succeed at NOC, OSU, and in professional settings.

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

My advice for students is to go visit your instructors in their office. They are there to help you and if you show effort, they really do want you to succeed!

### *Tell us about yourself.*

I grew up in Fairfax, Oklahoma and moved to Stillwater following high school graduation. I attended NOC and then transitioned to OSU where I received a degree in Elementary Education. I married my sweetheart, James, in 2013. We have 3 beautiful daughters and have made Stillwater our home. I currently am a stay-at-home mom and it is the best job ever! I plan to go back to teaching when my last little one begins school.



## IN YOUR CORNER

Brad Fox joined the NOC Board of Trustees this year and has been an NOC Regent for one year.



## Brad Fox

NOC Regent and  
Foundation Trustee

### *What makes NOC Life-changing?*

NOC is truly a life-changing environment due to the faculty and staff that embody the culture of what NOC stands for. The passion and commitment from everyone at NOC is what makes it Life-changing for any student that chooses to call NOC home.



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

My advice to any alumni would be to continue to always promote NOC to anyone that is looking at furthering their education.

My advice to new students would be to embrace the culture and the environment that the faculty and staff work so hard on to ensure that every student feels welcome and valued. Partake in as many on-campus and off-campus NOC events as possible, to always network, and to enjoy your short time while you are at NOC, because the few years that you will have here will fly by.



### *Tell us about yourself.*

I am a Ponca City resident, born and raised. I am Vice President of Human Resources & Risk at Evans & Associates Enterprises in Ponca City. I am a 14-year veteran with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brad Fox pictured with wife, Caitlyn, and children, Hallie, 8 years old and Emmalyn, 4 years old.

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## **Northern Oklahoma College Hosts Multiple Alumni & Friends Activities Over the 2022 Fall Semester**

The Mavericks All-Athletics Alumni Reunion was held on Saturday, October 15 where over 125 alumni and friends joined us at NOC Tonkawa for lunch and athletic activities. Photos from the event are on the NOC website: <https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>.

The Jets All-Athletics Alumni Reunion was held Saturday, October 29 where 48 alumni and friends joined us at NOC Enid for lunch and athletic activities. Photos from the event can be viewed on our website at <https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>.



## Alumni & Friends Activities Continued...

The NOC Stillwater Tailgate event was held on Saturday, November 12 where the OSU Cowboys hosted the Iowa State Cyclones. The tailgate began at 11:30 a.m. with kickoff at 2:30 p.m. Several Alumni & Friends braved the cold to enjoy the tailgating experience prior to the game.



An Alumni & Friends Social was held at the Rusty Barrell Lounge in Ponca City, OK on Tuesday, November 15. We had over 30 attendees who enjoyed the evening with us. We hope to have more socials in the spring in our surrounding communities!

# Northern Oklahoma College Participated in Various Community Activities This Fall as Well



The Full Moon Concert took place in downtown Tonkawa on Sunday, October 9. A few NOC Alums sang with the NOC Roustabouts during the event.

NOC Employees, Students, Alums, and Veterans participated in the Veterans Day parades in Ponca City and Enid.





Dear Alumni and Friends:

At the NOC Foundation, our focus is on enhancing students' life-changing experiences by providing scholarships, academic enrichment programs, funding for equipment and seed money for innovative initiatives at all three distinct locations. No matter what path our students choose, we strive to make sure each and every one have the tools and resources necessary to prepare them for their future career endeavors.

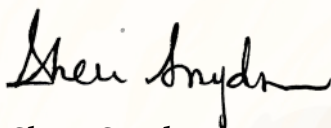
Your generosity will help ensure that the almost 4,000 students Northern serves every year have access to the resources and support they need, so they can be successful learners who go on to be productive earners in our communities.

As Executive Director of the NOC Foundation, my goal is to help create an environment where students can be successful and complete a college degree. As donors, you can join me, along with the Foundation Board, in this goal. Together, we can help NOC students start their path toward success with every advantage possible.

I hope you will consider supporting the NOC Foundation by giving in one of three easy ways which are explained on the enclosed pledge card.

Thank you for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you on campus this year!

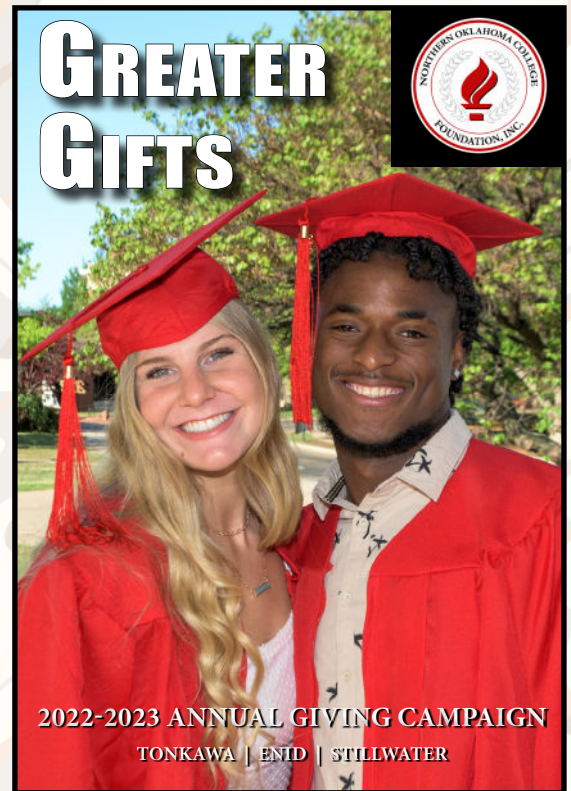
Sincerely,



Sheri Snyder  
Executive Director

### LEVELS OF GIVING

Friend of Northern	-----\$1-\$99
Roundup Club	----- \$100-\$249
Crimson Club	----- \$250-\$499
President's Club	----- \$500-\$999
Heritage Club	----- \$1000-\$4999
Major Club	----- \$5000-up



*Thank You to All  
Our Donors*





Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc.  
**2022-2023 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN  
DONATION CARD**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ NOC Alumni, Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Restricted Gift: I wish my gift to be directed to: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Unrestricted Gift: use for greatest need.

**CAMPUS ALLOCATION:**

☐ Tonkawa ☐ Enid ☐ Stillwater

☐ I would like information on planned giving.

☐ NOC Foundation is named in my will.

☐ I wish my gift to remain anonymous.

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My (Our) gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Matching gift program:**

☐ My employer will match my gift.

Employer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form enclosed ☐ Form pending ☐

*If you wish to  
donate by credit  
card or by pledge,  
please contact the  
Development  
Office at  
580.628.6292.*



**SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE**

*Please print and mail donation card to:*  
**Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 310, Tonkawa, OK 74653-0310**

*Make checks payable to Northern Oklahoma College Foundation*

**OR DONATE ONLINE:**

**[www.noc.edu/development/foundation/donation-form](http://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/donation-form)**



**SCAN FOR A  
COMPLETE LIST OF  
NOC FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND LOANS**

# Thank - A - Thon

In November, the Foundation hosted, what I hope will become an annual tradition with our first ever Thank-A-Thon in Enid and Tonkawa. We had a over 80 students come to show their support and thanks for our generous donors that give to the Foundation. They were truly excited to write letters, take photos, call donors and record video messages. These events just reiterated the fact that NOC has the best students! Each and every student at NOC is touched by the Foundation and our generous donors, whether it be through a private scholarship, an enhancement in the classroom, or a professional development that improves a faculty member's specialty.

## Thank you

for everything you do for our students!  
Our students are better because of YOU!

Dear Supporter of NOC,  
Thank you for your  
contribution to the school.  
Your loyalness is greatly  
appreciated and vital to  
making Northern Oklahoma  
College as successful and  
great as possible!  
From, Molly Dolan, PLC, NDC-Enid

Dear Donor,  
Thank you for being a loyal supporter  
of Northern Oklahoma College. Your generous  
contribution helps students like me achieve a  
higher education. Thank you again for your support!  
Janielle Buttrum  
Northern Oklahoma College Enid  
Presidential Leadership Council

On behalf of Northern Oklahoma  
College-Enid, we say thank you for the  
amazing gifts you have given the school  
and the wonderful opportunities you bring to  
the students with your donations!! Thank You!  
Ashlan Light  
Northern Oklahoma College  
Women's Basketball Enid



Thank you for being a  
loyal supporter of Northern  
Oklahoma College.

We appreciate all your support  
and the generosity for the  
college.

I am very grateful for  
your contributions towards the  
college.

It is greatly appreciated.

Aron Kanyoi  
Men's Soccer

Thank you for being a loyal  
supporter of Northern Oklahoma  
College.

Your support is vital to our  
success.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Sa-  
Lady Hans Basketball

Thank you for being  
a loyal supporter of  
Northern Oklahoma  
College. Our endeavors  
would not be possible  
without your generous  
donation.

Lexi Albright  
Maverick Magic  
NOC Womens Soccer

Thank you for  
supporting and  
encouraging students  
like me.

You make all the  
difference!

Best Wishes!

Haylin Rogers  
(NOC Nursing student)

Hello!  
I would just like  
to thank you for your  
gracious donation  
and endless support!  
With your gift, I get to  
study what I love at a  
school I love. ♡  
Thank you!  
- Alea Hunt

Dear Donor,

Thankyou for your generous  
heart! A thankyou also for investing  
in future generations education and  
life goals! My name is Emilee Rhynes  
and I am a graduate from Pryor, OK  
I am currently a student at NOC  
Stillwater campus. I plan on  
graduating with an associates  
and obtaining a bachelors degree  
at Oklahoma State University. With  
a major in Biology and a future  
in medicine. Because of you I can  
reach these goals.

Sincerely,  
Emilee Rhynes

Please click on link to watch video of thanks:  
<https://fb.watch/hmZ5D-h2eo/?mibextid=cr9u03>



## 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!

## Subscribe Now

To Give: Go To [www.noc.edu/development/foundation/donation-form](http://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/donation-form)

To Unsubscribe: Email [alumni@noc.edu](mailto:alumni@noc.edu)

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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](http://www.noc.edu).

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