

# What's Happening

## February 3, 2023

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## Tonkawa Homecoming 2023



Homecoming Queen Lauren Bratcher pictured with candidates. Pictured (L-R): Samantha Smith, Lauren Bratcher, Emma Valgora, Lexie Boyer. (photo by John Pickard)



King Montrez Ward with homecoming escorts. Pictured (L-R): Rylan Wright, Montrez Ward, Cash Jay, Casey Clemo. (photo by John Pickard)

*Late 12-Week Courses  
Begin Monday, Feb. 6*

**Mavs vs. Jets Basketball at Enid,  
Monday, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.**



# Ward, Bratcher king, queen

Montrez Ward and Lauren Bratcher are the NOC Tonkawa Homecoming King and Queen for 2023.

Ward, a sophomore from Jackson, Tennessee, and Bratcher, a sophomore from Del City, Oklahoma, were crowned Thursday night at halftime of the men's game against NEO.

The following were the finalists for king and queen:

Lexie Boyer represented NOC Women's Basketball. She is a sophomore from Harrah majoring in Elementary Education. She is the captain of the Maverick Women's basketball team.

Boyer was escorted by Cash Jay. Jay represented NOC Maverick Baseball. He is a sophomore from Chickasha majoring in Physical Therapy. Cash is an active member of NOC Maverick Magic, FCA, Athletic training and Maverick Baseball.

Lauren Bratcher is a sophomore from Del City majoring in Business. Bratcher represented NOC's Softball team. She is actively involved on NOC's Softball team and Maverick Magic. Bratcher was escorted by Montrez Ward.

Ward is a sophomore from Jackson, Tennessee majoring in Physical Education representing NOC's Men's Basketball. He is a member of the NOC basketball and Maverick Magic.

Samantha Smith represented Phi Theta Kappa. She is a sophomore from Medford and is majoring in Athletic Training. She is an active member of the PTK, PLC, athletic training, social media club and is a student tutor.

Smith was escorted by Rhylan Wright. Wright is a freshman from Jenks majoring in Business Administration representing NOC Business Club. He is a member of the NOC Baseball team, PLC and the Business Club.

Emma Valgora is representing NOC President Leadership Council. She is a sophomore from Ponca City majoring in Musical Theater and Elementary Ed. She is active in NOC Choir,

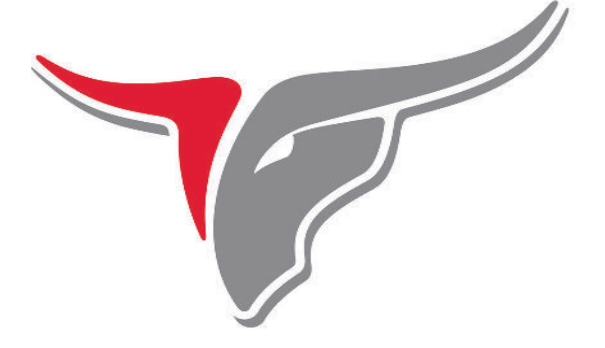


Montrez Ward and Lauren Bratcher

Madrigals, Phi Theta Kappa and NOC's President Leadership Council.

Valgora was escorted by Casey Clemo. He is a sophomore from Forney, Texas, majoring in Criminal Justice representing NOC Maverick Magic. Clemo is a member of the Men's Soccer team, Student Senate and the president of Maverick Magic.

The king and queen's crowns were presented by Miss NOC Tonkawa Kira Pendleton.





# Black History Month

## NOC Diversity Committee

Black History Month (February 1 – February 28, 2023).

Black History Month has a different theme every year.

The founder, Woodson believed providing a theme was essential to focus the public's attention. The ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) said it selects themes that “reflect changes in how people of African descent in the United States have viewed themselves, the influence of

social movements on racial ideologies, and the aspirations of the Black community.”

The theme of this year's Black History Month is Black Resistance.

“Black resistance strategies have served as a model for every other social movement in the country, thus, the legacy and importance of these actions cannot be understated.”

For more information go to: <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>

## NOC February Birthdays



Kathleen Otto	Feb. 1	Lynn DeMuth	Feb. 16
Kayla Kelso	Feb. 2	Cooper Battisti	Feb. 20
Miranda Lawson	Feb. 2	Audra Biggs	Feb. 23
Rebecca Meuten	Feb. 4	Jimmy Dickinson	Feb. 24
Susie Barnes	Feb. 5	Jeremy Hise	Feb. 24
Charmaine Munro	Feb. 5	Tony Barnes	Feb. 25
Darrell Frost	Feb. 5	Leondra Wilson	Feb. 25
Roy Pinder	Feb. 8	Jonie Johnson	Feb. 28
Brenda Pennington	Feb. 12		

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery

Kinzer Performing Art Center, NOC Tonkawa

Teaching Artists

Viewing Hours:  
1-5 pm, Monday - Friday  
and during performances

EXHIBITION

Feb. 1-28, 2023

Brandon Beichler

Betty Hancock

Charla Enns

Steven Goodwin

Ashley Heitschmidt

Alena Jennings

Jena Kodesh

Mindy LittleCook

Jason McNaughton

Caryl Morgan

Leah Pappan

Theresa Sackett

Artist Reception

Saturday, Feb. 4 • 3 pm-4:30 pm



# Teaching Artists Exhibit reception set for Saturday at the KPAC

“Teaching Artists Exhibition,” featuring the work of twelve area educators who also make art is currently on view in Eleanor Hays Art Gallery on the Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa campus, according to gallery director Audrey Schmitz.

A reception with the artists is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. and it is open to all.

Schmitz curated the exhibition with a vision of recognizing and celebrating the quality and diverse styles of art being produced by educators. A “teaching artist” is defined as a practicing professional artist who has a dual career as an educator and who may work in many settings, from schools and art centers to hospitals and online venues.

Participating artists are Brandon Beichler, Charla Enns and Steven Goodwin of Enid; Betty Hancock, Cushing; Ashley Heitschmidt, Blackwell; Jena G. Kodesh, Red Rock; Alena Jennings, Mindy LittleCook and Theresa Sacket of Ponca City; Carol Morgan and Leah Pappan

of Newkirk; Jason McNaughton, Norman.

Over 65 works of art include oil, watercolor and acrylic painting, digital imagery and photography, monoprints, pastels, mixed-media sculpture, ceramics and jewelry. Styles range from realistic subject matters to fantasy and expressive abstract works. All of the artists demonstrate technical mastery and experimentation with media and reveal a shared celebration of color. Viewers will find the diverse works strategically grouped to create visual experiences capitalizing on related properties of color, line, shape and composition. The majority of the art is available for purchase.

“Teaching Artist Exhibition” remains in the gallery through February 28. The gallery, located in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, is open 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during evening and weekend events in the KPAC Auditorium. Admission is free. Contact gallery director Audrey Schmitz at 580-628-6670 or [audrey.schmitz@noc.edu](mailto:audrey.schmitz@noc.edu) for more information.

# Daisy Award nominations April 3


Nursing faculty at Northern Oklahoma College will soon be honored with 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.

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 deadline for nominations is April 3, 2023.




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This day is designated for high school juniors, seniors and their parents to get an up-close look at NOC and to meet with faculty and staff!

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SCAN CODE TO REGISTER

<b>February 1</b> Renfro Center 9-11 am Contact Bryan Hook 580.628.6668	<b>February 8</b> Gantz Student Center 9-11 am Contact Leticia Maxwell 580.548.2353	<b>February 15</b> NOC Stillwater Building 9-11 am Contact Janet Jarvis 580.628.6904
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Discover Programs, Services, Clubs and Organizations  
Tuition Waivers & Door Prizes  
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Take a Campus Tour

Pre-Register Online:  
<https://noc.secure.force.com/events/#/list>





# Tax preparation at NOC Tonkawa

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents starting Feb. 2 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$60,000 per year qualify for the free service.

Trained tax preparers from the NOC Business Division and area volunteers will be available for tax assistance beginning Thursday, Feb. 2. Taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return using the free e-filing software.

Cara Beth Johnson, Business division chair said, "This is a great opportunity for our students to provide a community service and gain tax preparation experience."

The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC) is hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program every Thursday through April 13. The CEC will be closed March 13-17 for spring break and for inclement weather. The CEC is located in the library in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to bring a photo ID for all filers; 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; and 1095-A, -B, or -C healthcare coverage or exemption.

Tax preparation is done by appointment only. Please contact Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or carolyn.johnson@noc.edu. Tax preparers are available from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. No drop off's will be accepted, individuals must be present during tax preparation.

Barbara Nickles is the VITA site coordinator and NOC students Haley Merhoff, Graeme Rios, and Rhylan Wright will assist her in preparing the tax returns. All have taken and passed all the required IRS tax preparer coursework.

Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.

## Scholarship deadline Feb. 21

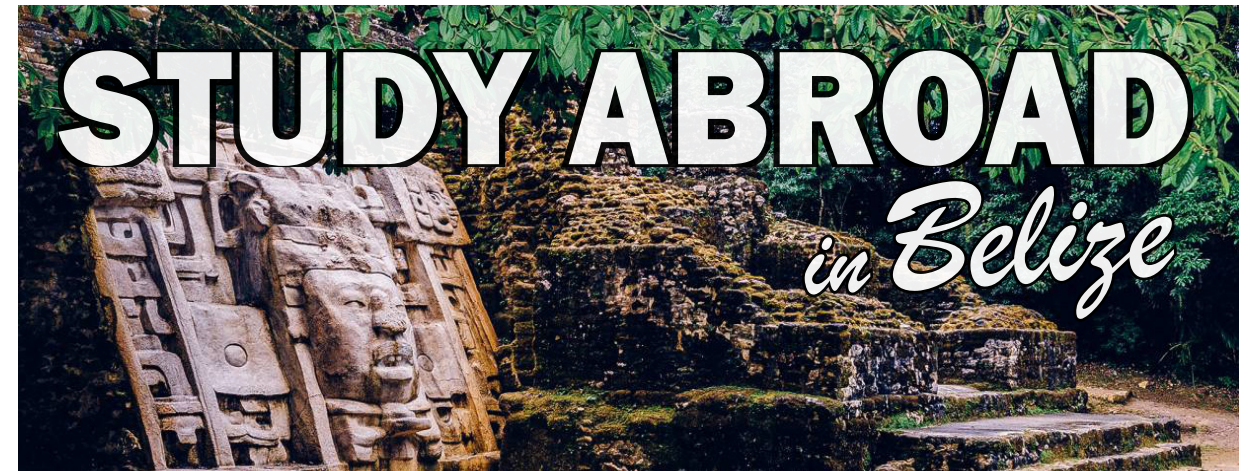
Northern Oklahoma College is continuing to accept scholarship applications for Fall 2023.

Applicants applying for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship, the NOC/OSU Gateway Ambassadors Scholarship or the State Regents Academic Scholarship must apply by Feb. 21, extended a day due to federal holiday on Feb. 20.

Priority deadline for all other scholarships is Feb. 21 with scholarships awarded to qualified applicants on a first come, first serve basis until Aug. 25. To apply, simply apply for admission to NOC, apply for financial aid and then fill out the scholarship form online.

To be considered for scholarships, applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov (Northern's Title IV Institutional Code is 003162) within 30 days of accepting a scholarship award.

For a complete listing of all scholarships available, please visit our website at [www.noc.edu/scholarships](http://www.noc.edu/scholarships). For more information contact the NOC Scholarship Office at 580-628-6760 or [scholarships@noc.edu](mailto:scholarships@noc.edu).



Students will stay 9 nights in eco-lodges as we travel the diverse country of Belize.

We will make our way with a full-time Belizean guide from the islands to explore the Belize Barrier Reef, and inland to explore dense jungles and witness the archaeological wonders of the Maya. We will be snorkeling, hiking and spelunking our way through several national parks while learning about the culture and ecology of Belize. In addition to participating in the activities at the Belize Bird Sanctuary, we will learn about agricultural crops, medicinal plants, and the people of this fascinating country. Activities also include the world-famous Belize Zoo, a sunset sailboat cruise, swimming with stingrays and sharks, and a zip-lining adventure. Daily breakfasts and nightly dinners are included; however, students should bring funds to purchase additional meals and snacks.

## SUMMER 2023 MAY 15-24

**Earn 4 credit hours  
Plant Biology  
BIOL 1314 (N, L)**

**MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT TO TRAVEL ON THIS PROGRAM**



Earn four credit hours of lab science through Northern Oklahoma College's Botany course, offered in the beautiful and fascinating country of Belize. The coral reef, the ocean, the islands and rainforests will serve as your science lab as you explore and study the neo-tropical ecosystems of this Central American country.

Students are required to take the following class during the summer semester for a total of 4 semester credit hours.

- BIOL 1314 (N, L) Introductory Plant Biology (Instructor: Mary Gard) covers the basic principles of plant biology, with emphasis on adaptations to tropical ecology. Appropriate laboratory work and demonstrations to implement the fundamental principles and concepts learned in theory. This course will transfer to Oklahoma State University as PBIO 1404, a natural and laboratory science (N, L).
- This is an early summer session class, with pre- and post-program assignments required.

**COST:** Approximately \$3,380\* (\$4,282 non-resident). Includes airfare, lodging, most meals, airport transfer in Belize, all required activities, primary medical and travel insurance, in-country transportation, expert local guide and driver, study abroad t-shirt, and and four credit hours of lab science college credit (L/N). Student will be responsible for Oklahoma airport transfers, money for lunches and snacks, passports, \$25 for guide/driver tips, and miscellaneous expenses. A \$740 non-refundable deposit in the Fall of 2022 or the Spring of 2023 (if not sold out) will be applicable to in-country program costs. A second payment of \$1,930.40 will be due in the Spring 2023 semester; \*\$709.60 tuition will be due in Summer 2023.



\*Out-of-state tuition of approximately \$1,611.60 will be applicable for the tuition costs only.



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# NOC Calendar

## Feb. 4

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Des Moines Area CC, noon

Home Jets Baseball vs. Northeast Nebraska, 1 p.m.

Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Western, 3 p.m.

Teaching Artists Exhibit Artist Reception, KPAC, 3 p.m., Tonkawa

Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Redlands, 5 p.m.

## Feb. 5

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Des Moines Area CC, noon

Home Jets Baseball vs. Northeast Nebraska, 1 p.m.

## Feb. 6

Begin Late 12-Week Courses

YouTube Yoga, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa

Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 5:30 p.m.

Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NOC Enid, 5:30 p.m.

## Feb. 7

Final Day to Add Late 12-Week Courses

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa

YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa

Home Jets Softball vs. Southern Nazarene JV, 1 p.m.

## Feb. 8

Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

Free Lunch, Gantz Center James Room, 11:30 a.m., Enid

YouTube Yoga, Wellness Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

## Feb. 9

VITA Tax Preparation, CEC, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tonkawa

Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Seminole, 5:30 p.m.

Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Western, 5:30 p.m.

YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

## Feb. 10

Away Jets Softball vs. Vernon (TX) at Denison (TX), 11 a.m.

Away Jets Softball vs. Paris (TX) at Denison (TX), 1:15 p.m.

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Arkansas-Mountain Home, 2 p.m.

Home Jets Baseball vs. Iowa Central, 6 p.m.

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

## Enid, Stillwater Northern Encounter upcoming

Northern Oklahoma College has announced three Northern Encounter dates for Spring 2023.

The dates are as follows: Feb. 8 – Enid (Gantz Center); and Feb. 15 – Stillwater (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 Bryan Hook in Tonkawa (580.628.6668), Leticia Maxwell in Enid (580.548.2353) or Janet Jarvis in Stillwater (580.628.6904).

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## Study Abroad in London, England

**May 28-June 9, 2023**

Depart U.S. May 27 (or earlier if traveling independently).  
Must arrive in London on Sunday, May 28.

**Regent's University / 6 Credit Hours (H/I, H)**

**Limited Space  
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Northern Oklahoma College is partnering with Regent's University London to offer the 2023 NOC London Summer Program. Students will attend courses, participate in academic and cultural field trips and enjoy guest lecturers in the most cosmopolitan city in the world. Enrollment is limited.

Call or email as soon as possible. Additional info: [www.noc.edu/global](http://www.noc.edu/global)

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

#### MAY INCLUDE:

- British Museum
- Buckingham Palace
- Houses of Parliament/10 Downing St.
- Westminster Abbey
- Chinatown/Piccadilly Circus
- Trafalgar Square
- West End Theater Visit
- US Embassy Visit or Speaker
- St. Paul's Cathedral

### INDEPENDENT POSSIBILITIES

#### MAY INCLUDE:

- Tower of London
- Oxford, Cambridge, Bath, Canterbury & Paris
- Beatles/Jack the Ripper Walking Tours
- London Eye (Ferris Wheel)
- London Aquarium
- Notting Hill and Camden Markets
- SoHo/Covent Garden
- Castles and Hundreds of Other Sites

**HOUSING and MEALS:** Students are housed on the campus of Regent's University in same-gender twin rooms. The reception desk is staffed 24 hours a day and a Resident Assistant lives on each floor. Students will have access to laundry facility, college library, computer lab, student center, and tennis courts. All students will receive £12/per day on their Regent's University ID card they can use to purchase meals in the refectory (cafeteria).

**FEE: \$2,950** (Airfare is separate and must be organized by the student.) A nonrefundable deposit of \$710 will be due upon enrollment (Fall 2022 or Spring 2023). A second payment of \$1,175.60 will be charged on the Spring NOC account and payable on or before March 2023. A final tuition payment of approximately \$1,064.40 will be due in Summer 2023 (\$2417.40 non-Oklahoma resident) The cost includes tuition, fees, housing, orientation tour, local transport, out-of-town tours, travel/medical insurance, required course activities and partial meal plan. Students will need money for passport, airfare, independent travel, shopping, snacks, meals away, etc. and approximately \$25 for guide/driver tips.

**DEADLINE:** The last day to enroll is May 5, 2023 or until sold out. If a student enrolls after December 10, 2022, both the deposit and second payment will be due on Spring 2023 NOC account.

**COURSES:** Each student is required to take the following two classes during the program for a total of six credit hours.

#### GLBL 2113: Global Studies in Humanities (H, I)

##### Dean Wade Watkins, Instructor

This course will explore several of England's rich and diverse cultural aspects. Students will gain insight into what makes England (and the United Kingdom) unique including: politics, history, religion, food, arts, economics, anthropology and religion. Meets requirements for humanities and International dimension.

#### GLBL 2123: Global Culture and Society (H, I)

##### Prof Tammy Davis, Instructor

This course will explore a specific country or region's cultural fields. Students may examine cultural fields such as: literature, music, visual and performing arts, sports, anthropology, religion, language, history, politics and philosophy. Meets requirements for humanities credit and International Dimension.

**Class and independent visits to local sites will be required to complete course requirements. Pre-departure reading will be required for both courses.**

In case of program cancellation, contact Wade Watkins for conditions of refund or program transfer.

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# Jets' baseball opens Saturday

The NOC Enid Jets open the season Saturday at David Allen Memorial Ballpark against Northeast Nebraska for doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday.

"Every start to a baseball season has excitement and potential so this year isn't much different," said coach Scott Mansfield. "We're ready to get going, ready to be in the same dugout competing for the ultimate goal. Think we have some good talent, good depth but more importantly, this group seems really close which gives a lot of hope to the upcoming five months."

Mansfield said the Jets are going to be young in 2023 but NOC Enid does return three weekend rotation pitchers in Zach Roden, Jack Cline, and Robert Dibrell.

"We have some experience and maturity on the mound and both offensively and defensively," he said.

"We are young and inexperienced," he added. "We have a lot of young pups that we are going to rely on this year so we'll see how they develop as the year goes along."

Region 2 is always a challenge and Mansfield said this year is no different.

"I think this region is one of the toughest in the nation and this year will be no exception," he said. "I think the region just keeps growing with talent throughout Oklahoma and Arkansas and the additions of new teams over the years keeps the region very balanced and competitive top to bottom, every weekend series will be tough."

The tentative lineup for the Jets is Mason Poppen and Jase White at catcher, Nathan Gutierrez at first base, Conner Duncan and Kade Goeke at second base, Sammy Harris at shortstop, and Ty Chapman at third base. The outfield includes Zane Chavez, Solomon James, and Owen Tracy and Brayden Bock at designated hitter.

The weekend rotation includes Roden, Cline, Dibrell, and Cameron Ebert while the back end of the pen will be Jesse Slimp and Josh Rains.



Ty Chapman



**February 2-April 13, 2023**

*\*closed March 13-17 and for inclement weather*

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- 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



# Mavs entertain DMACC in opener

The NOC Mavs Baseball Team opens the season this weekend hosting a four-game series against Des Moines Area Community College.

First pitch is noon Saturday and Sunday.

Coach Ryan Bay enters his ninth season at the Maverick helm.

"There's a lot to like about this team," Bay said. "We've got good balance offensively with several quality hitters from both sides of the plate and some guys with some pop that will hit for power as well as some speed guys that can set a table for us."

"Our pitching staff continues to improve each week. If we can stay healthy on the mound we'll be very competitive in Region 2."

What does Bay see as his team's strengths in 2023.

"We're pretty balanced at the plate and on the mound in terms of lefty/righty matchups. That should give us an advantage matching up with how teams try to line up with us this spring," he said. This will be one of the better hitting teams we've had in the past 2-3 years."

As with any team, health is a key concern.

"We have to stay healthy, that's always my biggest concern," he said. "With good health, we can be a very competitive team that can beat anyone on any given day."

Traditionally, Region 2 is one of the toughest in the nation and 2023 is no different.

"It's the best Region in all of NJCAA D2. Every series is tough...but it's also a lot of fun."

Bay said he plans to use a number of position players in 2023.

Handling the catching will be Mitchell Lucero and Nate Windle with Bradley Castillo in the mix after he recovers from shoulder surgery.

The first base and designated hitter duties will start with Cade Tucker and Enrique Alvarez, Jr. seeing duty at both. Second base will start 2023 with a Jorge Olive and Matt Stancliff platoon.

Darian Duhon starts the season at third base with Cash Jay handling duties at shortstop. Eli-



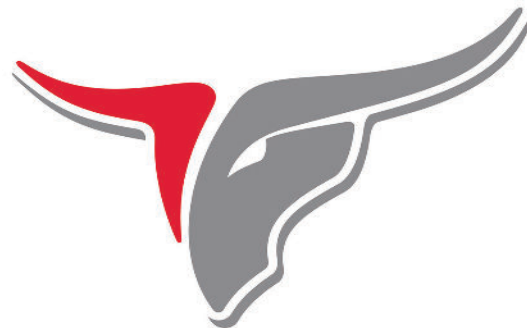
**Nate Windle**

jah Laus provides depth at both spots.

Vying for playing time in the outfield are Preston Knott and Garrison Brandt in left field, Jaylin Bennett and Thomas Dunn in centerfield though Bennett is out this weekend with injury. Brandt and Kelly Yancy will man right field for the Mavs.

The current weekend rotation includes Graeme Rios and Eli Cartwright on Saturday and Brenden Kamnick and Caleb Lunnon on Sunday. Cade Fiveash will return to the rotation in mid-February.

The back end of the bullpen includes Windle, Rios, and Gage Norvell.



## Nominate a Nursing Instructor

**Deadline for Consideration: April 3, 2023**

*DAISY Award finalist must attend the May 6, 2023 Nurses' Pinning for consideration.*

Honor the inspirational influence our Nursing Faculty provide their students everyday.

## THE DAISY AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY

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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.

**To Nominate a Nursing Faculty Member, visit:**

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

*Or scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera.*



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# Jets' softball opens Tuesday

The NOC Enid Jets Softball team opens Tuesday as the Jets host Southern Nazarene JV at 1 p.m.

Coach Megan Hill, starting her 4<sup>th</sup> year at NOC Enid, is excited for 2023.

"We are super excited for this season," Hill said. "There is a different feel and a different atmosphere than what we have had in the past."

What are the strengths of the 2023 Jets' team?

"This is the most well-rounded team we have had in my previous three years," Hill said. "We are balanced with power and speed throughout our line-up. Most of our roster is able to play multiple positions so putting together the correct line up and order will be a challenge that I am ready for."

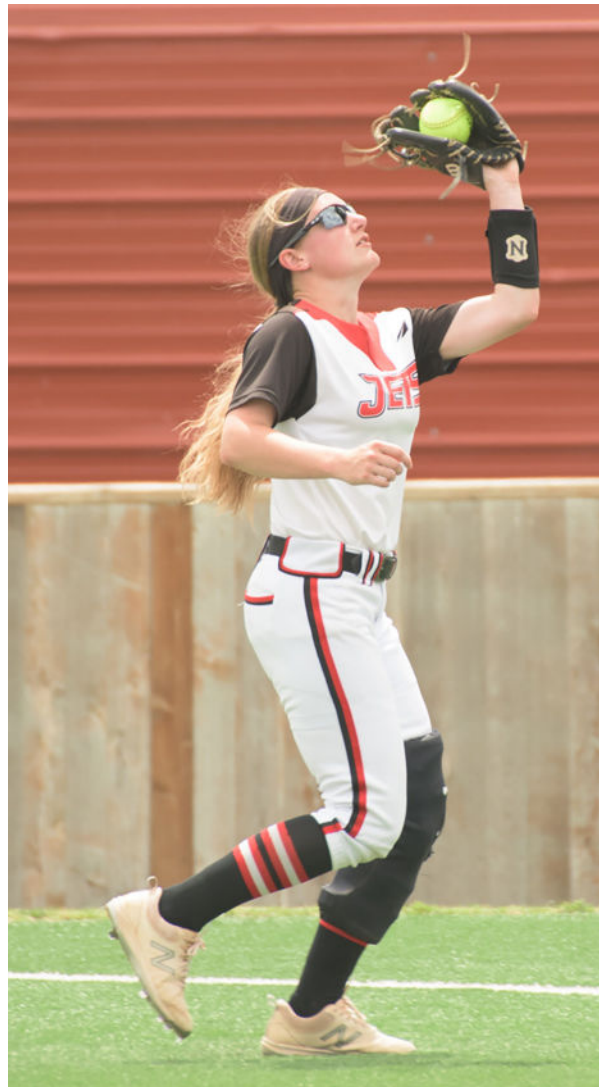
"This is also probably the most talented team top to bottom that we have had," she said. "We only have five pitchers this year so keeping them healthy will be a big point of what we do and as we all know that pitching is a big part of a season. If we stay healthy, I think we can be successful."

Region 2 is always tough but Hill thinks it's wide open this year.

"The region this year I believe is up in the air for anybody to take," Hill said. "We have one of the toughest regions top to bottom in the nation but I truly believe our region is so talented, it will be a very competitive season."

Pitching is always a key and Hill believes in her staff. She said the Jets won't have a specific pitching rotation, we don't have a specific order, but will be use four as starters/relievers and one as a late relief/closer.


"As we move through season they may filter into more individualized roles as starters or relievers but as of right now we have four that will be starting," she said. The rotation will be designed in a way to give days off in order to



**Camaryn Alexander**

keep all five as healthy as possible during our 60-game season."

"We are excited to get on the field next week to see where we stand and where we need to continue making adjustments, Hill added. "The Texas tournament will be a solid way to start season with our young team playing high level teams. This group is competitive and a bunch of fighters so we look forward to the challenge."




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# Maverick Softball opens Feb. 14

The NOC Mavs' Softball team opens the 2023 softball season Feb. 14 at Cowley County in coach Tori Green's fourth season at NOC Tonkawa.

Green is excited for the 2023 season.

"Our 2023 Maverick softball team is diverse and versatile," she said. "We have speed and power offensively that should keep opponents guessing. This group has a great opportunity to be successful offensively."

Green said the strength of the team will be their team speed and experienced pitching.

"We have added a lot of team speed from our freshman," she said. "I also think our sophomore pitchers will keep us in games and compete at a high level."

Green added that the 2023 Mavericks are a young team and could have some growing pains.

"We are young," she said. "If we can perform consistently at the level we are capable then we should be successful."

Region 2 has improved over the years but Seminole remains the region's top team.

"Our region is tough," she said. "Seminole is always a power house but I feel like we should compete really well. If the girls compete and want it, we could be in the running for a conference championship."

With the season still two weeks away, Green said she is experimenting with different line-ups but is counting on returning sophomores Emma Enderud, Savannah Chenoweth, Teagan Honer, Haiden Huster, Alexandra Griffin, Jayden Looper, Kyla Storts, and Madalyn McNac. Green said to watch for freshmen Ryllie Shipp, Hannah Endicott, and Morgan Meyer.

In the circle, the Mavs return lefthander Emma Enderud and added transfer Lauren Bratcher as starters. Alayna Long will also make an impact in the circle as a freshman closer. Ashlyne Roblyer is a great offset for all three Maverick pitchers and will pitch in relief for the Mavs.



Emma Enderud

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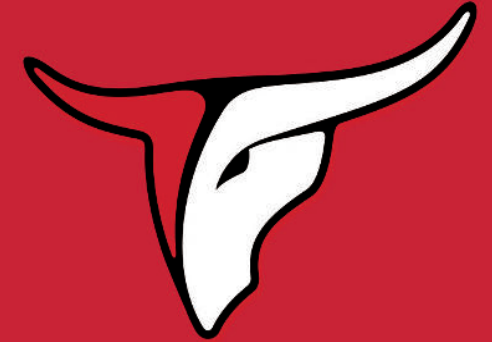
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