

Distinguished Alumni Induction April 1

Northern Oklahoma College alumni Dr. Jim Appleman, Jeff Medders, and Willie Street MPAS, PA-C will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame April 1.

Appleman, Class of 1975, Medders, Class of 1981, and Street, Class of 1982 will be honored in ceremonies taking place during the NOC Alumni and Friends Reunion Dinner in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1.

The public is invited to the event and all NOC Alumni and Friends of the college are encouraged to attend, according to Kayla Wooderson, director of alumni and community relations. The deadline for reservations is March 13. Reservations are required; the \$20 payment for the dinner event may be paid in advance or at the April 1 event.

Also, the Class of 1973 will be honored at the event.

For reservations or for more information, contact Wooderson at 580-628-6473 or e-mail kayla.wooderson@noc.edu. To make reservations online, visit www.noc.edu/alumni and then click on "Alumni and Friends Reunion Form."

Dr. Jim Appleman

Dr. Jim Appleman grew up in Tonkawa, where both his parents were members of NOC's faculty and administration. His first three years at Washington Elementary School coincided

with his parents serving as dorm parents for Easterling Hall.

Following graduation from Tonkawa High School he naturally attended Northern Oklahoma College. After one year in which he took full advantage of NOC's rich campus life experience, he graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Mathematics. He subsequently received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Biochemistry from Oklahoma State University followed by post-doctoral training in the laboratory of Dr. Gustav Lienhard at Dartmouth Medical School.

Appleman is the Senior Vice-President, Research and Development, and Chief Science Officer and Co-Founder of Primmune Therapeutics in San Diego, California.

Jeff Medders

Since 1991, Jeff Medders has been the televi-



Jim Appleman

sion host for PRCA ProRodeo and the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has offered his talents to "America's Horse," a magazine show on

the American Quarter Horse for 15 years and has been the host and producer of the "Cinch High School Rodeo Tour" for the past decade.

While immersing himself within the cowboy industry, Medders founded and is the President and CEO of Geronimo Productions.

In March 2020, due to his 30-year television experience he became The Cowboy Channel President. He has played a major role in bringing success and fast-paced growth to the first and only television network dedicated to western sports and way of life.

Medders graduated from Northern Oklahoma College with an Associates of Arts in Broadcasting in May of 1983 and Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, Television, Film in May of 1985. Medders was named an OSU College of Arts and Sciences



Jeff Medders

Outstanding Alumnus in 2014.

He was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2016, and last November he was inducted into the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.



Willie Street

Willie Street

Willie Street MPAS, PA-C, is currently a physician assistant with Phillips 66 Health Services where he leverages over three decades of clinical expertise to ensure the highest level of healthcare service is delivered to the staff at the Ponca City refinery.

Street found direction and support from influential staff and instructors at Northern Oklahoma College to complete his Associate of Science degree in 1982. He then graduated from Wich-

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ita State University with a Bachelor's degree in Health Science and Bachelor's degree as a physician assistant in 1992. In 2022, Willie obtained a Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Texas Rio Grande.

After graduation, he went to work serving the Cherokee and Choctaw Nations of Oklahoma. In 2000, he moved back to his hometown of Tonkawa to fulfill his long-held desire to provide quality healthcare to the surrounding communities through a partnership with his

wife and Dr. Paul Briggs.

He eventually transitioned to service with Phillips 66 Health Services.

Street is a member of the Tonkawa tribe and a descendant of the Cherokee and Ponca tribes.

The event registration and mixer will be held from 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. in the Renfro Center lobby with dinner at p.m. in the banquet room. The NOC Roustabout Benefit Show will follow the dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the KPAC.

Sweeney Todd through March 5

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Fine Arts presents the musical thriller “Sweeney Todd” March 2-5 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

Showtimes March 2-4 are at 7:30 p.m. and March 5 at 2 p.m.

The play is directed by NOC’s Chad Anderson.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

There is free admission for NOC students and employees with an NOC ID. Children Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Director Chad Anderson said, “The recent passing of Stephen Sondheim has prompted many theatres to pay tribute by adding one of his many classic shows to their seasons. Consider this our offering. Sweeney has always been my favorite Sondheim show. Its stirring, dissonant score tells this chilling story in a way only Sondheim could achieve. What should


be our takeaway from such a dark tale? That’s up to the individual. But for me, as the chorus sings the finale and implies that Sweeney himself is among us today, it forces me to ask myself if there is revenge, hate, or anger in my own heart.”

Content Warning: Sweeney Todd contains strong language and theatrical depictions of violence, death, and physical abuse.

The musical thriller is based on the book by Hugh Wheeler, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The production is based on an adaptation by Christopher Bond, originally directed on Broadway by Harold Prince, orchestrations by Jonathan Turick.

Sweeney Todd, the Musical, is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com.

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The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
A Musical Thriller

Directed by
Chad Anderson

Kinzer Performing Arts Center , NOC Tonkawa

March 2-5, 2023
Thursday-Saturday 7:30 pm | Sunday 2 pm

\$10 Adults | \$7 Students

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Contact **Chad Anderson** for more information | **580.628.6370**

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Life changing.

Region 2 Basketball Tourney begins

The NOC Enid Jets and NOC Tonkawa Mavs have their tournament draw for the NJCAA Region 2 Basketball Tournament in Muskogee March 8-11.

The winner of the Region 2 Tournament advances to the NJCAA National Tournament in Lubbock (Women), Texas, or Hutchinson (Men), Kansas.

In the men's bracket, the NOC Tonkawa Mavs (#5 Seed) face Seminole at 3 p.m. on March 8. The Jets (#3 Seed) face Murray State at 6 p.m. March 8.

On the women's side, the NOC Enid Lady Jets (#3 Seed) face NEO at 6 p.m. on March 9 while the Lady Mavs (#2 Seed) face Connors at 8 p.m. on March 9.

The semi-finals are Friday and the finals are set for Saturday.

NOC March Birthdays



Megan Hill	March 1	Kathy Phillips	March 11
Rachel Love	March 1	James Cooley	March 11
Kelly Vinson	March 2	Greg Krause	March 16
Kelli Jennings	March 4	Brian Baird	March 22
Jason Johnson	March 4	Elaine Briggs	March 22
Alan Foster	March 5	Brittany Cox	March 24
Nikki Cooley	March 6	Kim Roice	March 26
Scott Harmon	March 7	Jimilea Jansson	March 28
Sherri Martin	March 10	Chris Young	March 28
Nikole Hicks	March 10	April Heitfeld	March 28
Matthew Bolz	March 10	Kurt Campbell	March 30



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Sexual Health Testing and Treatment	SNAP Enrollment	Fluoride Varnish	

Questions?
Call 405-372-8200 or view the full calendar at [Oklahoma.gov/health/mobilewellness](https://oklahoma.gov/health/mobilewellness)





Tony Washington of the Buffalo Soldiers presented a program Monday for Black History Month at NOC Enid.

Tony Washington presents program on the Buffalo Soldiers

Tony Washington of the Lawton-Ft. Sill Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers spoke at NOC Enid on Monday as part of Black History Month.

The Buffalo Soldiers were an African American Military Unit created in 1866 after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Buffalo Soldiers name came from Native Americans who named the group after seeing them in battle comparing them to buffalo.

Washington said the Buffalo Soldiers were created from freed slaves and freemen who had fought for the Union in the Civil War.

“They were offered \$13 per month, shelter, education, and a pension to join,” Washington said.

According to Washington, the original duties of the Buffalo Soldiers was to escort settlers and then to build outposts in the west but later were used in military actions including the Span-

ish-American War and in Mexico and Cuba as well.

In fact, Washington said the unit was at San Juan Hill with Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders. “Roosevelt got all the credit for San Juan Hill,” Washington said. “But it was the Buffalo Soldiers who were right there with him during that battle.”

Washington described a number of individuals who served in the unit over the years, as a group, Buffalo Soldiers received 23 Congressional Medals of Honor including Emanuel Stance who was the first African American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He added that Buffalo Soldiers were the first forest or park rangers led by West Point Graduate Col. George Young. The hat created for the

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- 1095-A or healthcare coverage or exemption

Buffalo

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unit is the “Smokey Bear” hat still in use today.

The Buffalo Soldiers were deactivated in 1951 and the participants integrated into the United States Military.

Washington did discuss the treatment of the Buffalo Soldiers during their service.

“They were often given the most dangerous assignments, given the worst equipment, and the poorest rations,” he said. “But they continued to serve. They wanted to the opportunity to serve their country, live as freemen and have an opportunity at the American dream as first class citizens.”

Washington joked that he is not a historian, just someone that has studied the history of the unit.

“We typically go to schools and talk to elementary and high school students about the Buffalo Soldiers but we are excited to share the story at Northern Oklahoma College,” he said.

Washington is the president of the Lawton-Ft. Sill chapter, the only Oklahoma chapter.

The Black History Month presentation was sponsored by the Diversity Committee at Northern Oklahoma College, chaired by NOC Enid instructor Mary Ann McCoy.

NOC looking for Native American students for astronomy research

Northern Oklahoma College is looking for Native American Student Participants interested in Astronomy and Connecting Cultural Stories.

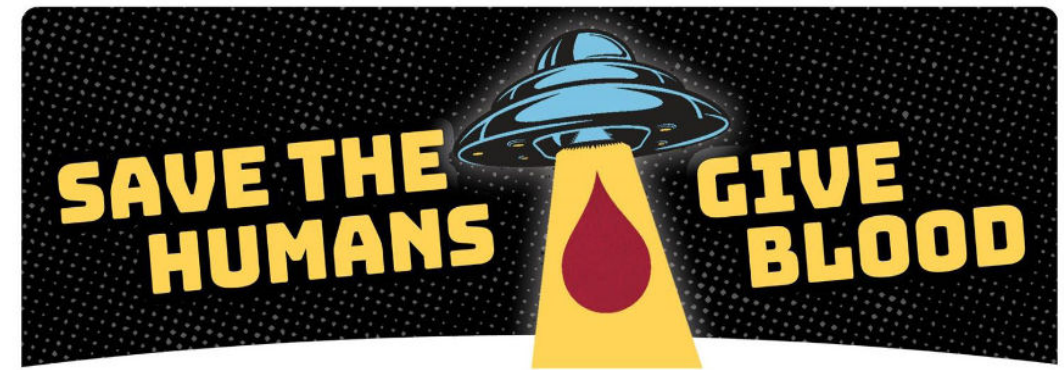
NOC is the recipient of a NASA Grant that involves the study of astronomy related to Native American Star Stories.

This grant will support students conducting research related to the specific stars, constellations, and planets, associated with the star story.

Interested students should contact Dr. Wood-Black at Frankie.Woodblack@noc.edu, on either the Tonkawa or Enid campuses. Funds are available for L8 and Summer Research.



Did you know there was a rabbit on the Moon? Many cultures view the sky differently. In Mexico, Thailand, and Japan there is a rabbit versus a man on the moon. <https://bkguava.blogspot.com/2008/12/man-vs-rabbit.html> Photo Credit



NOC Stillwater Spring Blood Drive

Sponsored by NOC PLC



March 7th

Tuesday, March 7
Wednesday, March 8
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

2nd Floor Commons Area



March 8th

**To schedule an appointment, contact
Tammy Davis at 580-628-6962.**



**Donors receive a T-shirt and
one free admission to the
National Cowboy & Western
Heritage Museum.***



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Greg Krause

NOC athletes named to all-region teams

Four NOC athletes were honored by Region 2 Basketball this week.

NOC Enid's Jordan Thompson, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, was named Region Player of the Year while NOC Tonkawa's Jordan Holman was named Region Player of the Year on the women's side. Holman is a sophomore from Hugo, Oklahoma.

Also, NOC Enid's Daylon Andrews was named 2nd Team All-Region while LaKysia Johnson was named 1st Team All-Region and Tegan Jones was named 2nd Team All-Region.

Andrews is a sophomore from Oklahoma City while Johnson is a sophomore from Altus, Oklahoma, and Jones is a sophomore from Shattuck, Oklahoma.

NOC Tonkawa's Javontae Campbell was named to the 3rd Team for the men. Campbell is a freshman from Muskogee, Oklahoma.



March 4

Home Jets Baseball vs. Oklahoma Christian JV, noon

March 5

Home Jets Baseball vs. Texas Post Grad, 1 p.m.

March 7

Away Jets Baseball vs. Seminole, 1 p.m.

March 8

Home Jets Baseball vs. UA Rich Mountain, 1 p.m.

Away Jets Basketball vs. Murray at Muskogee, 8 p.m. in Region 2 Tournament

March 9

Away Jets Softball vs. Independence, 1 p.m.

Away Lady Jets Basketball vs. NEO, 6 p.m. in Region 2 Tournament

Krause named coach of the year

NOC Tonkawa coach Greg Krause was named NJCAA Region 2 Coach of the Year.

Kause is in his 41st year at NOC.

The Lady Mavs are 16-12 on the year and 12-4 in conference play. The Lady Mavs are the #2 Seed in the Region Tournament that starts March 9 and faces Connors at 8 p.m.

Mavs and Jets coverage at
www.nocmavs.com
www.nocjets.com

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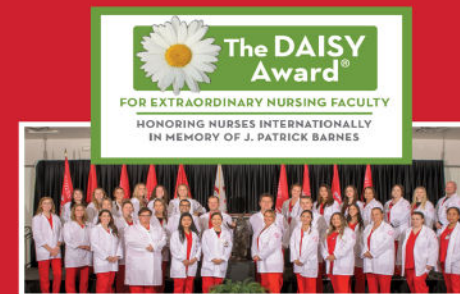
Friday, March 24 & Saturday, March 25, 2023
Nursing alumni and former faculty/staff are invited to join us for this fun-filled 2-day event!



Scan code for list of activities and to RSVP.

Website: noc.edu/development/alumni/nursing

Deadline to RSVP is March 8, 2023



THE DAISY AWARD

FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY

Nominate Nursing Faculty (Past or Present)

at www.noc.edu/daisy

Deadline is Monday, April 3



We also want to hear your story!
Share Your Nursing Story by March 8th.
Contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni Relations
Phone: 580.628.6473 or Email: kayla.wooderson@noc.edu



NOC NURSING. JUST EXCEPTIONAL.

Process Tech apps due March 15

Persons interested in the Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Process Technology Program have until March 15, 2023 to apply for the Fall 2023 semester.

Only students who fill out the on-line application will be considered. Program manager Frankie Wood-Black said the program

is limited to 24 students.

Wood-Black added the program is available to anyone interested in Process Technology.

The review process begins in late March, applicants will be notified of the review process. The application may be found at <http://www.noc.edu/ptechapplication>.

Nursing app deadline extended

The Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program is currently applications for Fall 2023.

The deadline for applications has been extended to March 31.

Applicants must meet minimum program requirements for admission and be accepted to Northern Oklahoma College prior to acceptance in the Nursing Program. Applicants are selected based on qualifications and space availability.

NOC has nursing programs at Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater locations. Apply by March 1 for admission on all three campuses for Fall 2023.

Please call 580.628.6679 or apply at <https://bit.ly/3sg1QB8>.



March 4

Away Mavs Softball vs. Ft. Scott at Branson Bash, 9 a.m.

March 5

Away Mavs Softball vs. Murray at Branson Bash, 10 a.m.

Away Mavs Softball vs. State Fair (MO) at Branson Bash, noon

March 7

Home Mavs Softball vs. Neosho (KS), 1 p.m.

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 3 p.m.

March 8

Away Mavs Softball vs. Butler (KS), 1 p.m.

Away Mavs Basketball vs. Seminole at Muskogee, 3 p.m. in Region 2 Tournament

March 9

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m.

Away Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Connors at Muskogee, 8 p.m. in Region 2 Tournament

March 11

Away Mavs Softball vs. Crowder (MO), 1 p.m.

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m.

What's Next?

Are you graduating?

Thinking of transferring?



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Transfer Day

*Several universities
will be present to answer
questions and help with the
transfer process including
Northwestern Oklahoma State
University, Oklahoma State
University, University of Central
Oklahoma, The University of
Oklahoma and more!*

**TUESDAY,
March 21, 2023
9 am - 12 pm**

**MEMORIAL STUDENT UNION
NOC TONKAWA**



Life changing.



NOC Calendar

March 3

Tour de Quartz Art Exhibit, KPAC Art Gallery (March 2 – April 3), Tonkawa
Sweeney Todd, A Musical Thriller, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

March 4

Sweeney Todd, A Musical Thriller, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

March 5

Sweeney Todd, A Musical Thriller, KPAC, 2 p.m., Tonkawa

March 6

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
YouTube Yoga, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa
Karaoke, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

March 7

OBI Blood Drive, 2nd Floor Commons, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Stillwater
Free Student Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
Free Lunch, Gantz Center James Room, 11:30 a.m., Enid

March 8

OBI Blood Drive, 2nd Floor Commons, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Stillwater
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
BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

March 9

Kay County Mobile Wellness, College Circle, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tonkawa
YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa
NOCF Annual Donor's Recognition Banquet, Renfro Center, 5:30 p.m., Tonkawa

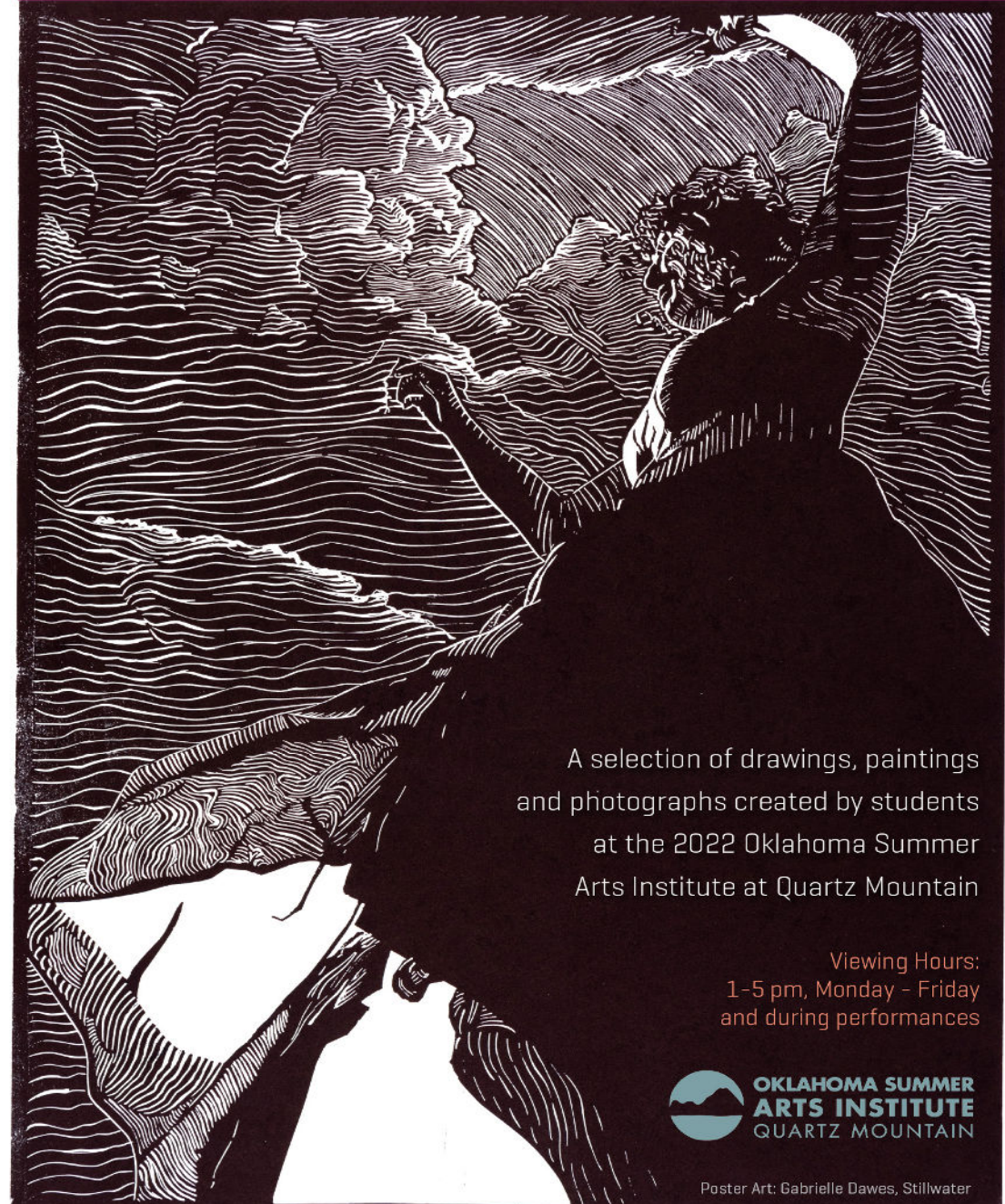
March 10

Residence Halls Close at noon, 3 p.m.
Final Day to Withdraw from E8 Courses
End First Eight Weeks

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

TOUR DE QUARTZ

MARCH 2 - APRIL 3 | 2023



A selection of drawings, paintings
and photographs created by students
at the 2022 Oklahoma Summer
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Viewing Hours:
1-5 pm, Monday - Friday
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Poster Art: Gabrielle Dawes, Stillwater

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery

Kinzer Performing Art Center, NOC Tonkawa

NJCAA Region 2 Tournament Brackets

Women's Region II Basketball Tournament Muskogee Civic Center March 9-11, 2023



Men's Region II Basketball Tournament Muskogee Civic Center March 8; 10-11, 2023

