

## Allen Family Foundation and NOC recognized for partnership

The Allen Family Charitable Foundation in Enid was among 27 business and higher education partnerships throughout the state that were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce.

The businesses were honored last week at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Paul Allen and the Allen Family Charitable Foundation have invested in Northern Oklahoma College, making meaningful contributions to students and programs while enhancing the quality of life in the Enid area communities in accordance to their mission of "supporting organizations that have a track record of success in education, rehabilitation or development to help individuals transform their lives and contribute to the larger community or society". For over twenty years, Northern Oklahoma College and the Allen Family have enjoyed a partnership centered around higher education and economic development.

Paul Allen, Entrepreneur, is a community and state leader who continues to invest resources for growing our businesses and developing our workforce. His family foundation has supported numerous NOC Enid student scholarships and grants through both the Enid Higher Education Council and the Enid Entrepreneurship Leadership Series. Additionally, the \$2 million donation to establish the Allen Family Oppor-

tunity Scholarship through the Cherokee Strip Community Foundation assists Enid-area students achieve their dream of earning a college degree, especially those who are the first generation in their family to do so.

Allen and his late wife Joan have provided significant funding on the NOC Enid campus with projects such as the Failing Field Turf and the Integris Indoor Baseball Facility. Through the Allen family's significant funding within the community, the David Allen Memorial Ballpark opened in 1999 and continues to be updated every year since. It is a successful public/private partnership involving the non-profit ballpark association plus the City of Enid, Enid Public Schools and Northern Oklahoma College. The ballpark is host to the NJCAA Division II College World Series and the NOC Jets Baseball team is proud to call it their home.

Most recently, their generous donation along with others helped raise over \$11 million to construct the Advance Soccer Complex in Enid.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions, businesses, and the community to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development

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**The Allen Family Charitable Foundation in Enid was recognized for their Business Partnership with Northern Oklahoma College last week. Pictured (L-R): Anita Simpson, NOC Vice President for Financial Affairs; OSRHE Regent Steven W. Taylor; OSRHE Regent Courtney Warmington; OSRHE Chancellor Allison D. Garrett; Paul Allen, NOC President Dr. Clark Harris; Vice President for Community Relations and Development Sheri Snyder; NOC Board of Regent Jason Turnbow; NOC Enid Vice President Jeremy Hise. Not Pictured: Bill Mayberry. (Photo Courtesy OSRHE).**

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Grants. State Regents' Chair Michael C. Turpen, State Regent Courtney Warmington, State Regent Steven W. Taylor, and Chancellor Allison D. Garrett participated in the ceremony, held April 27 at the University of Central Oklahoma. Institutions involved in these partnerships provide \$500 for tuition waivers to employees of the partnering businesses; internships that enable current students to work at the partnering businesses; faculty externships with the partnering businesses; and/or enhancement of the partnerships with additional equipment, materials or supplies. The State Regents provide a \$500 match to the waivers.

"Our colleges and universities continue collaborating successfully with public, private and nonprofit partners to strengthen economic and workforce development across Oklahoma," said Garrett. "Producing more workforce-ready graduates by increasing communication with employers and connecting students to the workforce sooner is a fundamental goal of 'Blueprint 2030,' the State Regents' new strategic plan for public higher education. We are proud to recognize these partnerships and their positive impact on Oklahoma businesses and communities."

## Ken Bellmard to speak at Saturday graduation in Tonkawa and Enid

Attorney Ken Bellmard will address candidates for graduation at Northern Oklahoma College commencement exercises Saturday, May 6.

NOC Tonkawa candidates will march into Foster-Piper Fieldhouse on the Tonkawa campus at 9:30 a.m. on May 6.

That same day NOC Enid and Stillwater candidates will enter Briggs Auditorium on the Enid campus at 2:30 p.m.

Pinning ceremonies for graduates from the NOC nursing program will take place at 6 p.m. on May 6. in Briggs Auditorium.

Bellmard received his A.A. degree from Northern Oklahoma College in 1978, his B.S. degree in History/Education from Oklahoma State University in 1981, and his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1989.

While in law school, Bellmard served as Editor-in-Chief (1988-1989), Writing Competition

Editor, (1987-1988), and a member of the Staff, (1986-1987) of the American Indian Law Review at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Bellmard was a Delegate to 34th National Conference of Law Reviews in 1988. Bellmard received American Jurisprudence Awards, for Conflict of Laws, and the American Indian Law Review in the Spring of 1989.

Since 1990, Bellmard's practice has primarily consisted of representing Native American tribes and Tribal entities as a Tribal Attorney in various matters in Tribal and Federal Courts. Bellmard recently assisted an Oklahoma Tribe in becoming HEARTH Act authorized for the purpose of establishing a renewable energy project on tribal trust land which is in the construction phase as of December 2016. Bellmard

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# Bellmard

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negotiated the first three federally approved Tribal-State of Oklahoma Class III gaming compacts on behalf of the Tonkawa, and Miami Tribes, and for the Miami-Modoc Tribal joint venture, and subsequently negotiated a Class III Compact for the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and was involved in the federal approval of the Co-

manche-State of Oklahoma Class III Compact approved during the administration of Governor Henry Bellmon.

Bellmard was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame for Northern Oklahoma College in 2015.

## DMI Epic Film Shorts May 5, 4 p.m.

DMI will be hosting the 15th Annual Epic Shorts Student Film Festival at 4 p.m. in the Wilkin Theatre on May 5.

Seven short movies will be screened that afternoon including Killing Crows, an animated short from DMI Graduate and SCAD student, Jason McNaughton. His film won the overall Best Film at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tonkawa Film Festival two years ago

“The film crew handles all the writing, directing, lighting, sound, and the three phases of production. This will be the best festival with quality of films since I started this festival,” Matson said.

There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Audience Choice. All donations and proceeds benefit Diabetes Solutions of Oklahoma (DSOK).

## NOC Rocket Team to participate in NASA RockOn! Program

As part of Northern Oklahoma College participation in the 14th Annual First Nations Launch High-Power Rocket Competition in Kenosha, Wisconsin, April 28-30, NOC was awarded the opportunity to participate in NASA's RockOn! Program.

This program is a hands-on workshop that teaches participants how to create a sounding rocket experiment and launch it as part of the workshop.

Two of this year's team, Grant Biggers and Abbigayle Vargas, along with Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Team Sponsor and the Division Chair of the Engineering, Physical Science and Process Technology Division will participate in this year's program to be held at the NASA Wallops

facility in Chincoteague, Virginia, June 16-22. This will culminate in a launch on June 22, 2023.

Dr. Wood-Black, indicated that a “sounding rocket” is a rocket that is designed to take measurements. As part of the workshop, the NOC Team will build a payload containing the experiment, and participate in the launch for a sub-orbital rocket launch.

She said, “This is an exciting opportunity for our students as they will participate in a hands-on activity at a NASA site.” She also indicated that this may allow NOC to participate in RockSat-C where students are to design, build and fly a sounding rocket experiment.



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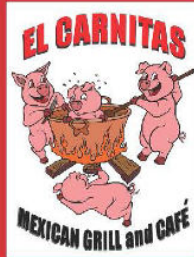


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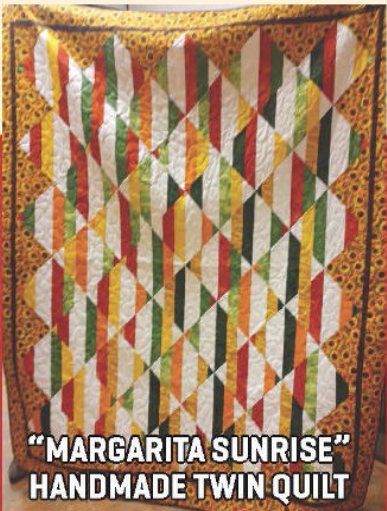
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NOC students (L-R): Timothy Edwards, Grant Biggers, Abbigayle Vargas (Team Lead), Raven Bruce, Jared Meeks, and Chloe Wilkins participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Launch High-Power Rocket Competition in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

## NOC’s Rocket Team at April Wisconsin competition

Northern Oklahoma College participated in the 14th Annual First Nations Launch High-Power Rocket Competition in Kenosha, Wisconsin, April 29-30.

NOC students participated in the “Moon” portion of the competition which required them to design and fabricate parts to lighten a standard rocket kit. Students chose the 4-inch diameter fiberglass Tomach Rocket Kit as their base rocket. For the competition, the nose cone, centering rings, and electronics bay were fabricated using 3-D printing technology. Additionally, the students fabricated other parts using aircraft plywood.

Participating students included Timothy Ed-

wards, Grant Biggers, Abbigayle Vargas (Team Lead), Raven Bruce, Jared Meeks, and Chloe Wilkins. Also, at the competition was a team from the University of Oklahoma featuring two of NOC’s alumni who participated on last year’s NOC Gateway Rocket Team, Phillip PrairieChief and Rachel Chatterji.

This competition is sponsored by NASA’s Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium and is an opportunity for students attending a Tribal College or University, Native American-Serving Nontribal Institution or who are members of the American Indian Science and Engineering

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Jordan Holman signed with University Arkansas Little Rock last week. Holman, the Region 2 Player of the Year, was a 2nd Team All-American for the Lady Mavs in 2023.



NOC was well represented at the OKC Marathon last Sunday. The NOC group ran the Marathon Memorial Relay. Pictured (L-R): Cassie Firth, Diana Watkins, Kathi Shamburg, Karri Morrill, Sherrie Martin.

# Rocket

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Society (AISES).  
Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, the Team’s Sponsor and Division Chair of the Engineering, Physical Science and Process Technology Division, said, “This competition provides students with real world engineering challenges. The students work for over six months to design, simulate, and build the rocket to meet the specified parameters. The students are required to prepare intermediate presentations detailing their designs, challenges, and solutions, culminating in the High-Powered Rocket Launch at the competition.”  
While the final results of the competition are pending as students are required to submit a post launch assessment report. This year’s rocket did complete its flight.  
“While not everything went as planned the rocket was recovered and will be able to fly again,” Wood-Black said.



Life changing.

## NOC May Birthdays



Megan Riddle	May 6	Ian Layne	May 17
Leticia Maxwell	May 7	Linn Laughery	May 21
Brad Gordon	May 9	T.L. Walker	May 21
Christopher Storm	May 10	Kathy Hannah	May 24
Mark Tarrant	May 10	Janet Jarvis	May 26
Ty Shreck	May 11	Kaylan Eddlemon	May 28
Randy Walker	May 11		

# NOC Calendar

<b>May 5</b>	
DMI 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Epic Shorts Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 4 p.m., Tonkawa	
<b>May 6</b>	
Tonkawa Commencement, Foster-Piper Fieldhouse, 9:30 a.m., Tonkawa	
Livestock Judging Reception, Renfro Center, 11 a.m., Tonkawa	
Enid/Stillwater Commencement, Briggs Auditorium, 2:30 p.m., Enid	
Nurses Pinning, Briggs Auditorium, 6 p.m., Enid	
<b>May 8</b>	
Final Exams	
Online Bookstore Open for Summer Orders	
Summer Book Sales Begin	
Ice Cream Truck, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa	
<b>May 9</b>	
Final Exams	
Student Honors Recitals, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa	
<b>May 10</b>	
Final Exams	
<b>May 11</b>	
Final Exams	
<b>May 12</b>	
Employee Awards, Retirement Celebrations, and Service Pinning Ceremony, Renfro Center, 9:30 a.m. Tonkawa	
Residence Halls Close, 10 a.m.	

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



<b>May 5</b>	
Home Jets Softball vs. Rose at Enid High School, 4 p.m.	
<b>May 7</b>	
Home Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m.	
<b>May 11-14</b>	
Region 2 Baseball Tournament, Enid, TBA	
Region 2 Softball Tournament, Piedmont, TBA	



<b>May 5</b>	
Home Mavs Baseball vs. Redlands, 2 p.m.	
<b>May 7</b>	
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m.	
<b>May 11-14</b>	
Region 2 Baseball Tournament, Enid, TBA	
Region 2 Softball Tournament, Piedmont, TBA	

# Enid will host expanded NJCAA World Series through 2025

The city of Enid will continue to host the NJCAA Division II Baseball World Series at least through 2025. The NJCAA on Monday announced the extended contract and an expanded format – moving from 10 teams to 12 teams – for the championship tournament for two-year colleges.

“We look forward to having this World Series in Enid once again,” said Brian Luckett, NJCAA senior vice president for external affairs and development. “The city of Enid continuously provides a quality championship experience for our student-athletes, coaches and fans, and we are excited for them to carry on that tradition.”

David Allen Memorial Ballpark in downtown Enid has been the host of the World Series since 2009.

“The Enid fan base for baseball has set new standards for hospitality and we appreciate their efforts,” said Bill Mayberry, ballpark director. “We are pleased to have the new NJCAA agreement reflecting that continued support of the positive experiences in Enid.”

This year’s 2023 NJCAA World Series will be May 27 through June 2 or June 3 at the Enid ballpark. The NJCAA, based in Charlotte, N.C., announced Monday a two-year extension of the agreement with Enid, the final step in a nationwide bidding and selection process to be the host site. College teams from across the nation compete throughout the spring season and then qualify to participate in the World Series by winning their regional and district tournaments.

Beginning in 2024, the tournament field will expand from 10 teams to feature 12 teams including 10 automatic qualifiers and two at-large selections, the NJCAA announced.

The 10-day tournament begins on Memorial Day weekend each year, with games continuing

through the following week.

“Local youth baseball teams and community organizations are paired with each college team, ensuring local fans are cheering at every World Series game and each team has an Enid connection outside of the ballpark,” Mayberry said.

World Series games typically attract large crowds of both area and visiting baseball fans, with the largest crowd topping 4,000 people when the Northern Oklahoma College-Enid Jets won the national championship in 2019.

“On behalf of the City of Enid, we are excited to host the teams in the NJCAA DII World Series for the next two years,” said Scott Morris, assistant city manager and part of the local World Series planning committee. “We love meeting the players, watching them interact with the youth host teams, and of course watching the great American pastime. Downtown Enid and championship baseball are a perfect combination that we hope will add to that special nostalgia the fans appreciate.”

David Allen Memorial Ballpark, built in 1999, is one nation’s premiere amateur ballparks. It features an artificial turf infield and natural grass outfield with a large video board scoreboard. The classic traditional ballpark appearance includes a brick exterior and red brick outfield fence. The ballpark popular with teams and fans, hosting as many as 414 games per year.

The ballpark is a joint public-private partnership between the City of Enid, the Enid Public Schools and the non-profit David Allen Memorial Ballpark corporation working in cooperation with Northern Oklahoma College. It is named after the late son of Enid philanthropists Paul and Joan Allen.