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## WELCOME

The NOC Alumni and Foundation department want 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

Ashley Cornell, RN, BSN, Labor and Delivery Nurse began her nursing education at NOC

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## In Your Corner

Get to know NOC Board of Trustee, LynnDe Funk and NOC Alumni Advisory Board Member (2003), Kirby Tickel.

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## Having a Baby?



## LEGACY BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are an NOC Alum and would like to share the news of your new bundle of joy, simply send birth announcement form located on the NOC Alumni website and all photos to Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni Relations, through email or text. Once form is complete and submitted, an NOC Alumni Legacy onesie will be sent to your address. Please take a picture of your precious bundle of joy in the onesie to include in the announcement.

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

## Alumni Events

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).

LATEST HAPPENINGS  
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Life changing.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## ASHLEE CORNELL, RN, BSN

2009 ALUMNA, NOC STILLWATER



**Cornell pictured with husband, Bob, and sons, Peter (L) and Andrew (R).**

Ashlee Cornell's career in healthcare has been framed and inspired by a devotion to family. She began an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program just as her youngest child started kindergarten, and became a registered nurse in 2009. She went back for her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) 12 years later, after both of her kids were grown. - Story from Southern Utah University article. Read entire article at <https://online.suu.edu/degrees/nursing/rn-to-bsn/ashlee-cornell>.

"The degree I received has been extremely influential and I have gone far in my career with it. I have worked Pediatric Medical-Surgical at OU Children's Hospital, Labor and Delivery at Stillwater Medical Center, and at Madison Memorial Hospital in Idaho. I was also able to walk into the busiest labor and delivery hospital in Las Vegas and land a job on the spot.

My cohort back in 2007 were several moms. We all have gone far in our careers and we all continue to work as nurses. The NOC Nursing Program is such an incredible opportunity to get into the profession. I am forever thankful for the opportunity I had to get my degree and start as a registered nurse from Northern Oklahoma College.

I am very glad I got a lot of experience before returning to school for the BSN portion. I was able to apply everything I had learned clinically in my continuing education."

In Ashlee's free time she loves to quilt and collect fabric.



### 2023 Nurses Pinning

For more information on the NOC Nursing Program,  
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# *In Your Corner*

## Get to know NOC Board of Trustees Member, LynnDe Funk



I am a spouse, a mother and a grandma. And I am me. Many people describe themselves by relatives and many people describe us by the people they know. I have been asked if I was Keith or Pat's daughter, the answer is yes. I have been asked if I am Jeff's wife, yes. I have been asked if I am JoLynn's or Justin's Mother, yes. And recently I am being asked more if I am Ean's, Carson's, Finley's, or Connor's (picture at left) Grandma, yes. Yes, I am all of those and very happy about each. But who am "I" really? I am like a piece of artwork. I am a collage of my activities, opportunities taken, and what I have learned during my growing up years and my parenting and grandparenting years.

I grew up in a small town in Nebraska. My parents, teachers, church, and 4-H members helped mold me into who "I" really am. I graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Teaching Degree and Creative Arts Degree where I became more of who "I" really am. I was not just like any of my friends when I graduated, nor after years of my life. I am me, unique me. Different people, organizations, hopefully your church and the time you spend/spent at NOC will have or has had an effect on who "you" really are. NOC is life-changing, let there be no doubt.

My service to NOC started when our son attended NOC Enid and was a Jets baseball player. Assistant Coach, Jeremy Hise, was just beginning to dream about a baseball indoor. I teamed up with Hise and Head Coach, Raydon Leaton, to do fundraising. Some was earning funds like hosting Game Days with little fundraisers that day to even selling game day tickets and paper towels door to door. Other was pounding the concrete day after day and the excitement when Integris Bass Hospital said they would donate \$20,000 for naming rights. My best memory was riding a shaky scissor lift to touch the highest beam as the building was being built.

I have served as an NOC Foundation Board member since 2016. I have one paralyzed vocal cord from Thyroid Cancer surgery. Some days, I have a pretty clear voice and other days not much. My greatest memory was while serving as President and welcoming everyone to the Donor Banquet. I was so excited when I finished and my voice had sounded great, least I thought so. What do I look most forward to with the Foundation: getting to go out fundraising again.

**My advice to new students:** Attend class in person if you can. There is a lot more to class than just the subject that is being taught. Maybe it is finding out a particular instructor really cares about their students and you decide you want to be like them. Take time to be active in clubs and activities that you might not normally. Maybe you hear there is a frisbee golf night coming

up, the opportunity to clean up a local public garden, or a game night, but you are not sure you will enjoy it? Go! There is a chance you will learn something, make an acquaintance that later in life will be just the network contact you need, you may discover something you enjoy enough that it effects your career choice, or you might just have fun.

Today's era is one of learning online. If that is the way you prefer to learn, don't stop with reading the assignment, take one small subject and look it up online to learn more. Learning to research because you have questions will benefit you the rest of your life.

**Advice to Alums:** Become a life-long learner. Don't skip opportunities to attend a speaker or watch a program on a subject that you may need more info about soon or maybe not for years. Read about or listen to a variety of subjects including the news, making sure you use reliable sources. Learn to control the amount of time you spend on social media. Become your own best advocate. Sometimes, unless you do something yourself, it may not get done. I mentioned earlier to learn to research as a student. If you haven't, there is still time, get started. There may be times when:

- Something you read makes a difference in the way your boss sees your worth. No, I am not talking just about a pay raise, I am talking about keeping you as an employee rather than someone else and their respect for you as an employee and yes, maybe some day, a promotion.
- Information you gather may help an organization you belong to or a board you serve on make a better decision.
- You or a family member may have a health problem and the time you put in reading about a specific disease might help you better describe symptoms to your doctor, helping them choose the best treatment. I spend many late hours and enjoy what we used to call surfing the web, starting at just one medical word I don't know. I Google it and that leads me to another word or subject which leads me to another and on I go.

There will only be one unique "you". Make sure you are the best you can be.



**Pictured (from left) Front Row: Carson, Finley and Connor  
Back Row: Lynn and Jeff**

## *In Your Corner*

Kirby Tickel received her Associate of Arts degree in Education and served on the NOC Alumni Advisory Board for 3 years.



# Kirby Tickel

2003 Alumna  
Tickel Crop Insurance

Kirby says, “My advice to students and new alums is enjoy your college years, make memories but be sure to network and build relationships. Those relationships will benefit you once you move on to a 4-year university and/or move into the workforce.”

Today, Ms. Tickel is a licensed insurance agent working for her family’s business, Tickel Crop Insurance. She lives in Blackwell and adores spending time and raising her 5-year-old son, Karter. Kirby was the Director of Development and Donor Relations for NOC from February 2014 to August 2019 and employed with NOC for a total of 15 years.

*“I am thankful for NOC for the time I had there as a student and for the opportunity they provided while I was employed there for 15 years. NOC provides a quality education to students that is affordable and personal. Once you’ve stepped foot on campus either as a student, alumni, or employee; you know the value of the NOC and its importance to North Central Oklahoma.”*

- Kirby Tickel -

## SIX NOC STUDENTS/ALUMNS COMPETE AT MISS OKLAHOMA



Six Northern Oklahoma College students competed at Miss Oklahoma in Tulsa at the River Spirit Casino Resort June 7-10, 2023. Competing were (L-R): Kira Pendleton, Miss NOC Tonkawa 2023, Mia Claire Jones, Miss Noble County (former NOC Enid), Kaycee Babek, Miss NOC Enid 2023, Lexi Neahring, Miss Elk City (Former NOC Enid), Emma Valgora, Miss Ponca City (former Miss NOC Tonkawa), and former Miss NOC Tonkawa Karli Lovelace (not pictured). Valgora received a non-finalist talent award.

If you are interested in alumni events for Miss NOC or are interested in volunteering for the next Miss NOC competition, please contact Kayla Wooderson at 580.628.6473 or [kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu).





## WRESTLING COMING TO NOC TONKAWA

Northern Oklahoma College will be bringing wrestling back to NOC Tonkawa in Fall 2024.

The NOC Board of Regents approved a proposal presented by Athletic Director Alan Foster on Wednesday that re-establishes the men's program and establishes a women's wrestling program for NOC Tonkawa.

Regents approved the measure with the stipulation that all funding to start the program and to build a practice facility must come from donations.

"On behalf of the Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents, we are excited to approve the addition of an NJCAA Men's and Women's Wrestling program at NOC Tonkawa beginning fall 2024," stated Regent Jodi Cline. "Coming from the wrestling community, this will be an awesome opportunity for young student athletes from our service areas, especially in northern, north central and northwestern Oklahoma to start their collegiate career right here at NOC. We look forward to partnering with our community and regional affiliated wrestling groups to ensure that our programs will be a success."

"We are excited to re-establish the wrestling program at NOC," said Foster. "Northern wrestling has had a great tradition of quality and success. We are thankful for the regents' support as well as other community members in making this a reality."

NOC President Clark Harris shared, "This is great that we are bringing wrestling back to Northern Oklahoma College. Re-establishing wrestling at Northern Oklahoma College will benefit the college, the area communities, and wrestling in the region. The north central region of Oklahoma is wrestling country and NOC should be a leader in this sport. We feel that wrestling will bring a new energy back to campus."

"We are very happy that Todd Glasgow, NOC graduate and former Maverick wrestler, worked with the NOC administration to develop a plan to bring wrestling back to NOC," said Harris. "Todd's enthusiasm was contagious as he rallied the wrestling community far and wide to show their support. He led a group of both NOC employees and community members to make this happen."

"I am super excited about the approval by the regents to restart the wrestling program," Glasgow said. "This program will greatly benefit NOC as well as students looking to further their education while competing at the college level. Go Mavs!"

The logistics on facilities are yet to be finalized but matches will be held in the Foster-Piper Fieldhouse.

As external funding becomes available, a quality wrestling practice facility will be created in the current swimming pool building that is attached to the Foster-Piper Fieldhouse. The

new practice facility will include mat space, locker rooms for both men's and women's wrestling, and coaches' offices. This will bring new life to the swimming pool area that has not been used for several years.

Fund raising for program startup costs, as well as funding for conversion of the new wrestling practice facility will begin immediately. The first check came in the day that wrestling was approved.

In a presentation to the regents, Foster said the reasons for re-establishment of the program included strong community and regional support, increase activities for NOC students, faculty, and the surrounding communities, increase enrollment and revenue for the college, an increase in population in residence halls, and a boost in class enrollment on campus.

NOC has a rich and storied wrestling history. The Mavericks finished in the top 20 six times in their 24-year history including 3rd in the nation in 1972 and 4th in 1981. NOC has five national champions in the program's history and 24 placers in national tournaments.

Currently, 11 community college in Oklahoma and Kansas participate in college wrestling, including NEO and Carl Albert in Oklahoma.

Northern Oklahoma College, the state's first public two-year community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services.

NOC serves nearly 4,000 students through the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, and NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater. Of these students about 80% receive financial aid and/or scholarships. 75% of NOC students complete their degree with zero debt.

The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers associate degrees in three general areas: Arts, Science and Applied Science; the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs; and the Accreditation Commission for Education and Nursing.

For more information about Northern Oklahoma College please call (580) 628-6208 or visit the NOC website at [www.noc.edu](http://www.noc.edu).

To Donate to the NOC Tonkawa Wrestling Fund Click on the link below. Choose "NOC Tonkawa Wrestling Fund" under the I want to support tab.

<https://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/>

# SOCCER MOVING TO NOC ENID

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents unanimously voted to move the men's and women's soccer programs to NOC Enid from NOC Tonkawa.

The move will be completed in time for the new Enid Jets Soccer program to start in August with the Fall 2023 season, as part of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 2 Athletics. This will continue under the leadership of Head Men's and Women's Soccer Coach Michael Duroy who has just completed his 26th year at Northern.

The City of Enid considers itself as a soccer community, with over 300 participants in Under 18 soccer through the YMCA and 700 players in club soccer. The Advance Soccer Complex in Enid is putting the finishing touches on the \$12 million dollar complex that will be the new home for NOC soccer.

NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise commented, "Through their incredible efforts, the Allen family, McLaughlin family, the City of Enid, and all those involved in the creation of the Advance Soccer Complex have provided the sport of soccer an unparalleled opportunity. This investment will bring benefits to soccer players of all ages, teams, fans, and local businesses for generations to come. Northern Oklahoma College is profoundly grateful for the privilege to be a part of this remarkable soccer community, and we are very appreciative of the positive impact this investment will have on our soccer program for generations to come as well."

The Advance Soccer Complex will provide both a championship artificial turf field that they will use for home games and practice. The teams will also have access to six full size natural turf fields for practice and tournaments. The indoor complex provides for adequate training in bad weather as well as locker rooms complete with smart boards, a meeting room, concession area, and training room. The championship field seats 1,500.

President Clark Harris said, "The Advance Soccer Complex and the members of the Enid community have made it very attractive for Northern Oklahoma College to move the teams to NOC Enid. We know that this will provide the best soccer opportunities for the athletes. They will have world-class facilities for practicing and playing their home games."

"NOC appreciates the support that the Tonkawa community has provided to the teams and the individual players," Harris added. "Community members have enjoyed interacting with the athletes. Some individuals have invited international



players into their homes to make them feel welcome during their time at NOC. We know that individuals in the Enid community will be as welcoming. "

Current NOC Soccer players were contacted by text message and informed of the move adding the college will work with the student athletes to make the transition to the NOC Enid campus as smooth as possible.

"We are excited to partner with Advance Soccer Complex to bring college soccer back to Enid," said NOC Board of Regent Chair Jami Groendyke. "This is a great opportunity for our student athletes and the community. We feel this move will benefit Northern Oklahoma College and Enid as a whole."

"We are excited to provide our soccer student athletes the opportunity to compete and train in a World Class facility such as the Advance Soccer Complex," said NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster. "In the ever-changing world of competitive collegiate athletics, a state-of-the-art facility is so important in recruiting and retaining top notch student athletes. I believe the Enid Community will be very welcoming to the soccer student athletes and will help make their transition as easy as possible."

"The athletic department will do everything possible to accommodate the student athletes in this transition and make it as seamlessly as possible," he added.

This move is actually a return of soccer to NOC Enid as the Jets had a program for for one year in 2000.

# Legacy Birth Announcements

## Welcome, Oliver and June

### Oliver Lee Snyder

Born March 2, 2023  
Enid, OK

Parents:  
Nathan Lee Snyder, 2017  
Alumnus, and Candace  
Starr Snyder



*"My best memory at NOC was the time spent  
working with the Roustabouts." - Nathan*

7 lbs, 11.7 oz  
19" Long

Do you have a new little bundle of joy in your family? Are you an NOC graduate? If so, we would love to spotlight your little one in an "NOC Legacy Birth Announcement."

### June Simpson

Born September 19, 2022  
Stillwater OK

Parents:  
Owen and Dylan Simpson,  
both 2017 Alumni



*"Our favorite memory while attending  
NOC was PLC's trip to Washington D.C.!"  
- Owen and Dylan -*

6 lbs, 6 oz  
19" Long

All you have to do is fill out a registration form, and we'll send you a onesie as a congratulatory gift from your family at Northern Oklahoma College. Then send us a picture of your baby in the onesie and we'll share it on our sites.

Link to Registration Form


[https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/  
legacy-birth-announcement-form/](https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/legacy-birth-announcement-form/)





*Thank  
You*

We would like to thank all who attended the Alumni & Friends Social at Stillwater Stonecoud Brewing Company. It was a pleasure visiting with you.



*From  
NOC Alumni,  
Community Relations  
and Foundation Offices.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2023 - 2024

### AUGUST

- 1 Ribbon Cutting and Planetarium Show 6:30 pm
- 21 DAISY Nursing Award Nominations open
- 31 Full Moon Concert, "Brandon Haynes and the Guys", featuring NOC Roustabouts Alumni Tonkawa

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Charlie Adams Day Newkirk, OK
- 5 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm
- 12-16 Kay County Fair Blackwell, OK
- 17 Cherokee Strip Parade Perry, OK 10 am Enid, OK 10:30 am
- 20 Jets Soccer Welcome Party Advanced Soccer Complex 3 pm Women's Soccer vs Connors 5 pm Men's Soccer vs Connors 7 pm
- 28-30 Fall Play, KPAC NOC Tonkawa
- 29-30 Standing Bear PowWow Ponca, OK

### OCTOBER

- 3 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm
- 5-6 Chikaskia Literary Festival NOC, Enid

- 31 Trick or Treat Fair & Halloween Spooktacular, NOC Tonkawa

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline
- 4 Veterans' Day Parade Ponca City, OK
- 07 Fall White Coat Ceremony Montgomery Hall, Enid, OK
- Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm

### DECEMBER

- 5 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm
- 10 Band, Choir, Madrigals Concert KPAC 2:00pm NOC Tonkawa

### MARCH

- 14 NOCF Annual Donor Recognition Event Renfro Center

### JANUARY

- 2 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm

### FEBRUARY

- 6 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm

### MARCH

- 5 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm

### APRIL

- 5 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm
- 06 Nursing Alumni Reunion Brunch
- NOC Alumni & Friends Reunion and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Renfro Center, Tonkawa
- Roustabouts Benefit Show KPAC, Tonkawa
- 13 Friends of NOC Agriculture Event

### MAY

- 2 Nurses Pinning Tonkawa 7 pm
- 4 Tonkawa Commencement 9:30 am
- Enid/Stillwater Commencement 2:30 pm
- 7 Planetarium Show Enid 7 pm



## *WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL YOUR STORY?*

Every newsletter the NOC Alumni & Friends  
spotlights our amazing alumni.

We would love to share your story!

Please email Kayla Wooderson at  
[kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu), Your story would be shared  
in upcoming e-newsletters as well as on  
our social media sites.







## 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!

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

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