

## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Lucero Delgadillo

Interviewer: Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, Biological Science Instructor, Enid and Faculty Advisor for the Hispanic Heritage Club, Viva la Raza!

Interviewee: Lucero Delgadillo, Sophomore, President of the Hispanic Heritage Club, Viva la Raza!

**Can you describe your experience at NOC as a Hispanic student?**

My experience as a Hispanic student at NOC has been nothing but great. I have always felt that NOC thrives on diversity and continues to further promote that. I am really glad that I am part of the growing number of Hispanic students hoping to attain a college degree.

**Why do you think it is important to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month?**

I think it is very important to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month because it provides an opportunity to embrace and celebrate a part of who you are.

**What does being Hispanic mean to you?**

Being Hispanic is a very important part of who I am. My Hispanic Heritage has contributed to

many aspects of my character and one of the most important aspects of my identity.

**Can you share about your own cultural identity? (What country are you or your relatives from?)**

My parents are both from a small pueblo near Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Mexico is what contributes to my Hispanic Heritage and thanks to my parents, they have provided my siblings and I with its rich culture, language, and traditions. I also visit my family in Mexico every year, giving me the opportunity to further connect with my roots and relatives.

**What does this month mean to you personally?**

To me, Hispanic Heritage Month is a month that allows Hispanic individuals to celebrate and further embrace their identity. Also provides the celebration and recognition of influential Hispanic individuals who have achieved and contributed great things to our society. Some individuals that I admire include Ellen Ochoa, Selena Quintanilla, and Linda Ronstadt.

**I know Selena and Linda Ronstadt, but I am not familiar with Ellen Ochoa. Could you tell me about who she is?**

Ellen Ochoa is a former NASA Astronaut who became the first Hispanic woman to travel in space in 1993. Her Hispanic Heritage comes from her paternal grandparents who emigrated from Mexico.

**What are some traditions, celebrations, etc. your family participate in?**

Many of the celebrations and traditions my family participate in include catholic celebrations or feast days that often take place in Mexico, making a small altar for Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) to honor our loved ones who have passed, Cinco de Mayo, and we also tune in to watch Mexico's Independence Day Broadcast every September 16th. I am fortunate to have a large family and I spend a lot of time with them both here in the U.S. and in Mexico. Together we often watch soccer games, have cookouts, and go to family celebrations like Quinceañeras, birthday parties, or weddings. We as a family also share a love for Mariachi.

**Regarding your family traditions, would you briefly explain what Quinceañeras is and what is the English translation? Mariachi?**

A Quinceañera is a celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday that symbolizes her transition from childhood to adulthood. Friends and family come together to celebrate. It's similar to a Sweet Sixteen. Mariachi is a form of regional Mexican music and one of the most important aspects of Mexico and its culture. It is a band consisting of trumpets, guitars, and violins, singers dressed in traditional charro suits – basically uniforms with short jackets, boots, wide bow ties, som-



Lucero Delgadillo

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## Lucero

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breros, and tight embroidered pants.

### On a lighter note: What are your favorite foods from your Hispanic culture?

Some of my favorite foods include: Tamales, Pozole, Tacos of any kind, Horchata, Flan, and Birria.

### Finally, what was your reaction/response when you were approached about starting a Hispanic Heritage Club at NOC?

I thought that starting a Hispanic Heritage Club at NOC was a great idea and an opportunity for students to be a part of something that they could identify with. My biology professor, Dr. McCoy, voiced her excitement to see a growing number of Hispanic students in her class and that influenced the initiation of starting a club.

### The club name is Viva la Raza!. What does it translate to in English?

Viva La Raza! directly translates to long live the race, but is used as a slogan or saying to promote the identity and heritage of a group of people.

### What would you like to say to other Hispanic Heritage students at NOC about the club and why they should join?

Anyone is welcome to join the Viva La Raza Hispanic Heritage Club! We are a club all about the promotion of the presence of Hispanic students on campus with fun events and activities surrounding Hispanic Heritage Month, Dia De Los Muertos, and Cinco de Mayo. It's also a great way to meet new people and form part of a community here at NOC!

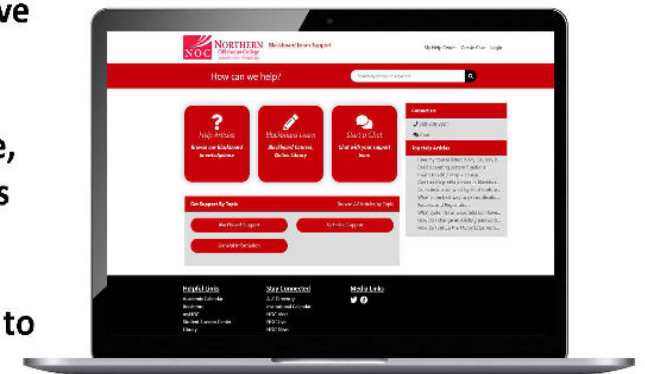
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## Brooklyn Bayless named Rotary Student of the Month for October

The NOC Enid Rotary Student of the Month for October is Brooklyn Bayless.

Bayless is a sophomore Nursing Pre-Baccalaureate Major from Arnett, Oklahoma.

**Why you chose NOC?** I chose NOC because I had the opportunity to play basketball. I knew a couple of girls on the team already and NOC is really close to home.

**What are your career goals?** I want to attend Oklahoma State University and obtain my bachelor of science in nursing.

**What are the challenges of being a college student?** I am a student-athlete so trying to balance out time for basketball and school can be tough sometimes.

**What has being a college student taught you about life?** It has taught me how to handle things on my own and taught me to be independent. It has taught me to also make as many friends as possible.

**What advice would you give high school**

**students when choosing a college or university?** Go tour a few different colleges and universities before making a decision. Go somewhere that feels like home and will benefit you the most.

**What do you do in your spare time?** In my spare time, I like to hang out with friends and then my family on the weekends. I also enjoy going to shop.



Brooklyn Bayless

## Nominations sought for NOC Distinguished Alumni for 2024

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2024 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 1, according to Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni & Community Relations.

Selected honorees will be inducted into the NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion to be held in the Renfro Center, April 6, 2024. This is the 22nd year for the NOC Hall of Fame event.

The NOC Roustabouts will perform at the

event before their annual benefit show at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

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

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# NOC Enid Jets, Lady Jets Soccer



Karolina Arriaga



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## Jets, Lady Jets in thick of playoffs

With just two regular season games remaining, the NOC Enid Jets and Lady Jets are fighting for playoff positions in Region 2.

The Region 2 Tournament is at the Advance Soccer Complex Oct. 26-29. Brackets will be released on Monday, Oct. 23.

The NOC men (6-4-3) are currently 5-3-2 in Region 2 and are currently in third place.

The NOC women (8-7-1) are 7-6-1 and in fifth place in Region 2.

NOC is at Connors on Wednesday and host Murray State on Sunday to complete the regular season.



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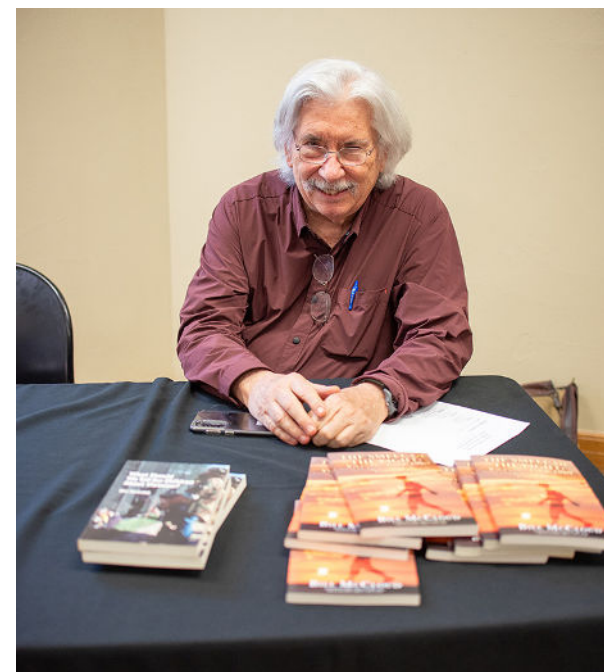
## NOC Enid Northern Encounter



## Chikaskia Literary Festival



NOC Enid hosted the Chikaskia Literary Festival Oct. 5-6 in the Marshall Building Bivin Chapel. The event was the 10th annual for the literary event.



Bill McCloud, author and NOC Distinguished Alum at the Chikaskia Literary Festival

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