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# Jaidyn Burrell named Miss NOC at Tuesday event

Jaidyn Burrell of Roland, Oklahoma, was City; and Cheyenne Ethridge, Longview, Texas. crowned Miss NOC Tuesday night at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

She was crowned by Miss NOC Tonkawa 2023 Kira Pendleton and Miss NOC Enid 2023 Kaycee Babek.

Burrell, a Pre-Nursing student at NOC Enid, received a \$1000 scholarship expense award, Miss America crown and pin, sash and a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses. She will advance to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant in Tulsa next June.

Her talent was performing the Pink Panther theme on the piano. Her Community Service Initiative is "Doodling Kindness One Crayon at a Time." She also plays on the Jets Softball team.

First runner-up for Miss NOC was Jocelyn Kuhlmann from Tonkawa. She received a \$600 scholarship expense award.

Second runner-up was Abby Davis of Tonkawa who received a \$400 scholarship expense award. Other finalists were Kennedy Brown, Ponca City, and Alee Hunt, Seiling.

Other delegates in the Miss NOC Scholarship Competition were Kila Venable, Enid; Autumn Leist, Ponca City; Makayla McCullough, Alva; Faith Oshiro, Enid; Alyssa Walker, Ponca

Each received a \$250 tuition waiver participation award.

Candidates were judged in the talent competition as well as artistic expression, presence and poise in evening and exercise wear and an onstage question. Earlier in the day they were individually interviewed by five judges.

Dr. Edward Dixon, NOC Fine Arts Division chair, served as master of ceremonies for the

Miss Oklahoma 2023 Sunny Day performed for the audience.

Special entertainment was provided by Day, Dixon, Pendleton, and Babek.

NOC President Dr. Clark Harris and Miss NOC Program Director Shannon Varner, presented official portraits to Miss Pendleton and Miss Babek.

This is the first time the Miss NOC Tonkawa and Miss NOC Enid pageants were combined.

Jaidyn Burrell (center) was crowned Miss NOC Tuesday night at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center. Abby Davis (left) was the 2nd runner-up while Jocelyn Kuhlmann (right) was the 1st runner up. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College).



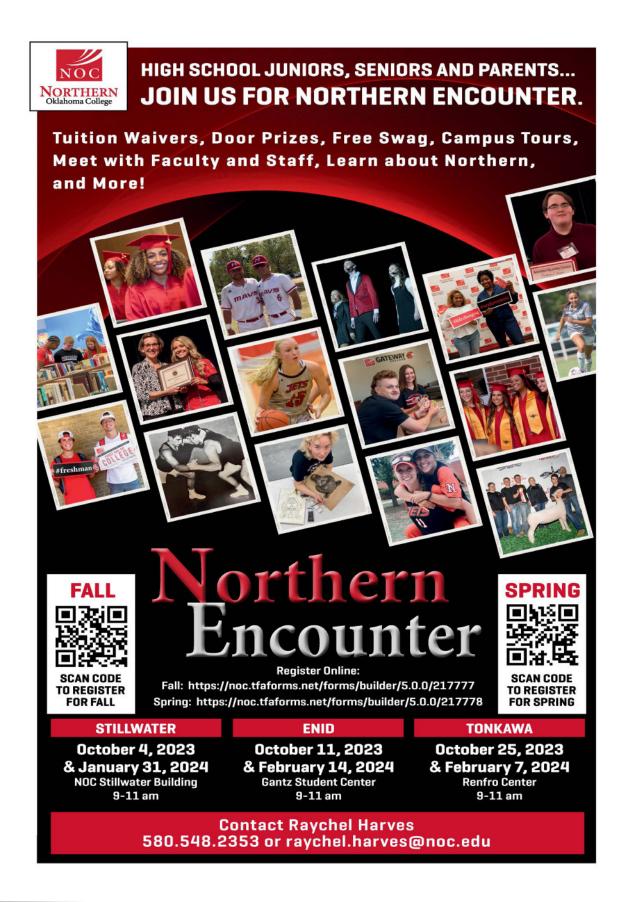




Miss NOC and her court (above). Pictured L-R: Kila Venable, Alee Hunt, Kennedy Brown, Faith Oshiro, Cheyenne Ethridge, Miss NOC Jaidyn Burrell, Miss Oklahoma Sunny Day, Alyssa Walker, Autumn Leist, McKayla McCullough, Jocelyn Kuhlmann, Abby Davis.

Left: Jaidyn Burrell is crowned Miss NOC by Miss NOC Tonkawa Kira Pendleton.

photos by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)



# Wrestling is officially back at NOC

lege is back.

the start of a women's program for Fall 2024 is officially moving forward, college officials announced this week.

will reinstate both men's and women's NJCAA wrestling in the fall of 2024," stated NOC President Dr. Clark Harris. "The NOC Regents approved re-establishing wrestling at NOC at the look forward to the process of finding the right June 14 Board of Regents Meeting, with the restriction that the start-up costs must be funded that sufficient funding has been secured for us to take these next steps."

in Tonkawa with Oklahoma State University Wrestling Coach John Smith and University of fund raising either. I am excited to see the fu-Central Oklahoma Coach Todd Steidley speaking at the event. Currently, nearly \$200,000 has been raised toward the startup goal of \$500,000 by Dec. 31.

NOC continues to fundraise for the program with more events planned for this fall and spring. The first fundraising phase is providing mats, uniforms, equipment, some travel and funding for a coaches' salary and benefits. The next fund-raising phase will provide funding for scholarships for student athletes.

NOC athletic officials are currently with interviews expected to take place later this month.

"After a super successful fundraiser where we had many significant donors committing their support we are now moving forward with hir-

College wrestling at Northern Oklahoma Coling a coach," said NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster. "We have established a committee and The re-establishing of the men's program and are accepting applications for the head coaching position. We have started reviewing applications and will be interviewing applicants. The goal is to hire a coach in time so the coach "I am very pleased to announce that Northern will have the high school wrestling season to recruit. In the spring we will be hiring the second head coach, as we will have separate head coaches for both men's and women's wrestling. I people to lead these programs."

Todd Glasgow, Wrestling Fund Raising Comwith external funding. We are pleased to share munity Liaison, said, "The return of wrestling to NOC has so many people pumped up with enthusiasm. We have so many people who have A fund raiser was recently held at T.S. Fork been generous with their time and money that we cannot thank them enough, nor are we done ture men and women's teams compete in the Fall of 2024. We are so excited this is happening. Go Mavs!"

> Members of the fund-raising committee include NOC Foundation Board of Trustees Jodi Cline, Brad Purdy, and Ken Bellmard. NOC President Dr. Clark Harris, NOC Regents Michael Martin and Brad Fox, Vice President for Development and Community Relations Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson, Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson, Athletic Director Alan Foster, NOC instructor Kurt Campbell, and Wrestling Fundraising Community Liaison Todd





# NOC regents meeting Oct. 25

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of and vehicles, maintenance equipment, miscel-2 p.m. on the Tonkawa campus. At the Sept. 13 regent meeting in Enid, they approved the change of date in the October Regents Meeting from the 18th to the 25th and filed this change with the Secretary of State.

During the September meeting, the NOC Board of Regents also approved the FY 2023 internal audit report, as presented by Justin Kersey with Crawford & Associates. The scope of their professional services included internal audit monitoring procedures in miscellaneous claims encumbrance and pre-audit system and follow-up on prior year recommendations noting a few basic findings in clerical errors. Kersey noted to the Board that Anita Simpson and her staff did a wonderful job working with them during the audit.

The 2023-2024 Employee Handbook was approved noting several policy additions/revisions including: Alcohol Exception Policy and Procedures, Insurance change to an employee defined contribution plan, Purchasing Card Program (Pcard), and System for Compensation of Instructional Overloads and Special Assignments.

President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson was approved as presented for the months of July and August. Regents approved purchases of \$25,000 including: Campus Lawn Care -Tonkawa (emergency) - Sparks Yard and Home Maintenance \$27,000; Maintenance Software - Brightly Software, Inc. \$35,542.80; Roof Replacement Vineyard Library Administration Building - Tonkawa (emergency OMES insurance claim) - American Roofing \$395,216.94; Powerfaids Net Partner Maintenance and Support - The College Board \$27,993.

The regents also approved the proposed surplus property list which included various buses

Regents will meet next Wednesday, Oct. 25 at laneous items from Enid dorms and Stillwater language arts books.

> In the administrator reports, Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins reported that the transition to Cloud-based Blackboard Learning Management System has gone smoothly and gave kudos to Lori Erasmus, Linn Laughery, and Mike Machia in the IT department for all their assistance with the transition. Introduced the Supplement to Nursing courses designed to provide additional support to students in theory courses during their first semester. These courses are taught by the Nursing Success Specialist. Celebrated the 100% pass rate for the spring graduates taking the National Registered Nurse Licensure Exam.

Vice President for Development and Community Relations Sheri Snyder announced that planning continues with the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program and private screening of Killers of the Flower Moon. She also stated that the Foundation has received several major donations supporting the lectureship program, the soccer programs in Enid and the new wrestling programs in Tonkawa. She invited the Regents to the Jets Soccer Take-Off Event set for NOC's financial report, prepared by Vice Sept. 20 at Advance Soccer Complex in Enid.

> NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise announced progress with several grants submitted including the AT&T Digital Divide grant funds have been received and will begin implementing program this fall. Numerous student groups will be participating in the Enid Cherokee Strip parade on Sept. 16.

> Dr. Rick Edgington, Vice President for Enrollment Management, provided an enrollment report to the regents. The report states that fall 2023 enrollment is down 5% in headcount and 3% in credit hour production compared to fall

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### Regents

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2022 numbers.

son announced that lets soccer season has kicked off in Enid under the new interim coaches hired in August. He noted several new coaching hires in both Enid and Tonkawa. Fundraising efforts continue for the potential men's and women's wrestling program in Tonkawa.

Vice President for NOC Stillwater Marsh Howard announced several student and community activities at the start of the semester highlighting Get Going with Gateway event in August. Marsh announced that the Gateway Program will be participating in the OSU Homecoming parade this year with a float.

Vice President for Financial Affairs announced that the executive council approved to increase the hourly wages for College and Federal Work-study Student Employment effective Aug. 21, the beginning of the fall semester. While the FY2023-2024 budgets remain the same, the hourly rate for tutors, clerical, lab

coordinators, and office workers will increase Vice President for Student Affairs Jason John- from \$8.50 to \$10.00 per hour with custodial and physical plant workers increasing from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour. Simpson also shared a residence hall report for Fall 2023 semester noting that Tonkawa campus was at 64% occupancy or 224 students and Enid campus was at 73% occupancy or 168 students.

In the president's report, Dr. Harris noted the school year has started off well. He shared the 2024 Legislative Agenda for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education which includes eight priorities: Oklahoma Promise, Adult Degree Completion, Grow Oklahoma's Stem Workforce, Enhance Campus Safety and Security, Stabilize Mandatory Cost Increases, Maintain Campus Infrastructure, and Staff Salary Support.

The new NOC Fact Book was presented as well as updates to the Institutional Scholarship Pro-



NOC Tonkawa students played games at the Picnic with the President last week.

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# NOC Distinguished Alumni nominations due Nov. 1

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. To view the past honorees, visit the website at <u>Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations | Northern Oklahoma College (noc.edu)</u>.

Contact Kayla Wooderson at , <u>kayla.wooderson@noc.edu</u> or visit the NOC website at <u>www.noc.edu</u>/alumni.

## Writing contest entries due Nov. 3

The NOC Language Arts Division and the NOC Enid Literature Club are pleased to announce the 2023 Adam Worden Memorial Writing Contest.

Current NOC students may submit up to three poems (in a single file), one essay (up to 1,500 words), or one short story (up to 5,000 words) for consideration. Students may enter all three categories.

Winners in each category will receive \$50, plus two books by authors participating in the Chikaskia Literary Festival.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, Nov. 3

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- All work must be original.
- Only currently enrolled NOC students are eligible.
- All work must be submitted electronically, preferably in Microsoft Word. Please do not submit work in the body of the email. Submit via attachment only. Send submission to <a href="mailto:paul.bowers@noc.edu">paul.bowers@noc.edu</a>.
- All submissions should include the author's name, mailing address, email address, and phone number. In the subject line of the email, please indicate **CW Award**, and the genre of the submission (Poetry, Short Fiction, or Essay).
- Late submissions will not be considered.



Please join Northern Oklahoma College as we honor our Veterans by participating in the Ponca City Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 4, 2023 beginning at 10:45 a.m on Grand Avenue.

This year celebrates the following:

75th
Anniversary of
Women in the
Military

**70th**Anniversary of the End of the Korean War

**50th**Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War

To join the NOC Float contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations, at kayla.wooderson@noc.edu or 580.628.6473.

#### **NOC Calendar**

#### Oct. 21

Jets Men's Basketball Brunch Fund Raiser, Montgomery Hall, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Away Jets Softball Scrimmage vs. Bethel (KS), 3 p.m. Away Lady Mavs Basketball Scrimmage in Lawrence (KS), 2:40 p.m. and 5 p.m.

#### Oct. 22

Home Mavs Baseball Scrimmage vs. Brewer Baseball, 1 p.m.

Oct. 23

Spring Enrollment Opens FCA Meeting, BCM, 8 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 24

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Tonkawa Advisory Board Meetings, Renfro Center, noon, Tonkawa Archery Tag, East Gym, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Tonkawa Away Jets Basketball Scrimmage at Independence (KS), 7 p.m.

#### Oct. 25

Northern Encounter, Renfro Center, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tonkawa Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tonkawa Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid Board of Regents Meeting, President's Conference Room, 2 p.m., Tonkawa The Maverick Student Newspaper Meeting, Central 311, 2 p.m., Tonkawa Jets Baseball World Series, TBA The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 26

Jets Baseball World Series, TBA

Oct. 27

Jets Baseball World Series, TBA Art Club Meeting, Creative Arts 120, 2 p.m., Tonkawa Away Mavs Baseball Scrimmage vs. Southwestern (KS), 2 p.m. Enid Lit Club Meeting, Zoom, 2:30 p.m., Enid Away Mavs Softball Scrimmage vs. Southern Nazarene, 3 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar



## Soccer regular season ends Sunday

NOC Jets Soccer hosts their final home game ence action. Sunday against Murray State.

Game time is 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Lady Jets (9-7-1) are 8-6-1 in conference play while the men (7-4-3) are 6-3-2 in confer-

NOC's women are in 5th place in the conference while the men are in 3rd place.

The Region 2 Playoffs are set for Oct. 26-29 at the Advance Soccer Complex in Enid.

#### Northern Encounter at Tonkawa Oct. 25

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is host- and introduction, students will disperse to ing a Northern Encounter recruiting event on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Renfro Center.

There will be door prizes, free SWAG, campus tour, meetings with faculty/staff, and a drawing for tuition waivers.

According to Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington students will be provided a schedule, much like an average NOC student's schedule. After a brief welcome

classrooms throughout campus and will attend "mini-lectures" delivered by NOC faculty and staff.

Registration is from 8:45 a.m. – 9 a.m. with the event ending at 11 a.m. Students can register for Northern Encounter at www.noc.edu.

Anyone interested in more information can contact NOC's Enrollment and Recruitment Office at 580.628.6220.

# **NOC October Birthdays**



Alyce Webb	Oct. 22	Courtney Miller	Oct. 28
Tammy Davis	Oct. 24	Pam Keeler	Oct. 28
Gene Mayo	Oct. 27	Vickie Crouch	Oct. 28
Wendy O'Neill	Oct. 27	Eddie Dixon	Oct. 29
Shiloh Martin	Oct. 27	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30

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