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## NOC Administration and NOCF Board of Trustees for 2023-2024.

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## WELCOME

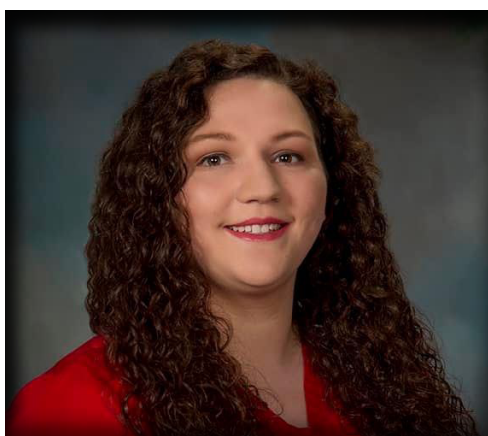
The NOC Alumni and Foundation department want to welcome you to our newsletter. We will share new information quarterly.

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

Emily Hoemann, former NOC Nursing Student, receives the DAISY Award® at her current position.

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**The DAISY Award®**

FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY

HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY  
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

Dr. Nikole Hicks,  
NOC Nursing Chair,  
presents the DAISY  
Award® to Marriya  
Wright, 2023 Award  
Recipient. Nominations  
are now open.



Go to: <http://DAISYfoundation.org>  
to nominate your favorite past or  
present Nursing faculty member.

## In Your Corner

Get to know one of our  
Alumni Advisory Board  
members, Kramer Simpson.

Meet Amber Yandell, 2013  
Alumna and reporter for  
the newly established  
Friends of NOC  
Agriculture Chapter.

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## Upcoming 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).



Dr. Clark Harris, NOC President, and  
MaryAnn McCoy, NOC Instructor, were just  
a few spotted in the community this month.  
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# NOC Administration and the NOCF Trustees for 2023-2024



Front Row [L-R]: Misty Diemer Thurman, Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson, Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller, Rachel Love, Cheryl Evans, Ken Bellmard, Jackie Conrady, Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins. Back Row [L-R]: Patrick Zimmerman, Regent Jason Turnbow, NOC President Dr. Clark Harris, Jodi Cline, Patrick Anderson, NOC Vice President for Community Relations and Development Sheri Snyder, Mark Detten, Tom Poole, Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington. NOCF Trustees not pictured: Regent Brad Fox, LynnDe Funk, Dr. Gordon Laird, Peter Dillingham, Brad Purdy, and Kayla Wooderson. Photo by Shiloh Martin, Northern Oklahoma College Photographer/Videographer.

Northern Oklahoma College Foundation [NOCF] announced their Board of Trustees for 2023-24 as approved by the NOC Board of Regents this summer.

The NOC Regents approved a change in the Foundation's By-laws increasing the number of trustees to 20 for the Foundation adding more community leadership to the board.

Two Regents, Bradley Fox of Ponca City and Jason Turnbow of Enid serve on the Board as well as the NOC leadership that includes President Dr. Clark Harris, NOCF Executive Director Sheri Snyder, Treasurer Anita Simpson, Director of Development & Donor Relations Candy Oller and Director of Alumni and Community Relations Kayla Wooderson.

Community leaders on the Board include Trustees Mark Detten, Brad Purdy, Jodi Cline, and Ken Bellmard from the Tonkawa area. Trustees from the Enid area include Peter Dillingham, LynnDe Funk, Dr. Cheryl Evans, and Patrick Anderson. Trustees from the Stillwater area include Dr. Gordon Laird and Patrick Zimmerman. Trustees at-large include Misty Diemer Thurman, Tom Poole, and Jackie Conrady.



Sheri Snyder, Executive Director for the Foundation and NOC Vice President for Development and Community Relations stated, "Our NOCF Executive Committee believes that we have selected appropriate community leaders from our service areas to assist us in the upcoming years as we explore the vision and future of the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. We are excited to work together continuing to build our strong foundation in support of the many students and programs at Northern Oklahoma College."

The NOCF currently manages over \$15 million in unaudited net assets and awarded 361 scholarships totaling \$228,450 in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. For this 2023-2024 fiscal year, the NOC Foundation Board has been working with our private donors to increase not only the number of scholarship awards given but also increase the dollar amount awarded. Snyder commented, "The Foundation's goal is to maximize the financial assistance provided to each student through private awards, thus reducing any out-of-pocket expenses for our students. The Foundation has increased scholarship award amounts with an additional \$75,000 in potential scholarship support to be awarded this year to students at NOC."

The purpose of the Foundation enhances the educational opportunities and environment at the college and is organized for the benefit of NOC and its students.

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).

**NOC Alumni Association**

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- **\$25 Individual**
- **\$35 Joint**

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

- **\$200 Individual**
- **\$300 Joint**

**By joining the NOC Alumni Association as a Lifetime Member, you will receive an NOC Customized Swag Box.**

A portion of your dues will go to an Alumni Legacy Scholarship which will be available to those children and grandchildren of NOC graduates who are current members of the Association. The other portion of the money will go to fund our alumni events.



For more information on Membership Benefits or Online Payment  
click on the following link:

<https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/noc-alumni-and-friends-membership/>

**Northern  
Oklahoma  
College is  
seeking  
nominations  
for the  
2024 NOC**

*Distinguished  
Alumni  
Award*

Nominations are due November 1.

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  
at NOC Tonkawa

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 <https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/distinguished-alumni-hall-of-fame-nominations/>.

Contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations at 580.628.6473, [kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu) or visit the NOC website at [www.noc.edu/alumni](http://www.noc.edu/alumni).



# In Your Corner



Left-Right: McKenzie, Sutton and Kramer

## Alumni Advisory Board Member Spotlight

*Kramer Simpson*

2012 Agriculture Alumnus

### What makes NOC life-changing?

Northern provides an environment that energizes your personal, educational, and professional goals springing you towards a life of fulfillment.

### What advice would you give new alumni and/or students?

For alumni and students, it is important to stay connected and invested with Northern through attending events, donating your time or talent, and gifting to help keep the NOC tradition rich and mission relevant.

### In a few short sentences tell us about yourself.

Kramer and his wife McKenzie [NOC '14] live in Tonkawa and have one daughter Sutton who is in Kindergarten at Tonkawa Elementary. Kramer has been employed by First National Bank of Oklahoma for 6 years where he is currently Vice President of Ag Lending. McKenzie is currently in her 2nd year of the Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia program at Newman University. The Simpsons are also active farmers raising wheat, corn, and soybeans in Kay and Grant Counties.

# In Your Corner

## Amber Yandell

### 2013 Alumna

Agricultural Sciences



Amber with husband, Codey and her sons, Corey and Caden.

Amber currently serves as a reporter for the newly established Friends of NOC Agriculture Chapter. The Ag Alumni Chapter was established June 2023 under the NOC Alumni Association.

#### **What makes NOC life-changing?**

*The smaller class size allows you to get to know your professors and therefore build strong relationships with them. This allows you to be able to get more one-on-one help with classes if needed.*

#### **What advice would you give new alumni and/or students?**

*Take advantage of all opportunities you are given and don't be afraid to jump out of your comfort zone and try something new!*

#### **In a few short sentences tell us about yourself.**

*After graduating from NOC, I attended Oklahoma State University and received my Bachelor's in Agricultural Education. I was then the agricultural education instructor and FFA Advisor at Waukomis High School for 5 years. In 2017, I married my husband Codey Yandell, who is also an NOC alum and in 2020 we welcomed our identical twin boys, Corey and Caden.*

*I am now a stay at home momma to the boys and I wouldn't want life to be any other way! Although I no longer teach agriculture, I am still heavily involved in the agriculture industry as our family runs and operates Yandell Livestock, a show lamb operation based in Bison, Oklahoma, and I am always looking for ways to help the youth through agriculture.*

**What activities were you a part of at NOC?** NOC Sheep Center and NOC Aggies





## **Friends of NOC Agriculture Alumni Chapter:**

Friends and alumni of the NOC Agriculture Program formed an Alumni Chapter this past spring. Our objective of this Association is: To partner with NOC alumni, agricultural businesses, and friends of the college in an effort to financially support extracurricular events and programs. With the partnership of donors, our mission is to sustain the longevity of sheep center programs, livestock judging teams, and other agriculture/physical science programs for the foreseeable future.

We held our kickoff event in April with a great turnout of numerous Alumni and supporters who raised money to get the Association started. The Board of directors has lots of great ideas for more events for the future to continue to support the agriculture program at NOC. Be watching for upcoming events as well as our big event in April of 2024!

## **Mission Statement:**

The Friends of NOC Agriculture Chapter, in collaboration with the Office of Development and Community Relations and the greater Northern Oklahoma College community strives to support the mission, values, and strategic goals of the Northern Oklahoma College Division of Agriculture by building engagement through support of friends and alumni, and by acting as ambassadors to the agriculture alumni community. Under the leadership of the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation Board of Trustees – NOC Alumni Advisory Board/Alumni Association, the Friends of NOC Agriculture Chapter works to establish, maintain, and build mutually beneficial and lifelong connections among friends and alumni to strengthen relationships and support for the continued sustainability of the Agriculture Division.

## **Vision:**

To develop an expansive network of NOC Agriculture friends and alumni to support the success of fellow graduates and current students and to form a significant and constant presence of the Agriculture Division within the Northern Oklahoma College community.

# Former Nursing Student receives the DAISY Award® at her current position.



April 2023

**Emily Hoemann, RN**

Emergency Services

Ascension St. John Jane Phillips

Bartlesville, OK



View website for more information:

[www.daisyfoundation.org/daisy-award/honorees/emily-hoemann](http://www.daisyfoundation.org/daisy-award/honorees/emily-hoemann)

*Here is what a patient's family said about Emily, "My mother can't advocate for herself, because she was a stroke patient. Emily was very kind. She allowed us to speak for her and voice our concerns without feeling like we were overstepping. She was also very caring and understanding and explained everything so we could understand as well. You should be proud to have her as an employee."*

## NOC Accepting Nominations for 2024 DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty

Northern Oklahoma College invites you to submit nominations for The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing faculty. Current or past nursing faculty may be nominated by colleagues, peers, patients, families, or alumni.

The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's mission to express gratitude to nurses with programs that recognize them for the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care they provide patients and families.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "NOC's nursing faculty are dedicated to their students and providing exceptional nurses for our communities. We are pleased to partner with the DAISY Foundation to recognize NOC's life-changing nursing faculty."

The award recipients are chosen by a committee at NOC to receive The DAISY Award which will be presented at the Pinning Ceremony at NOC Tonkawa on May 3, 2024. Nursing faculty may be nominated at <https://www.noc.edu/academics/academic-divisions/nursing-division/daisy-award/>.

The DAISY Foundation expanded its' flagship brand The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses to Academic Institutions in order to recognize the faculty who inspire compassionate care in their students and the students who demonstrate it during their education.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Barnes died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura [ITP], a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. [DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.]

The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired the creation of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, an evidenced-based means of providing nurse recognition and thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

"We honor faculty who inspire nurses to care like Patrick's nurses cared for him and for our family. Recognizing and celebrating nursing students for the above-and-beyond care and compassion they show to patients and their families will be a strong reminder that nursing is not all about tasks and technology," said Bonnie Barnes, CEO and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation.

Each Honoree receives a certificate, a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

### ABOUT THE DAISY FOUNDATION

In addition to The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty and The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Students, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 3,600 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition of direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing, and through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.



For information on how to  
submit your new bundle of joy  
announcement, email  
Kayla Wooderson at  
kayla.wooderson@noc.edu.

## 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

## Oliver Lee Snyder

Born March 2, 2023  
Enid, OK

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



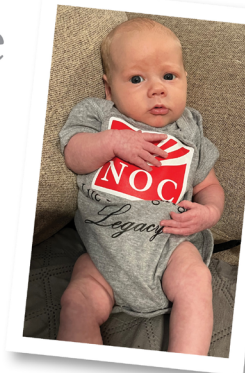
*"My best memory at NOC was the time spent  
working with the Roustabouts"* - Nathan

7 lbs, 11.7 oz  
19" Long

## Owen Wayne Crawford

Born July 11, 2023  
Ponca City, OK

Parents:  
Hannah, 2019 Alumna,  
and Tanner Crawford



*"My favorite memory at NOC was cheering  
for the Mavs and winning a National Title  
in Anaheim!"* - Hannah

5 lbs, 9 oz  
19.5" long

## Davis Graham Brooks

Born May 30, 2023  
Oklahoma City, OK

Parents:  
Connor, 2013 Alumnus, and  
Rylie Brooks, 2014 Alumna



*"Our favorite memories at NOC are  
meeting each other, making life-long  
friends and playing basketball."*

9 lbs, 5 oz  
23" long

## Grayson Edward Fox

Born July 14, 2023  
Stillwater, OK

Parents:  
Brad Fox, 2013 Alumnus,  
and Caitlyn Fox



*"NOC is truly a life-changing environment due to the  
faculty and staff that embody the culture of what NOC  
stands for. The passion and commitment from everyone at  
NOC is what makes it life-changing for any student that  
chooses to call NOC home."* - Brad Fox

8 lbs, 7 oz  
21" Long

# Spotted in the Community



**NOC** participated in the following community events in the past few weeks:

*Full Moon Concert* on August 31 at Heart in the Park downtown Tonkawa where several NOC Roustabouts Alumni performed along with "The Guys" singing group.

*Charlie Adams Day* on September 9 in Newkirk.

*Kay County Free Fair* on September 12-17 in Blackwell.

*Cherokee Strip Parades* on September 16 in Enid and Perry.

*Jets Take-Off Soccer Event* on September 20 at Advance Soccer Complex in Enid.





## SEPTEMBER

- 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
- 30-31 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 pm NOC Tonkawa

## JANUARY

- 2 Planetarium Show  
Enid 7 pm

## FEBRUARY

- 6 Planetarium Show  
Enid 7 pm

## MARCH

- 5 Planetarium Show  
Enid 7 pm
- 14 NOCF Annual Donor  
Recognition Event  
Renfro Center\

## 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 (Tentative)

## 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



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

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