

# Jaidyn Burrell Crowned Miss NOC

**By Brendan Donahue**  
**The Maverick Staff Writer**

In a recent event at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, Jaidyn Burrell from Roland, Oklahoma, was crowned as Miss NOC 2023. She's a Pre-Nursing student at NOC Enid and stood out with her exceptional talent performance, playing the Pink Panther theme on the piano.

Jaidyn received a \$1,000 scholarship, the iconic Miss America crown, a sash, and a bouquet of red roses. She will represent NOC in the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant next June.

Jocelyn Kuhlmann, from Tonkawa, was named the first runner-up and received a \$600 schol-

arship. Abby Davis from Tonkawa secured the second runner-up position with a \$400 scholarship.

Other finalists included Kennedy Brown from Ponca City and Alea Hunt from Seiling. Several outstanding delegates were also recognized with a \$250 tuition waiver participation award.

The competition involved various categories, including talent, artistic expression, and presence in evening and exercise wear. Dr. Edward Dixon hosted the event, and Miss Oklahoma 2023, Sunny Day, provided a captivating performance. The evening featured special entertainment from notable figures, including Sun-

ny Day, Dr. Edward Dixon, Kira Pendleton, and Kaycee Babek.

The unification of the Miss NOC Tonkawa and Miss NOC Enid pageants marked a significant milestone, allowing for a greater showcase of talent and beauty and setting the stage for a new era in the pageant's tradition.

Jaidyn Burrell's win as Miss NOC 2023 reflects her dedication, talent, and commitment to her community, making her a representative of the values of Northern Oklahoma College. We wish her the best in her journey to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant!



Jaidyn Burrell being crowned by Kira Pendleton (Photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

## *It Was A Treat!*

**By Mallory Riley**  
**Maverick Editor**

NOC held their annual trick or treat fair in the circle drive on the Tonkawa campus between 5 and 6:30pm.

Many organizations from NOC had booths with games, and candy for children to enjoy.

Hundreds of children, teenagers, and parents came to have fun at NOC!



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## Art Forum Club

NOC Artforum Art Club makes original but-  
tons for Trick or Treat on the circle Tuesday  
night at NOC Tonkawa.

Art Forum Gave Two options for the NOC  
Trick or treat fair. Trick or Treaters chose an  
original button made by NOC art students or  
Trick or Treaters colored a black & white de-  
sign that was be made into a button while they  
waited.



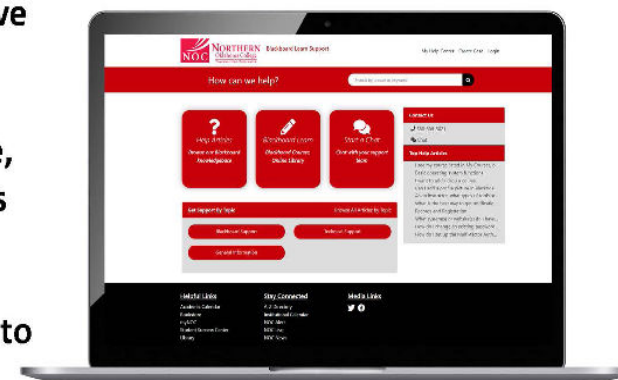
**Artforum students Pictured left to right, front  
row: Kacee Kloxin, Brenna Leonard. Second  
row: Mallory Riley, Amy Smith, Leslee Rich-  
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# Wind Energy program

By Misty McBlair  
The Maverick Staff Writer

There are several types of energy such as coal and natural gas. There are also renewable like hydroelectric, geothermal and solar. Electricity generated by wind is becoming much more noticeable in Oklahoma with the wind farms going up everywhere lately.

Northern Oklahoma College began a wind energy program in the early 2000's and at that time there were not any wind farms. Wind energy was still new. The program was suspended but was reopened in 2019.

NOC offers courses in this field, such as Technologies industries, Process Technology and Renewable energy. Students attending the energy programs are led into jobs in traditional oil and gas industries as well as the wind energy industry and other renewable energy like solar

energy.

The program was designed to train students in a career as a Wind Turbine Technician. The technicians learn concepts, technology and skills in order to maintain the mechanical functions of the turbines. The life of the wind turbine looks to be 20 years. Which means the renewable wind energy is here to stay. Many students have gone on and acquired jobs at wind farms in our area.

Wind energy is a great source of energy although there may be days when there isn't any wind and the turbines do not produce enough energy, but we all know that a calm day with no wind is a rare thing in Oklahoma and the wind is usually blowing nonstop on most days and that is why wind energy companies are growing in our area and are here to stay.

## Open Curtains!

By Virginia Jones  
The Maverick Staff Writer

Northern Oklahoma College's theatre department has already begun spreading laughs and enjoyment across campus with its Fall play "Puffs." Last month adults and students alike were immersed in a comedic, heart-felt, and Hufflepuff viewed parody of the well-known Harry Potter series.

"Puffs" was shown in the KPAC, September 28- October 1. and was directed by Emily Rose Parman. The cast of the play consisted of both theater, music and non-theater or music majors from Tonkawa campus. In an interview with Chad Anderson, head of NOC's theatre department, he says that Puffs was a nice change of pace from the usual classic performances. It allowed the students to have fun and to perform a lighter show with laughter.

Next on the Performing Art's program of shows is the Halloween Cabaret! This Caba-

ret show is taking the place of the annual Fall musical the performing arts regularly has. The show is being held at the KPAC, October 30th-31st, at 7:30pm, \$5 a ticket.

At this show you will see multiple performances of beloved creepy classics and Halloween themed songs. Mr. Anderson says that a Cabaret was chosen in place of the musical because it is more cost effective and lets multiple musical groups from NOC to come together for one big show instead of exclusively the theater department.

Looking forward to next semester, the Spring musical has been announced as: "Something Rotten." Mr. Anderson described as a "farce about Shakespeare." All the shows in the KPAC throughout the year have a concession stand where drinks and snacks are available. The money raised goes towards the Theatre Department and allows the students to experience live shows and fund activities.



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# Northern Encounter

By Audrey Pegg  
The Maverick Staff Writer

Having a broader perspective on college and creating new opportunities is what high school students were able to do at the Northern Encounter event this past Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Northern Encounter is a chance for high school juniors, seniors, and parents to join Northern Oklahoma College.

Northern Encounter lets high school students look at programs, services, students, and instructors at NOC. At Northern Encounter, they help with receiving answers that help students plan for their future education. Students were offered door prizes, free SWAG, a campus tour, meetings with faculty/staff, and had a drawing for tuition waivers.

At the Northern Encounter event, around 60 students and parents were in attendance to show their interest in learning more about Northern Oklahoma College and what they have to offer. The Maverick Mascot was also in attendance representing NOC and bringing their school spirit.

Students and parents that were in attendance were able to hear from the following groups, financial aid, testing, registration, scholarships, resident life, Mass Comm, Fine Arts, Pre-Engineering/Process Tech/Wind, Business, HPER, Athletic Training, and Digital media. They were able to learn more about each of these groups at NOC and find where their potential interest may be.



Potential NOC students visited NOC last week for Northern Encounter.




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**All NOC students, faculty and staff, as well as all area veterans and  
the general public are invited to attend.**



# Gardening with Kelly Conaghan

By Mallory Riley,  
The Maverick Editor

All information was told from gardener/landscaper Kelly Conaghan.

Kelly Conaghan is from Tonkawa, worked at NOC from 1990 to 2010. Then left to pursue a degree in Public Horticulture with a minor in Integrated Pest Management. Started a lawn-mowing service for 7 years, then retired.

Kelly owns 10,000 square feet of garden space on the west side of Tonkawa where she grows sweet corn, potatoes, tomatoes, cilantro, tomatillos, raspberries, cherries, peaches, and okra. Kelly sells her produce to the people and the small businesses of Tonkawa like Mary's grill and Simple Simon's.

One tip Kelly uses is sticky traps to monitor the kind of flies her garden is getting, and good to know if there is an over infestation. Advice Kelly will give to someone just starting to garden is if anyone offers help to take it because it is hard work, keep your eyes open, notice everything, and use common sense.

How Kelly Keeps weeds from growing is using wet newspapers and mulch, because the plastic or fabric versions do not work as well and not great for the environment. If using plastic or fabric, the soil will be more clay like after and harder to till the soil. Over winter her husband Charlie tills the garden multiple times, and what that does is pulls the weeds up to the surface, and when they germinate, they plow them under and with luck they won't come back.

The plow will leave a hard surface that can be hard to penetrate when planting seeds. Some famers after they plow, use a specific kind of turnip that's skinny that grows through the soil like a corkscrew, and when tilled under it leaves spaces to plant more produce with the extra nutrients of the turnips under.

Using fertilizers, she does not know the exact one because Charlie sprays, but believes it is 40-00 only on the corn because her produce goes to the people and does not like pesticides or a lot of fertilizers on everything else. Pesticides attack the neuro system of the critters.

Sometimes when they get spider mites bad, they will have to spray tempo. Spider mites will leave a stippling texture on leaves. At her home with an elderberry bush, she got aphids but were able to just spray them off with a hose.

Aphids will leave a sticky substance on the underside of leaves that will cause black mold. With Epsom Salt, tomatoes love Epsom Salt, it is basically magnesium sulfate and what sulfate does is change the PH of the soil. You can plant paper match books with peppers and tomatoes and as the match book decomposes the sulfate releases into the soil and the paper dissolves.

When harvesting seeds, Kelly does not save them, but told the process. You save the pulp that has the seeds in it, rinse them well with water till clean, dry them, and then store them in a dark cool place. But remember hybrids do not do that, hybrids have two parents, while heirlooms have one. With hybrids, you will get a Mongol.

If you cut down a pine tree, and the needles are still on it, and it has blue streaks on the inside, it most likely died from pine wilt nematodes, do not make furniture out of it, do not save it, just burn it before February when the next nematodes hatch. If you want a pine tree plant, a native pine tree to our area in zone 6 is best.



# A new start for Maverick baseball

By Jacob Koop  
The Maverick Staff Writer

This week I got to sit down with NOC's new pitching coach Jack Nathan.

Coach Nathan is from Washington DC and played five years of Division 1 baseball at High Point University in North Carolina. As a pitching coach, Coach Nathan says, "His main goal is to develop our pitching staff and get them to the Division 1 level."

Although Coach Nathan has played baseball at a very high level with just graduating this year will be his first year as a coach for a college baseball team.

When asked why he wanted to start his career here he said, "He grew up in the east coast his

entire life and wanted to step out of his comfort zone to grow, become successful on his own, and limit as many distractions as he could."

Coach Nathan is going into the season very confident and ready to win. Having a good 1st season can really set the tone for his coaching career.

I got to ask coach Nathan his thoughts and expectations that he has for the season, he responded "I have really high expectations, we have a good group of returners and a lot of freshmen who are stepping up for us in big spots."

He believes the Mavericks have an opportunity to win the region and make a statement in the World Series.



NOC Women's Basketball participated in the Halloween Trick or Treat Fair Tuesday night.



# New Maverick baseball coach

By Garrett Richards  
The Maverick Staff Writer

Questions were asked by Garret Richards, and the answers from Coach Nathan.

What is the significant difference coming from the D1 level to the juco level? I was at the JUCO level before I was at the D1 level and the only thing you really notice are the facilities here in Oklahoma with the hitting barn and the renovations we have done with the indoor are pretty similar to some of the D1 mid majors.

Really the only difference is the size of campus and where I was before we had football games, where thousands and thousands of fans would show up and plus the tailgates. Some of the competitions have ESPN camera crew, workers, and announcers but you do not really notice it much because that stuff is so behind the scenes and when you get into it the flow of the game you do not ever notice it.

I would just say from a mid-major standpoint it is not that different from the facilities. The one thing is the maturity of the covid wave. Last year you saw a lot of Division 1, it is a lot of junior seniors and 5-year players, but that wave is done and at the juco level it is a lot of 18- and 19-year-olds learning to mature physically and mentally.

What made you want to come to the JUCO level? I love it and I started coaching high school baseball and had a lot of success. I just like helping people and helping peoples' careers, and I am okay and humble enough to be a part of someone's journey. I do not need to be the destination or the best part of their journey.

I just want to help people; I mean as a player I felt like I did not get to have all the glitz and glamor because of some of the networking and the connections my school had that I played at, and I never want to let my players down with what it is like.

What are you most excited for this season

coming up? It is the players and I know it can be tough on the guys and to see them mature better with their physical and mental standpoint and all their hard work they are putting in right now.

Junior college is perfect because it is like a springboard to a guy's career, and we can turn young boys into men and hopefully the time they get to their four year they are ready to go. That is why we treat everything here like it is a Division 1 organization like attention to detail, the structure and just everything.

What is your end goal for the season? We always talk about leaving things better than we found them. I think for this sophomore group it is to leave it better than they found it and obviously when they came in, they had a good year last year.

I think it is to have a better regular season and have a better postseason finish and continue to help our players who our sophomores get to the four-year level and have our freshman progress and get ready for next year. When they must leave things better then they found it and continue to improve every single year and it is to win but the winning helps with recruitment.

That is why we put a big emphasis on winning because the four-year recruiters want to recruit from good ball clubs and guys with a winning background and that is why we have a winning emphasis on it. But it is to get my players out of Tonkawa and on to bigger and better things.



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