

# NOC earns grant for Enid pond revitalization

Northern Oklahoma College has partnered with Oklahoma State University on a plan to rejuvenate the area around the pond on the NOC Enid campus.

The two schools have received a \$147,000 grant from the state's Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) to create the plan.

TSET Built Environment Grants have a goal of improving health through improvements to infrastructure.

"Our environment impacts our health," Julie Bisbee, TSET executive director, said. "Thoughtfully designed downtowns, parks, community centers and other public spaces encourage active lifestyles to keep us moving and healthy. We look forward to seeing how these projects impact communities throughout the

state."

NOC Enid Vice President Jeremy Hise said he noticed the pond's water level had dropped and he was "worried about the health of the pond."

Hise then contacted Jaime Schussler, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at Oklahoma State University, and she worked on the grant request.

The grant was awarded for "development of a plan to improve a pond and expand access to recreational opportunities on the Northern Oklahoma College campus," according to a news release from TSET.

Schussler gave an overview of the history of the project.

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## *Christmas Concert Sunday at KPAC*

The Northern Oklahoma College Concert Band, Madrigal Singers, and College Choir presents their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 10.

The concert will be held in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at 2 pm.

The Concert Band will perform Nutcracker

Suite, the Night Before Christmas, and Sleigh Ride.

Madrigal Singers will perform International Carols Suite, Carols of Western Europe, and the British Isles.

The College Choir will perform Great Joy and Gospel Christmas Carol Suite.



**The Pond on the NOC Enid Campus will be revitalized due to a TSET grant through a partnership with Oklahoma State University**



# Pond

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“In late Spring, Jeremy (Hise) contacted the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) with concerns about the pond status on NOC Enid’s campus,” she said. “When the OCC folks visited campus, they spoke a lot about stormwater, which is my area of research. I’ve been very lucky to get to work with the OCC on some other stormwater projects, so they connected me with Jeremy for another site tour to see if I could offer any recommendations.”

After a visit to the Enid campus in May, Schussler and Hise began working toward potential improvements to the pond, both immediate and long term.

“We knew that these improvements would be longer-term projects and started looking for grant opportunities,” she said. Since the beginning, it has been a team effort, and I feel very lucky to be a part of it. There is great energy and a lot of genuine people on this project team who want to see it be a success for NOC and the City of Enid.”

Schussler added that OSU students in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CIVE) got involved in the project and some of those students will work alongside a senior design group for the project.

“We are working on contract documents with TSET now, but plan to hit the ground running in early January,” she said. “I’ve been working with Jeremy to compile a list of stakeholders

that will be included in our kickoff meeting and subsequent community surveys. We will also be monitoring the hydrology and water quality around the pond area and use this to calibrate our stormwater models. Based on stakeholder feedback and the stormwater models, we hope to develop a plan for NOC Enid’s campus that will restore the pond health and provide access to recreational activities in the area. If all goes well, we hope to use the products from this planning grant toward an implementation grant.”

“This project wouldn’t be possible without Jeremy taking the steps to learn about the pond and factors affecting it,” she said. “Jeremy has a lot of pride in NOC Enid’s campus and motivation to improve it for the students and surrounding community. I am so thankful that the OCC connected me with the project, and that I get to work on this grant with such an awesome project team. I am working with people who truly understand the vision, and I believe the project will have a lasting impact in Enid.”

“We’re trying to figure out how to improve the pond,” Hise said. “We’re going to conduct a survey of the community to find out how best to use it. I think there’s a lot of potential out there,” Hise said. “I’m so excited, and I can’t thank the folks at OSU enough for their assistance.”



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**SUNDAY**

DEC. 10, 2023 | 2 pm  
NOC Tonkawa, KPAC



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# Distinguished Alums named for 2024

Dr. Michelle Jeffries Keylon and Scott Morris have been chosen as the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni for 2024.

The announcement was made by NOC Director of Alumni and Community Relations Kayla Wooderson. She stated, “On behalf of the Alumni Selection Committee, I’m excited to announce the 2024 Inductees and look forward to planning the Alumni Reunion activities.”

Keylon, NOC Class of 1992, is the Superintendent/CEO at Francis Tuttle Technology Center. She currently resides in Edmond, Oklahoma. Morris, NOC Class of 1991 and Former NOC Enid Women’s Basketball Coach, is the Stillwater High School Men’s Basketball Coach and

Golf Coach. He currently resides in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The banquet is Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Renfro Center with a Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea earlier in the day and the annual Roustabouts Benefit Show celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the program following the banquet in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center on the NOC Tonkawa campus. More event details will be announced in the new year.

The distinguished alumni award recognizes the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of college.

## NOC December Birthdays



Carmen Tetik	Dec. 9	Tim Kruse	Dec. 19
Jerry Aldrich	Dec. 12	Kerri Gray	Dec. 21
Troy Cochran	Dec. 15	Kimberly Brewer	Dec. 21
Terri Percy	Dec. 16	Marie Head	Dec. 21
Matthew Caldwell	Dec. 17	Kevin Miller	Dec. 27
Patricia Lester	Dec. 17	Peggy Evans	Dec. 29

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# LABYRINTH

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# Labyrinth Exhibit open through Jan. 26

LABYRINTH: Labyrinths in Art and Life is on display at Eleanor Hays Art Gallery, NOC Tonkawa, from November 15, 2023 – January 26, 2024.

Curated by gallery director Audrey Schmitz, over forty paintings, drawings, sculptures and photographs in the exhibit feature designs inspired by historic labyrinth pathways as well as original creations made by current NOC art students and alumni. Visitors will also learn about the history of labyrinths and their variations in design and function dating from more than 4000 years ago.

According to a recent article by Faith Hari in the Oklahoma Magazine, “Despite its mysterious origins, the labyrinth is one of the most distinct man made designs, appearing in places all over the world for thousands of years. Although its winding pattern may resemble a maze, a true labyrinth has only one path that leads to and from its center.”

Seven large-scale photographs in the exhibit feature permanent Oklahoma labyrinths found at University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond; Mercy Health Center, OKC; Southeastern

Oklahoma State University, Durant; Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater and Heart in the Park in Centennial Park, Tonkawa. The materials used to create these walking paths include stone, bricks, plants, grass, paint and pavers.

Along with pathway-inspired paintings, drawings and sculptures, NOC art students collaborated on a large-scale “art” labyrinth based on the NOC Maverick logo. Titled Maverinth Colabrinth, the work is a collage of student photos with a “walking” path separated by hundreds of red, black and gray hand-coiled papers. Art instructors Audrey Schmitz and Jason McNaughton lead students to explore the potential of labyrinth design in their 3-D and 2-D Fundamentals of Art courses in the current fall semester.

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery, located in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, is open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during evening and weekend events in the KPAC Auditorium. Admission is free. Contact gallery director Audrey Schmitz at 580-628-6670 or [audrey.schmitz@noc.edu](mailto:audrey.schmitz@noc.edu) for more information.

## NOC basketball wrap-up

NOC Basketball is winding down for the fall semester with teams completing games this week. The NOC Enid Jets (5-5) have home games with Link Year (Friday) and the OKC Storm (Saturday). The Jets complete the first semester with a home game against OnPoint Academy on Dec. 15.

The Lady Jets (4-3) host Friends JV Friday in their final game of the fall semester. In Tonkawa, the Mavs (5-5) host Link Year Saturday and then Seward (KS) on Tuesday for their final game for fall.

The Lady Mavs (3-8) finished their fall semester with a win at Tabor JV. All NOC teams start conference play Jan. 8, 2024. Follow the Jets at [www.nocjets.com](http://www.nocjets.com) and the Mavs at [www.nocmavs.com](http://www.nocmavs.com).



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# NOC Calendar

## Dec. 8

## Final Day to Withdraw From All Courses

Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Friends University JV, 5:30 p.m.

Home Jets Basketball vs. Link Year, 7 p.m.

Home Mavs Basketball vs. Nationwide Prep, 7:30 p.m.

## Dec. 9

Home Mavs Basketball vs. Link Year, 2 p.m.

Home Jets Basketball vs. OKC Storm, 2 p.m.

## Dec. 10

Christmas Concert, KPAC, 2 p.m., Tonkawa

## Dec. 11

## Begin Late 5-Week Classes

## Final Exams

Faculty/Staff Christmas Luncheon, Room 205, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Stillwater

Tonkawa Christmas Cookie Decorating Party, Wesley House, 5 p.m., Tonkawa

Food for Finals, Student Union, 8 p.m., Tonkawa

## Dec. 12

# Final Exams

Home Mavs Basketball vs. Seward (KS), 7 p.m.

Student Honors Recital, KPAC, 7:30 p.m.

## Dec. 13

## Final Exams

Faculty/Staff Christmas Luncheon, Renfro Center, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tonkawa

Board or Regents Meeting, President's Large Conference Room, 2 p.m., Tonkawa

## Dec. 14

# Final Exams

## Dec. 15

## Final Day to Withdraw from Late 5-Week Courses

## No Classes

Residence Halls Close, 10 a.m.

