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Happy Holidays

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.



In Your Corner

Get to know NOC Foundation Board of Trustee members, Ken Bellmard and Jackie Conrady.

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LEGACY BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

It's a Boy!

Welcome our newest legacy, Callen Gene Seabridge. Parents are NOC Alumni Brittany Seabridge (Zerr) and Scott Seabridge

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Alumni 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.

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Life changing.

*In Your
Corner*

NOC Foundation Board of Trustees Member,

KEN BELLMARD

1978 Alumnus



Ken Bellmard with wife, Debra

What makes NOC life-changing?

During your time at NOC you will be developing into the person that you will be for the rest of your life. You will meet people that will become your lifelong friends. Your exposure to the academic atmosphere at NOC will expand you intellectually into a person that will be prepared for the next phase in your life.

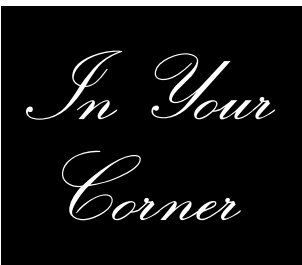
What advice would you give new alumni and/or students?

To students I would say, buy the books and go to class. It sounds easy but if you keep up, the grades will take care of themselves.

To new Alumni I would say, get ready for new challenges that will be coming your way. The real world doesn't generally accept excuses. Plan, prepare, and use the intellectual skills you developed at NOC to accomplish your goals.

In a few short sentences tell us about yourself.

After graduating from NOC, I attended Oklahoma State University where I received my Bachelor's degree in history and a teaching certificate. I taught history and civics, coached soccer at the high school level, and wrestling at the high school and junior high levels for 4 years. I then returned to college and graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1989. I have since practiced law, primarily Indian Law for the last 34 years. I have been involved in Judo and Wrestling, having served on the USA Judo Board of Directors and on the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Board of Governors. I am presently the Director of the Kaw Nation Office of Governmental Affairs. As a member of the Kaw Nation, I am active in Kaw Cultural activities. I have been married to my wife, Debra, for 30 years and I have two sons, Joshua Paul Bellmard and Dylan Tamerlane Bellmard. I was fortunate enough to be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2015 and gave the Commencement Address at NOC in 2023.



NOC Foundation Board of Trustees Member, **JACKIE CONRADY**

1989 and 1990 Alumna
Associate of Arts and Associate of Science



What makes NOC life-changing?

Being a first generation college student, I had no idea of what opportunities NOC would be giving me, or what earning a college degree would mean for me in the future. NOC gave me the support, encouragement, and confidence to continue on and earn a Bachelor's degree. Due to the smaller class sizes, you get to know your instructors and build relationships that sometimes last a lifetime. They care for their students and go above and beyond to help you succeed. NOC was a lifechanging experience for me. One that I cherish and will never forget.

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

For Alumni, join the Alumni Association and stay in touch. NOC is where your college career began so "Come Home" as much as possible to attend the Alumni Banquet, a Renfro Lecture, a play, a Roustabout concert, or a ball game. Remember NOC in your year end giving, no amount is too small to make a difference which will help a student in need.

For students, get involved! Take advantage of all the opportunities that NOC has to offer and make your time at NOC count. Get to know your professors and visit them during office hours OFTEN. They are there for you and it will make a difference in your learning experience. Enjoy your time with friends and make memories! These friends will go with you into the future no matter how far apart you live from one another. Some of my most important and best friends are the ones I met at NOC.



Tell us about yourself?

I have been very blessed and am the wife to Marc of 27 years and mom to Grant and Corbin. I had a great career outside the home but my favorite job was being a stay at home mom for 15 years. Once the boys were in high school, I took a job at the private Christian school that my boys attended and served in their finance department for 6 years and as the admission director for 2. I resigned my position last year after 8 years to spend more time traveling with my husband and seeing this beautiful world that God has given us, as well as spending more time in my crafty studio and volunteering. I am currently serving on the NOC Foundation which I am thrilled to be part of and giving back to the school I so dearly love.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



NOC Names 2024 Distinguished Alumni and Announces Alumni Reunion Date

Dr. Michelle Jeffries Keylon and Mr. 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 is currently residing 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 at the Renfro Center. A Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea will be earlier in the day. A Roustabouts Benefit Show celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the program will follow the banquet in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center on the NOC Tonkawa campus. More event details will be announced in the new year.

The award recognizes the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of Northern Oklahoma College.

A complete listing of Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award recipients is located on the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni. More information about the 2024 inductees along with event tickets will be available in February.

For more information, please contact the alumni relations office at kayla.wooderson@noc.edu or 580.628.6473.

Northern Oklahoma College, the state's first public community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services which create life-changing experiences and develop students as effective learners and leaders within their communities in a connected, ever changing world.

NOC, a public two year community college, serves 4,200 students on the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater, online, and the University Center in Ponca City.

Call (580) 628-6200 for more information about Northern Oklahoma College or visit www.noc.edu.



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Legacy Birth Announcement

Welcome, Callen Gene Seabridge

Born August 4, 2023
Stillwater, OK

Parents:
Brittany Seabridge (Zerr)
and Scott Seabridge

Brittany is a 2013 Alumna and
Scott attended NOC in 2012 for
concurrent classes.



“My favorite part about NOC was
the family-like atmosphere and how
much the professors care about your
success.” - Brittany

8 lbs, 9 oz
21” Long

If you are an NOC Alum and would like to share the news of your new bundle of joy, simply send birth announcement form located on the NOC Alumni website and all photos to Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations. Once form is complete and submitted, an NOC Alumni Legacy onesie will be sent to your address. Please take a picture of your precious bundle of joy in the onesie to include in the announcement.

Email: alumni@noc.edu

NOCF Lectureship Series Hosts Private Screening of *Killers of the Flower Moon* in Ponca City



Northern Oklahoma College and the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Series presented a private screening of the Martin Scorsese's film, "Killers of the Flower Moon," Wednesday, Oct. 18 at the historic Poncan Theatre in Ponca City.

The private, invitation-only screening was made possible by the Renfro Family Foundation, Northern Oklahoma College and the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Over 700 attended the event.

Before the event, NOC Vice President for Development and Community Relations Sheri Snyder, Carl Renfro, and President of the Poncan Theatre Company Luke

Garrison spoke to the full house at the Poncan Theatre.

"On behalf of Carl and Brenda Renfro and the Renfro Family Foundation along with Northern Oklahoma College and the NOC Foundation, we are so excited to provide today's screening and reception as a part of the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program," Snyder said.

"The lectureship program was established in 2006 to provide cultural and community enrichment offerings in northern Oklahoma to include lectures or live performances on the campus of NOC Tonkawa or in the Ponca City area," she added. "Since its establishment, we have sponsored some amazing lectureships and concerts each year totaling 28 to date, with over 12,500 participants attending these highly popular events."

Snyder said that in October 2018, NOC hosted Author David Grann and a sold-out crowd of individuals including local, county, and state officials along with dignitaries from the Osage Nation and other tribal affiliations. It was that evening when Grann announced that his best-selling book "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" was going to be made into a movie.

Snyder invited Carl and Brenda to the stage to recognize and thank them for their generosity. "Five years later and over seven months of discussions, planning, persistence, negotiations, and a lot of sleepless nights, we are here today," she said. "This has been a great dream of Carl and Brenda to have this film shown in this historic Poncan Theatre and what a pleasure that all of you could join us today on this very special occasion."



NOC participated in the Ponca City Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 4th honoring all Veterans.

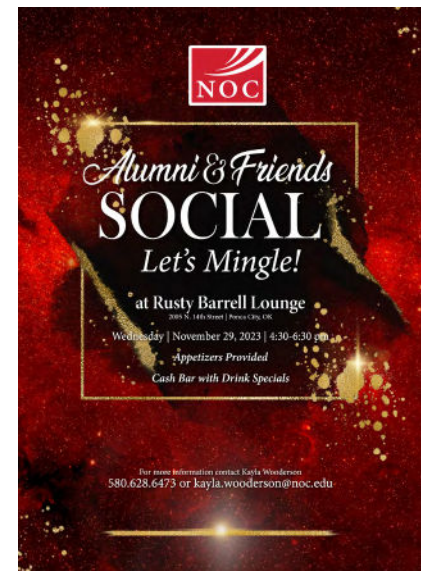
The NOC float was made up of faculty, staff, and alums, as well as NOC Regent Brad Fox and family. Pictured below is Sheri Snyder with grandson, Oliver, and Brad Fox with son, Grayson.



The Leadership Tonkawa Class was spotted at NOC Tonkawa on November 16. The class toured the campus and learned information on our different programs such as Radio, Digital Media Institute (DMI), Nursing Program, and Precision Agriculture.



SOCIAL AT THE RUSTY BARRELL



The Alumni and Friends Social was held at the Rusty Barrell in Ponca City on November 29th. Thank you to all who attended. Pictured (L-R) Kayla Wooderson, Rusty Barrel Owners and NOC Alums Rick and Kim Hancock, and Rusty Barrell crew.

WRESTLING IS OFFICIALLY BACK AT NOC, SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT NEEDED.

College wrestling at Northern Oklahoma College is back. The re-establishing of the men's program and the start of a women's program for Fall 2024 is officially moving forward.

The NOC Regents approved re-establishing wrestling at NOC at the June 14 Board of Regents Meeting. Since that time, numerous fundraising initiatives are underway.

A fundraiser dinner was held at T.S. Fork in Tonkawa in September with Oklahoma State University Wrestling Coach John Smith and University of Central Oklahoma Coach Todd Steidley speaking at the event. In December, NOC partnered with the Tonkawa Takedown Club and hosted a very successful "Back on the Mat at NOC" OKWA youth wrestling tournament in the Foster-Piper Fieldhouse, NOC Tonkawa.

Currently, nearly \$200,000 has been raised towards the startup goal. The first fundraising phase is providing mats, uniforms, equipment, some travel and funding for a coaches' salary and benefits. The next fundraising phase will provide targeted funding directed towards scholarships for our student athletes.

NOC will continue to fundraise for the program with more events planned for this spring. The next event will be January 16 with NOC hosting the Blackwell/Tonkawa Dual on campus. Attendees will also get an opportunity to meet the new men's and women's coach who will head up the programs.

Alan Foster, NOC Athletic Director, said, "I am super excited to be a part of adding to the athletic offerings at NOC. I feel wrestling will provide opportunities for student athletes and give them another reason to attend NOC. I have also been really impressed and appreciative of the support from the community in this endeavor.

Todd Glasgow, Wrestling Fund Raising Community Liaison, said, "The return of wrestling to NOC has so many people pumped up with enthusiasm. We have so many people who have been generous with their time and money that we cannot thank them enough, nor are we done fundraising either. I am excited to see the future men and women's teams compete in the Fall of 2024. We are so excited this is happening. Go Mavs!"

Members of the fundraising committee include NOC Foundation Board of Trustees: Jodi Cline, Brad Purdy, and Ken Bellmard, NOC Interim President Diana Watkins, 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 Glasgow.

Donations are currently being accepted at the following link: www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-to-noc-athletics/





In times of uncertainty, there's a fundamental truth that gives us hope – that together we can do extraordinary things. Whether that's through donations to community organizations or assisting neighbors with everyday tasks, generosity has been making a positive impact on the world. Together, acts of kindness and compassion have been driving forces in overcoming challenges and fostering a sense of global unity.

Northern Oklahoma College, through the NOC Foundation and Alumni Office, is participating in GivingTuesday today, the global day of unity and giving. As you know, our focus is on enhancing students' life-changing experiences by providing scholarships, academic enrichment programs, funding for equipment and seed money for innovative initiatives at all three of our distinct campus locations in Enid, Stillwater and Tonkawa.

But we can't do this without you!

Not only do we need your support, we need your help to spread the word. Please tell your friends and family why you believe in our mission and encourage them to support us too!

Here's how you can be a part of the generosity movement: Through the Annual Greater Gifts Campaign, your generosity will help ensure that the nearly 4,000 students NOC serves each year have access to the resources and support they need, so they can be successful and complete their college degree at Northern. Please consider supporting the NOC Foundation by giving today. For more information and to watch the #GivingTuesday Thank You video from our students at NOC, please visit our NOC Foundation webpage at <https://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/>.

Thank you for supporting Northern Oklahoma College and our student programs. Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Sheri Snyder
Sheri Snyder



*With our sincere appreciation for
your support, warmest greetings for
the holiday season and peace and
happiness throughout the new year.*

Northern Oklahoma College Foundation and Alumni.

Diana Watkins *Sheri Snyder*
Amber Simpson *Candy Oller*
Kayla Woodson *Rachel Love*
Kerri Gray *Melisa Little*
Ciera Kirby *Jelana Cloud*

Spring Events

Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

- 2 Planetarium Show
Enid, 7 pm
- 16 NOC Hosts Blackwell/Tonkawa
Dual, Foster-Piper Fieldhouse,
Tonkawa

FEBRUARY

- 6 Planetarium Show
Enid, 7 pm
- 13 Roustabouts Homecoming
Show, KPAC, Tonkawa, 7:30 pm

MARCH

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

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
- 28 Band, Choir, Madrigals
Concert, KPAC,
2 pm, Tonkawa

MAY

- 2 Nurses Pinning,
Tonkawa, 7 pm
- 3 Friends of NOC
Agriculture Event
- 4 Tonkawa Commencement,
Foster-Piper Fieldhouse, 9:30 am

Enid/Stillwater Commencement,
Briggs Auditorium, 2:30 pm
- 7 Planetarium Show,
Enid, 7 pm



Life changing.

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/>

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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