

Tyler Day earns Weiberg Memorial Scholarship

Northern Oklahoma College Men's Basketball player Tyler Day was awarded the Jared Weiberg Endowed Memorial Scholarship Monday night before the NOC men faced NOC Enid.

Day is a sophomore from Mannford, Oklahoma.

The Jared Weiberg Endowed Scholarship is presented to a walk-on player or student assistant manager of the Maverick team whose qualities include a strong work ethic, loyalty, unselfishness, and a passion for basketball. Day will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Presenting the scholarship award certificate were NOC Interim President Diana Watkins, Mick and Vina Weiberg, parents of the late Jared Weiberg. Weiberg coached the Mavs from 1987-2006.

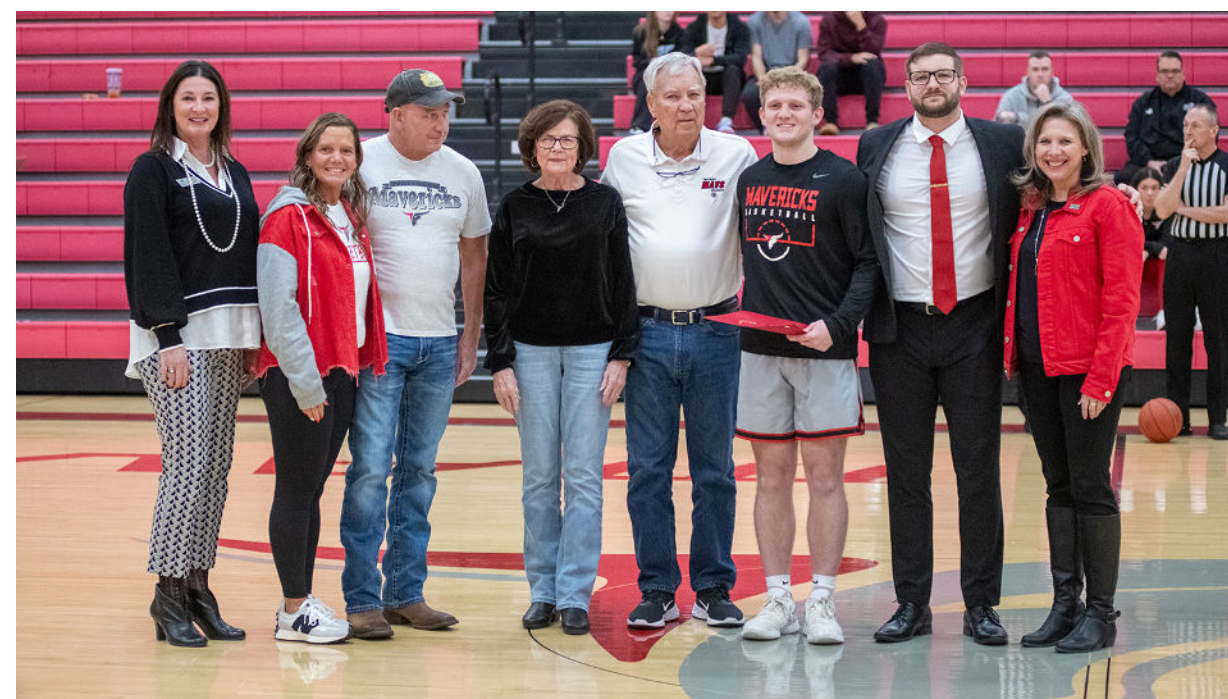
Day was joined by parents Robert and Becky Day. Assisting with the presentation were men's coach Brandon Gossett and Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Community Relations & Development.

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Day's name will be inscribed on the Jared Weiberg Memorial Plaque which is on display in the Vineyard Library/Administration Building.

"Tyler embodies everything we preach daily in our basketball program," said coach Gossett. "He is an intelligent and hard-working young man, who allows our staff to push and coach him. He is a great teammate and does everything we ask of him on a daily basis. His example and leadership does not go unnoticed, as he has been a huge asset for us on and off the floor. We couldn't be happier to have Tyler represent Maverick basketball."

"We appreciate the Weiberg family and their support for Maverick basketball," Gossett added. "Coach Weiberg's family means so much to NOC basketball and we are honored to be part of the program he and his family built."



Tyler Day received the Jared Weiberg Endowed Memorial Scholarship at NOC's game against NOC Enid Monday night. Pictured (L-R): NOC Vice President for Community Relations & Development Sheri Snyder, Becky Day, Robert Day, Vina Weiberg, Mick Weiberg, Tyler Day, coach Brandon Gossett, NOC Interim President Diana Watkins. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Tonkawa hosts Northern Encounter

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is hosting a Northern Encounter recruiting event on Wednesday, Feb. 7 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.

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Tonkawa Homecoming Week

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Encounter

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NOC student’s schedule. After a brief welcome and introduction, students will disperse to classrooms throughout campus and will attend “mini-classes” 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.

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NOC February Birthdays



Kathleen Otto	Feb. 1	Cooper Battisti	Feb. 20
Kayla Kelso	Feb. 2	Bradley Klump	Feb. 20
Susie Barnes	Feb. 5	Audra Biggs	Feb. 23
Darrell Frost	Feb. 5	Jimmy Dickinson	Feb. 24
Charmaine Munro	Feb. 5	Jeremy Hise	Feb. 24
Jessica Beebe	Feb. 9	Tony Barnes	Feb. 25
Brenda Pennington	Feb. 12	Leondra Wilson	Feb. 25
Lauren Kennedy	Feb. 14	Jonie Johnson	Feb. 28
Lynn DeMuth	Feb. 16		



NOC offering Inspire to Teach program

Northern Oklahoma College is participating in the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship & Employment Incentive Program.

The program offers qualified Oklahoma students an opportunity to earn scholarships and benefits. Program participants may have the opportunity to earn up to \$25,000 as they complete their Education Preparation Program and teach in Oklahoma.

“This program is a win-win for Oklahoma students and schools as it will help future teachers fund their college education,” said NOC Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins. “This program will help us keep these bright young people teaching here in Oklahoma school systems after they graduate.”

The requirements include being an Oklahoma high school graduate, meet higher education admission standards at either a public or private Oklahoma university with an accredited Oklahoma teacher education program, or a community college with an approved articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma university teacher education program.

Students must also declare a major in an accredited Oklahoma university teacher education program with a degree leading to a stan-

dard teaching certificate, or declare a major at a community college with an approved “Inspired to Teach” articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma teacher education program leading to a standard Oklahoma teaching certificate.

Currently, NOC has 2+2 agreements with Oklahoma State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Also, the student must be enrolled as a full-time (12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate student each semester of eligibility in the program and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and a minimum 2.5 GPA throughout matriculation.

Applications are due by Feb. 9, 2024, applications will be processed through March 25, 2024.

Prior to entry into the “Inspired to Teach” program, the student shall agree to complete the Oklahoma teacher preparation education program and agree to teach in an Oklahoma public prekindergarten through 12th grade (PK-12).

For more information, contact the NOC Scholarship Office at 580.628.6763 or kerri.gray@noc.edu.

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The family of Gail Ditmore established a nursing scholarship at NOC through the NOC Foundation. Front Row (L-R): NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks, Dianna Ditmore, Kevin Ditmore. Back Row (L-R): Vice President for Community Relations & Development Sheri Snyder, Director of Development & Donor Relations Candy Oller. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College).

NOC establishes Gail Ditmore scholarship

The family of Gail Ditmore has established the Gail Ditmore Memorial Emergency Nursing Fund through The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation.

The memorial fund was established to honor Gail's passion to provide assistance to those experiencing unfortunate circumstances while striving to better themselves through education. This temporary emergency fund will assist nursing students pursuing their educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College.

"Gail had a special interest in helping young women working in or planning to further their education in the nursing field," said Dianna

Ditmore, former NOC Nursing Administrative Assistant.

Ditmore, a long time Tonkawa resident with strong NOC ties, loved to help people and was very active within the Tonkawa community and schools.

She had an amazing sense of humor and was part of the Mary's Café "tradition" in Tonkawa through being both an employee for and owner of the business.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "NOC Nursing is so pleased to have these

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NOC Sheep Center with the Champion Ram at the Ft. Worth Show.

Sheep Center fares well at Ft. Worth show

FT. WORTH, TEXAS -- The Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo is completed for 2024. Fifteen Northern Oklahoma College students in the NOC Sheep Production and Management class made the trip to the event with 13 NOC Dorset's and Hampshire's. "We had the outstanding flocks in both breeds," said NOC Sheep Center Director Bart Cardwell. "The Dorset's had a very good day. The Champion Dorset Ram and Ewe and Reserve Champion Ram were part of our exhibit." The students participating in the event in-

cluded: Kenzie Glenny, Evan Graves, Tucker Jeffries, Sage Lawrence, Dylan Leed, Tanner Mantooth, Hannah Morris, Hunter Petty, Jocelyn Phelps, Cady Pieper, Blake Pillars, Emma Polifka, Aubrie Rexwinkle, Colton Tripp, and Marli Williams. The efforts of the Barn Crew at the NOC Sheep Center also are credited with the daily care and management of the sheep to get us ready for the shows. The Barn Crew is Jayde Perea, Sidnie Saville, Emily Stevens, Kate Leeper, Kenzie Bell and Shelby Harlan.

Ditmore

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resources available to support our students in achieving their goal of becoming a nurse despite difficult circumstances. We are thankful to the Ditmore family and proud to honor their legacy." The Ditmore family encourages others to donate to this fund or establish a fund to assist

those that may need a little extra help during their educational journey while striving toward bettering themselves. "The amount doesn't matter," said Kevin Ditmore. "Every amount given makes a difference."

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Contact Information:
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NOC Enid Jets Baseball

Jets Baseball set to open season

The NOC Enid Jets open the 2024 season this week in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, against Southeast Arkansas College in a four-game series Thursday and Friday.

The Jets (30-30) last season are under the tutelage of new head coach Ryan Bay. Bay, who replaced Scott Mansfield, comes to NOC Enid from NOC Tonkawa.

Bay is excited about his 2024 team.

"This team is hard working, coachable and hungry to win," Bay said. "The pieces are in place to be a very competitive ball club. I think we have a very athletic and versatile team."

Bay said the strength of the Jets' squad is pitching depth and offensive versatility.

"We have pitching depth and the ability to match up with right handed and lefthanded hitting lineups," he said. "We've got a nice mix of quality arms on the left and right side. We have offensive versatility with several hitters that can play multiple positions. Again, a nice mix of hitters from the both sides of the plate which allows us to match up well and put our offense in a good position to score runs."

Although Bay said he likes the team's pitching

depth he added that his staff's health is critical.

"We have 13 quality arms which is all you need as long as everyone stays healthy," he said. "If we have multiple guys miss time due to injury that could be a problem."

Bay said he plans to play a number of different lineups this season.

"We will platoon just about everywhere early in the season," Bay added. "Several hitters are deserving of at bats early."

According to Bay, returnees to keep an eye on are infielder Kade Goeke, outfielder Owen Tracy and catcher Jase White. Transfers Jesse Ponce, Kale Miller and Gabe Hamilton will impact the left side of the Jets' infield. Freshmen BJ Pierre should impact in the OF and at the top of our lineup and freshman Cooper Smith should impact the offense as a switch hitting 1B/DH in the middle of the lineup. Freshman Jhett Creel is another lefthanded bat that will also see significant time at catcher and first base.

The weekend rotation for the Jets includes Cooper Smith, Jabe Schlehuber, Aaron Baker,

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NOC Tonkawa Mavs Baseball

Mavs open season against Iowa Lakes

The NOC Mavs open the 2024 baseball season Friday and Saturday as the Mavs face Iowa Lakes in two doubleheaders.

NOC Tonkawa, under new head coach Michael Keeran, finished last season with a 39-20 record.

Keeran said he is excited for the 2024 season.

“We’ve got a competitive bunch who won’t shy away from anyone,” Keeran said. “This group has some tenacity to them and they never shy away from competition and that is important because we face a tough schedule this season.”

Keeran said the strength of the ’24 Mavs is their offense.

“I think the strength of our team is our offense,” he said. “Matt Stancliff was an honorable mention All-American. Landen Johnson is a D1 commit, Ethan Rossi was at a D1 last

year. All three of those players had huge falls. We still have some ongoing position battles on the offensive side but we have a lot of offensive potential.”

Keeran’s squad is a young group with just two returning starters in the field and one on the mound.

“It’s a new looking group but they are hungry.” The schedule for the 2024 Mavs is a daunting one.

“Region 2 is one of the toughest in the country and our non-conference schedule with Iowa Lakes, Dallas Brookhaven both receiving votes in the pre-season poll and Pratt is a tough one. It’s challenging but our guys are not shying away from it.”

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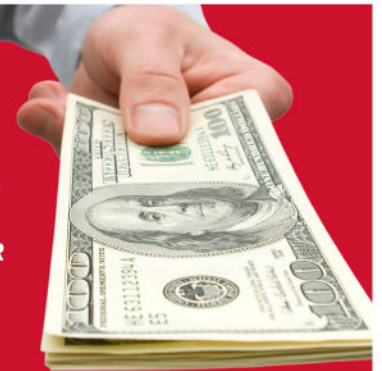


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First Aid course at NOC Enid



Eighteen NOC faculty and staff attended First Aid Training at NOC Enid last Friday conducted by Mrs. Kathy Gregory and Mrs. Kara Johnson.

Mavs

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The tentative lineup for the Mavs is catcher Blade Carver, first baseman Landen Johnson, second baseman Matt Stancliff, shortstop Elijah Laus, and third baseman Luke Shannahan. The outfield is a combination of Ethan Rossi, Larry Edwards, Jr., Nakni Anna, and Ethan Starks. The designated hitter will be Cade Boyer and Daniel Yardley. Others in the mix include Ricky Requejo, Blayke Nunn, Jackson Somerville, and Carson Taylor.

On the mound, Caleb Lunnon, Brendon Carter, Logan Taylor, and Landon Flusche are in the starting rotation with Nakni Anna and David Brown set to be the closers. Cale Schroeder, Liam McKinney and Sean Hammett are also set to play important roles for the pitching staff.

Keeran replaces Ryan Bay who took a similar position at NOC Enid.

Jets

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and Christian Estep.

Bay is excited to compete in Region 2, always one of the toughest leagues in the nation.

"Region 2 is always competitive and this year will be no different," Bay concluded. "You have to show up every weekend and play your best baseball. Anything less than that and you're probably getting beat."



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NOC Calendar

Feb. 2

Away Jets Baseball vs. Southeast Arkansas, 1 p.m.
Home Mavs Baseball vs. Iowa Lakes, 1 p.m.

Feb. 3

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Iowa Lakes, 1 p.m.
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Baseball vs. Connors, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Murray State, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5

Begin 12-Week Courses
Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NEO, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Redlands, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Feb. 6

Final Day to Add 12-Week Courses
Free BCM Lunch, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
Bingo for Food, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Bingo for Electronics, Gantz Center, 7:30 p.m., Enid

Feb. 7

Northern Encounter, 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. – 12:45 p.m., Enid
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Dallas Brookhaven College, 1 p.m.
The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Feb. 8

Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Eastern, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NEO, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9

Away Jets Softball vs. Coffeyville (KS) at Denison (TX), 11 a.m.
Away Jets Softball vs. Cowley (KS), Denison (TX), 1:15 p.m.

Feb. 3

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Iowa Lakes, 1 p.m.
Away Jets Baseball vs. Southeast Arkansas, 1 p.m.
Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Murray, 5:30 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: [NOC Calendar](#)

