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NOC working to address state nursing shortage

NOC is among 14 community colleges attempting to address the state's nursing shortage as the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish guidelines for public two-year colleges to award students' credit for prior learning in practical nursing programs at technology centers across the state.

"When we come together for the benefit of Oklahoma students, the sky is the limit," said Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders. "I applaud the State Regents and Oklahoma CareerTech for working to remove barriers and uplifting the next generation of nursing students. Through this partnership, we're investing in the future of healthcare in Oklahoma by expanding opportunities for students now."

"This agreement between CareerTech and Higher Education is a massive win for nursing students and for expanding our healthcare workforce pipeline," said House Speaker Pro Tempore Kyle Hilbert, R-Bristow. "The transferability of credits is both time- and cost-effective for our nursing students. This partnership is a fantastic avenue to get more nurses into the field at an accelerated pace to help meet a vital need in our state."

Comprised of representatives from public

higher education and the CareerTech system, the Oklahoma Statewide Nursing Pathways Advisory Group met over the past year to discuss potential solutions to increase the number of nurses in our state. One approach is to reduce barriers for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) to earn college credit for completing the practical nursing program at a participating Oklahoma technology center.

"As a state, our health outcomes are impacted by an ongoing shortage of medical professionals," said State Regents' chair Jack Sherry. "This initiative to expand course articulation between technical and collegiate nursing programs will provide additional educational opportunities for nursing students and improve workforce development in this critical sector."

Through the new articulation agreement, the following campuses will award up to 18 college credit hours to CareerTech students who pass the LPN NCLEX exam:

Applicants must have a valid, unencumbered practical nursing license to practice in the state of Oklahoma and meet all college or program admission requirements.

"Our public colleges and universities are focused on supporting student success and increasing degree completion in high-demand fields," said Chancellor Allison D. Garrett. "The new nursing articulation agreement reflects the

shared commitment of our state higher education and CareerTech systems to create streamlined pathways between practical nursing and associate degree nursing programs, which benefits both individual Oklahomans and the state labor force."

The new articulation agreement supersedes a prior system-level MOU and prior MOUs developed between individual institutions and technology center partners. Twenty-eight technology centers offering practical nursing programs approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing are participating in the new articulation agreement:

"This new agreement does a better job of coordinating strategies to alleviate the pressures on Oklahoma's nursing workforce and making the state's health care system more equitable and stable," said Oklahoma CareerTech State Director Brent Haken. "Applying credit from CareerTech's LPN programs to degree programs will lead to an elevated workforce and a more stable and reliable health care system in Oklahoma."

The State Regents' Undergraduate Transfer and Articulation of Courses policy facilitates the transfer of students between institutions of higher education and career technology centers, and the Credit for Prior Learning policy allows institutions to award credit for demonstra-

tion of knowledge upon professional licensure. These policies ensure maximum applicability of credit hours and course work to advance degree completion.

Under the new articulation agreement, which is effective July 1 of this year, the specific number of college credit hours awarded for prior learning to LPNs who complete a practical nursing program at a participating technology center will vary depending on the course structure at the awarding institution, up to a total of 18 credit hours.

For more information about options for adults who have attended a career technology center, hold industry-recognized credentials, have completed military study and training, or hold advanced standing scores to earn college credit and complete a degree program, visit the State Regents' Show What You Know website, <https://showwhatyouknowok.org/>.



Life changing.

Sophomore transfer days set for Enid (March 6), Tonkawa (March 13)

NOC is hosting sophomore transfer days for the Enid and Tonkawa campuses.

Enid Sophomore Transfer Day is Wednesday, March 6, in the Zollars Library Lobby from 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

The Tonkawa Sophomore Transfer Day is Wednesday, March 13, in the Cultural Engagement Center inside the Vineyard Library/Administration Building.

A number of universities will be present to answer questions and help with the transfer process. NWOSU, OSU, OU, and UCO will be present.

Contact Kathleen Swain at kathleen.swain@noc.edu for additional information.

NOC March Birthdays



Kelli Goad	March 1	Kathy Phillips	March 11
Rachel Love	March 1	Greg Krause	March 16
Kelly Vinson	March 2	Brian Baird	March 22
Kelli Jennings	March 4	Teresa Reich	March 23
Jason Johnson	March 4	Kim Roice	March 26
Alan Foster	March 5	Jamilyn Glidewell	March 27
Scott Harmon	March 7	Jimilea Jansson	March 28
Sherri Martin	March 10	Chris Young	March 28
Nikole Hicks	March 10	April Heitfeld	March 28
Matthew Bolz	March 10	Kurt Campbell	March 30



Northern Oklahoma College Stillwater Blood Drive

Tues. March 5 & Wed. March 6
10 am—2:30pm
2nd Floor Commons Area



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Planetarium Show Thursday, March 7

The March planetarium show at the NOC Enid Mackie Planetarium will be Thursday evening March 7 at 7 p.m.

Planetarium director Fritz Osell will show the night sky over Enid during spring and point out where interesting objects may be found in the evening sky.

He will also present a new full dome show for children about "The Legend of Hercules." The planetarium shows are now greatly enhanced by the implementation of a new and more powerful projection system.

The feature this month is about planets.

"We will show visitors our night sky from Enid and point out stars having known planetary systems," Osell said. "You will be quite surprised at how many stars have planets. We will also demonstrate to visitors how to gain access to remotely operated telescopes in the Canary Islands and in Chile."

Public shows are always the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. throughout the year.

There is no charge for the show. Donations of non-perishable food items for Our Daily Bread are welcome but not required.

Nursing, alumni events April 6

Northern Oklahoma College will have a full day of Alumni events at NOC Tonkawa on Saturday, April 6.

Nursing activities include a Student Nurse's Association Bake Sale, Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society Canned Food Drive, and Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea featuring the Nursing Olympics.

Additional events include The NOC Alumni & Friends Mixer, Alumni & Friends Reunion and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Dr. Michelle Jeffries-Keylon '92 and Mr. Scott Morris '91.

The Alumni Program will include the Alumni

Legacy Scholarship Presentation, recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Roustabouts, recognition of the Class of 1974 and Nursing Classes of 1974, 1999, and 2014. The Roustabouts Benefit Show will conclude the events.

The events and times are as follows:

1 p.m. – Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea, Foster-Piper Fieldhouse

1:45 p.m. – Nursing Olympics, Foster-Piper Fieldhouse

3:30 p.m. – Alumni & Friends Mixer, A.D. Buck Museum and Welcome Center

4:30 p.m. – Alumni & Friends Reunion and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Renfro Center

7:30 p.m. – Roustabouts Benefit Show celebrating 60 years, Kinzer Performing Arts Center

Contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations at 580.628.6473 or kayla.wooderson@noc.edu for additional information. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 15.



NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE DIVISION OF FINE ARTS



Something Rotten

Directed by Chad Anderson

Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

March 7-10, 2024

Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 pm | Sunday, 2 pm

\$10 Adults | \$7 Students

Free Admission for NOC Students and Employees with ID Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Some material may be inappropriate for younger audiences

For more information contact Chad Anderson | 580.628.6370

Book by
Wayne Kirkpatrick & Karey Kirkpatrick

Music & Lyrics by
Wayne Kirkpatrick & Karey Kirkpatrick

SOMETHING ROTTEN is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

NOC Enid student speaks to Stillwater career tech students

NOC Enid student Adriel Lora gave the keynote address to 7th and 8th graders at Meridian Technology Center in Stillwater Feb. 23.

Lora is a sophomore Business Administration major from Ringwood, Oklahoma.

Lora spoke to students at the Oklahoma Business Professionals of America (BPA) Middle Level Competition Day.

“It was great to share my story with the students about overcoming fears,” Lora said. “I remember what it is like at that age and how BPA changed my life. I hope the students saw that a quiet and shy kid did can develop and come out of their shell and comfort zone. It was great to be able to give back and motivate them for their competitions.”

“I told them that being scared is okay,” he said. “When you are scared about something it means you really care.”

Lora was introduced to the BPA while attending the Northwest Technical Center while at Ringwood.

“I was very quiet and shy,” Lora said. “In fact, the first class I attended there I went to the wrong room and I worried if I was in over my head. Fortunately, the teachers there gave me confidence and it helped me become the person that I have become. They were very encouraging and it made a lot of difference.”

Not only did Lora become a local member of BPA but he later became an officer in the state wide organization. He was elected as one of seven officers while in high school.

He will also speak at a State Conference in Stillwater March 5-6.

He would like to start a BPA chapter at NOC Enid and possibly at NWOSU.

He was recommended to speak by Oklahoma BPA State Advisor Paxton Cavin.



Adriel Lora

Lora plans to transfer to Northwestern Oklahoma State University and study accounting.



**WEDNESDAY,
March 6, 2024
10 am - 1 pm
ZOLLARS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LOBBY AREA**

For more information,
call Kathleen Swain 580.628.6258
or email kathleen.swain@noc.edu

**ARE YOU
GRADUATING?**
Thinking of transferring?

Several universities will be present to answer questions and help with the transfer process including Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma, The University of Oklahoma and more!



 **Life changing.**

Something Rotten opens March 7

The Northern Oklahoma Division of Fine Arts presents "Something Rotten" March 7-10 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. March 7-9 and 2 p.m. on March 10.

Admission is free for NOC students, faculty, and staff with ID. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Some material may be inappropriate for younger audiences.

The production is directed by Chad Anderson.

Income tax prep at NOC Tonkawa

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents every Thursday starting Feb. 8 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$64,000 per year qualify for the free service.

Trained tax preparers from the NOC Business Division and area volunteers will be available for tax assistance each Thursday beginning Thursday, Feb. 8. Taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return using the free e-filing software.

Cara Beth Johnson, Business division chair said, "This is a great opportunity for our students to provide a community service and gain tax preparation experience."

The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC) is hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program every Thursday through April

11. The CEC will be closed March 18-22 for spring break and for inclement weather. The CEC is located in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to bring a photo ID for all filers; Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents; W-2 forms; 1099 forms; receipts for childcare costs, education expenses, and other deductions; checking account and routing number for refund; and 1095-A, -B, or -C healthcare coverage or exemption.

Tax preparation is done by appointment only. Please contact Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or carolyn.johnson@noc.edu. Tax preparers are available from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. No drop off's will be accepted, individuals must be present during tax preparation.

Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.



ARE YOU GRADUATING? Thinking of transferring?

Several universities will be present to answer questions and help with the transfer process including Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma, The University of Oklahoma and more!

**WEDNESDAY,
March 13, 2024
10 am - 1 pm**

**CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER
LOCATED INSIDE THE VINEYARD
LIBRARY-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**For more information,
call Kathleen Swain 580.628.6258
or email kathleen.swain@noc.edu**



NOC Calendar

March 1

End E8 Courses
Deadline to Pay Tuition/Fees
Away Jets Softball vs. Crowder (MO), 2 p.m./4 p.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 5 p.m.

March 2

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

March 3

Home Mavs Softball vs. Ft. Scott (KS), 2 p.m./4 p.m.

March 4

Away Mavs Softball vs. Cowley (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Away Mavs Baseball vs. NWOSU JV, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Redlands, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Extreme Petting Zoo, Enid

March 5

Free BCM Lunch, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
Home Jets Baseball vs. Hutchinson (KS), 1 p.m.
Scholarship Thank-A-Thon, Vineyard Library/Admin Building, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m, Tonkawa
Karaoke, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

March 6

Sophomore Transfer Day, Zollars Library Lobby, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
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 Softball vs. Neosho (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Scholarship Thank-A-Thon, Everest Admin Building, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Enid
The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

March 7

Home Jets Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m.
Home Mavs Softball vs. Pratt (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Jets Softball vs. Cowley (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
VITA Tax Preparation, CEC, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Redlands, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NEO, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

March 8

Fine Arts Auditions, KPAC, 10 a.m., Tonkawa
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar

Thank-a-Thons set for March 5-6

Scholarship students at NOC Tonkawa and NOC Enid have an opportunity to thank donors at Tonkawa on March 5 and Enid March 6.

Tonkawa scholarship recipients will write letters, make calls, take photos, and record videos

thanking donors at the Vineyard Library/Admin Building from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on March 5.

Enid scholarship students will do the same at the Everest Admin Buidling on March 6 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Save the Date

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

*Northern Oklahoma College
Alumni and Friends Reunion and
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony*

**NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea 1-3 pm
Ceremony and Dinner 5:00 PM**

**ROUSTABOUTS BENEFIT CONCERT 7:30 P.M.
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS**

Special Recognition of the NOC Class of 1974
and Recognition of the NOC Nursing Classes
of 1999 and 2014



**Distinguished Alumni
Hall of Fame Inductees**
*Dr. Michelle Jeffries Keylon
and Mr. Scott Morris*



**For more details, please email Kayla Wooderson
kayla.wooderson@noc.edu or call 580.628.6473.**

Mavs, Jets athletic seasons ongoing

NOC Mavs and Jets athletes are continuing their seasons with basketball winding down while baseball and softball are ramping up.

The Lady Jets (15-8), Jets (10-19), Mavs (13-12) and Lady Mavs (12-14) complete their regular seasons Thursday, March 7 and then will begin play in the NJCAA Region 2 Tournament

March 13-16 in Muskogee.

Jets (10-6) and Mavs (13-6) baseball are starting conference play while Jets (8-8) and Mavs (3-7) softball start conference play in the next two weeks.

Follow Mavs sports at www.nocmavs.com and Jets athletics at www.nocjets.com.



NOC Scholarship Recipients
You're Invited

Help Us Thank Our Donors

Come and Go



NOC TONKAWA

March 5, 2024 / 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Vineyard Library-Administration Building
Development Office, Room 107

NOC ENID

March 6, 2024 / 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Everest Administration Building

Thank - a - Ton

RSVP to Candy Oller
candy.oller@noc.edu or 580.628.6789

Scholarship recipients will call donors, write thank you cards, take photos, record a thank you video, and enjoy some pizza.



NORTHERN
Oklahoma College

NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea

SATURDAY
APRIL 6, 2024






HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

SNA Bake Sale

**Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society
Canned Food Drive**

NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea
Foster-Piper Fieldhouse,
NOC Tonkawa
1:00 pm | Registration
1:15-1:45 pm | Welcome & Tea
1:45 pm | Nursing Olympics

NOC Alumni & Friends Mixer
A. D. Buck History Museum &
Welcome Center, NOC Tonkawa
3:30-4:30 pm

NOC Alumni & Friends Reunion
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa
4:30-5:00 pm | Registration
5:00-5:45 pm | Dinner
5:45-7:00 pm | Alumni Program

Roustabouts Benefit Show
Kinzer Performing Arts Center,
NOC Tonkawa
7:00 pm | Doors Open
7:30 pm | "Roustabouts Tribute –
Celebrating 60 Years"

ALUMNI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

*Induction of 2024 Distinguished Alumni
Presentation of Alumni Legacy Scholarship
Special Recognition of the Class of 1974
Recognition of the NOC Nursing Classes of 1974, 1999 and 2014
Recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the NOC Roustabouts Program*



Deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 15, 2024
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ALUMNI TEA

Tickets for the NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea | No Charge

Tickets for the Alumni & Friends Reunion and
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony | \$25 per person.

Tickets for the Roustabouts Benefit Concert | \$10 per person.



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