

NOC, First National Bank honored for partnership

Northern Oklahoma College and First National Bank of Oklahoma was one of twenty-seven business and higher education partnerships throughout the state were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions, businesses, and the community to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development Grants. Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell, State Regents' Chair Jack Sherry, State Regent Ann Holloway, and Chancellor Allison D. Garrett participated in the ceremony, held March 7 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

"What a great opportunity to recognize First National Bank for being such a fabulous partner to Northern," said NOC Interim President Diana Watkins. "The generous contributions of time from their employees combined with their financial support for many academic and extra-curricular programs at NOC assist in creating Life-Changing opportunities for our students."

The following were the remarks for NOC and First National Bank of Oklahoma:

A proud Tonkawa business partner with a

strong belief in the value of higher education, First National Bank of Oklahoma has made meaningful contributions to Northern Oklahoma College's educational endeavors, including Presidential Partners, agriculture and biological science programs, the Affinity Card program, and the FNB Employee Scholarship. FNB has sponsored men's and women's basketball, cheer, soccer and softball, and a generous FNB contribution allowed NOC to start men's and women's wrestling in 2024. FNB employees generously share their expertise, serving on academic advisory and alumni committees and the NOC Foundation board.

Institutions involved in these partnerships provide \$500 for tuition waivers to employees of the partnering businesses; internships that enable current students to work at the partnering businesses; faculty externships with the partnering businesses; and/or enhancement of the partnerships with additional equipment, materials or supplies. The State Regents provide a \$500 match to the waivers.

"Producing more workforce-ready graduates by partnering with the business community and connecting students to the workforce is fundamental to meeting Oklahoma's future workforce needs," said Garrett. "We are proud to recognize these partnerships, which demonstrate successful collaborations with public,



Northern Oklahoma College and First National Bank of Oklahoma were recognized for their business partnership in 2023. Front Row (L-R): Sheri Snyder, NOC Vice President for Community Relations & Development; Anita Simpson, NOC Vice President for Financial Affairs; Ann Holloway, State Regent; Brad Purdy, FNB President and Regional Manager; Diana Watkins, NOC Interim President; Kramer Simpson, FNB Vice President. Back Row (L-R): Mel Martin, FNB President and CEO; Ricardo Soto, FNB Vice President; Patrick Rooney, FNB Executive Chairman; Chancellor Allison D. Garrett, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; State Regent Jack Sherry; Dr. Rick Edgington, NOC Vice President for Enrollment Management; Alan Foster, NOC Director of Athletics. (photo provided)

private and nonprofit partners to strengthen Oklahoma's economy."

For more information about RBPEA and this

year's partnerships, visit <https://okhighered.org/econ-dev/rbpea/>.

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 Ben-

efit 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.

NOC March Birthdays



Greg Krause	March 16	Jimilea Jansson	March 28
Brian Baird	March 22	Chris Young	March 28
Teresa Reich	March 23	April Heitfeld	March 28
Kim Roice	March 26	Kurt Campbell	March 30
Jamilyn Glidewell	March 27		

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Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program

Presents

Ari
Fleischer

Former White House Press Secretary;
President Ari Fleischer Communications;
and FOX News Contributor

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 | 6:30 pm

Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa

Ticket sales begin at 9 am on Tuesday, March 12th at the NOC Development Office
located inside the Vineyard Library-Administration Building or by calling 580.628.6214.

DINNER AND LECTURESHIP

Individual Tickets \$25 per person

Reserved table for eight \$500

(Doors open 6:15 pm)

Overflow tickets are available at no charge
for the lecture only, which will be
live-streamed in the Renfro Center Classrooms
and Walcher Conference Center
located inside the NOC Tonkawa Student Union.

Sponsored by Carl and Brenda Renfro with the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program,
Northern Oklahoma College, and Northern Oklahoma College Foundation.

Spring Lectureship tickets on sale

Former White House Press Secretary, President Ari Fleischer Communications, and FOX News Contributor Ari Fleischer will speak at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa on Tuesday, April 2, as part of the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Spring 2024 Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

The event is sponsored by the Carl and Brenda Renfro/Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program and Northern Oklahoma College/NOC Foundation. The dinner will be held at the Renfro Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased on a first come, first served basis for the event beginning Tuesday, March 12, at 9 a.m.

As a former White House Press Secretary, Ari Fleischer was the primary spokesperson for President George W. Bush and delivered the daily White House briefings from 2001 to 2003. He served as spokesman during the historic presidential recount, September 11th, two wars and the anthrax attack.

His best-selling book, *Taking Heat*, details his years in the White House and reached #7 on The New York Times best-seller list. His most recent book, *Suppression, Deception, Snobbery, and Bias: Why the Press Gets So Much Wrong – And Just Doesn't Care* was released in July 2022.

Since leaving the White House, he manages Ari Fleischer Communications, a company that helps corporations and sports organizations with their communication and media needs.

He has worked for a variety of major companies and leading sports leagues, teams, schools, and individual athletes as well. He graduated

from Middlebury College.

A reserved table with seating for eight may be purchased for \$500, which includes dinner in the Renfro Center and Fleischer's lecture.

Seats are available at no charge for the lecture which will be livestreamed into the Renfro Center classrooms and/or the Walcher Conference Center at NOC.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling 580-628-6214 or in person at the NOC Development Office, Vineyard Library-Administration Building, NOC Tonkawa, starting March 12.

Former Oklahoma State Regent for Higher Education Carl Renfro established the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program with a gift in 2006 to provide support for cultivating and enhancing the cultural and community enrichment offerings to northern Oklahoma on the Tonkawa campus and in the Ponca City area.

Call the Northern Oklahoma College Development Office at 580.628.6214 for additional information.



Ari Fleischer



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Eleanor Hays Art Gallery

Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

Poster Art: Usage Prairie Clouds, Joey Frisilla

DAISY Award nominations due April 1

Northern Oklahoma College invites nominations for The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing faculty. Current or past nursing faculty may be nominated by colleagues, peers, patients, families, or alumni.

The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's mission to express gratitude to nurses with programs that recognize them for the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care they provide patients and families.

Nominations are due April 1.

Marriya Wright was awarded the NOC DAISY Award® in May 2023.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "NOC's nursing faculty make a difference in the lives of their students who go on to provide exceptional nursing care in our communities. We are pleased to partner with the DAISY Foundation to recognize NOC's life-changing nursing faculty."

The award recipients are chosen by a committee at NOC to receive The DAISY Award which will be presented at the Pinning Ceremony at NOC Tonkawa on May 3, 2023. Nursing faculty may be nominated at <https://bit.ly/3GLauf9>.

The DAISY Foundation expanded its flagship brand The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses to Academic Institutions in order to recognize the faculty who inspire compassionate care in their students and the students who

demonstrate it during their education.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Barnes died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon autoimmune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.)

The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired the creation of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, an evidenced-based means of providing nurse recognition and thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

"We honor faculty who inspire nurses to care like Patrick's nurses cared for him and for our family. Recognizing and celebrating nursing students for the above-and-beyond care and compassion they show to patients and their families will be a strong reminder that nursing is not all about tasks and technology," said Bonnie Barnes, CEO and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation.

Each Honoree receives a certificate, a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.



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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



ALUMNI TEA

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 15, 2024

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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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Sage Wilcox earns scholarship

Sage Wilcox, a student at Northern Oklahoma College, has been named a 2024 New Century Workforce Scholar and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Wilcox is a sophomore from Crescent, Oklahoma, studying Digital Media Animation and Design at NOC Tonkawa.

This scholarship is the first of its kind to support students at associate degree-granting institutions on a national scale as they plan to enter the workforce upon completing a degree or certificate. The program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

"I am so excited and honored to receive this award," Wilcox said. "I appreciate the sponsors of the scholarship and Northern Oklahoma College."

New Century Workforce Scholars are selected based on their academic accomplishments, leadership, activities, and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. Over 2,200 students from more than 1,300 college campuses nationwide were nominated. Only one New Century Workforce Scholar was selected from each state.

"We congratulate Sage for receiving this prestigious scholarship, and we are honored to partner with The Coca-Cola Foundation to recognize these outstanding achievements," said Phi Theta Kappa's President and CEO, Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner. "Scholarship programs like this are integral for creating opportunities for students to succeed as they prepare to enter the workforce and for putting college completion within reach."

"Sage stands out as one of the most gifted students I've had the honor to teach," said NOC Digital Media Instructor Brad Matson. "Despite entering the DMI program with existing knowledge, she humbly embraced new methods and technical teachings, seamlessly integrating

them with her prior skillset. As a result, she now possesses the expertise and talent to excel in her future pursuits."

"We are extremely proud of Sage," said interim president Diana Watkins. "Those of us at Northern were already aware that her talents

extend far beyond our Digital Media Program where she certainly excels. It is wonderful to see those talents recognized by others as she is the only student in Oklahoma to receive this esteemed award."

The New Century Workforce Scholars will be recognized in the fall.

The Coca-Cola Foundation is the global philanthropic arm of The Coca-Cola Company. Since its inception in 1984, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1 billion in grants to support sustainable community initiatives around the world.

For more information about The Coca-Cola Foundation, please visit coca-colagivingback.com.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.8 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 countries. Learn more at ptk.org.



Sage Wilcox

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
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NOC Mavs, Jets athletics update

The NOC Lady Mavs were the only NOC team to advance in the NJCAA Region 2 Tournament in Muskogee this week.

The Lady Mavs beat Seminole 68-57 Wednesday to advance to the semi-finals against Connors where they fell Friday afternoon 75-55.

The Maverick men lost to Murray State 81-58 to end their season at 14-16.

NOC Lady Jets lost in the quarterfinal at Muskogee to Eastern 75-71 ending the Lady Jets season at 15-10.

The NOC Enid men lost to NEO 96-77 ending their season at 11-20.

Javontae Campbell (Mavs), Katie Edelen (Lady Jets), and Kaydrin Scott (Lady Mavs) were named to the NJCAA Region 2 All-Region Team this week.

Baseball

Both Enid and Tonkawa both received votes in the NJCAA Division 2 Baseball poll this week.

The Jets (19-6, 6-0 in conference) hosts Murray State in a three game series this week. The Mavs (21-6, 6-0) is at #12 Western for a three game series Saturday and Sunday.

Softball

NOC Enid (11-15, 1-1) hosts Eastern in a conference doubleheader Saturday while NOC Tonkawa (6-16, 0-4) hosts Rose State Saturday for two games.



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Save the Date

Stop by the
NOC Alumni & Friends
Corral 6 during the game
for fun, food and drinks
while they last!

NOC Alumni & Friends

**BALLPARK
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**Tuesday,
April 16, 2024**

For Game Tickets:
OSU Box Office 877.255.4678
Email: tickets@okstate.edu
398 W. Hall of Fame

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OSU COWBOYS

vs. Dallas Baptist

6:00 pm | O'Brate Stadium
103 N. Bellis Street | Stillwater, OK

NOC Calendar

March 15

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. Murray, 5 p.m.
Residence Halls Close, 3 p.m., Tonkawa and Enid

March 16

Home Jets Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Mavs Softball vs. Rose State, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
Home Jets Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

March 17

Away Jets Baseball vs. Allen (KS), 1 p.m.

March 19

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Rose State, 1 p.m.

March 21

Away Jets Softball vs. Johnson County (KS), noon/2 p.m.

March 22

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m.
Away Jets Baseball vs. Western, 2 p.m.

March 23

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Away Jets Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Away Jets Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
Home Mavs Softball vs. NEO, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

March 24

Residence Halls Open, noon

March 25

Back To School Bash with Band, 7:30 p.m., Enid
Hypnotist, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar



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Artist Clayton Keyes gives Master Class in Figurative Sculpture

Artist Clayton Keyes offered an interactive “master class” on figurative sculpture at his alma mater, Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, March 8, 2024.

Keyes opened the workshop with a visual lecture and followed with a demonstration on sculpting the human head in clay. Using Keyes’ innovative process, NOC students, faculty and guests began their own sculpture during the session and he offered individual guidance and advice.

It was an excellent experience and opportunity for all,” said Audrey Schmitz, Fine Arts instructor.

Following the workshop, Keyes posted on his Instagram, “I had a lovely time workshoping



Clayton Keys gave a Master Class in sculpture at NOC Tonkawa last week for art students (above)

at my alma mater, Northern Oklahoma College with my wonderful professor from years and years ago, Audrey Schmitz. She has as much excitement and vitality as she ever has and her students were a pleasure to work with. Thank you, NOC!”



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Northern Oklahoma College, Enid Campus Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 3

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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NOC art students participated in the Circular Motion Relay Wednesday at NOC Tonkawa.

Circular Motion Relay at Tonkawa

NOC Tonkawa held a Circular Motion Relay Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the college circle.

Faculty, staff, and students were eligible to sign up on an online scheduler to walk for 15 minutes around the circle.

The relay is designed to promote walking, breathing fresh air, logging steps, chasing squirrels, or whatever motivates people to move, according to Audrey Schmitz.

"It's just nice to move the body, breathe deeply, walk with a friend, accomplish step goal or

distance (15-20 minutes is equivalent to one-mile).

Schmitz hopes to schedule these relays approximately once per month during the academic year.

"The idea is patterned after Relay for Life that we used to do in Tonkawa," she said. "At those events, people walked all night to raise money for cancer. Walking is definitely good for the mind and body."

The relay was recommended by the NOC Tonkawa Wellness Committee.



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NOC Tonkawa Blood Drive

Monday, April 8
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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