

Keylon, Morris Inducted as distinguished alums

Dr. Michelle Jeffries Keylon and Scott Morris were inducted into the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Saturday night at NOC Tonkawa inside the Renfro Center.

Dr. Keylon (Class of 1992) is the superintendent at Francis Tuttle Technology Center while Morris (Class of 1991) is the boys' basketball/golf coach at Stillwater High School.

Also recognized were the NOC Roustabouts on their 60th anniversary and the NOC nursing program.

The NOC Legacy Scholarship was awarded to Amy Cronister, an incoming freshman from Enid who will attend NOC Enid in the Fall of 2024. Her father, David, is a 2011 graduate of NOC Enid earning an Arts and Science associate degree. The scholarship award is \$1,000.

Keylon was introduced by Karri Morrill (Class of 2003) and Morris was introduced by NOC Regent Jami Groendyke (Class of 2003).

Keylon praised NOC for their presence in the Tonkawa community.

"This is an amazing honor," she said. "I know the work you (NOC) do in the Tonkawa community and that is so important. I feel like I grew up at NOC as I attended so many events here including dance recitals, prom, and other events. It always felt like home to me."

I wouldn't be here today without NOC and my family," she added.

Morris followed his father's (Gil) footsteps playing at Northern.

"I was one of the few high school players who fantasized about playing basketball at a junior college," Morris joked. "But playing at NOC was a dream of mine and I felt so fortunate the coach (Mick) Weiberg took a chance on me."

He thanked the Weiberg family.

"They mean so much to me and how they influenced my life in so many ways," he added.

Each was formally inducted by NOC interim president Diana Watkins.

"Northern is honored to recognize you," she said. "It has been my pleasure to visit with you and meet your family and friends who are here to support you. We are honored that you chose Northern and we are proud of your accomplishments in your chosen fields."

NOC has inducted 57 distinguished alums into the Hall of Fame.

Saturday's program was coordinated by Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni Relations.

Distinguished alums are selected during the fall, nominations are accepted starting Nov. 1. For more information, contact Kayla Wooderson at kayla.wooderson@noc.edu.



Dr. Michelle (Jeffries) Keylon and Scott Morris were inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame last Saturday at NOC Tonkawa. Keylon is a 1992 NOC graduate while Morris graduated in 1991. Keylon and Morris make 57 distinguished alumni for NOC. The Distinguished Alumni photos and bios are in the Vineyard Library/Administration Building at NOC Tonkawa. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Dr. Allison Garrett to speak at NOC Commencement Exercises May 4

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Dr. Allison Garrett will address candidates for graduation at Northern Oklahoma College 2024 commencement exercises Saturday, May 4.

NOC Tonkawa candidates will march into Foster-Piper Fieldhouse on the Tonkawa campus at 9:30 a.m. on May 4.

That same day NOC Enid and Stillwater candidates will enter Briggs Auditorium on the Enid campus at 2:30 p.m.

Pinning ceremonies for graduates from the NOC nursing program will take place at 6 p.m. on May 3 in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa. This is a change from past years when the pinning ceremony was in Enid on graduation day.

“We are really excited to celebrate the academic achievements of these students,” said interim president Diana Watkins. “We hope that holding the pinning ceremonies on Friday evening will open up more time for our nursing graduates to celebrate with their families after they cross the stage and receive their diplomas on Saturday.”

Chancellor Allison D. Garrett is the chief executive officer for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Garrett leads a state system comprised of 25 state colleges and universities, 11 constituent agencies, one university center, and independent colleges and universities coordinated with the state system.

Garrett provides leadership on matters relating to standards for Oklahoma higher education, courses and programs of study, budget allocations for institutions, fees and tuition, and strategic planning. She is responsible for an annual higher education budget in excess of \$2.8 billion as well as the state endowment fund,

with a market value over \$931.5 million. Garrett directs 20 state-wide scholarship programs including the Oklahoma’s Promise Scholarship program and statewide GEAR UP efforts.

Prior to her role as Chancellor, she served in senior leadership roles at universities in three states, including as president, executive vice president and senior vice president for academic affairs.

Garrett also worked for more than a decade at the Walmart Inc. corporate offices, holding the positions of vice president and general counsel for the corporate division and vice president of benefits compliance and planning.

A native of Neosho, Missouri, Garrett holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Oklahoma Christian University, a juris doctorate from The University of Tulsa College of Law and a Master of Laws in securities regulation from Georgetown University.

Garrett and her husband live in Edmond, Oklahoma. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.



OSRHE Chancellor
Dr. Allison Garrett

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● WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 ●

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IN FRONT OF THE SCIENCE BUILDING

7:30 PM

CHICK-FIL-A TRUCK
ON THE CIRCLE | 11 AM- 7 PM

ICE CREAM TRUCK
6:30-8:30 PM

ARCHERY TAG
ON THE CIRCLE
5-7 PM



Enid’s Amy Cronister was awarded a \$1,000 NOC Alumni Legacy Scholarship at the Alumni & Friends Reunion last Saturday at NOC Tonkawa. Cronister will be attending NOC Enid in Fall 2024. She was presented the award by Director of Donor Relations Candy Oller.

NOC April Birthdays



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| Renna Bowers | April 12 | Shannon Varner | April 22 |
| Lonnie Rhea | April 15 | Rachel Kirk | April 22 |
| Michael Keeran | April 16 | Jenifer Lancaster | April 23 |
| Mary Ann Harris | April 18 | Anita Simpson | April 27 |
| Denise Bay | April 20 | Ross Buchanan | April 27 |

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2024
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Artist's Reception
Sunday, April 21
2:00-3:00 pm

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Brooklyn Loney
Myra J. Mehojah



Solar Eclipse Watch Party at Enid

NOC distributed 650 pairs of glasses between all three campuses and events. NOC distributed 100 to the Baseball game at NOC Enid and 100 at NOC.

At Enid, 450 pairs of glasses were distributed. The planetarium had about 100 people at 1 p.m. between those watching inside and outside and were steady between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.





Dineo Heilmann honored at the Roustabout Benefit Show celebrating 60 years of the NOC Musical Group. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Roustabouts celebrate 60 years

The Northern Oklahoma College Roustabouts' 60th Anniversary celebration was held Saturday night during the Alumni & Friends Reunion and then at the Roustabout Benefit Show at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

Former Roustabouts Dr. Rick Edgington and Jackie Conrady spoke fondly of the musical group, formed in 1964-65 by Bill Heilmann, known as 'The Ole Man' or 'Pop.'

"Tonight, we are honored to acknowledge and celebrate the World Traveling Roustabouts and their continuous presence in the NOC community and the Life Changing experiences of each member who sang, danced, played an instrument, ran lights or worked the sound board," Edgington said.

"Through the years, many students were drawn to NOC to participate in this wonderful, dynamic group," he said. "This included Bill's son, Dineo and daughter, Renee"

He explained that in the fall of 1988, the Roustabouts were beginning another chapter as Mr. Heilmann began the process of handing on the Roustabouts to another generation.

"Tonight, we are honoring the legacy of Dineo Heilmann who came to NOC to continue to fulfill a dream that was not his own. Little did he know the Life Changing impact he would have on numerous students all while having the vision to take the Roustabout tradition to the next generation. Because of Dineo's leadership,

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Wednesday, April 17
10 am - 1 pm
Gantz Student Center, Montgomery Hall

Roustabouts

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dedication and insight, the Roustabouts still exist today.”

“To honor Dineo, a scholarship is being established in his name. With this scholarship, Dineo will still be impacting future NOC students for years to come. Thank you Dineo, for all of the music, dancing, costumes, cord wrapping, equipment moving, bus trips, and wonderful memories - all the things that make up the Roustabout experience. But most of all thank you for your time, commitment and dedication to this group and to Northern Oklahoma College.”

Gateway 20th celebration April 18

Northern Oklahoma College and Oklahoma State University will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Gateway Program at NOC Stillwater on Thursday, April 18.

The come and go reception will be held in the 2nd Floor Commons from 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

There will be building tours, a reception, and a brief program set for 3:30 p.m.

There will be 20 new faces of the Gateway Program that will be celebrated at the event.

The NOC Stillwater Academic Award Banquet will be held after the anniversary celebration.



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Oklahoma Promise Day at the Capitol on Thursday, April 11.

Oklahoma Promise Day at the capitol

Students, faculty, representatives from Oklahoma's public colleges and universities, and other supporters gathered at the state Capitol today to show appreciation for the Governor, Legislature and state Board of Equalization's ongoing support of the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program and to encourage legislators to continue to fund the program.

State Regents' Chair Jack Sherry and Secretary of Education Nellie Tayloe Sanders provided opening remarks during the event, and Rep. Cyndi Munson, Oklahoma House of Representatives; Rep. Arturo Alonso-Sandoval, Oklahoma House of Representatives; and Jeff Peters, chief of staff, Office of the Senate President Pro Tempore, spoke to Oklahoma's Promise students about the significant positive impact of the scholarship in their lives.

Oklahoma's Promise was created in 1992 by the state Legislature to help more Oklahoma families send their children to college.

"Oklahoma's Promise is a life-changing program that encourages students to dream, to prepare for college and to earn degrees," said Chancellor Allison D. Garrett. "More than 110,000 Oklahomans have earned the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship, covering tuition at a time when a college degree and an educated workforce have never been more valuable. We thank Governor Stitt and our legislators for continuing to keep the promise."

Nationally recognized as one of the country's best college access programs, Oklahoma's Promise is a transformational model that combines emphases on academic preparation and financial support for college. The scholarship pays tuition at any Oklahoma public college or university until the student receives a bachelor's degree or for five years, whichever comes first. It will also cover a portion of tuition at

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Promise

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an accredited Oklahoma private institution or for certain public career technology programs. The scholarship does not cover the cost of fees, books, or room and board.

Students must enroll in Oklahoma's Promise in the 8-11 grades. Family income may not exceed the following levels at the time of application: \$60,000 for families with one-two dependent children; \$70,000, three-four dependent children; or \$80,000, five or more dependent children.

To receive the scholarship upon high school graduation, students must achieve a minimum 2.50 GPA in 17 core courses that prepare them for college and an overall GPA of 2.50 or better for all courses in grades nine through 12. Oklahoma's Promise graduates must attend class regularly, stay out of serious trouble, and avoid drugs and alcohol. A student's family income must not exceed \$100,000 each year the student is enrolled in college.

Students completing the Oklahoma's Promise program continue to be successful academically, with high school GPAs that exceed the state average and ACT scores that exceed those of non-Oklahoma's Promise students.

The college-going rate of Oklahoma's Prom-

ise students exceeds the state average for high school graduates. They also have above-average full-time college enrollment, persistence and degree-completion rates. In addition, Oklahoma's Promise college graduates are employed and remain in Oklahoma after college at a higher rate than non-Oklahoma's Promise graduates. More than 96% of Oklahoma's Promise graduates earning an associate or bachelor's degree remain and work in the state one year after graduation, and over 91% still live and work in Oklahoma five years later.

For the high school graduating class of 2023, over 7,000 students met the program requirements to be eligible for the scholarship. During the current academic year, more than 14,300 students are expected to receive the scholarship in college. Approximately 15,000 students are projected to receive the scholarship next year.

By law, the program has a dedicated funding source that helps ensure the scholarships are fully funded each year.

For more information about Oklahoma's Promise or to apply online, visit www.okpromise.org. Information is also available by emailing okpromise@osrhe.edu or by calling 800.858.1840.

NOC Jets, Mavs sports update

NOC spring sports are continuing as baseball and softball teams are heading down the home-stretch of their seasons.


The #19 Jets (28-13) have a 14-4 conference record while the Mavs (26-15) are 9-9 in conference play. The Jets are at Redlands this weekend while the Mavs host Murray State.

Jets Softball (14-26) is 4-10 in conference play while the Mavs (10-24) are 2-12 in conference

play. The Mavs are at Rose State on Saturday while the Jets are at Eastern, also on Saturday.

The Jets Men's Soccer team is hosting Panhandle State in a scrimmage at the Advance Soccer Complex Sunday at 2 p.m. Follows the Mavs at www.nocmavs.com and Jets at www.nocjets.com.

You are cordially invited

 **20 YEARS**

GATEWAY PROGRAM

Twentieth Anniversary of the

NOC/OSU Gateway Program

Thursday, April 18, 2024

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Come and Go | Open House

NOC Stillwater Classroom Building Lobby

615 N. Monroe, Stillwater

Building Tour and Reception with Brief Program at 3:30 pm

RSVP to Janet Jarvis at
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See attached map for location and parking



NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks

NOC nursing celebrated at reunion

Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks celebrated the nursing program at the Alumni & Friends Reunion Saturday night in Tonkawa.

Hicks said NOC Nursing was established in 1970 on the Tonkawa campus, admitted its first students in the fall of 1971, was granted accreditation in 1972, and graduated the first NOC nurses in 1973. As the second associate degree nursing program in the state of Oklahoma, Northern Oklahoma College blazed a trail for others to follow.

Today, NOC Nursing is one program with three locations. The program expanded to the Enid campus in 1994 and opened its Stillwater location in 2002. Courses are delivered with distance technology from the teaching site to the other campuses. The program has maintained continuous national accreditation since 1972 and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) through 2030. Students are now admitted to the program every semester, and we will host our first December pinning ceremony this year.

NOC Nursing has established strong relationships with clinical facilities in our communities

and across the state. We have developed Academic Practice Partnerships at Integris Health Ponca City, Stillwater Medical Center, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid, and Saint Francis Health System in Tulsa. Students in their last semester of the program are selected for paid clinical internships in which they are paired 1:1 with a registered nurse preceptor. I believe we are the only associate degree program in the state with these partnership experiences.

NOC Nursing has exceptional faculty, including two Certified Simulation Specialists who lead our innovative simulation program. During simulation, students are immersed in real-life clinical situations with life-like computerized mannikins that have pulses, a heartbeat, and breathing so they can practice situations they may not encounter very often in their clinical settings but in a safe environment for learning. We received grant funding to upgrade our practice labs on each campus so students are better prepared for clinical practice when they graduate. A Student Success Specialist leads our innovative student success program

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Roustabout Benefit Show



NOC Tonkawa students attended a Career Day on Wednesday at the Cultural Engagement Center. Enid students will attend a Career Day on April 17 in the Gantz Center.

Nursing

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providing individualized support and coaching to help students succeed. The Student Nurses Associations on each campus actively provide service in our communities, and NOC Nursing is honored to be the Omicron Delta chapter of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Alpha Delta Nu National Nursing Honor Society, inducting our first full members in 2023. NOC Nursing participates with the DAISY Foundation to honor exceptional faculty members with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators. Watch social media later this month for announcements showcasing this

year's nominees. The DAISY Award will be presented during the Nurses Pinning Ceremony in May.

NOC Nursing was named a Top 10 Nursing Program in Oklahoma in 2021 and is a featured success story for our educational partner Elsevier, from which we have resources that are fully integrated throughout our program to produce exceptional outcomes. Last year's nursing graduates achieved a 100% first-time pass rate on the licensure exam, and 95% of our graduates are employed as RNs within 6 months of graduation.

NOC Calendar

April 13

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

April 14

PTK Induction Ceremony, Walcher Conference Center, 2 p.m., Tonkawa
 Home Men's Soccer Scrimmage vs. Panhandle, 2 p.m.

April 15

Home Mavs Baseball vs. NWOSU JV, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Home Jets Softball vs. Southern Nazarene JV, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
 Enid Disc Golf Tournament, 7:30 p.m.

April 16

Home Jets Baseball vs. DFW Post Grad, 10 a.m./noon
 Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

April 17

Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
 Academic Award Reception, Gantz Center, 5:30 p.m., Enid
 The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
 The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
 Spring Fling, College Circle, 7:30p.m., Tonkawa

April 18

Away Jets Softball vs. NEO, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
 Away Mavs Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
 20th Anniversary NOC Gateway, 2nd Floor Commons, 3 p.m., Stillwater
 Academic Award Reception, 2nd Floor Commons, 5:30 p.m., Stillwater

April 19

Final Day to Withdraw from L8 Courses without Evaluation
 Home Mavs Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m.
 Away Jets Baseball vs. Murray, 2 p.m.

April 20

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

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


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Osage Casino and Hotel, Ponca City
 6 pm | *Pre-Event Mixer* 5 pm - 6 pm

For more information, please contact Kayla Wooderson | kayla.wooderson@noc.edu | 580.628.6473





NOC Enid President Leadership Council and Criminal Justice Students from Tonkawa/Enid visited with Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Noma Gurich (above) and Oklahoma County District Judge Kenneth Stoner (below) on Thursday in Oklahoma City. The students attended a docket of drug court on Thursday with Judge Stoner. He spent about 30 minutes speaking with the students prior to the morning docket and an hour having lunch and answering questions afterward. The meeting was eye opening, interesting, and educational. Thursday afternoon, Justice Gurich spoke with the students about education and career opportunities, answered questions and provided a tour of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.



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