

What's Happening

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Student artist reception Sunday

Art in Bloom —the annual Northern Oklahoma College student art exhibition is on display through May 7 in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Visual art students Brooklyn Loney and Myra J. Mehojah of Ponca City, and MaeElla Seaboy Clift of Blackwell, planned and organized the exhibit as part of the requirements for a credited Portfolio/Gallery Seminar at NOC. Art in Bloom highlights the original art of these three artists along with works of other students enrolled in visual art and digital imaging classes during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Under the guidance of Audrey Schmitz, gallery director and art instructor, Loney, Mehojah, and Seaboy Clift gained experience in developing the infrastructure of the exhibit, including choosing the show title and collaborating with NOC graphic designer Paige Larson

on the poster design. The poster was inspired by 1970s motifs and fonts and details of each student's art is included in the floral design. They also prepared their own work to be exhibition-ready, produced artist statements and title cards and installed dozens of additional curated works made by other students, all as part of their professional growth as working artists.

"Overall, there is great diversity of media, subject matter and style in the works on view in Art in Bloom, and the student show is always the most popular event in the Eleanor Hays Gallery," Schmitz added. "This year we have added a 'gallery gift shop' of affordable art, making it a perfect opportunity to buy original work at great prices from talented artists early in their career."

With over 150 works on display, visitors will

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Play in a Day event set for Saturday

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Fine Arts is hosting the "Play in a Day" on Saturday, April 20 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Actors, directors, and writers have only 24

hours to create a play, Saturday's performance is the final product.

Admission is \$5, free admission for NOC students and employees with NOC ID. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



Northern Oklahoma College and Oklahoma State University celebrated the 20-Year Anniversary of the Gateway Program at NOC Stillwater on Thursday. The celebration was held at the NOC Classroom Building. Front Row (L-R): NOC President Emeritus Dr. Cheryl Evans, Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder, OSU Vice Provost Dr. Chris Francisco, NOC Interim President Diana Watkins, Former NOC/OSU Gateway Student Marita Jireh Leon Cartagena, Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson, Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson. Back Row (L-R); Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington, NOC Foundation Trustee Pat Zimmerman, Stillwater Mayor Will Joyce, Vice President for Stillwater Dr. Marsh Howard, NOC Regent Brad Fox, NOC Regent Mike Loftis. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)



Northern Oklahoma College art students (from left) Myra J. Mehojah, Ponca City; MaeElla Seaboy Clift, Blackwell, and Brooklyn Loney, Ponca City, are featured in Art in Bloom, the annual student art exhibition on view April 16-May 7 in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery, NOC Tonkawa. A reception honoring all NOC students with work in the exhibit is set from 2 - 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21 in the art gallery. The exhibition and reception with refreshments is free and open to the public. (Photo by Ken Crowder)

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find watercolor and acrylic paintings; sculptures; pencil, charcoal and ink drawings; pottery and ceramic forms; digital media; masks; bas relief tiles and mixed media works. Select items are available for purchase.

A reception honoring all students is scheduled from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21 in the art gallery. The exhibition and reception with re-

freshments is free and open to the public.

Regular gallery hours are noon - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during events in the KPAC. The exhibit will also be open following NOC commencement Saturday, May 4. For more information about Art in Bloom contact Schmitz at 580.628.6670 or audrey.schmitz@noc.edu.

Northern Oklahoma College

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PLAY In A Day

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7:30 PM | KPAC
NOC TONKAWA

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\$5 Admission

Free Admission for NOC Students and Employees with ID

Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



Twelve NOC Enid students were honored Wednesday for achieving a 4.0 GPA. Students include Grant Biggers, Kimberly Boles, Lucero Delgadillo, James Fanning, Ashlan Light, Vanessa Markl, Esteban Maxwell, Luella Mitchell, Sidney Redmon, Haylee Ryel, Whitney Streck, and Anayeli Vasquez. They are pictured with Interim President Diana Watkins. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College).

NOC April Birthdays



Denise Bay	April 20	Jenifer Lancaster	April 23
Shannon Varner	April 22	Anita Simpson	April 27
Rachel Kirk	April 22	Ross Buchanan	April 27

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE, TONKAWA

Kinzer Performing Arts Center

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ELEANOR HAYS ART GALLERY

Viewing Hours:
1-5 pm | Monday-Friday
and During Performances

2024

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

IN BLOOM

APR 16 - MAY 7

Artist's Reception

Sunday, April 21

2:00-3:00 pm

MaeElla Seaboy-Cliff

Brooklyn Loney

Myra J. Mehojah



NOC Enid students Grant Biggers (left) and Danielle Buttrum (right) received their USA Academic All-American Awards at Wednesday's Academic Award Reception. They were presented the awards by Interim President Diana Watkins. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

NOC Enid Academic Awards

Northern Oklahoma College Enid students were honored Wednesday night at the Annual Academic Awards Banquet in Montgomery Hall inside the Gantz Center.

NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise celebrated the student's achievements.

"What a night and fun evening," he said. "We have exceptional students honored for their academic prowess—let us continue to celebrate their achievements. Your hard work, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication are to be commended. Tonight, we celebrate your accomplishments and the countless hours of study, determination, and perseverance that have brought you to this moment.

"To the parents, family members, friends, and

supportive allies who have stood by these students every step of the way, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you as well," he added. "Your unwavering support and encouragement have been instrumental in their journey to success tonight and will be needed in the future as well."

Hise also praised the NOC Faculty.

"These dedicated educators tirelessly devote themselves to educating, guiding, motivating, and inspiring our students," he said. "Whether it's igniting the spark of ambition or providing unwavering support, our faculty members play an instrumental role in shaping the futures of

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The Tonkawa Film Commission
presents the
**5TH ANNUAL
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**APR 19th & 20th
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- Short Films
- Parade
- Door Prizes

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Enid

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countless individuals.”

The following are the awards for 2023-24:
President’s Leadership Council Student: Grant Biggers
Academic Athlete of the Year: Ashlan Light
Oklahoma All-USA Academic Team: Grant Biggers, Danielle Buttrum
Pre-Medicine: Luella Mitchell
Pre-Engineering: Grant Biggers
Accounting: Jake Wolfenbarger
Business: Owen Tracy
Elementary Education: Lucero Delgadillo
Creative Writing: David Lee Weaver, Jr.

Literature: Erin Traynor
Mass Communication: Misty McBlair
Louis R. Vineyard Radio and TV: Michael Soucek
Math: Ashlan Light
Nursing: Lauren Stubbs
Social Science: Autumn Leist
4.0 Student Award: Grant Biggers, Kimberly Boles, Lucero Delgadillo, James Fanning, Ashlan Light, Vanessa Markl, Esteban Maxwell, Luella Mitchell, Sidney Redmon, Haylee Ryel, Whitney Streck, and Anayeli Vasquez.



Jacob Beason was honored Thursday night as a 4.0 Student at the Stillwater Academic Award Reception. He was presented the award by Interim President Diana Watkins. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)



Student Activities



SPRING 2024

JANUARY

16 TUESDAY

Welcome Back Hot Chocolate Bar
8-10 am | Clock Tower

23 TUESDAY

Dodgeball | East Gym | 7:30 pm

29 MONDAY

Bedlam Basketball | 5:30/7:30

31 WEDNESDAY

Inflatable Putt-Putt | East Gym | 4-8 pm

FEBRUARY

06 TUESDAY

Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30 pm

12-15 | HOMECOMING WEEK

12 MONDAY

360 Photo Booth | 4-7 pm

13 TUESDAY

Roustabout Homecoming Show | KPAC 7:30 PM

14 WEDNESDAY

Inflatables, Yard Games – Mechanical Bull
East Gym | 7-9 pm

15 THURSDAY

Homecoming Basketball Game & Coronation
Food and Games | Old gym after Basketball game

20 TUESDAY

Archery Tag | East Gym | 7-9 pm

26 MONDAY

Movie Night | Old Gym | 7:30 pm

MARCH

05 TUESDAY

Karaoke – Student Union | 7:30 pm

11 MONDAY

Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30 pm

18-22 | SPRING BREAK

25 MONDAY

Hypnotist Show [Michael Mayo] | KPAC | 7:30

APRIL & MAY

01 MONDAY

Easter Egg Hunt | Gazebo | 7 pm

08 MONDAY

Paint Night | Old Gym | 7:30 pm
Sign up in Student Affairs by March 15

17 WEDNESDAY

Jase Holtom Concert | Circle Drive | 7:30 pm

22 MONDAY

Petting Zoo | Clock Tower | 10 am - Noon

29 MONDAY

Golf Simulator and Racquetball
Racquetball courts | 7:30 pm

06 MONDAY

Food for Finals | Scoops Ice Cream | 10 am – 1 pm

10 FRIDAY

Dorms close at 10 am

NOC Stillwater Academic Awards

Northern Oklahoma College Stillwater students were honored Thursday night at the Annual Academic Awards Banquet in the Commons Area of the NOC Stillwater Classroom Building.

Vice President for NOC Stillwater Dr. Marsh Howard commended the students for their efforts.

“What a night and fun evening,” Dr. Howard said. “We have exceptional students honored for their academic prowess—let us continue to celebrate their achievements. Your hard work, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication are to be commended. Tonight, we celebrate your accomplishments and the countless hours of study, determination, and perseverance that

have brought you to this moment.”

The following are the awards for 2023-24:

- Biology: Karlie Parsons
- Business: Jesse Morris, Morgan Brunnemer
- Accounting: Jacob Beason
- 4.0 Students: Jacob Beason
- Survey of Accounting: Sydney Williams
- Language Arts: Kaylee Nelson
- Literature: Kinzie Davis
- Outstanding PLC Leadership: Sofia Hernandez
- Outstanding PLC Service: Jesse Morris
- Nursing: Courtney Clay
- Geography: Katie Edelen
- Arts and Science: Alli Smith
- Quirey Family Study Abroad: Kirstyn Miner

Tonkawa Film Festival Friday, Saturday

The Tonkawa Film Commission and the citizens of Tonkawa are excited to welcome filmmakers from around the world to screen at the beautiful 200 seat theater in Wilkin Hall located on the Northern Oklahoma College campus.

Friday

Film screenings -- 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Film Festival Parade downtown Tonkawa – 11 a.m.

Free Family Friendly Film Screening – 2:30 p.m.

Film Screenings/Awards -- 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for weekend pass, or \$12 per day. They can be purchased at the door or www.tonkawafilmfestival.com.



Student Activities



SPRING 2024

JANUARY

16 TUESDAY

Welcome Back Bowl Night

22-25 | HOMECOMING WEEK

22 MONDAY

Games and Food | Mechanical Bull Rodeo

23 TUESDAY

Comedy Hypnosis Show [Michael Mayo] | 7 pm

24 WEDNESDAY

NOC Spirit Day [Free T-Shirts]

25 THURSDAY

Homecoming Basketball Game & Coronation

30 TUESDAY

Dodge Ball

FEBRUARY

06 TUESDAY

Bingo for Electronics

11 SUNDAY

Super Bowl Watch Party

13 TUESDAY

Paint Night

19 MONDAY

Presidents Day Movie Night

27 TUESDAY

Inflatable Putt-Putt

29 THURSDAY

Bedlam Basketball | 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm

MARCH

04 MONDAY

Extreme Petting Zoo

12 TUESDAY

Inflatable Game Night

18-22 | SPRING BREAK

25 MONDAY

Back to School Bash [With Live Band]

APRIL & MAY

01 MONDAY

Slip-N-Slide Kickball

09 TUESDAY

Bubble Soccer

15 MONDAY

Disc Golf Tournament

22 MONDAY

Earth Day Putt-Putt with Ice Cream Truck

29 MONDAY

Golf Simulator

06 MONDAY

End of the Year Sno-Cone Social





Seven NOC Tonkawa Students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa (Xi Theta Chapter) on Sunday at the Walcher Conference Center. Pictured (L-R) Trysta Adkins, Aniya Berry, Gracie Fiscus, Melissa Lake, Gloria Reyes, Leslee Richardson, Jacob Walther.

Tonkawa PTK students inducted

The Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Phi Theta Kappa Xi Theta Chapter announced their 2024 inductees this week.

Seven students were inducted on April 14.

The program was officiated by PTK President Jordan Nelson.

According to NOC Phi Theta Kappa sponsor Dee Cooper, "The Purpose for Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To Achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship

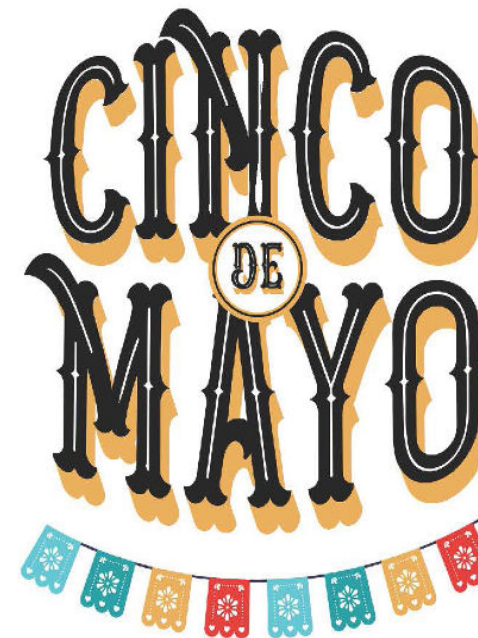
for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."

The featured speaker was Rev. James Bozarth, Trinity Lutheran Church in Blackwell.

Bozarth challenged the inductees to serve in the areas they live and to be the best they can be whatever their circumstances.

Inductees include Trysta Adkins, Fairfax; Aniya Berry, Arkansas City, KS; Gracie Fiscus, Pond Creek; Melissa Lake, Tonkawa; Gloria Reyes, Tonkawa; Leslee Richardson, Perry; and Jacob Walther, Ponca City.

The chapter is sponsored by math instructors Dee Cooper, Lynn DeMuth, and Christi Hook.



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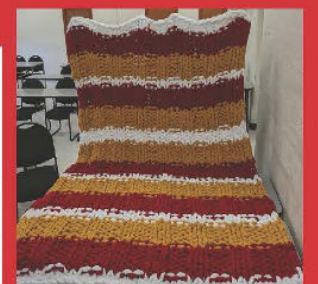


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2ND PLACE



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Life changing.



Ruth Cole (left) spoke at NOC Enid for National Autism Awareness Month. She was presented an NOC Gift Bag by Candy Oller, NOC Director of Development and Donor Relations. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Ruth Cole speaks at NOC Enid

Ruth Cole spoke at NOC Enid last Friday for National Autism Awareness Month.

Cole serves as Program Coordinator for the Oklahoma Autism Center's Early Foundations Model Site in Oklahoma City.

Cole provided a number of statistics regarding autism.

1 in 36 children in the United States suffer from Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

- * Environmental factors contribute 20%-40%

- * Genetic factors contribute 60%-80%

- * A younger sibling of a diagnosed child has a 20% higher risk of having ASD

- * 20+ studies have disproven the myth that vaccines cause ASD

- * Dietary causes have largely been disproven

- * 1 in 3 children with ASD have a co-occurring functional disability and 2 of 3 have average intellectual functioning

Cole said there is no cure for ASD and all children diagnosed have some functionality affect-

ed.

"It is truly a spectrum of different effects from ASD and that means that children have different needs to support those effects," she said. "It isn't one size fits all."

Children can have their relationships, self-regulation, communication, and social skills affected by autism.

She said early detection is the most important factor in better serving children with autism because the brain is still forming during those first years of life.

"The earlier we can diagnose ASD, the earlier we can treat it," she said. "If we can diagnose it at 18-24 months, we can provide better treatment and create better outcomes. Intensive early intervention helps alleviate symptoms and promotes a child to reach their full potential."

Cole said the keys to providing better out-

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Autism

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comes includes timely intervention, strong family participation in the intervention, children are included with peers in the community and school and parents are informed and able to effectively advocate for their child.

She concluded by adding that parents should take advantage of available services, create a team for their child, love the child for who they are, be a child's best advocate, have compassion for yourself and seek help, and connect with other parents who understand the challenges.

She holds teaching certificates in early childhood, elementary education, and special education with experience in early childhood

curriculum development, behavioral interventions, and positive behavior supports in general education settings. She is a leader in inclusive classroom practices and an advocate for children and families. Cole guest lectures for Oklahoma teacher preparation programs on topics related to supporting students with autism.

Cole was introduced by NOC instructor and diversity committee member Dr. Charmaine Munro.

The program was sponsored by the NOC Diversity Committee, Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, chairman.



NOC Enid Head Baseball Coach Ryan Bay earned his 700th win last weekend in a 15-2 win over Redlands. Bay's career record is 700-489 in 21 seasons as a head coach. He previously was the head coach at William Woods College, Bacone College, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and NOC Tonkawa. More information on Coach Bay's 700th win is available at www.nocjets.com



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Dr. Alyce Webb contributes to May Lillie documentary

Northern Oklahoma College Social Science Instructor Dr. Alyce Webb recently appeared on the OETA-TV Documentary “Back in Time,” OETA’s award-winning documentary series showcasing significant people, events, and stories that shaped the history of Oklahoma.

Webb contributed as an expert on May Lillie, the sharpshooter wife of Gordon William “Pawnee Bill” Lillie.

Together, the couple owned and operated Pawnee Bill’s Historic Wild West, an enterprise that traveled all over the country and to Europe to teach urban audiences what life was supposedly really like in the American west.

How did Dr. Webb become an expert on May Lillie?

“I did my doctoral dissertation on Pawnee Bill’s Historic Wild West, and since 2019 I have portrayed May at the re-enactment of Pawnee Bill’s Original Wild West Show every June,” Webb said.

“It is truly humbling to portray May,” she said. “May was indeed a trailblazer and paved the way for women to participate in what were considered “masculine” occupations. She pushed the envelope in so many ways for women at the turn of the century.”

May Lillie engaged in what many people of the era considered “masculine” activities, such as working for pay, traveling, owning a business, and shooting guns. To keep her actions respectable, she carefully crafted a public persona that emphasized femininity – she kept her hair long, always rode a sidesaddle, and pointed



Dr. Alyce Webb portrays May Lillie at recent Christmas Parade

out that her work and travel was only done to support her husband. Her plan was successful. She once won a shooting competition by hitting twenty-four out of twenty-five targets at a distance of 200 yards, in 1908 she became the first woman in the world to run a bison ranch, and she and Pawnee Bill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1936.

Lillie’s skill in the Pawnee Bill Show paved the way for women to participate in rodeo and the

early western film industry during the 1920s.

Webb was interviewed for four hours for the 10-minute clip for the OETA program.

The documentary displays that Lucille Mulhall, May Lillie, and Lillian Smith were remarkable “Wild West Women” who broke gender barriers and impressed audiences in the late 1880s. Mulhall was known as the “First lady of rodeo,” while Lillie was an expert sharpshooter and trick rider. Smith set unbeaten shooting records and was Annie Oakley’s rival.

The program originally aired in July 2023.

It is available for viewing at <https://www.oeta.tv/shows/back-in-time/>.

NOC Calendar

April 20

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Away Jets Softball vs. Murray, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Away Mavs Softball vs. NEO, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 2:30 p.m.

Play in a Day, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 21

Student Art Exhibit Reception, KPAC, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., Tonkawa

April 22

Exotic Animal Petting Zoo, Gazebo, 10 a.m. – noon, Tonkawa

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Dallas Brookhaven, noon

Earth Day Putt-Putt/Ice Cream Truck, Enid

April 23

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 24

BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid

Board of Regents Meeting, President’s Large Conference Room, noon, Tonkawa

Academic Awards Reception, Renfro Center, 5:30 p.m., Tonkawa

The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

April 25

Home Jets Softball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

Away Mavs Softball vs. NOC Enid, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

April 26

Final Day to Withdraw from L8 Courses without Evaluation

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m.

April 27

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

Home Jets Softball vs. Western, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Away Mavs Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m./4 p.m.



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