

What's Happening

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Enid planetarium hosting Solar Eclipse watch party Monday at 11 a.m.

The NOC Enid Mackie Planetarium is hosting a watch party for the Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8.

The planetarium will open at 11 a.m. with streaming of events from around the Nation (NASA coverage begins at noon although NOC will also be joining streams from Slooh, Wallops Flight Center and other organizations).

NOC Pre-Engineering, Rocket Team and Astronomy Students will be present during the

event.

Telescopes with solar filters and eclipse viewing materials will be provided.

Enid will have a 91.2% of eclipse totality, partial eclipse begins at 12:28 p.m., the maximum eclipse at 1:46 p.m., and the partial eclipse ends at 3:04 p.m.

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

Thank-A-Thons a huge success

Please enjoy this short video, entitled "Because of You" which was produced as a result of the NOC Thank-A-Thon events held last month in preparation for the Annual Donor Recognition Dinner.

In its second year, the Thank-A-Thon events were held on March 5-6 at Tonkawa and Enid with 95 scholarship students participating. The award recipients called Foundation donors, wrote thank you cards, took pictures, made thank you videos and enjoyed food and fellowship.

Both events were a great success with a record number of participants this year and students were truly excited to show their support and appreciation to the generous donors of Northern Oklahoma College. The student's testimonials are also a reflection of the great employees at the College helping them pursue their higher educational goals.

Link: <https://youtu.be/ZTIdYGgVF14>

Ari Fleischer speaks at the Renfro Endowed Lectureship

Former White House Press Secretary, President Ari Fleischer Communications, and FOX News Contributor Ari Fleischer spoke at Northern Oklahoma College Tuesday night about the state of politics in America and the upcoming 2024 presidential election.

Tuesday's speech was provided by the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

In his political career, Fleischer said the most meaningful part was his time as President Bush's press secretary.

"It was an amazing time for me personally," he said. I would drive to work, park my car, enter the west wing and go to my office. My of-

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Ari Fleischer spoke to a full house at the Renfro Center in Tonkawa Tuesday night at the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Series. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Fleischer

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fice was 30 feet from the Oval Office and 30 feet from the Podium of the briefing room. I loved every day I worked for President Bush because I believed in him and what he stood for and I hope that was expressed when I did my job every day.”

Fleischer said the press room at the White House is unlike any other.

“There are 48 seats in the press room and they are filled with all antagonists,” he joked. “They were all taking the other side than President Bush and it was up to me to deliver the president’s message and I loved every minute of it.”

He spoke fondly of traveling the world and seeing great places filled with amazing people.

“Being in Normandy (World War II Memorial) was definitely something I won’t forget,” he said. “The press secretary is afforded a lot of great opportunities and I am so thankful.”

In regards to politics, Fleischer commented that the democratic and republican parties have changed over the years.

“People who used to be democrats (lower income, less educated) have now become republicans and those of higher incomes and better educated have become democrats. It’s fascinating what has happened in today’s politics,” he said.

“That is something we need to be aware heading to the 2024 election,” he said.

Fleischer then spoke of the 2024 election which he sees will be very close.

“The election boils down to seven (swing) states,” he said. “It’s going to be a close race that can go either way.”

In foreign policy, Fleischer said the Middle East is the most important crisis for the United States going forward.

“We need to support Israel anyway we can to defeat Hamas in Gaza,” he said.

Interestingly enough, Fleischer was raised a liberal democrat in New York state.

“I walked into Middlebury College a liberal democrat and left as a conservative. I became a conservative the first time I paid taxes,” Fleischer joked.

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.





The Hullet Family Scholarship, through the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, is now awarding more scholarships to qualifying NOC Tonkawa scholarship applicants. Pictured (L-R): NOCF Executive Director Sheri Snyder, Pay Hullet, NOC Interim President Diana Watkins. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Hullet Family Scholarship increases awards to NOC Tonkawa students

The Hullet Family Scholarship Fund, established through the generous support of Judy Hullet Wear and Connie Mack and Pat Hullet, through the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation in 2016, has recently been amended by the family to award more scholarships and scholarship dollars to qualifying NOC Tonkawa scholarship applicants.

This permanently restricted endowed scholarship fund provides students from Oklahoma an opportunity to pursue their educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College on the Tonkawa campus. Applicants must be a full or part-

time non-traditional student (20 years of age or older) with at least 12 credit hours and maintain at least a 2.50 GPA. There will be no restrictions as to a major of study in determining eligibility for this scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded annually by the scholarship committee with input from the Hullet family.

NOCF Executive Director Sheri Snyder stated, "NOC is grateful and blessed to have alumni such as the Hullet family who are continuing on their tradition and commitment to higher

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stand **TALL** and donate

Our donors are head and shoulders above the rest!

NOC Tonkawa Blood Drive

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

Get community service hours for giving blood!

Scan to schedule your appointment!

Donors get two T-shirts for a limited time!

All donors get a stand TALL T-shirt AND a donor eclipse T-shirt with front and back design, PLUS one free entry to OKC Zoo!

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Hullett

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education and to their alma maters by providing scholarships to benefit our students.”

Wear, Connie Mack and Pat Hullet attended Northern Oklahoma College after graduating from Tonkawa High School in the 1970’s. Wear was active in Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa and ran hurdles for the NOC Women’s Track Team.

Connie Mack Hullet returned to NOC as a dorm parent in Markley Hall and served as Assistant Dean of Students as well as Student Senate advisor for 20 years. His wife, Pat Hullet taught in the Social Science Division for over

35 years, serving as faculty president and scholarship chairman. She was one of the first distance learning instructors and developed on-line courses for World Geography.

Any person interested in funding a scholarship through the NOC Foundation can contact Candy Oller at 580.628.6789 or candy.oller@noc.edu.

Students interested in applying for an NOC scholarship may contact Scholarship Coordinator Kerri Gray at 580.628.6763, kerri.gray@noc.edu or through our website at <https://www.noc.edu/students/future-students/scholarships/>.

NOC April Birthdays



Silvia Vazquez	April 6	Denise Bay	April 20
Calvin Hoetling	April 7	Shannon Varner	April 22
Ashlyn Ewy	April 9	Rachel Kirk	April 22
Renna Bowers	April 12	Jenifer Lancaster	April 23
Lonnie Rhea	April 15	Anita Simpson	April 27
Michael Keeran	April 16	Ross Buchanan	April 27
Mary Ann Harris	April 18		

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE | ENID

SOLAR ECLIPSE
WATCH PARTY

Monday,
April 8, 2024
Starting at 11 am

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NOC Pre-Engineering, Rocket Team and Astronomy Students will be present during the event. Telescopes with solar filters and eclipse viewing materials will be provided.

TIMING OF ECLIPSE

Tonkawa 91.6% of Totality Partial Begins 12:29 pm Maximum 1:47 pm Partial Ends 3:05 pm	Enid – 91.2% of Totality Partial Begins 12:28 pm Maximum 1:46 pm Partial Ends 3:04 pm	Stillwater 93.3% of Totality Partial Begins 12:29 pm Maximum 1:47 pm Partial Ends 3:05 pm
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NOC Enid student Sophia Arnold received a \$1,000 cash prize as part of a Student Watch survey at NOC. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Sophia Arnold receives cash award from Student Watch survey

Northern Oklahoma College Enid student Sophia Arnold recently received a \$1,000 cash prize as part of a Student Watch survey through NACS (National Association of College Stores).

Arnold is a freshman from Enid.

According to NOC Bookstore Manager Jimile Jansson, over 16,000 usable responses were created for data analysis through the survey.

Student Watch is an annual, web-based survey of students conducted by OnCampus Research® (OCR). OCR, the research arm of the National Association of College Stores, monitors and explores trends among college students and faculty, course content in higher education, and the collegiate retail market. Student Watch is made possible through funding from the NACS

Foundation.

The Student Watch study explores student attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors around course materials. The survey includes items addressing acquisition behaviors including where, when, how, and what course materials are being obtained, leading sources for purchases and rentals, where and how students find value in course materials, cost challenges students face and how they pay for course materials, and information on alternatives to traditional course materials including free materials, inclusive access, and not obtaining materials altogether

Student Watch is nationally recognized as a

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NOC TONKAWA CAREER FAIR



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- Meet & Connect with Potential Employers
- Network with Business Professionals
- Advance Your Career Opportunity
- Internships, Full and Part-Time Positions Available

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Wednesday, April 10
10 am - 1 pm

Cultural Engagement Center, Library-Administration Building

Regents outline president search

Following an executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment including evaluating candidates for the position of the President of Northern Oklahoma College at Wednesday's meeting in Stillwater, the Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents voted to hold a special Board of Regents meeting on May 15 including an executive session.

Regent Chairman Brad Fox provided a brief update on the presidential selection process by providing the following tentative timeline:

*February 21 Board of Regents Meeting – Announced formal National search for the next President of Northern Oklahoma College; Posted position with applications accepted until March 27, 2024.

*March 27 Board of Regents Meeting – Executive Session to review applicants

*April 24 Board of Regents Meeting – Executive Session to conduct virtual interviews with top 5 applicants

*May 15 Board of Regents Special Meeting – Executive session to conduct in-person interviews with named top applicants

*May 22 Board of Regents Meeting – Executive session to potentially select the next president of the College

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In other business, the regents approved summer residence hall rates for Tonkawa and Enid. Students will be housed at Jets Hall in Enid and Mavs Hall in Tonkawa at a cost of \$735 per month.

Also, the regents approved a resolution that will allow NOC to partner with the City of Enid to apply for a Community Development Block Grant that would fund the beginning of renovations at Failing Field on the NOC Enid campus. The grant, if approved, would provide funding to remove the concrete bleachers, press box, and restrooms and construct four rows of bleachers for the facility. More funding will be needed in the future to complete the renovation for the baseball/softball facility.

The board also approved the financial report, provided by Vice President of Financial Affairs Anita Simpson, including two purchases over \$25,000.00. One is an emergency roof replacement at the Vineyard Library Administration Building for \$691,141.45 and a new Greenhouse at NOC Tonkawa for \$149,990.90 as part of the current NASNTI Grant Project.

Student Watch

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leading resource for data on course materials trends and related student perceptions. Student Watch data is used by sources including the College Board.

Every school that participates in the Student Watch study receives, at no cost, an aggregate report and data tables detailing national trends, broken down by school characteristics like enrollment, term of study, and region/ location.

The aggregate report carefully explains each trend, placing these in historical context and pointing out any relevant variation by student or school characteristics.




NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE
National Autism Awareness Month

Awareness Acceptance Appreciation

Moving from Surviving to Thriving

Featured Speaker
Ruth Cole
Program Coordinator
Oklahoma Autism Center's Early Foundations Model Site,
Oklahoma City

Friday, April 12, 2024
11:30 a.m. | NOC Enid |
GU100, Gantz Student Union

All NOC students, faculty, and staff, as well as the general public are invited to attend.

Live Streamed on the NOC website



NOC LIVESTREAM

<https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>

NOC Criminal Justice wins at Dallas Competition

Troy Cochran, Director of Criminal Justice Program and Samantha Mears, NOC Alumni both attended the 2024 National Conference and Competition of the American Criminal Justice Association March 17-22 in Grapevine, Texas, and Southlake, Texas.

Both serve on the regional executive board. Cochran is the regional vice-president and Mears is the regional secretary. In addition to coordinating and overseeing the event, both were able to find the time to compete in the competitions. Competitions include, physical agility, firearms, knowledge exams and crime scene investigation.

Mears earned six first place trophies in the Upper undergraduate level.

"I couldn't be prouder of Samantha, she honors and brings great credit upon herself, NOC, Region 2 and the State of Oklahoma," Cochran said.

Mears won the following divisions Criminal Law Upper Division, Corrections Upper Division, Homeland & National Security Upper Division, Police Management Upper Division, Juvenile Justice Upper Division, and Forensic Psychology Upper Division.

Cochran earned second place in the Criminal Law Pro Division, Homeland & National Security Pro Division, Police Management and third place in Juvenile Justice Pro Division, Corrections Pro Division, and Forensic Psychology Pro Division.

Cochran was also elected National President at the annual business meeting. He currently serves locally as advisor to Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter at Northern Oklahoma College as well



NOC Criminal Justice Instructor Troy Cochran (left) and program graduate Samantha Mears earned honors at the American Criminal Justice National Conference.

as the Region 2 Vice-President. He has already implemented new changes to the national organization and helping to bring this historic organization to the 21st century.

"I am honored to have been elected to this position and with the support of the executive board will preserve the traditions of the organization while also implementing innovative changes in key areas to stabilize and improve upon my predecessors work," Cochran said.

The American Criminal Justice Association is a 501(c)7 tax-exempt organization devoted to expanding professionalism and education in all areas of the criminal justice field.

For more information, please visit www.acjlae.org.

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Save the Date

NOC Alumni & Friends
BALLPARK SOCIAL
Tuesday,
April 16, 2024

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

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

Questions? Contact Kayla Wooderson
kayla.wooderson@noc.edu
580.628.6473

OSU COWBOYS
vs. Dallas Baptist
6:00 pm | O'Brate Stadium
103 N. Bellis Street | Stillwater, OK

Enid hosting Awareness Acceptance Appreciation event April 12

NOC Enid is hosting an Awareness Acceptance Appreciation program as part of National Autism Awareness Month Friday, April 12, at 11:30 p.m. inside the Gantz Center.

The speaker is Ruth Cole, Program Coordinator of the Oklahoma Autism Center's Early Foundations Model Site in Oklahoma City.

All NOC students, faculty, and staff as well as the general public are invited.

The event will be live streamed on the NOC Website.

The event is sponsored by the NOC Diversity Committee, Dr. Mary Ann McCoy – Chairman.



Ruth Cole

Hispanic Club meeting in Enid April 8

Viva la Raza! The next Hispanic Heritage Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024 at 12:30 p.m., Harmon Science, Room 103 at NOC Enid.

The agenda includes; club t-shirts, Cinco de Mayo, our Community Service Project with Loaves and Fishes, and making nominations for and electing new club officers. Current club member and those interested in joining, are invited to attend.

NOC, OSU celebrate Gateway Program's 20th Anniversary April 18 in Stillwater

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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Wednesday, April 17

10 am - 1 pm

Gantz Student Center, Montgomery Hall

NOC Calendar

April 6

Livestock Judging Contest, Ag Barn, 8 a.m., Tonkawa
 Fine Arts Auditions, KPAC, 10 a.m., Tonkawa
 Away Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Home Mavs Baseball vs. Redlands, noon/2 p.m.
 Away Jets Softball vs. Connors, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Alumni & Friends Reunion, Renfro Center, 4:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 8

OBI Blood Drive, Student Union, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tonkawa
 Home Jets Baseball vs. NWOSU JV, 10:30 a.m./12:30 p.m.
 Solar Eclipse Program, Mackie Planetarium, 11 a.m., Enid
 Viva la Raza, Hispanic Heritage Club Meeting, Harmon 103, 12:30 p.m., Enid

April 9

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 Home Mavs Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 1 p.m.
 Bubble Soccer, 7:30 p.m., Enid

April 10

Career Day, CEC, 10 .m. - 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
 The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
 The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 11

Away Jets Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m.
 Away Jets Softball vs. Rose State, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Away Mavs Softball vs. Connors, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
 Income Tax Preparation, CEC, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tonkawa

April 12

Final Day to Withdraw from 16-Week Without Evaluation
 Awareness Acceptance Appreciation Program, Gantz 100, 11:30 a.m., Enid
 Home Mavs Baseball vs. Murray, noon

April 13

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

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

Save the Date

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, Reception with Brief Program at 3:30 pm

Students, Faculty, Staff and Public are Cordially Invited