

# What's Happening

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## NOC celebrates 25 years at Enid

Northern Oklahoma College celebrated 25 years at the Enid Campus Wednesday afternoon with a cookout on the lawn in the center of campus.

"This event recognizes a long-standing partnership in our Enid area community between our outstanding community leaders and other educational partners who believe in the

mission of Northern Oklahoma College," said NOC President Diana Morris Watkins. "While the acquisition of Phillips University predates my time at NOC, I am familiar with and grateful for the efforts that many exerted to find a home for NOC in Enid."

She then provided NOC's history at Enid.

"To purchase the Phillips University campus,

NOC formed a partnership with the Enid Economic Development Authority and submitted a bid of \$5.3 million in April 1999. Of that total amount, NOC provided \$3.8 million toward the transaction while the Enid Economic Development Authority provided \$1.5 million for the Phillips University assets and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education provid-

ed an additional \$800,000."

"Community leaders along with City of Enid administrators and elected officials saw the need for access to affordable public higher education options and were proactive seeking out Northern Oklahoma College to fill a gap," she

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NOC Enid Faculty and Staff celebrated NOC's 25th Anniversary at Enid on Wednesday afternoon. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



NOC Enid 25-Year Employees Pictured (L-R): Jerry Hawkins, Dr. Paul Bowers, Paul Lester, Gene Long, Jackie Melson, DeLisa Ging. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



# 25 Years

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added. “Since 1988 when NOC first started offering classes at various locations around the city, over 15,500 students have taken coursework at Northern Oklahoma College Enid.”

“I would like to thank the City of Enid Administration and our elected officials for not only helping us get started but also continuing to collaborate with a focus on providing higher education opportunities in Enid and Northwest Oklahoma. The work of all those involved in the process of creating NOC Enid has resulted in great dividends for Garfield County as NOC continues to grow and provide Life Changing experiences for students while they complete their first two years of college and earn asso-

ciates degrees. In fact, I’m happy to report that under the leadership of Vice President Hise we are experiencing the third consecutive year of enrollment growth here at NOC Enid.”

Also in attendance were NOC President Emeritus’ Dr. Cheryl Evans and Dr. Joe Kinzer as well as current and former Northern Oklahoma College regents.

NOC faculty and staff were recognized including employees who were employed at NOC when the campus was purchased in 1999.

Other speakers included NOC Enid Vice President Jeremy Hise, NOC Board of Regent Chair Jason Turnbow and NOC Enid President’s Leadership Council student Ella Mitchell.



A nice crowd attended the NOC Enid 25th Anniversary Celebration Wednesday afternoon. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



Donor with the most **(blood)**.



## Northern Oklahoma College Enid Campus Blood Drive

**Tuesday, October 1**  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
*Gantz Center Ballroom*

*Earn community service hours  
for donating!*



**Scan to schedule  
your appointment!**



Donors get a  
glow-in-the-dark  
**PEOPLEJUICE**  
T-shirt!\*

 **Our Blood Institute** 877-340-8777 • obi.org  
Photo ID required. \*While supplies last.



# NOC reports enrollment increase

Northern Oklahoma College reported an increase in enrollment for Fall 2024 at the September Board of Regents meeting held Wednesday at NOC Enid.

The preliminary enrollment report stated at NOC has 3,126 students, an institution wide increase of 41 students. Concurrent enrollment is also up with 567 high school students taking courses at NOC, a 14% increase over last year.

NOC is also up 5% in credit hour production over Fall 2024.

The regents also approved a re-design of the school's website for the institution choosing Cave Interactive Media. The selection was made after a campus ad-hoc committee investigated three vendor finalists who submitted bids. Cave Interactive Media is the current website host for NOC since 2020 but was not the designer of the school's current site. The estimated launch of the new site is targeted for March 2025.

The financial report, provided by Vice President for Academic Affairs Anita Simpson was approved as well as the monthly purchases and monthly allocations.

Monthly purchases included NOC's Learning Management System Annual Review (Blackboard) at a cost of \$48, 715.00, Sheep Center pick-up truck at a cost of \$55,518.00, Kinzer Performing Arts Center Roof Replacement at a cost of \$164,700.00, and an upgrade of security cameras at NOC Enid at a cost of \$49,504.82. The security update, from deferred maintenance dollars provided by the Oklahoma State Legislature, would provide approximately 50 cameras.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr.

Shelly Mencacci reported that NOC received \$140,118.00 in additional money through the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI) Grant. The funding will be used to support three activities that will be woven into existing NASNTI objectives: leveraging texting services to strengthen student services; career and transfer coaching for students, faculty & staff; and resources for industry-standard instruction in Precision Agriculture.

Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder reported that NOC partnering with the City of Enid, David Allen Memorial Ballpark and Enid Public Schools have kicked off a the "All In Together" fundraising campaign to raise \$1.8 million for the renovation of Failing Field, the baseball field on the NOC Enid Campus. The upgraded facility would be used by NOC, Enid Public Schools, other area summer youth baseball and softball leagues and the City of Enid.

Jeremy Hise, Vice President for NOC Enid, reported that surveys on the OSU-TSET Pond Reclamation Project are completed and the majority of the surveys desire a walking trail and picnic area near the pond on the south part of the NOC Enid campus. NOC will apply for a grant to provide funding for improvements to the area this year.

Vice President for NOC Stillwater Dr. Marsh Howard reported that Stillwater students held a voter registration booth on Constitution Day with 20 students participating.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 16 in the President's Large Conference Room at NOC Tonkawa at 2 p.m.

**NOC ENID**  
**PLANETARIUM**  
**SHOW**  
*First Tuesday of Every Month*



**Tuesday,**  
**October 1, 2024 | 7 pm**  
**Mackie Planetarium**  
**Free Admission**  
*[Donated non-perishable food items accepted]*

 Life changing.





NOC Enid hosted Professional Day for nursing and pre-engineering students at Montgomery Hall. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

# NOC Enid hosts Professional Day

Northern Oklahoma College Enid, Stillwater, and Tonkawa students attended a Nursing/Pre-Engineering Day at NOC Enid's Gantz Center in early September.

The professional day was led by Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Division Chair for Engineering, Physical Sciences & Process Technology and Dr. Nikole Hicks, Division Chair for Nursing.

Twenty-eight students attended the day long event, 18 from the nursing program and 10 from pre-engineering.

The professional day had three sections including Building a Success Plan, Building a Resume, and How to Incorporate Experience Outside the Classroom. The students also participated in group activities.

Northern Nursing students participated in afternoon sessions to learn resume preparation and interview tips from Cassandra Marlar, HR Strategy Manager at INTEGRIS Health and Terri Hummel, Nurse Recruiter at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

According to Dr. Hicks, "Northern Nursing is honored to be able to work with industry experts to assist our students in preparing for successful entry into the workplace."


Dr. Wood-Black said, "Northern Oklahoma College provides this opportunity to our students headed toward professional occupations to help them identify opportunities where they can develop the particular skills that will set them apart from other applicants. It is important to show the students how to what opportunities there are here at Northern and what connections they can make during their time here."

Dr. Hicks added, "This workshop exposes students to the idea that they are building a portfolio to prepare themselves for the next phase in their careers, whether academic or workplace. They can then be more intentional during their time at Northern Oklahoma College about taking advantage of opportunities to enhance their

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NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF FINE ARTS  
*presents*

PRIDE & Prejudice



by Kate Hamill  
based on the novel  
by Jane Austen

directed by  
Emily Rose Parman

October 3-6, 2024

Thursday - Saturday, 7:30pm | Sunday, 2:00pm

Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

Pride and Prejudice is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York



# Professional Day

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portfolios.”

NOC President Diana Morris Watkins added, “I’m so pleased with the work Dr. Wood-Black, Dr. Hicks and their teams have done to hold this excellent professional development opportunity for our students as we seek to prepare them to become valuable members of Oklahoma’s workforce.”

The group also met in pairs where they had a few minutes to learn about one other student and then had to introduce that other student they just met to the entire group.

Dr. Wood-Black explained why she asked the students to do this exercise.

“This is how you network by meeting people you didn’t know and learning their goals and aspirations,” she said. “It is so important to learn those networking skills as you build a career. Knowing the skills is important but it is not enough.”

Students also had professional photographs taken for use with resumes.



Students network at Professional Day in Enid

# Planetarium Show Oct. 1

The next planetarium show at Northern Oklahoma College Enid will be Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Mackie Planetarium.

Director Fritz Osell will show the evening sky over Enid during the fall followed by a cartoon about constellations. The feature show will be about “time.”

There is no charge for the presentation, but donations of non-perishable food items for Our Daily Bread are accepted.

# Enid bookstore hours listed

The following are the NOC Enid Bookstore hours.

Friday, Sept. 27 – Closed

Monday, Sept. 30 - Wednesday, Oct. 2, normal hours of 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 3 - Friday, Oct 4 -- Closed



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**NOC TONKAWA**  
**Wednesday,**  
**October 2**  
**Renfro Center**

**NOC ENID**  
**Thursday, October 3**  
**Gantz Student Center**  
**Montgomery Hall**

SCAN TO REGISTER



**Register Online by Friday, September 27**  
<https://noc.tfaforms.net/217785>  
(or scan code)

**Check-In 8:30 am**  
**Workshop 9-11:30 am**

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ENID	Raychel Harves 580.548.2353 or <a href="mailto:raychel.harves@noc.edu">raychel.harves@noc.edu</a>





# Pride & Prejudice starts Oct. 3

This upcoming October, *Pride and Prejudice* production will be showcased at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, October 3-6, 2024, Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Northern Oklahoma College's Division of Fine Arts is pleased to bring life and love back to the stage again by presenting *Pride and Prejudice* by Kate Hamill, based on the novel by Jane Austen, and directed by Emily Rose Parman.

*Pride and Prejudice* is presented by special arrangements with Dramatists Play Services, Inc. New York. NOC and the Division of Fine Arts is excited to open its doors and welcome everyone to their show.

# Enid Blood Drive set for Oct. 1

NOC Enid is hosting an OBI Blood Drive on Tuesday, Oct. 1 in the Gantz Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Students can earn community service hours for donating. Scan the QR Code on Page 2 to schedule an appointment.

## NOC September/October Birthdays



Shelly Mancacci	Sept. 29	Amanda Horton	Oct. 18
Tracy McCune	Oct. 3	Alyce Webb	Oct. 22
Kyle Smith	Oct. 4	Tammy Davis	Oct. 24
Jayne Elam	Oct. 4	Gene Mayo	Oct. 27
Steven Kissel	Oct. 5	Wendy O'Neill	Oct. 27
Tony Coleman	Oct. 10	Shiloh Martin	Oct. 27
Cesar Zepeda	Oct. 14	Courtney Miller	Oct. 28
Jalana Cloud	Oct. 15	Vickie Crouch	Oct. 28
Melisa Cottle	Oct. 16	Eddie Dixon	Oct. 29
Tricia Moore	Oct. 17	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30
Lori Erasmus	Oct. 17		

# Northern Encounter

## Fall 2024

A day for high school juniors, seniors and their parents to get an up-close look at what Northern has to offer.

### FREE T-Shirt & Door Prizes

Including Tuition Waivers

All Sessions  
9:00-11:00 am

Discover Programs, Services, Clubs and Organizations

**Pre-Register Online Now:**  
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*or scan code*

Take a Campus Tour  
Meet Faculty and Students

**ENID**  
**October 9**  
Gantz Student Center  
Raychel Harves  
580.548.2353

**TONKAWA**  
**October 23**  
Renfro Center  
Trystan Berry  
580.628.6668

**STILLWATER**  
**October 30**  
NOC Stillwater Building  
Janet Jarvis  
580.628.6904

Life changing.



# Fall Lectureship tickets on sale

Famed author Dr. Elliot Engel reveals the life of L. Frank Baum and the reasons for the enduring and endearing fame of his “Wonderful Wizard of Oz,” at Northern Oklahoma College on Tuesday, Oct. 22, as part of the Fall 2024 Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

Using anecdotes, analysis, and large doses of humor, Professor Engel brings to life this most fascinating of fairy-tale writers.

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

Tickets are now available at the NOC Development Office at 580.628.6214.

Originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, Dr. Elliot Engel now lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he has taught at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, and Duke University. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at UCLA. While at UCLA he won that university's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Dr. Engel has written ten books published in England, Japan, Turkey, and the United States. His mini-lecture series on Charles Dickens ran on PBS television stations around the country. His articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and national magazines including Newsweek. He has lectured throughout the United States and on all the continents including Antarctica. Four plays which he has written have been produced during the last ten years. In 2009, he was inducted into the Royal Society of Arts in England for his academic work and service in promoting Charles Dickens.

For his scholarship and teaching, Dr. Engel has received North Carolina's Adult Education Award, North Carolina State's Alumni Profes-

sorship, and the Victorian Society's Award of Merit. Most recently, he was named Tar Heel of the Week for his thirty years of delivering public programs in the humanities and sponsoring state and national literary contests for high school students.

Since 1980, Dr. Engel has been President of the Dickens Fellowship of North Carolina, the largest branch of this worldwide network of clubs. The sales of Dr. Engel's books, CDs, and DVDs have raised funds for The Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital which Dickens helped found in London in 1852.

Professor Engel continues to teach outside the classroom and give literary and historical programs throughout the world. He also presents assemblies at elementary, middle, and high schools, and his educational CDs & DVDs are used in classrooms around the country. In his spare time, he likes to imagine all the impressive hobbies and leisure pursuits he could mention here --- if he ever actually would find enough spare time to indulge in them.

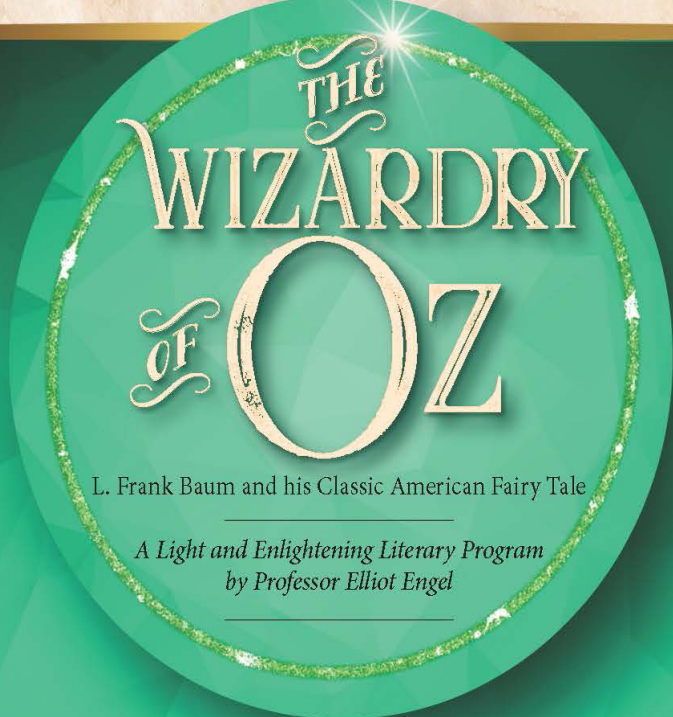
A reserved table with seating for eight may be purchased for \$500, which includes dinner in the Renfro Center and Engel's lecture. Individual tickets are on sale for \$25 each.

Seats are available at no charge for the lecture which will be livestreamed into the Renfro Center classrooms at NOC.

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.

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE  
*Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program Presents*



THE  
WIZARDRY  
OF OZ

L. Frank Baum and his Classic American Fairy Tale

*A Light and Enlightening Literary Program  
by Professor Elliot Engel*

**Tuesday | October 22, 2024 | 6:30 pm**  
 Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa  
 (Doors open at 6:10 pm)

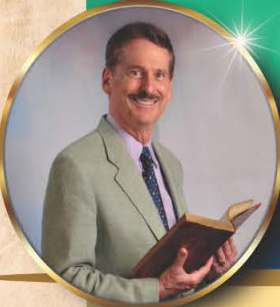
**Dinner and Lectureship**  
 Individual Tickets \$25/person | Reserved Table of Eight/\$500  
(All Tickets are Non-Refundable)

Ticket sales begin at on **Tuesday, September 24 at 9 am** at the  
**NOC Development Office** located inside the Vineyard Library-Administration Building  
 or by calling **580.628.6214**.

*Overflow tickets are available at no charge for the lecture only,  
 which will be live-streamed in the Renfro Center Classrooms.*

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 Northern Oklahoma College, and the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation.





# Hispanic Heritage Month



The Viva La Raza Hispanic Heritage Club in Enid created this display in the Harmon Science Building for Hispanic Heritage Month.

*The Hispanic Heritage Club is hosting a Taco Sale on Tuesday, Oct. 8 in the Zollars Lobby from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The cost is \$2 each and is a fund raiser for the Viva La Raza.*





# NOC Calendar

## Sept. 28

Away Jets Softball vs. Southern Nazarene, TBA

## Sept. 29

Away Men's and Women's Soccer vs. NEO, 3 p.m./5 p.m.

## Oct. 1

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

Away Men's and Soccer vs. Murray State, 1:30 p.m./3:30 p.m.

Rocket Team Kickoff Meeting, Crowder 103, 3 p.m., Tonkawa

Inflatable Putt-Putt, Gazebo, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tonkawa

Home Jets Baseball Intersquad Scrimmage, 6:30 p.m.

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

Planetarium Show, Mackie Planetarium, 7 p.m., Enid

## Oct. 2

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

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

Away Mavs Baseball at UCO Festival, TBA

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

## Oct. 3

Away Jets Baseball vs. Rose State at UCO, 10 a.m.

Away Jets Baseball vs. Ft. Scott (KS) at UCO, 2:30 p.m.

## Oct. 4

Faculty OCAC Conference

Final Day to Withdraw from E8 Courses without Evaluation

Away Mavs Softball at CBC Festival, TBA

Away Jets Softball vs. UCO, 2:30 p.m.

Home Men's Soccer vs. Randall, 4 p.m.

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

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