

What's Happening October 18, 2024

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New lease agreement saves NOC \$230,000

Northern Oklahoma College saved \$230,000 that 22 nursing students were presented their as part of a state Refunding of Oklahoma Development Finance Authority Master Real Property Lease Series Agreement.

The announcement came at the NOC Board of Regents Meeting Wednesday in Tonkawa.

The savings comes from changing the lease schedule for bonds sold to construct Mavericks Residence Hall in Tonkawa and Jets Residence Hall in Enid in 2014. The cost of the projects totaled \$10 million. The agreement for repayment of the bonds will be completed in 2034.

The financial report, presented by Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson, was approved by the regents.

In administrator updates, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Shelly Mancacci reported

white coats in a ceremony in Enid on Oct. 15. The white coats signify the beginning of their clinical studies with various medical facilities.

Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder reported that the College has commissioned Yatika Starr Fields, Native American painter and muralist, to create another mural in the Cultural Engagement Center in the Pickens Learning Commons of the Vineyard Library/Administration Building. Fields has already completed two large murals in the Learning Commons thanks to the generous private support from Hugh Pickens and the Pickens Museum.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington reported the final enroll-

ment numbers for Fall 2024. NOC is up 2% in head count and 6% in credit hours production. Jeremy Hise, Vice President for Enid, reported that Northern Encounter had an excellent turnout at their Oct. 9 event. The recruiting event for potential students and parents showcased the NOC Enid Campus. Future Northern Encounter events are set for Tonkawa (Oct. 23) and Stillwater (Oct. 30).

Vice President Simpson reported on health insurance rates for employees and also work on the Greenhouse at NOC Tonkawa through the NASNTI grant. The greenhouse is part of the Precision Agriculture Program.

Vice President for Stillwater Dr. Marsh Howard reported that NOC has been meeting with Oklahoma State University officials to continue to help redefine the partnership NOC has with OSU. He also said NOC will have a float in the OSU Homecoming Parade.

Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported the Criminal Justice Association won the Regional Conference and Competition Sweepstakes Championship in Texas in early October. The team is led by Criminal Justice Instructor Troy Cochran.

Dr. Mencacci also reported updates on NOC's Strategic Plan.

The November BOR meeting is set for Wednesday, Nov. 13 at NOC Enid inside the Gantz Center (James Room) at 2 p.m.

Twenty-two nurses receives white coats at Enid ceremony

The Northern Oklahoma College Division Jyllian Grant, Joley Harris, Chloe Johnson, of Nursing held a Fall White Coat Ceremony and Honor Society Induction Tuesday in NOC Enid's Montgomery Hall.

Students presented with their white coats include Marissa Aase, Alexander Brown, Jacquelyn Collins, Krystal Diaz, Ines Diaz-Lopez, Jamie Dickens, Grayce Downey, Yvonne Fuerte,

Katheryan Karrick, Tabitha Kirkley, Kristin Malget, Abigail Nightingale, Whitly Norris, Arlene Oxley, Karlie Parsons, Anahi Porras, Zarai Porras, Jessica Ryder, and Ashlynn Slusser.

The first White Coat Ceremony was created by Dr. Arnold P. Gold in 1993 to bring a focus on human caring back to the practice of medicine. The ceremony has expanded from medical schools to multiple healthcare disciplines, including nursing. During the ceremony, students are cloaked and recite the Division of Nursing Professionalism Pledge to acknowledge the importance of human caring and the need to keep patients at the center of that care. The cloaking ceremony symbolizes the passing

of the nursing profession to a future generation who have the responsibility to provide compassionate care with the most up-to-date evidence throughout their careers, leaving the profession better off when they leave than when they be-

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NOC Nursing Faculty, Staff, and Nursing Students at the Fall White Coat Ceremony

Nurses

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"The white coat ceremony honors nursing's traditions and acknowledges the equal contributions nurses at all levels make to humanistic caring healthcare practices," said NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks. "The placement of the ceremony for NOC nursing students marks their transition from the practice lab to patient care settings within our communities."

Northern Nursing continues its legacy of life changing innovation as the Theta Omicron chapter of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. Students are invited to provisional membership after successfully completing the first semester of the nursing program, earning a minimum of a B in every nursing class, and demonstrating high standards of professional

behavior. Full membership is granted during the final semester of the program to students who have maintained high grade standards and have demonstrated conduct on campus and in the clinical areas that reflects integrity and professionalism.

Ashley Engle and Brian Halpin were inducted as Full Members into the Theta Omicron Chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society. Sierra Aviles, Cody Birchfield, Kendall Chmielewski, and Jessica Waller are Provisional Members.

"Northern Nursing is proud to partner with the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society to recognize the achievements of our students and promote scholarship and academic excellence in nursing," said Dr. Nikole Hicks.





Saturday, October 19, 2024 10 am-1 pm

Walk-Ins Welcome



BASKETBALL BRUNCH

GANTZ STUDENT CENTER
MONTGOMERY HALL, 2498 E. MAINE AVE.
ENID, OK

Includes pancakes, meats, juice or coffee.

Kids under 8 years eat free.



Donations will also be taken at door.

\$10 per ticket or 2 for \$15

Please make checks payable to NOCF – Jets Basketball



The NOC Criminal Justice Team won the Regional Conference and Competition Sweepstakes Championship in Texas Oct. 10-12. Pictured (L-R): Gabriel Liggett, Avry Nailon, Samantha Mears, Geronimo Quilimaco, Ronald Haley, Yoselin Ramirez, Brian Fredricks, Troy Cochran (photo provided)

NOC Criminal Justice wins regional championship in Texas

The Northern Oklahoma College Crimithe American Criminal Justice Association at Northern Oklahoma College won the competition sweepstakes championship and at the Regional Competition at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (TX) Oct. 10-12.

Criminal Justice Instructor Troy Cochran, advisor to the student organization as well as Regional Vice-President and National President was proud of NOC's performance.

"We had limited time to prepare for this conference and students worked on their own time to study and practice crime scene investigations and firearms," he said. "To bring back the championship was quite a shock, we've been

close before but hadn't won this award since nal Justice Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter of 1992. They represented NOC and the State of Oklahoma very well."

> NOC Alumni and regional secretary Samantha Mears added, "Region 2's conference every year is a place for great company, insightful mentors, exciting competitions, and moments to remember. Delta Kappa Epsilon at NOC is proud to represent NOC and Oklahoma bringing home 27 medals and five trophies including the sweepstakes championship award."

> This trip was only possible with fundraising efforts, generous grants from the Presidential Partners Endowment Grants and the Masonic

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Regional

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through Northern Oklahoma College's Development & Community Relations Department.

Region 2 of the ACJA consists of 42 active chapters in six different states. The conference brings together college, university students and professionals in the field of criminal justice to improve criminal justice through educational activities and promote professional, academic Knowledge Lower Division and public awareness of criminal justice issues.

Regional Conference & Competition Sweepstakes Championship Trophy: Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) Northern Oklahoma College Academic Knowledge Exams

Samantha Mears (Alumni) -- 1st Place Corrections Pro Division, 2nd Place Criminal Law Pro Division, 2nd Place Police Management Pro Division, 3rd Place Juvenile Justice Pro Division

Geronimo Quilmaco (DKE President) -- 1st 30-April 4th, 2025. Place Criminal Law Lower Division, 1st Place Police Management Lower Division, 1st Place Police Management Lower Division, 3rd Place **Juvenile Justice Lower Division**

Gabriel Liggett -- Top Academic Trophy Winner, 2nd Place Corrections Lower Division, 2nd

Fraternity of Oklahoma Endowment Grants Place Juvenile Justice Lower Division, 3rd Place Police Management Lower Division, 3rd Place ACJA LAE Knowledge Lower Division

> Ronald Haley -- 1st Place Corrections Lower Division, 1st Place Juvenile Justice Lower Division, 2nd Place Criminal Law Lower Division, 2nd Place Police Management Lower Division

Yoselin Ramirez -- 2nd Place ACJA LAE

Crime Scene Investigation Teams Lower Division

Yoselin Ramirez, Geronimo Quilimaco, Brian Fredricks (1st Place Trophy), Avry Nailon (3rd Place Trophy), Gabriel Liggett, Ron Haley

Firearms Competition Team Lower Division Geronimo Quilimaco, Brian Fredricks (2nd Place Trophy), Ronald Haley

The next event is the National Conference & Competition in Long Beach California March

Please use the following link and select "Criminal Justice Program" to support our efforts on attending the National Conference and Competition in California.

https://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/

Spring Nursing deadline Oct. 31

The Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program is currently accepting applications for Spring 2025.

The deadline for applications is October 31.

Applicants must meet minimum program requirements for admission and be accepted to Northern Oklahoma College prior to acceptance in the Nursing Program. Applicants

are selected based on qualifications and space availability.

NOC has nursing programs at Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater locations.

Please call 580.628.6679 or apply at https:// www.noc.edu/academics/academic-divisions/nursing-division/adn-rn/.



Special events planned for wrestling duals on Oct. 31, Nov. 16

kick off the 2024 season with two duals, each the only wrestling coach in school history. with special events.

Wrestling Monster Mash Showdown, is set for Oct. 31 in Foster-Piper Fieldhouse against Trinidad State (CO) and will honor former wrestling coach and National Junior College Hall of Famer Bob Zweiacher along with NOC wrestling alums.

The dual is set to start at 5 p.m. with the recognition of Zweiacher and wrestling alumni following the women's dual. Honored guests will be hosted at a reception in the Harrison Room in Foster-Piper Fieldhouse.

Zweiacher started the wrestling program at

Enid 'Connecting with Public Art' set for Oct. 24

Northern Oklahoma College and the National Arts and Humanities are presenting "Connecting with Enid's Public Art" on Thursday, Oct.

The presentation, by local artist Kelly Tompkins, will be in the Gantz Center (Room 100) from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at NOC Enid.

Donations to Enid Street Outreach Service (SOS) will be accepted. There will be collection points around the Enid campus for donations. Samples of accepted items include gloves, snacks, peanut butter and jelly, hygiene items, laundry soap, and pet food.

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

The event will be live streamed on the NOC website.

Northern Oklahoma College wrestling will Northern Oklahoma College in 1968 and was

In NOC's very first year, the team compiled a The first dual of the season, the 'Maverick 10-1 record and finished eighth out of 64 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament. Between 1968 and 1983 when the program was dropped, his teams finished in the Top 10 of the NJCAA seven times, including four Top-Five finishes and compiled an overall record of 118-37-2.

> Five of his wrestlers won individual national titles, including Karl Lynes, a two-time junior college national champion who went on to become an All-American for Zweiacher's alma mater, Oklahoma State.

> Zweiacher placed second at the NCAA Division I wrestling tournament at 167 pounds for the Cowboys in 1964. He was a Big Eight champion and a four-time letterman for the Cow-

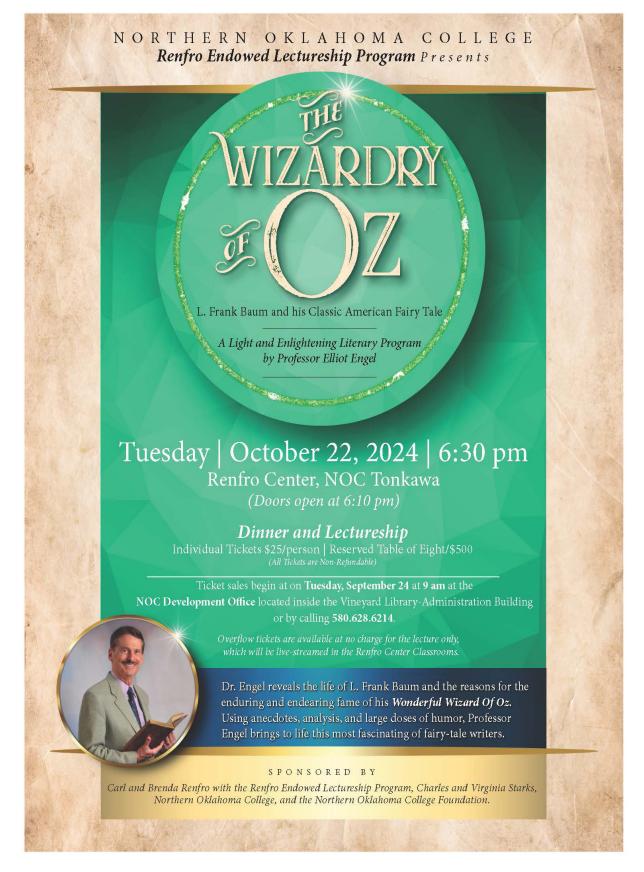
> In 1972, he was named National Junior College Athletic Association Coach of the Year and inducted into the National Junior College Hall of Fame in 1983.

> For his contributions to the development a new wrestling program, he was honored with the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2013.

> The second event will be the "Battle of Oklahoma" against Carl Albert State College on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.

> At the Nov. 16 dual, NOC will honor wrestling donors who helped re-establish the men's program and establish the women's program at

> The donor recognition will follow the women's dual. Honored guests will be hosted at a reception in the Harrison Room in Foster-Piper Fieldhouse.





NOC Mass Comm students attended the OETA Student Day last week. Pictured L-R: Carly Light, Caitlin Sang, Faith Oshiro, Breanna Moore-Cowin (photo provided)

Mass Communication students attend OETA/OAB Student Day

Northern Oklahoma College Mass Communication students attended the OETA/OAB Student Day Oct. 9 in Oklahoma City.

According to Mass Comm Instructor Dean Pearcy, students listened to discussion panels ranging from interviewing techniques, mental

health issues among news reporters, how to negotiate salaries, contracts, and employment opportunities and election news coverage.

They also participated in Q & A during each



Life changing.

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** NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

All Sessions 9:00-11:00 am

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ENID October 9

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TONKAWA October 23

Renfro Center **Trystan Berry** 580.628.6668

STILLWATER October 30

NOC Stillwater Building Janet Jarvis 580.628.6904

Life changing.

Lectureship set for Tuesday in Tonkawa

Famed author Dr. Elliot Engel reveals the life Charles and Virginia Starks, and Northern 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.

humor, Professor Engel brings to life this most fascinating of fairy-tale writers.

Renfro/Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program,

NOC Student Art of the Week



Leslee Richardson, Perry, OK (sophomore Art major)

"Arborvitae Vase" Stoneware with impressions, stain and glaze.

Oklahoma College/NOC Foundation. dinner will be held at the Renfro Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Engel has written ten books published in England, Japan, Turkey, and the United States. Using anecdotes, analysis, and large doses of His mini-lecture series on Charles Dickens ran on PBS television stations around the country. His articles have appeared in numerous The event is sponsored by the Carl and Brenda 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 Professorship, 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.

> 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.

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

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

Show Your Support for **Breast Cancer Warriors**



NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

NOC Distinguished Alumni nominations due Nov. 1

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2024 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 1, according to Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni & Community Relations.

NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion held in the spring. This is the 23rd year for the NOC Hall of Fame event.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, has been at www.noc.edu/alumni. established to recognize the achievements of

former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of NOC. This award is the highest honor that Northern bestows upon an outstanding alumnus/a. To view the past honorees, visit the website at Distinguished Selected honorees will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations | Northern Oklahoma College (noc.edu).

> Contact Wooderson at 580.628.6473, kayla. wooderson@noc.edu or visit the NOC website



NOC October Birthdays



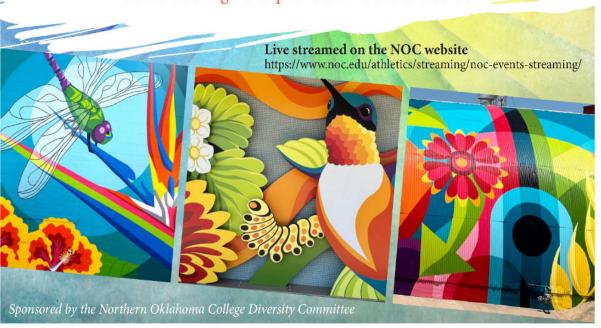
Amanda Horton	Oct. 18	Shiloh Martin	Oct. 27
Alyce Webb	Oct. 22	Courtney Miller	Oct. 28
Tammy Davis	Oct. 24	Vickie Crouch	Oct. 28
Gene Mayo	Oct. 27	Eddie Dixon	Oct. 29
Wendy O'Neill	Oct. 27	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30
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Thursday, October 24, 2024 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Northern Oklahoma College (Enid Campus) | Gantz Student Union, GU100

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



Nursing instructor nominated for March of Dimes award

Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Instructor Jonie Johnson has been nominated for the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year for clinical practice.

The honor will be awarded Thursday, Nov. 14, improving the 2024 at the Riverwind Casino Showplace Theatre, an awards gala will highlight the maternal and infant health profession, recognize all the Mrs. Johnson finalists, and announce the recipients of the is a role mod-2024 Nurse of the Year Awards.

This is an awards event and fundraiser that generations celebrates the healthcare community to recognize excellence and achievements in research, education, quality patient care, innovation and Nursing Divileadership. Each award will be presented to the sion Chair, Dr. most outstanding nurse or individual within Nikole Hicks. each of the selected categories.

Nursing faculty since 2021 and maintains active clinical practice in addition to her faculty role.

"We are proud of our faculty's contributions to health of our communities. el for future of NOC nurses," said NOC



Jonie Johnson

For 86 years, March of Dimes has worked to Johnson has been a member of the NOC improve the health of mothers and babies. The March of Dimes March continues to make a tremendous impact in the community through research, education, advocacy and outreach.

Human Trafficking event Oct. 30

The Commission on the Status of Women is partnering with the Northern College, Enid Campus to host a Community Conversation on Stop Human Trafficking. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Montgomery Hall, Gantz Center, located at 2200 East Maine Street, Enid, OK 73701. The \$150 billion a year industry, and Oklahoma is event is free and open to the public.

Oklahomans seek help from human trafficking situations. The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women is partnering with local communities to provide an educational initiative on

stopping human trafficking — a series of Community Conversations to Stop Human Trafficking at schools.

"Human trafficking is modern-day slavery," said Commission State Chair Brenda Jones Barwick. "It's a

not immune to it. Most human trafficking in Each year, an estimated several thousand Oklahoma is not happening by people passing through on highways, but by members in their circle of trust, such as family members, friends,

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WHEN

October 30, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Northern Oklahoma College Enid WHERE: **Montgomery Hall Gantz Center**

2200 East Maine Street, Enid, Oklahoma 73701

Think you know about human trafficking? Tell us what you know and scan the QR code to answer 4 quick questions.



SEE YOU THERE!







Trafficking

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or acquaintances, who entrap them into involuntary servitude through labor, sex, or drugs."

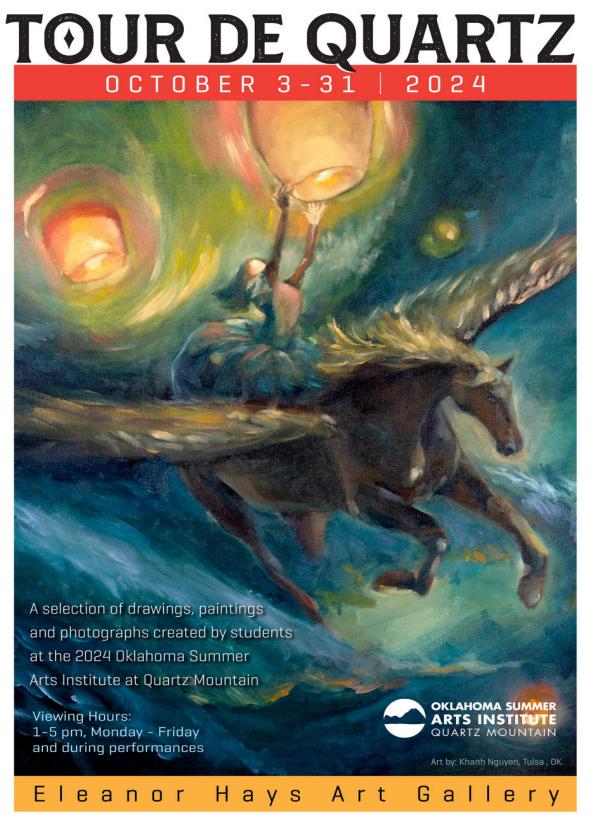
NOC President Diana Morris Watkins is pleased to partner with the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women on the event.

"I learned about the work being done by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women while conducting research for one of my doctoral courses, so when I was approached last spring by Adeline Yerkes, the co-chair of their

Anti-Human Trafficking Committee, about partnering for this event I was eager to take the idea to NOC's Executive Council," Watkins said. "We all agreed that bringing in programming to improve the safety and security of our campus communities is always a good idea. I'm grateful to our Dean of Students, Ryan Paul, and NOC Enid Vice President, Jeremy Hise, for doing the logistical work to make this happen."



NOC students Addison Polk, Kinzie Bell, and Megan Malloy attended the Oklahoma Student Government Association Retreat 2024. Renna Bowers (left) is the SGA sponsor. Rep. Trish Ranson (center) attended the event. (photo provided)



Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

NOC Calendar

Oct. 19

Away Mavs Baseball vs. UA-Pine Bluff, noon

Oct. 20

Away Lady Mavs Basketball at Mid-America Showcase in Lawrence (KS) Away Lady Jets Basketball at Mid-America Showcase in Lawrence (KS) Home Men's and Women's Soccer vs. Eastern, 3 p.m./5 p.m.

Oct. 21

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 2 p.m. Karaoke, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa Karaoke, Gantz Center, 7:30 p.m., Enid

Oct. 22

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Renfro Lectureship, Renfro Center, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

Oct. 23

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 Women's Soccer vs. Seminole, 2 p.m. Away Mavs Baseball vs. NWOSU, 2 p.m. Away Jets Baseball vs. Kansas Wesleyan, 2 p.m. Home Men's Soccer vs. USAO JV, 7 p.m. The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 24

Connecting with Enid's Public Art, Gantz Center 100, 11:30 a.m., Enid Home Mavs Baseball vs. DFW Post Grad, 1 p.m.
Away Jets Basketball vs. Southwestern, 3 p.m.
Away Jets Baseball vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 4 p.m.
Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. McPherson (KS), 5:30 p.m.
Home Men's and Women's Wrestling, Black/Red Scrimmage, 5 p.m.

Oct. 25

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Southern Nazarene, 1 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar

