

Dr. Elliot Engel dazzles crowd with 'Oz' anecdotes

Famed author Dr. Eliot Engel revealed 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 as part of the Fall 2024 Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

Dr. Engel used provocative anecdotes, analysis, and large doses of humor in bringing the "Wonderful Wizard of Oz" to life.

The event was sponsored by the Carl and Brenda Renfro/Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program, Charles and Virginia Starks, and Northern Oklahoma College/NOC Foundation.

Engel told many stories about Baum including his upbringing in Syracuse, New York, and how that led him to theatre and writing where he penned the "Wonderful Wizard of Oz." in 1900.

He explained that the story of Oz fairy tale came from Baum's storytelling to his children in their home in South Dakota where he created the story of Dorothy and her three friends who all needed something that in the end, she brought out in each one.

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 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.

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.



Dr. Elliot Engel with Carl and Brenda Renfro at the Fall Lectureship Tuesday night at NOC Tonkawa. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

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

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Halloween Spooktacular Oct. 30-31

The Northern Oklahoma College of Fine Arts presents the Halloween Spooktacular Cabaret Oct. 30-31.

The performances begin at 7:30 p.m. both nights in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

Next week's event features a collaboration of musical theatre, concert band, and jazz band.

The event is directed by NOC Fine Arts Division Chair Dr. Edward Dixon and Fine Arts Instructor Chad Anderson.

Admission is \$5, payable at the door. Wednesday is 'trick-or-treat' night, each child receives a trick-or-treat goody bag.

Engel

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mention here --- if he ever actually would find enough spare time to indulge in them.

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.



Life changing.

NOC October Birthdays



Gene Mayo	Oct. 27	Vickie Crouch	Oct. 28
Wendy O'Neill	Oct. 27	Eddie Dixon	Oct. 29
Shiloh Martin	Oct. 27	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30
Courtney Miller	Oct. 28		

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR CABARET

Wednesday-Thursday
October 30-31, 2024 | 7:30 pm

Featuring a collaboration of
Musical Theatre, Concert Band and Jazz Band
Directed by Dr. Edward Dixon and Chad Anderson
NOC Tonkawa | KPAC

Wednesday
is
KIDS' NIGHT
*Kids receive Trick-or-Treat
Goody Bags*

**Come in
Costume!**
*Prizes for the
best costumes*



NOC Students (L-R) Aniya Berry, Madysun Strasburger, and Kenneth McLaughlin along with advisor Dr. Frankie Wood-Black attended the AISES Conference in San Antonio Oct. 4-6.

NOC students attend 2024 AISES National Conference in Texas

Three Northern Oklahoma College students attended the Annual AISES National Conference in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 4-6.

The students, Aniya Berry, Madysun Strasburger, and Kenneth McLaughlin as well as their advisor Dr. Frankie Wood-Black attended the meeting as part of the NASA sponsored MAIANSE Grant “Exploring the Sun and night sky through the lens of the Skywatchers.”

During the meeting, students attended presentations from a variety of Federal agencies learning about the different science, research and job

opportunities that are available. Additionally, the students interacted with groups from across the United States and Canada learning about the other activities taking place in the various AISES Regions. AISES, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, is a national non-profit organization focused on substantially increasing the representation of Indigenous peoples of North America and the Pacific Islands in science, technology, engineering, and

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Northern Encounter

Fall 2024

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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
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Life changing.

Conference

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math studies and careers.

The annual conference showcases work performed by a variety of professionals and hosts numerous panel discussions about what it is like to work in various companies, government agencies, research organizations, and non-profits. Students and professionals can get support in developing resumes and discuss various career opportunities with individuals working within agencies and companies. Additionally, students and professionals can present the results of their own research work. The event culminates with an awards recognition dinner and powwow.

Aniya Berry summed up the experience “I can confidently say I went home with a vast amount of beneficial information. Whether it was knowledge of my major and future or navigating certain situations in one’s day-to-day life,

the AISES conference had it all.”

This was the first time that Dr. Wood-Black had attended this conference, and noted “this is an ideal conference for students wanting to see what career opportunities are available in science and engineering. The atmosphere was great, and all the students were able to discuss opportunities, career paths, and find supportive mentors. This is a conference where I will take students again as there is so much valuable information.”

Dr. Wood-Black indicated that membership in AISES is free for college students, and is working to form an AISES Chapter at Northern Oklahoma College. If you are interested in learning more about the NASA research going on at NOC, or interested in learning more about the opportunities that AISES provides, you can contact her at Frankie.WoodBlack@noc.edu.

Northern Encounter at Stillwater

Northern Oklahoma College Stillwater is hosting a Northern Encounter recruiting event on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the NOC Classroom Building.

There will be door prizes, free SWAG, campus tour, meetings with faculty/staff, and a drawing for tuition waivers.

Registration is from 8:45 a.m. – 9 a.m. with the event ending at 11 a.m. Students can register for Northern Encounter at www.noc.edu.

Anyone interested in more information can contact NOC’s Enrollment and Recruitment Office at 580.628.6910. The NOC Stillwater Classroom is at 615 N. Monroe.



Santos Figueroa presents at the Rural Renewal Symposium

A summer long research project culminated in a poster presentation at the 2024 Rural Renewal Symposium held at Lake Murry Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma Oct. 8-10.

Santos Figueroa, Rural Confluence Scholar, spent the summer researching how Grant County, Oklahoma, prepares to respond to issues related to a changing climate.

Figueroa, a pre-engineering/computer science major at Northern Oklahoma College, worked with community leaders, emergency responders, and local representatives to determine the current practices in Grant County.

This research is part of a comprehensive research program that involves Oklahoma State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Louisiana State University, National Drought Mitigation Center, Western Oklahoma College and Northern Oklahoma College.

The research group works with local communities to understand the particular challenges that these rural areas face. The work is supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF EPSCoR) Cooperative Agreement Number 2316366.



Santos Figueroa

NOC soccer playoffs start Wednesday

NOC soccer concludes the regular season with home matches against NEO Sunday at the Advance Soccer Complex in Enid at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The women's team (7-6-3) is currently in 4th place in Region 2 with a 7-5-3 record.

The men's team (10-7-1) is currently in 4th place with a 4-6-1 record in Region 2.

The Region 2 Playoffs are held in Enid at the

Advance Soccer Complex Oct. 31- Nov. 3.

Read more about Jets soccer at www.nocjets.com.



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Nursing achieves 100% test pass rate

Northern Oklahoma College nursing graduates have achieved 100% first time pass rate on the national registered nurse licensure exam for the second consecutive year.

On April 1, 2023, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing launched the Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) Examination, an enhanced version of its predecessor, the NCLEX.

Spring 2024 NOC graduates performed ahead of state and national averages on the Next Generation NCLEX-RN achieving a 100% first-time pass rate during the period of April 1-June 30. In comparison, the state pass rate was 90.73%, and the national pass rate was 92.71% for the same time period. NOC graduates achieved 100% first-time pass rate during 2023, surpassing the state pass rate of 87.48% and the national pass rate of 88.56%.

"NOC nursing faculty have worked diligently to implement changes to prepare students for

practice with improved clinical judgment and decision-making skills," said Dr. Nikole Hicks, Nursing Division Chair. "We are very proud of our graduates who are helping to fill a critical need for nurses in their communities."

The NOC associate degree nursing program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

"NOC has been dedicated to providing exceptional nurses for our communities for over 50 years, and NOC nurses are changing lives all over the world," Dr. Hicks said. "Come join us. Change lives. Be exceptional. Be an NOC Nurse."

The Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program is accepting applications for the Spring 2025 Semester (Oct. 31) and for the Fall 2025 Semester (March 31) at the Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater campuses.

Human trafficking panel 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, Oct. 30, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gantz Center.

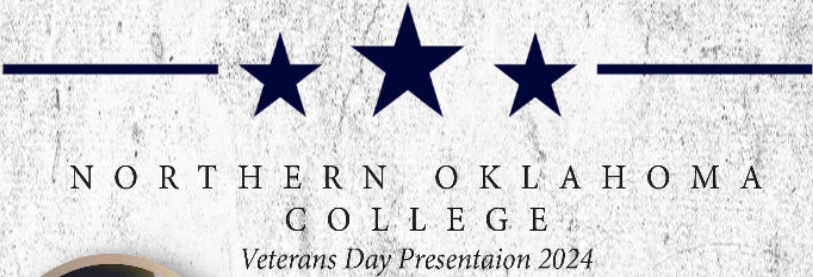
The event is open to the public.

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."

A panel of Oklahoma professionals and experts will provide a full spectrum of several aspects of human trafficking in Oklahoma. Panelists include non-profit organizations that are providing healing and recovery services and resources to people entrapped into human trafficking. The discussion will highlight tribal and ethnic groups whose populations have experienced a high level of people forced into involuntary slavery; and law enforcement and drug interdiction officers who have been trained to recognize the signs of a bondage situation.



A Legacy of Loyalty and Service



Guest Speaker
Jonathan Waddell,
*Flight Chief, Information Technology Function,
 Vance Air Force Base*

Monday, November 11, 2024

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
 Northern Oklahoma College (Enid Campus)
 Gantz Student Union, GU100

Live streamed on the NOC website:
<https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>

Sponsored by the Northern Oklahoma College Diversity Committee

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

Wrestling opens season Oct. 31

Northern Oklahoma College wrestling will kick off the 2024 season with two duals, each with special events.

The first dual of the season, the 'Maverick 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 Northern Oklahoma College in 1968 and was the only wrestling coach in school history.

In NOC's very first year, the team compiled a 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 Cowboys.

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 NOC.

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.

Basketball season starts Nov. 1

NOC Tonkawa and NOC Enid basketball starts their seasons Friday, Nov. 1.

The Mavs open the season Friday in the Cowley Classic against Independence (KS) at 3 p.m.

The Lady Mavs open the season at home against Hutchinson (KS) on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

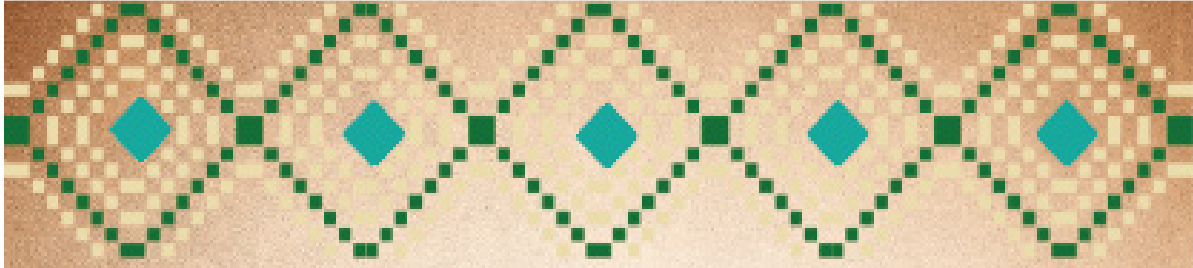
NOC Enid opens at home against Mid-America Christian JV Friday at 7 p.m.

The NOC Enid Lady Jets at Barclay (KS) College on Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

Read more about Jets at www.nocjets.com and the Mavs at www.nocmavs.com.




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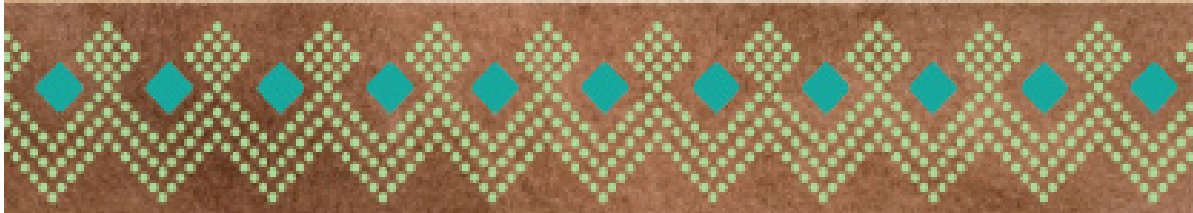


Presented by
T. L. Walker
*Executive Director, Standing Bear Museum and Education Center,
 Ponca City, OK*

November 20, 2024, 11:30 a.m.
Gantz Student, GU100, NOC Enid
 Live streamed on the NOC website
<https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>

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

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NOC Wrestling Scrimmage



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NOC Wrestling Scrimmage



NOC Calendar

Oct. 26

Home Mavs Softball Prospect Camp, TBA

Oct. 27

Home Mavs Softball Prospect Camp, TBA

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

Oct. 28

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 2 p.m.

Halloween Movie Night, Wilkin Hall, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Halloween Movie Night, Gantz Center, 7:30 p.m., Enid

Oct. 29

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

Advisory Board Meetings, Renfro Center, noon – 2 p.m., Tonkawa

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Coffeyville (KS), 1 p.m.

Home Jets Baseball World Series, 6:30 p.m.

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

Oct. 30

Northern Encounter, Classroom Building, 8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m., Stillwater

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

Home Jets Baseball World Series, 6:30 p.m.

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

Halloween Spooktacular Cabaret, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 31

Spring Nursing Application Deadline

NJCAA Region 2 Soccer Tournament, TBA

Home Men's and Women's Wrestling Monster Mash Showdown vs. Trinidad (CO), 5 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat Fair, College Circle, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Tonkawa

Home Jets Baseball World Series, 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Spooktacular Cabaret, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Nov. 1

NJCAA Region 2 Soccer Tournament, TBA

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

Away Mavs Basketball vs. Independence (KS) at Cowley College, 3 p.m.

Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Hutchinson (KS), 5:30 p.m.

Home Jets Basketball vs. Mid-America Christian, 7 p.m.

NOC Student Art of the Week

Leslee Richardson, Perry, OK (sophomore
Art major)

"Arborvitae Vase" Stoneware with impres-
sions, stain and glaze.

