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Happy Holidays

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In Your Corner



E.J. and Annie (fiancé)

Alumni Advisory Board Member Spotlight

E.J. TAYLOR

NOC Enid Alumnus

What makes NOC life-changing?

The relationships you create, the people you meet from all different parts of the world or country. You can share experiences and create new ones with those same people. You meet people that you can relate to.

What advice would you give new alumni and/or students?

I would give advice to students to get out of their comfort zone. Talk to people and get to know people.

In a few short sentences tell us about yourself.

This is my first year as an Alumni Advisory Board Member. I like to watch TV shows and movies and love watching sports. I also would like to think I am an outgoing and a relatable person.



"I help coach baseball at NOC Enid. If I am not doing that, I am hanging out with friends and family or my fiancé."



Legacy Birth Announcement

Welcome, Adreus!

Adreus Charles
Fannin

Born May 08, 2024
Enid, OK

Parents:

Josie, 2019 Alumna,
and Austin Fannin



"My favorite memory is having the opportunity to go to Ireland with Dr. Stinson to explore the beautiful and historical sites." - Josie Fannin

4 lbs, 2 oz
18" Long

If you are an NOC Alum and would like to share the news of your new bundle of joy, simply send birth announcement form located on the NOC Alumni website and all photos to Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations. Once form is complete and submitted, an NOC Alumni Legacy onesie will be sent to your address. Please take a picture of your precious bundle of joy in the onesie to include in the announcement.

**Fill out online form (scan code below) or email Kayla Wooderson:
alumni@noc.edu**



25-YEAR CELEBRATION OF NOC 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 provided 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 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.”

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.

Click the following link to view all photos from this event: <https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>

Enid 25 Year Employees



NOC Enid Employees





Faces *of* NOC Enid

"I'm forever grateful for the opportunity to attend NOC-Enid on a basketball scholarship. The relationships and development of the whole person built over my 2 years at NOC is the foundation for every opportunity I have been afforded over the past 20 plus years. I will never forget the memories of my college days which includes the privilege of participating on the first ever men's basketball team at NOC-Enid. NOC delivered on its mission to provide life changing experiences to develop this leader for our ever-changing world."

— Wayne Anderson
NOC 2003

Life changing.



Faces *of* NOC Enid

"We often reflect on our time at NOC. The memories made during those years will forever be cherished. However, they would mean nothing if it weren't for the people there with us. We are so very thankful for our teammates, coaches, friends, and faculty who invested in us along the way. Neither of us would've been successful without the "Faces" of NOC there to support us. NOC was family to us from the very beginning and continues to be. NOC not only provided us with the opportunity of furthering our education, but it gave us opportunities to be leaders at our school and serve the community through various programs. We are proud to be NOC graduates, and we are grateful for the lasting impact it has made on us and our family."

— Tanner Neely, Utility Forester,
Public Service Company of Oklahoma
NOC 2019

— Lauren Neely, Physician Assistant
NOC 2020

Life changing.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF JETS BASEBALL AND DAVID ALLEN MEMORIAL BALLPARK



Click the following link to view more photos from the event:
<https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>

NOC Enid hosted the 25th Anniversary of Jets Baseball at David Allen Memorial Ballpark



NOC Enid hosted the 25th Anniversary of Jets Baseball at David Allen Memorial Ballpark last Saturday.

The event commemorated the 25th anniversary of Jets baseball and David Allen Memorial Ballpark.

Activities included an alumni game of former Jet players and fireworks after the event, sponsored by Northern Oklahoma College and David Allen Memorial Ballpark.

Former Jets coach Raydon Leaton returned to Enid from Florida where he coaches Hillsborough Community College.

“Big thanks to NOC and the people who organized the 25th celebration,” Leaton said. “Everyone involved created lasting memories and enjoyed getting one more chance to play the game they love in front of their families. It’s always special when I see friends, former colleagues, and former players at an event like this.”

NOC Enid Vice President Jeremy Hise enjoyed the event at the Enid ballpark. “The quality of baseball that we get to watch here, and the level of play we have in our city is awesome,” he said. “The fact we get to do that is awesome, and I hope we don’t ever

take that for granted because it’s a great place to play baseball.” Jeremy Hise also stated, “This is family. The (alums) have given a lot to our program and I just love the fact that they’ll come back and be a part of it. But, this is awesome, having 25 years of guys coming back and having a good time with each other.”

The three national championship teams were recognized on Saturday, including Leaton and assistant coach Scott Mansfield for the NOC Enid baseball team that won the 2019 NJCAA Division II World Series.

Former Jets teams were also recognized for their NJCAA World Series tournament appearances. Ballpark groundskeeper Scott Pendleton was also recognized for his work at the ballpark.

Audio and video perspectives of the ballpark and Jets baseball were presented during the game with fireworks concluding the Saturday event.



Dr. Elliot Engel dazzles crowd with 'Wonderful Wizard of Oz'



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

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 the Oz fairy tale came from Baum’s storytelling to his children in their home in South Dakota. There, 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.

Click the following link to view more photos from the event: <https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>





First Generation. First Choice.

Northern Oklahoma College held its First Generation, First Choice Fundraising Campaign Nov. 7-8.

The campaign was designed to assist students who are first generation college students.

A total of \$9,690 was raised and those funds were matched by a \$20,000 donation by an anonymous donor for a total of \$29,960 for the campaign.

NOC also celebrated National First-Generation College Day at all three campuses with First Generation students receiving NOC Swag.

President Diana Morris Watkins spoke to students at the Tonkawa reception.



To view video testimonies and photos from the events, please click on the following link:
<https://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/firstgen>

NOC WRESTLING'S FIRST WRESTLING DUAL, MONSTER MASH, A BIG SUCCESS



Northern Oklahoma College Wrestling kicks off the 2024 season with The Mavericks Wrestling “Monster Mash Showdown”.

The first dual of the season was held October 31 in the Foster-Piper Fieldhouse against Trinidad State (CO) and honored former wrestling coach and National Junior College Hall of Famer, Bob Zweiacher, along with NOC wrestling alums.

The dual began at 5 p.m. with the women’s dual followed by the recognition of Zweiacher and wrestling alumni and then ending with the men’s dual. A hospitality room was available for honored guests in the Harrison Room in Foster-Piper Fieldhouse.

Zweiacher started the wrestling program at Northern Oklahoma College in 1968 and is the only wrestling coach in NOC’s 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 University.

Zweiacher placed second at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Tournament at 167 pounds for the OSU 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 of a new wrestling program, Zweiacher was honored with the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2013.





Northern Oklahoma College recognized wrestling donors and Wrestling Fundraising Committee members at the dual against Carl Albert on November 16, 2024.

The donors and committee members were instrumental in re-establishing the men's program and establishing the women's wrestling program.

NOC Vice President for Development & Community Relations and NOC Foundation Executive Director Sheri Snyder introduced the fundraising committee and donors that made the wrestling programs possible.

Committee members include wrestling alum Todd Glasgow, Regent Brad Fox, Regent Michael Martin, NOC Foundation Trustee and former regent Jodi Cline, NOC Foundation Trustee Brad Purdy, Wrestling alum and former foundation trustee Ken Bellmard, NOC President Diana Morris Watkins, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Foundation Treasurer Anita Simpson, Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson, Athletic Director Alan Foster, and Biological Science Instructor Dr. Kurt Campbell.

"We would like to take a moment to personally thank all those who have helped in our Fundraising Campaign, from volunteering your time, your service and your financial support," Snyder said. "Thanks to your generosity, we are here tonight with our first wrestling dual in over

40 years. I am pleased to announce that we raised nearly \$200,000 supporting the start-up goals. We are excited that there are so many generous individuals who are passionate about the sport of wrestling, and the student-athletes who will benefit from these new programs at NOC. The banner, which will be hung in the fieldhouse, represents the giving club levels of support with 79 individuals, families and businesses." NOC coaches Bryan Kenney and Jayden Miller then displayed the banner listing donors and committee members.

"It's wonderful to have the opportunity to recognize those responsible for making the dream of having wrestling at Northern a reality," said NOC President Diana Morris Watkins. "When the NOC Regents approved bringing back men's wrestling and introducing women's wrestling, it was with the caveat that external funds were used to start the programs, so without the support of the individuals and businesses listed on this banner, tonight's Battle of Oklahoma simply would not be happening."

Donors were also given signed wrestling posters to commemorate the event.



*If you wish to donate,
please contact the
Development Office
at 580.628.6292
or donate online:
[www.noc.edu/development/
foundation/give-online/](http://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/)*



**SCAN TO
GIVE
ONLINE**



Dear Alumni and Friends:

At the NOC Foundation, our focus is on enhancing students' life-changing experiences by providing scholarships, academic enrichment programs, funding for equipment, and seed money for innovative initiatives at all three distinct campus locations. No matter what path our students choose, we strive to make sure each and every one have the tools and resources necessary to prepare them for their future career endeavors.

Your generosity will help ensure that the nearly 4,000 students NOC serves every year, have access to the resources and support they need to be successful learners who go on to be productive earners in our communities.

As Executive Director of the NOC Foundation, my goal is to help create an environment where students can be successful and complete a college degree. As donors, you can join me, along with the Foundation Board, in this goal. Together, we can help NOC students start their path toward success with every advantage possible.

I hope you will consider supporting the NOC Foundation by giving in one of the easy ways which are explained on the enclosed donation card.

For more information, please visit our NOC Foundation webpage at noc.edu/development/foundation/.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Sheri Snyder
Executive Director

*Thank You
to All Our
Donors*



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Roundup Club----- \$100-\$249
Crimson Club ----- \$250-\$499
President's Club ----- \$500-\$999
Heritage Club ----- \$1000-\$4999
Major Club ----- \$5000-up



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SCHOLARSHIPS.**

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: NOC NAMES 2025 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND ANNOUNCES ALUMNI REUNION DATE



Marcus Chapman, Dineo Heilmann, and Marshall Reigh have been chosen as the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni for 2025.

The announcement was made by NOC Director of Alumni and Community Relations Kayla Wooderson. She stated, "On behalf of the Alumni Selection Committee, I'm excited to announce the 2025 Inductees and look forward to planning the Alumni Reunion activities."

Chapman, NOC Class of 2002 and former Jet baseball player, is the Superintendent at Chisholm Public Schools. He resides in Enid, Oklahoma.

Heilmann, NOC Class of 1982 and NOC Faculty Emeritus as well as Former NOC Roustabouts Director is retired and currently lives in Red Rock, Oklahoma. He taught at NOC 31 years.

Reigh, NOC Class of 1999, is the Grant County Game Warden. He resides in Medford, Oklahoma. He was recently named Oklahoma Game Warden of the Year.

The banquet will be held Saturday, March 29 at the Renfro Center. More event details will be announced in the new year.

The award recognizes the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of college.

A complete listing of Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award recipients is located on the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni. More information about the 2025 inductees along with event tickets will be available in February.

For more information, please contact the alumni relations office at kayla.wooderson@noc.edu or 580.628.6473.

Call (580) 628-6200 for more information about Northern Oklahoma College or visit www.noc.edu.

ATTENTION NOC ALUMNI!

You are invited to participate in the

NOC MAVERICK HOMECOMING 2024-25

THAT'S NO BULL REVUE

SKIT CONTEST



**Tuesday,
February 4, 2025 | 8 pm
Wilkin Auditorium
NOC Tonkawa**

Three-to-five-minute skit will be judged on
creativity and school spirit.

DEADLINE TO CONFIRM PARTICIPATION

Friday, January 17, 2025

For more information, contact Kayla Wooderson
kayla.wooderson@noc.edu | 580.628.6473

Northern Spotted in the Community



Cherokee Strip and Veterans Day Parades





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Oklahoma College



*With our sincere
appreciation for your
support, warmest
greetings for the holiday
season and peace and
happiness throughout
the new year,*

**Northern Oklahoma College
Foundation and Alumni.**

Diana Marsholt

Kayla Woodson

Sheri Snyder

Kerri Gray

Candy Oller

Anto Simpson

Melisa Cottle

Rachel Love

Ciera Kirby

Samantha Lee

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

DECEMBER

- 3 Giving Tuesday
- 4 Holiday Concert
Bivins Chapel, Enid 7 pm
- 5 Tonkawa Holiday Parade
- 8 Band, Choir, Madrigals
Concert KPAC
NOC Tonkawa 2 pm
- 11 Yatika Starr Fields
Artist Reception and Mural Dedication
Cultural Engagement Center
NOC Tonkawa 3:00 - 4:30 pm

JANUARY

- 14 Presidential Invetiture
KPAC, NOC Tonkawa 3:00 pm

FEBRUARY

- 4 That's No Bull Revue
Wilkin Auditorium
NOC Tonkawa 8 pm

- 5 Homecoming Roustabouts Show
KPAC, NOC Tonkawa 7:30 pm
- 6 Mavericks Homecoming Basketball
Games NOC Tonkawa 5:30 pm / 7:30 pm
- 10 Stillwater Thank-A-Thon
- 11 Tonkawa Thank-A-Thon
- 12 Enid Thank-A-Thon
- 13 Jets Homecoming Basketball Games
NOC Enid 5:30pm/ 7:30 pm

MARCH

- 4 Planetarium Show
Enid 7 pm
- 6-9 Spring Musical - Rock of Ages
KPAC, NOC Tonkawa 7:30 pm
- 10 NOCF Annual Donor
Recognition Event
Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa
- 29 NOC Alumni & Friends
Reunion/Hall of Fame Induction
Ceremony
Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa

APRIL

- 1 Planetarium Show
Enid 7 pm
- 12 Roustabouts Benefit Show
KPAC, Tonkawa 7:30 pm

MAY

- 2 The Gathering Ag Event
Agriculture Event (Tentative)
- 2 Nurses Pinning
Tonkawa 7 pm
- 3 Commencement
Tonkawa 9:30 am
Enid/Stillwater 2:30 pm

NOC Alumni Association



By joining the NOC Alumni Association as a Lifetime Member, you will receive an NOC Customized Swag Box.

A portion of your dues will go to an Alumni Legacy Scholarship which will be available to those children and grandchildren of NOC graduates who are current members of the Association. The other portion of the money will go to fund our alumni events.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Joint

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

- \$200 Individual
- \$300 Joint

For more information on Membership Benefits or Online Payment
click on the following link:

<https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/noc-alumni-and-friends-membership/>



How to Get Involved

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized under IRS 501(c)(3), and receives and manages private gifts on behalf of the College. There are a wide range of gift opportunities at Northern.

Wherever your interests lie, there is a place for you to contribute and make a difference. We encourage you to check out our website at <http://www.noc.edu/foundation/> to view the donor wish list. Development staff are available to assist you with information.

We look forward to another exciting year of being part of Northern's family as well as working together with you to promote NOC, its programs and students. We encourage you to get involved!

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