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# What's Happening February 14, 2025

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# Hylton, Thomas named NOC Enid king/queen

NOC Enid Homecoming King and Queen for 2025.

Hylton is a sophomore from Mustang, Oklahoma, majoring in Criminal Justice. He represented NOC Enid Baseball.

Nursing major. Thomas represented NOC Enid Baseball, Student Government, and Baptist College Ministry.

following:

Ivan Hernandez and Madeline Soma reprenight at the Mabee Center.

Graham Hylton and Jenna Thomas are the sented the Hispanic Heritage Club. Hernandez is a Pre-Medicine major from Enid High School. Soma is also an Enid High School graduate and is an Arts & Science major.

The final pair represented President's Leadership Council. They include Michael Donald-Thomas is from Arnett, Oklahoma, and is a son and Ella Mitchell. Donaldson is a Computer Science major from Enid. He is involved in PLC, Math Club and Student Government. Mitchell, from Covington, Oklahoma, is in-Other king and queen candidates included the volved in PLC, Math Club, and the Movie Club.

The king and queen were crowned Thursday

### NOC to honor three distinguished alums in Tonkawa March 29

Northern Oklahoma College alumni Marcus Chapman, Dineo Heilmann, and Marshall Reigh will be inducted into the NOC Dis-NOC Tonkawa.

The three inductees will be honored in ceremonies during the NOC Alumni and Friends Reunion Dinner in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

The public is invited to the event and all NOC tinguished Alumni Hall of Fame March 29 at Alumni and Friends of the college are encouraged to attend, according to Kayla Wooderson,

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NOC Enid Homecoming Queen Jenna Thomas, NOC Enid Homecoming King Graham Hylton, and NOC President Diana Morris Watkins (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



The NOC Enid Homecing Court (L-R): Michael Donaldson, Queen Jenna Thomas, King Graham Hylton, Madeline Soma, Ivan Hernandez. Not pictured: Ella Mitchell (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

### February Faculty/Staff Birthdays

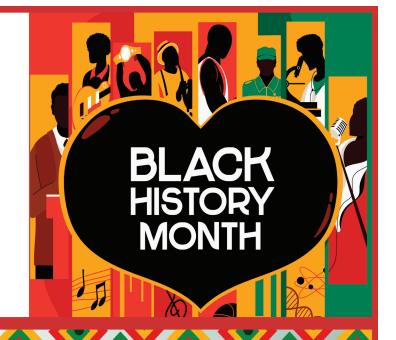


Lauren Kennedy	Feb. 14	Jimmy Dickinson	Feb. 24
Lynn Demuth	Feb. 16	Jeremy Hise	Feb. 24
Cooper Battisti	Feb. 20	Tony Barnes	Feb. 25
Bradley Klump	Feb. 20	Jonie Johnson	Feb. 28
Audra Biggs	Feb. 23	Harley Morton	Feb. 28

Please Join Us For A

### Soul Food Luncheon

**AND** BLACK HISTORY **PROGRAM** 





Guest Speaker **Derwin Norwood** 

Ward Two Commissioner City of Enid



All NOC Students, Faculty and Staff, and the general public are invited to attend.

Free Lunch Serving Down Home Soul Food and Free Presentation.



FEBRUARY 20, 2025, 11:30 am

Montgomery Hall, Gantz Center | NOC Enid

Livestream:

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



### Distinguished

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Director of Alumni and Community Relations. The deadline for reservations is March 14. Reservations are required; Tickets for the Dinner and Banquet are \$25 per person.

NOC will present the Alumni Legacy Scholarship as well as recognize the Class of 1975.

For reservations or for more information, contact Wooderson at 580-628-6473 or e-mail <a href="mailto:kay-la.wooderson@noc.edu">kay-la.wooderson@noc.edu</a>. To make reservations online, visit <a href="www.noc.edu/alumni">www.noc.edu/alumni</a> and then click on "Alumni and Friends Reunion Form."

#### Marcus Chapman (Class of 2002)

Chapman graduated from Timberlake High School in 2000 and then received an associ-

ate's degree from Northern Oklahoma College in Enid where he was a member of the Jets baseball team for two years.

He then moved to Alva and received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. During his first year as a teacher, he attended classes at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and



**Marcus Chapman** 

completed a master's degree in Education Administration. He is currently attending Liberty University seeking an Ed.D in Administration & Supervision: Educational Leadership.

Chapman followed in his parent's footsteps and began a career in education. His father, Terry Chapman, was a coach, principal, and superintendent at Timberlake, Buffalo, and Cherokee while his mother, Diana Chapman, taught various grades and subjects at Timberlake and Buffalo.

He began his career as a secondary math teacher at Ft. Supply Public Schools. After one year, he moved to Oklahoma Union Public Schools where he taught math and coached baseball and football for three years. He then spent one year at Lindsay Public Schools in the same role before moving to Aline-Cleo to begin a career in administration as the K-12 Principal.

The next stop was at Canton Public Schools where he spent five years as the high school principal. His first experience as superintendent was at Ryan Public Schools. After 7 years at Ryan Public Schools, he landed in his current role as the Superintendent of Chisholm Public Schools where he is in his second year.

#### Dineo Heilmann (Class of 1982)

In 1985, Dineo Heilmann started his teaching career as the band director for the Chelsea Public School system in Chelsea, Oklahoma. Dineo left Chelsea in 1988 to become the Instrumental Director at Northern Oklahoma College and to later serve as Fine Arts Division Chair from 1990 to 2017.

He received his Associate degree from Northern Oklahoma College, his Bachelor of Music Education from Oklahoma State University where he was named Outstanding Music Student his senior year. He then received a fellowship to complete his Master of Music Education degree at Wichita State University.

He was named 1991's Outstanding Young

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### Distinguished

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Bandmaster for the state of Oklahoma by Phi Beta Mu. He has had the honor of working with

famed ductor Eugene Corporon, renowned com-**Jack** poser Stamp and has performed in a master class Richard Stoltzman.

Heilmann has been honored twice by the Northern Oklahoma College board Regents, the first with a "Resolution" of outstand-



Dineo Heilmann

ing contribution to music culture and the second he was honored along with his father with a "Resolution" for the 50th anniversary of the Roustabouts for "50 years of inspiring performances".

In 2014, the city of Tonkawa named him "Citizen of the Year." In 2015 Tonkawa High School named Mr. Heilmann as "Friends of Education" for raising money to purchase a Steinway grand piano for their Events Center.

He appeared annually with the Northern Gala Orchestra since its inception in 1996, under the baton of Conductor Gerald Steichen, performbeen so lucky as to have performed with New York Philharmonic Violist Dorian Rence and such soprano artists as Loraine Ernst, Julie Mc-Coy, and Janet Gray.

In 2000 he participated in the Higher Education Leadership Academy.

He has served as the representative for Junior/ Community Colleges for the Oklahoma Association of Schools of Music. He has been a member of the Music Educators National Conference, Oklahoma Music Educators Association, and Phi Beta Mu.

#### Marshall Reigh (Class of 1999)

Marshall Reigh a 1997 Graduate of Yale High School, earned his Associate of Science Degree from Northern Oklahoma College in 1999.

Reigh spent all of his K-12 vears going to Yale Pub-Schools spending his free time with his friends in the outdoors. Upon graduation he moved north to Tonkawa along with a lot of those same people to begin their higher education at NOC.

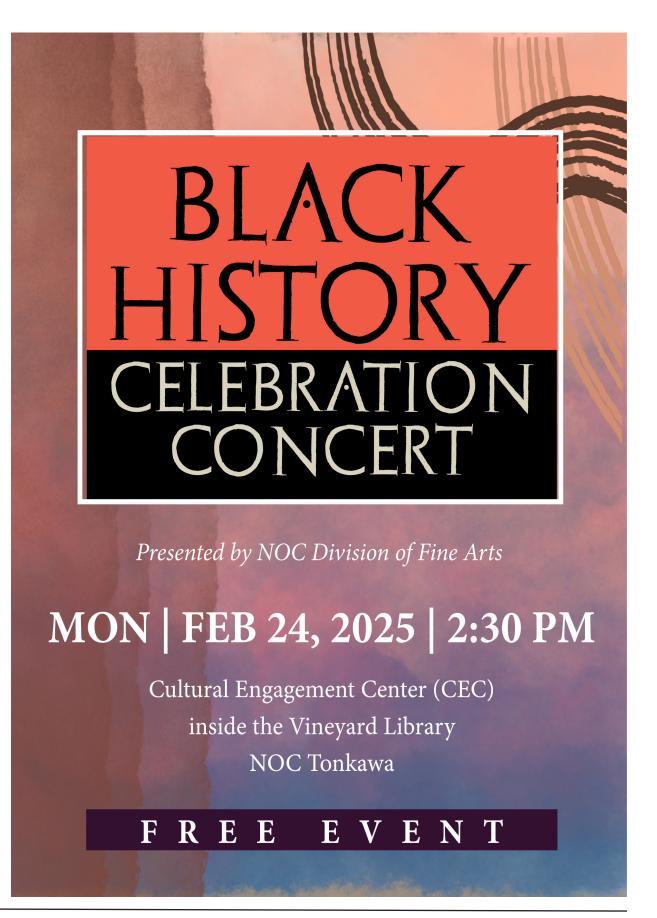


Marshall Reigh

After obtaining his associate degree, he went on to UCO and after a year of the metro life jumped ship to finish his undergraduate at ing traditional clarinet literature. Dineo has NWOSU in Alva with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Biology minor.

> A few months after graduation he married his wife of 20 years whom he met at NOC and

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### Distinguished

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Game Warden, his original duty assignment ma State Game Warden Association and Vice was in Kay and Grant counties. He later was President of the Pheasants Forever Chapter, stationed in Grant where he remains today.

of the year 3x and was named Oklahoma State all manners of Hunting and Fishing sports and Game Warden of the Year for 2024.

As a second-generation Game Warden, he Schools teams in his county. knew going into the job that relationships in the community are of great importance and became involved with the local schools and conservation groups as soon as he could. Teaching classes to all ages from Pre-K to college, he is able to make a bigger impact with the sporting public than could be made with only using a citation book.

Reigh currently resides in Medford and is involved in his community school volunteering his time as Vice President of the Board of Edu-

began his current career as an Oklahoma State cation. He is also the President of the Oklaho-President of the Grant County Youth Shoot-He was selected as the 8th District Warden ing Club. He teaches classes at Autry Tech on volunteers his time with both Archery in the

> His favorite time is still spent outdoors sharing his love of outdoor pursuits with his 13-yearold daughter Sydney and other youth who he takes afield.

> The event registration will be held from 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the Renfro Center lobby with dinner at 5 p.m. in the banquet room. The NOC Division of Fine Arts is hosting a "Play in a Day" event at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. The event is free to the pub-

### Black History Month program on Feb. 20

City of Enid Ward 2 Commissioner Derwin Norwood will speak at Black History Month on Thursday, Feb. 20 at NOC Enid.

The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Montgomery Hall in the Gantz Center.

Norwood will speak on "African Americans and Labor." All NOC students, faculty, staff, and the public are invited.

A free lunch serving 'Down Home Soul Food' will be provided.

The event will be streamed by NOC.

### Nursing career day set for Feb. 21

NOC Tonkawa is hosting a Nursing Health Career and Education Fair for Pre-Professional Students at the Renfro Center on Friday. Feb. 21.

The event will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

The event is designed for students who are considering nursing as a major and career. Students will have an opportunity to meet with nursing faculty to discuss designing the pathway to nursing as a career.

Over 20 health care and education partners will be on hand to meet with students.



# Nursing Health Career and Education Fair

**Pre-Professional Students** February 21, 2025 | 12:30-2:00 pm Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa



#### **Conversing With Nursing**

 $\sim$  Two Special Sessions for Pre-Professional Students  $\sim$ Renfro Center, Room 103 | 12:40 pm and 2:10 pm

Designed for students who are considering nursing as a major/career. Meet with Nursing faculty to discuss designing your pathway to nursing.

#### **MEET WITH OUR HEALTH CAREER & EDUCATION PARTNERS**

ACG Hospice

Chamberlain/Walden University

Cleveland Area Hospital

Companion Health Services

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Grand Mental Health

Hospice of North Central Oklahoma

Integris Health System

Integris Health Ponca City

Meridian Technology Center

Mercy Hospital

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Nursing

Oklahoma City University Kramer School of Nursing

Saint Francis Health System

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Stillwater Medical Center

Stillwater Medical Center Perry

University of Central Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma, College of Nursing

The University of Oklahoma, Medical Programs

The University of Texas at Arlington

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### **Emily Gregory named Enid Rotary** Club Student of the Month

The NOC Enid Rotary Student of the Month welcoming. for February is Emily Gregory

Gregory is a sophomore Criminal Justice/Behavioral Science major from Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Why you chose NOC? I like the small class my sizes and the welcoming environment.

What are your career goals? I want to be a whatever sport forensic pathologist.

What are the challenges of being a college around cam**student?** Challenges have been being able to balance school work with being an athlete.

What has being a college student taught you recommended **about life?** It has taught me to live without my family and the responsibilities of being an adult. Justice instruc-What advice would you give high school stu**dents when choosing a college or university?** chran. Choose somewhere that feels like a home outside of a home and a place that is always feels

What do you do in your spare time? Hang out with friends and go watch is going on

Gregory was by Criminal tor Troy Co-



**Emily Gregory** 

### Black History Month Student Recital Feb. 24

The Northern Oklahoma College of Fine Arts is presenting a Black History Month Fine Arts Student Recital on Monday, Feb. 24.

The recital will be held at the Vineyard Library Cultural Engagement Center at 2:30 p.m.

The choir, vocal, instrumental soloists, and the jazz band will perform songs in African American traditions or by African American composers.

The event is free and open to the public.

### Mav wrestlers at qualifer on Saturday

NOC wrestlers are in the NJCAA South Central District Qualifier on Saturday in Pratt, Kansas. The ten wrestlers attending are Pryce Jeffries (125), Bo St. Clair (133), Jack Swenson (141), Waleed Khariri (149), Logan Ashford (157), Absalom Valencia (165), Jose Cruz (174), Aiden Vasquez, (184), Kanden Young (197), and Christian Clark (285).

The NJCAA Championships are set for March 7-8 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.



### Free volunteer tax assistance available at NOC Tonkawa

viding free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents starting Feb. 13 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$75,000 per year qualify for the free service.

Trained tax preparers from the NOC Business Division and area volunteers will be available for tax assistance beginning on specific Thursdays starting Feb. 13. Taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return using the free e-filing software.

Cara Beth Johnson, Business division chair said, "This is a great opportunity for our students to provide a community service and gain tax preparation experience."

The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC) is sponsoring the program.

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is pro- hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program Feb. 13, Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, and April 10. The CEC is located in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

> Interested parties need to provide a photo ID for all filers; Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents; W-2 forms; 1099 forms; receipts for childcare costs, education expenses, and other deductions; checking account and routing number for refund; and 1095-A, -B, or -C healthcare coverage or exemption.

> Tax preparation is done by appointment only. Please contact Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or carolyn.johnson@noc.edu.

> Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are

### Lady Mav wrestlers qualify for nationals

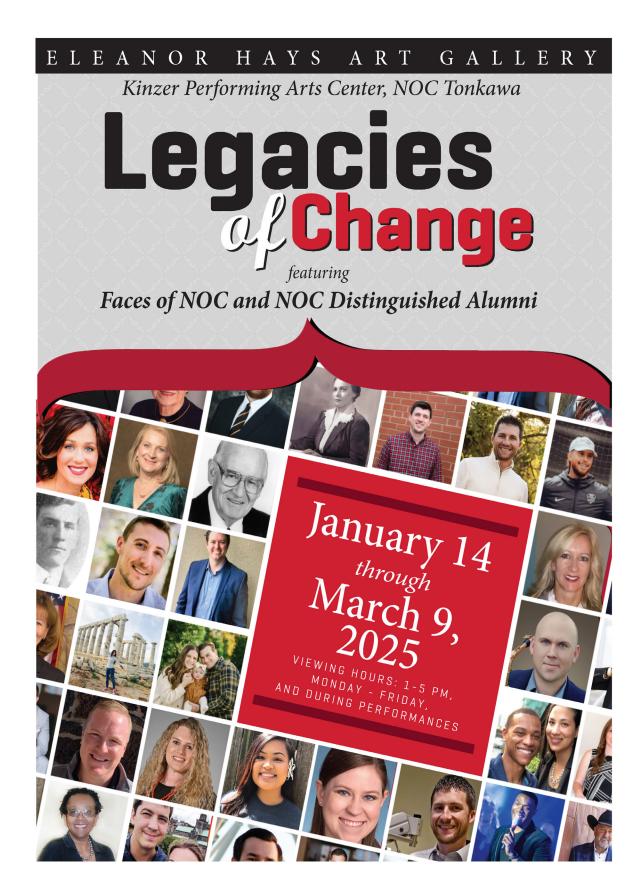
The NOC Maverick Women Wrestlers are heading to the NJCAA National Tournament held March 7-8 in Council Bluffs Iowa.

The following wrestlers have qualified for the tournament: Bridget Bailey, Harley Brower, Mia Cabrera, Leanna Espino, Mya Galey, Carlaeona Hockert, Miah Kenny, Porscha Kreger, Addison Polk, Natalie Puentes, Leila Rosas, Adelina Valencia, Madison Welch, Carla West, Lyndey Wilda, Jordan Williams, and Alayla Watson.

The Lady Mavs are ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the latest poll.

Ranked in the latest NJCAA rankings are the following: Lelia Rosas (103) - 9th, Addison Polk (110) – 7th, Adelina Valencia (110) – 8th; and Miah Kenny (145) – 6th





#### **NOC Calendar**

#### Feb. 15

Away Mavs Wrestling at NJCAA Qualifier at Pratt (KS), 9 a.m. Away Mavs Baseball vs. Garden City (KS) in Celina, Texas, Away Jets Softball at Denison (TX) Classic Away Mavs Softball at Branson (MO) Classic

#### Feb. 17

Home Jets Softball vs. Independence (KS), noon/2 p.m. Away Mavs Softball vs. Ft. Scott (KS), 2 p.m./4 p.m. Thank-A-Thon, CEC, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Murray, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Seminole, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

#### Feb. 18

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Away Mavs Softball vs. Cowley (KS), 2 p.m./4 p.m. Celebrity Scavenger Hunt, Gantz Center, 7 p.m., Enid The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

#### Feb. 19

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Home Mavs Baseball vs. NWOSU JV, noon
Home Jets Softball vs. Dodge City (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Board of Regents Meeting, President's Conference Room, 2 p.m., Tonkawa
Pizza, Pool, and Air Hockey, Student Union, 7:30 p.m. Tonkawa
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

#### Feb. 20

PLC Scholarship Priority Deadline Black History Month Program, Montgomery Hall, 11:30 a.m., Enid Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Murray, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Connors, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

#### Feb. 21

Final Day to Drop Late-8 Week Courses without Evaluation Away Mavs Softball at Carl Albert Festival, noon/2 p.m. Away Mavs Baseball vs. Dallas-Mountain View, 1 p.m./3 p.m. Health Career and Education Fair, Renfro Center, 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m., Tonkawa



### **NOC Student Art of the Week**









Macie Brophy, Art Major, Ponca City, OK "Vorp Gnarp (series of 4)" Acrylic on paper







#### **FEBRUARY 6-APRIL 10, 2025**

\*closed March 17-20 and for inclement weather

#### BY APPOINTMENT ONLY THURSDAYS:

February 13th and 27th, March 13th and 27th, and April 10th

#### **FEATURING**

Certified tax preparers provided by Northern Oklahoma College Business Division Income limit of \$75,000 or less

Call 580.628.6340 or email carolyn.johnson@noc.edu to schedule an appointment.



## **Cultural Engagement Center**

Vineyard Library-Administration Building NOC Tonkawa

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FREE E-FILING for Students, NOC Employees, and the Public

#### **PLEASE BRING**

- Photo ID for both spouses
- Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse and dependents
- W-2 forms
- 1099 forms
- Receipts for childcare costs, education expenses and other deductions
- Checking account and routing number for refund
- 1095-A or healthcare coverage or exemption