

NOC wrestlers off to Nationals in Council Bluffs

For the first time in 41 years, Northern Oklahoma College competed at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships.

And for the first time ever, the Lady Mavs competed in the Women's Invitational Tournament.

The two day tournament started March 7 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Mav and Lady Mav wrestlers received a send off Wednesday at Foster-Piper Fieldhouse for the 17 women and four men.

For the women, Lelia Rosas (103), Mia Cabrera (103), Ady Valencia (110), Addison Polk (110), Bridget Bailey (117), Jordan Williams (117), Natalie Puentes (124), Carla West (124), Porscha Kreger (131), Lyndey Wilda (131), Carlaeona Hockert (131), Harley Brower (138), Alayia Watson (138), Miah Kenny (145), Mya Galey (160), Madison Welch (180), and Leanna Espino (235).

For the men, Kanden Young (197) and Christian Clark (285) and two alternates, AB Valencia and Pryce Jeffries.

After the wrestlers and coaches Bryan Kenney and Jayden Miller were introduced, former Maverick wrestler Karl Lynes spoke to the team.

Lynes won back-to-back national championships for the Mavs 42 years ago.

"You've done all the hard work, now go and show off what you have done," Lynes told the



wrestlers. "Be proud of what you have accomplished thus far but don't be satisfied. Go up to Council Bluffs and give it your absolute best. Leave it all on the mat with no regrets and whatever happens, happens and you'll feel good about your effort."

"You are representing yourselves, NOC, and



your communities, he added. "While wrestling is an individual sport, you are wrestling for something greater than yourselves. Always remember that when you compete."

The wrestlers also watched a video of well wishers from the NOC Tonkawa community.

Since the women's program is in its initial year,

all the Lady Mavs are able to participate.

The men competed in an NJCAA qualifier last month in Pratt, Kansas.

Follow the Mav and Lady Mavs wrestlers at www.nocmavs.com.



NOC Lady Mav wrestler Jordan Williams picked up the first NJCAA Wrestling Invitational win in school history Friday morning in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

March Faculty/Staff Birthdays



March 1	Kelli Goad	March 18	Meredith Willis
March 1	Rachel Love	March 21	Lerna Deyirmencian
March 2	Kelly Vincent	March 22	Brian Baird
March 4	Jason Johnson	March 22	Patricia Briggs
March 5	Alan Foster	March 23	Patricia Reich
March 6	Ashley Kruse	March 26	Kim Roice
March 7	Scott Harmon	March 27	Jamilyn Glidewell
March 9	Cindy Esch	March 27	Nathan Oesterle
March 10	Matt Bolz	March 28	April Heitfield
March 10	Nikole Hicks	March 28	Jimilea Jansson
March 10	Sherrie Martin	March 29	Chris Townsend
March 16	Greg Krause	March 30	Kurt Campbell

Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

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MARCH 6-9, 2025

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 7:30 PM | SUNDAY, 2 PM

Book by Chris D'arienzo | Arrangements and Orchestrations by Ethan Popp
Produced through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE DIVISION OF FINE ARTS



NOC Fine Arts students performed at a Black History Month Celebration Concert at the Cultural Engagement Center at NOC Tonkawa on Monday. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

Rock of Ages March 6-9 in Tonkawa

The Northern Oklahoma Division of Fine Arts presents “Rock of Ages” Mach 6-9 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. March 6-8 and 2 p.m. on March 9.

The musical features music from the musical groups Poison, Journey, Def Leppard, and more.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Admission is free for NOC students, faculty, and staff with ID.

The production is based on the book by Chris D’areienzo. Arrangements and orchestrations by Ethan Popp. This production is through special arrangements by Concord Theatricals.

Basketball playoffs start Wednesday

NJCAA Region 2 has released the brackets for the region tournament set for March 12-15.

The Region 2 Tournament is held at Muskogee High School.

The 8th seeded Jets face #1 seed Connors at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12.

For the women, the #6 seed Lady Mavs face Seminole on Thursday, March 13 at 3 p.m. while the #8 seeded Lady Jets face #1 seed Murray State March 13 at 6 p.m.

The four-day event concludes Saturday, March 15 with the winners advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament.

NOC ENID

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPRING 2025

JANUARY

13 | MONWelcome Back Pancake Bar | Jets Café | 8 am

21 | TUEKaraoke | Gantz Center | 7 pm

28 | TUEMovie Night with Cookies | Gantz Center | 7 pm

FEBRUARY

04 | TUECereal Night | Jets Upstairs Lobby | 7 pm

11 | TUEFree-Throw Contest | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

12 | WEDThree-Point Contest, Skills Challenge | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

13 | THURHomecoming Game | 5th Quarter, Following Game | Mabee Small Gym

18 | TUECelebrity Scavenger Hunt | Gantz Center | 7 pm

25 | TUEBowling at Oakwood Bowl | 4709 W Owen K Garriott Rd | 7:30-9:30 pm

MARCH

04 | TUEBingo for Food | Gantz Center | 7:30pm

10 | MONTrivia Night | Gantz Center | 7 pm

25 | TUEMovie Night with Pizza | Gantz Center | 7 pm

APRIL

01 | TUEMini Golf at 4R Kids Mini Golf | 710 Overland Trail | 7 pm

08 | TUECapture the Flag | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

15 | TUECornhole Tournament | Courtyard between EB and Jets | 7 pm

22 | TUEUNO Game Night | Gantz Center | 7 pm



Diamond Rio will be performing at Northern Oklahoma College for the spring Renfro Lectureship Series on April 3. Tickets go on sale March 11. (photo by Robby Klein)

Diamond Rio ticket sale starts March 11

The popular country and western group Diamond Rio will perform at Northern Oklahoma College on Thursday, April 3, as part of the Spring 2025 Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

The event is sponsored by the Carl and Brenda Renfro/Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program and Northern Oklahoma College/Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. The dinner will be held at the Renfro Center starting at 6 p.m., the concert is at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available Tuesday, March 11, at 9 a.m.

Originating as The Tennessee River Boys in the 80's, the band evolved into Diamond Rio in 1989. The following year, they signed with Arista Nashville, and in 1991, with the release

of "Meet in The Middle," became the first country music group in history to reach No. 1 with a debut single. The band is also known for their multi-week chart-topper "How Your Love Makes Me Feel," crossover hit "One More Day," as well as timeless hits "Beautiful Mess," "Unbelievable," "I Believe," and many more.

Selling more than 6.8 million albums and surpassing over 1.05 billion global streams, Diamond Rio has charted 20 Top 10 singles, 15 Top 5 singles, and seven No. 1 singles. Known for playing every note on every album throughout their career, the band's unwavering commitment to their craft is evident in their instrumental tracks "Big," "Appalachian Dream," and "Poultry Promenade," all of which received

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NOC Tonkawa

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPRING 2025

JANUARY

28 | TUE

Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30pm

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

29 | WED

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

30 | THUR

Homecoming Shirt Giveaway between basketball games | Fieldhouse Lobby

FEBRUARY

03 | MON

Homecoming Bonfire | S'mores and Hot Cocoa | 8pm

04 | TUE

Homecoming That's No Bull Revue | Wilkin Auditorium | 8pm

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

05 | WED

Homecoming Roustabout Show | KPAC - 7:30pm

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

06 | THUR

Homecoming Basketball Game | Coronation

5th Quarter | East Gym | Inflatables, Food & Games (Following basketball game)

12 | WED

Karaoke | Walcher Conference Center | 7:30pm

19 | WED

Pizza, Pool and Air Hockey | Student Union | 7:30pm

24 | MON

Paint Night | 7pm

Please sign up in Student Affairs by Monday, February 10

You MUST sign up to reserve a spot

27 | THUR

Bedlam Basketball | Women 5:30pm | Men 7:30pm

MARCH

05 | WED

Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30pm

10 | MON

SINGO | 7:30pm

17-21

Spring Break

25 | TUE

Hypnotist Show | KPAC | 7:30pm

31 | MON

Dodgeball | Gym | 7:30pm

APRIL

07 | MON

Exotic Petting Zoo | 10am-Noon

16 | WED

Spring Fling:

Archery Tag | 5-7pm

Ice Cream Truck | 5-7pm

Concert on Circle | 7:30pm

21 | MON

Easter Egg Hunt | 7pm | meet at Gazebo

28 | MON

End of Year Bash | Inflatables | 4-8pm | By Gazebo

MAY

05 | MON

Food for Finals | Ice Cream Truck | 10am-1pm | Circle Drive

Diamond Rio

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Grammy nominations for Best Country Instrumental Performance. Following their Arista Nashville deal, the band released two albums with Word Records – their Christmas album, *The Star Still Shines*, and their Dove and Grammy-winning Christian Country album, *The Reason*.

Amassing numerous accolades throughout the years, the band is a member of the Grand Ole Opry, won six Vocal Group of the Year Awards (four CMA and two ACM), received fourteen Grammy nominations, and won a Grammy Award for their album, *The Reason*. Known for their charitable commitments, including long-time spokespersons for Big Brothers Big Sisters, the band has raised more than \$1 million for non-profits and received the Minnie Pearl Humanitarian Award.

For more information, visit www.DiamondRio.com.

A reserved table with seating for eight may be purchased for \$500, which includes dinner in

the Renfro Center and concert in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center with preferred lower section seating.

Individual tickets for the concert may be purchased at a cost of \$25 each. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The tickets are non-refundable.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling 580-628-6214 or in person at the NOC Development Office, Vineyard Library-Administration Building, NOC Tonkawa, starting March 11, at 9 a.m.

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.

Fall nursing deadline set for March 31

Be a nurse in 2027.

Applicants who begin the Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program this August (2025) can be employed as registered nurses making an average of \$64,000 annually (according to Salary.com) by 2027.

The deadline for NOC nursing applications is March 31, 2025 to begin nursing courses in Fall Semester 2025.

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 offers a high-quality nursing program close to home with a low student-to-faculty ratio that allows for personalized instruction. NOC Nursing graduates have achieved 100% first time NCLEX-RN pass rate since 2023.

NOC has nursing programs at Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater locations with a clinical cohort in Tulsa.

Please call 580.628.6679 or apply at <https://bit.ly/3sg1QB8>.



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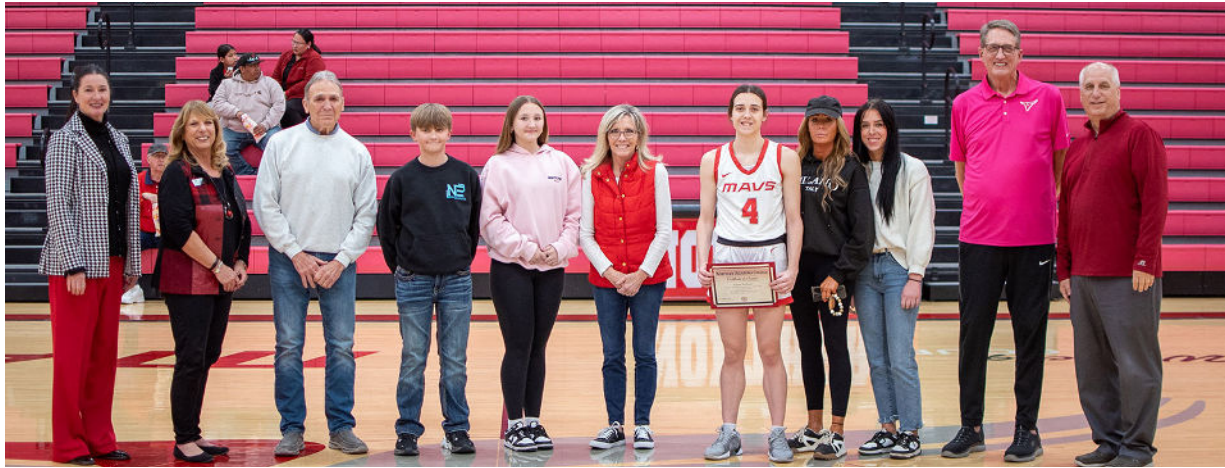
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THURSDAY

MARCH 13, 2025 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Appetizers Provided
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For More Information Contact Kayla Wooderson
580.628.6473 or kayla.wooderson@noc.edu



Alanna Williams was named the recipient of the Leo Canaday Memorial Scholarship Tuesday night before the NOC Lady Mavs hosted NOC Enid. Pictured (L-R): Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder, Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller, Alan Hardesty, Leo Hardesty, Mikaela Hardesty, Vicki Hardesty, Alanna Williams, Melissa Williams, Krislyn Williams, Lady Mavs Coach Greg Krause, Athletic Director Alan Foster. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

Alanna Williams earns Canaday Scholarship

The Leo Canaday Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alanna Williams as the recipient for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Williams is a freshman Health, Physical Education & Recreation major from Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

The Leo Canaday Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 by Canaday's wife, Pat. Through the generous support of family and friends, this scholarship provides students an opportunity to pursue their educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa and is presented to a member of the NOC Women's Basketball team.

Leo Canaday attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College in 1954 and was a member of the Maverick Football team. He obtained his Bachelor Degree and Master's Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Leo returned to NOJC in 1963 where he served as Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Chairman for 30 years, retiring in 1993.

While at Northern he coached football, men's and women's basketball, track, tennis and golf.

His women's basketball teams won seven conference championships, one regional championship, a 3rd place finish at the 1975 National Tournament and a National Championship in 1979.

He was named conference Coach of the Year seven times, and was named Regional and National Coach of the Year in 1979. In 2004 he was honored with the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni Award.

Representing the Canaday family were Leo's daughter, Vicki Canaday Hardesty and husband Allen, Mikaela Hardesty (great granddaughter of Leo) and Leo Hardesty (great grandson of Leo). Canaday's daughter, Lisa, watched via Livestream from Florida.

Assisting in presenting the scholarship certificate to Williams was Lady Maverick's Head Coach Greg Krause, Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder, Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller, and NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster. Williams' mother, Melissa, and sister, Krislyn were present for the award.

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Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

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**January 14
through
March 9,
2025**

VIEWING HOURS: 1-5 PM,
MONDAY - FRIDAY,
AND DURING PERFORMANCES



The Phi Theta Kappa Shootout was held at the Bedlam basketball game on March 4. This was an activity to bring awareness to PTK. Students who wished to participate put their name in the drawing to be one of four people who competed for a \$100 gift card and NOC merchandise. The contest was held at halftime of the men's game and consisted of making a layup, free throw, 3-pointer and layup at the opposite end. Kingston Hangartner was the \$100 winner. Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society for two-year colleges. In order to become a member, you must achieve a Cumulative Retention Grade Average of 3.5 or higher and you must have completed 12 credit hours. In order to remain a member, you must maintain a CRGA of 3.25. Northern Oklahoma College Xi Theta Chapter is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and an acknowledged academic organization on our campus. Several PTK members manned the table at the game signing up students and fielding questions about the organization. These students were: PTK President, Leslee Richardson, PTK PR Secretary, Kaidince Calvert, Jose Sosa Martinez (not in your picture), Alhadi Albuhumud and Skylar Anderson. Other PTK officers are Aniya Berry, Recording Secretary and Trysta Adkins, VP. (photo by Shiloh Martin)





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FEBRUARY 6-APRIL 10, 2025
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NOC Calendar

March 8

Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Wrestlers at NJCAA Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa
Away Jets Softball vs. Des Moines Area (IA) at Branson Primetime Classic, 8 a.m.
Away Jets Softball vs. Nesoho (KS) at Branson Primetime Classic, noon

March 9

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), noon/2 p.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. Rose State, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Mavs Softball vs. Ft. Scott (KS), 3 p.m./5 p.m.

March 10

Begin L8 Courses
NOC Donor Recognition Banquet, Renfro Center, 5 p.m., Tonkawa
Singo, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Trivia Night/Custom Trucker Cap Night, Gantz Center, 7 p.m., Enid

March 11

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Home Mavs Baseball vs. Minnesota Post Grad, noon/2 p.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. NEO, 1 p.m.
Spring Nurses White Coat Ceremony, 2nd Floor Commons, 4 p.m., Stillwater
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

March 12

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

March 13

Home Jets Softball vs. Connors, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
Home Mavs Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

March 14

Final Day to Add Log On to L8 Courses
Final Day to Drop L8 Courses with Full Refund
Home Jets Baseball vs. Ellsworth (IA), 1 p.m./3 p.m.



Distinguished Alumni Banquet March 29

Northern Oklahoma College alumni Marcus Chapman, Dineo Heilmann, and Marshall Reigh will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame March 29 at 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 Alumni and Friends of the college are encouraged to attend, according to Kayla Wooderson, 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 kayla.wooderson@noc.edu. To make reservations online, visit www.noc.edu/alumni and then click on "Alumni and Friends Reunion Form."

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 public.

Business division offers tax service

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing 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

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 sponsoring the program.

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