

What's Happening April 25, 2025

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Three finalists named for NOC nursing award

Northern Oklahoma College will honor a lation program. Nursing faculty member with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurse Educators at fied Healthcare the NOC 2025 Nurses' Pinning Ceremony Friday, May 2 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in NOC Tonkawa at 7 p.m.

The three finalists are Elaine Briggs, Brian serves as the Baird, and Rachel Kroemer

Brian Baird

Brian Baird received his B.S.N. from the University of Oklahoma in 1986 and his M.S. from Southern Nazarene University in 2008. The majority of his nursing career has been spent serving special needs children in their homes and serving within the ICU. His work in the ICU included a nearly 14-year period at Hillcrest Hospital Cushing when it was named Cushing Regional Hospital and a stent at Mercy Hospital in OKC. In 2006, he began teaching freshman nursing students at Northern Oklahoma College; a privilege he continues to enjoy to this day.

Baird's passion for teaching has been life-long and has been evident to anyone who has known him. He loves to use creativity in his approach and is known for his use of multiple teaching/ learning methods. He himself loves to learn and wants his learners to enjoy the process as well. His use of simulation and gaming has earned him a lead role in NOC Nursing's simuBrian is a Certi-Simulation Educator (CHSE) and currently Nursing Simulation Coordinator.

Baird and his wife. Robin, have been married almost 36



Brian Baird

years. They have four children and two grandchildren. They reside in Perkins in a home they have been building.

Elaine Briggs

After graduating high school in 1979, Briggs attended Central Vo-Tech in Sapulpa in a medical assistant program where she decided she want-

ed to be a nurse. She completed Oklahoma Baptist University's nursing program and started



Elaine Briggs

her nursing career at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa where worked she orthopedics and cardiac care. She then worked in Home Health before Care moving Oklahoma City where she



Rachel Kroemer

worked at University Hospital in newborn and special care nursery.

Briggs then moved to Blackwell where her husband started a medical practice. She took time off from nursing to raise her children and then started at NOC as an adjunct instructor, joining NOC as a full-time faculty member in January 2016. She currently serves as the Nursing Success Specialist.

Fine Arts events Sunday, Tuesday

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Fine Arts has two events scheduled in late April.

On Sunday, April 27, the annual spring concert will be held at 2 p.m. at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center. The concert features the NOC Concert Band, College Choir, and Madrigal Singers.

accompanied by an adult.

Then on Tuesday, April 29, the Division of Fine Arts will present a Play in a Day at 7:30 p.m. at the KPAC where actors, directors, and writers only have 24 hours to create a play.

Admission for Play in a Day is \$5 and is free to NOC faculty, staff, and students with an NOC Identification Card. Children Under Admission is free, children under 12 must 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Rachel Kroemer

Rachel Kroemer received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Washburn University in 2011 and completed her Master of Science in

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Nursing Education from Fort Hays State University in 2023. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Theta Tau Honor Societies.

Kroemer started at NOC in January 2001 as adjunct instructor moving into a full-time position in October 2021. She started Introduction to Nursing in Fall 2024, loves teaching students in Maternal Child and is the faculty advisor for Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. Her favorite part about bedside nursing was teaching new Moms and Dads about their newborn and now she enjoys watching and helping students expand their skills and knowledge base as they begin their nursing career.

The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's mission to express gratitude to nurses with pro-

grams that recognize them for the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care they provide patients and families.

DAISY award recognitions honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers – from Nursing Student through Lifetime Achievement in Nursing. The Nurse Educator Award was created to recognize and celebrate the contributions faculty make to the future of nursing. The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's mission to express gratitude to nurses with programs that recognize them for the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care they provide patients and families.



NOC Tonkawa held a student artist reception on Sunday at the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery inside the Kinzer Performing Arts Center. The exhibit "Dreamscapes" is on display M-F from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. and during events through May 6. (Shiloh Martin photo/NOC)





The NOC Enid Hispanic Heritage Club, Viva la Raza, participated at the United Way Early Childhood Coalition Event at Enid on April 12.



The NOC Enid Jets mascot "JJ" assisted at the United Way Event April 12.

NOC participates in Enid Family Fun Event

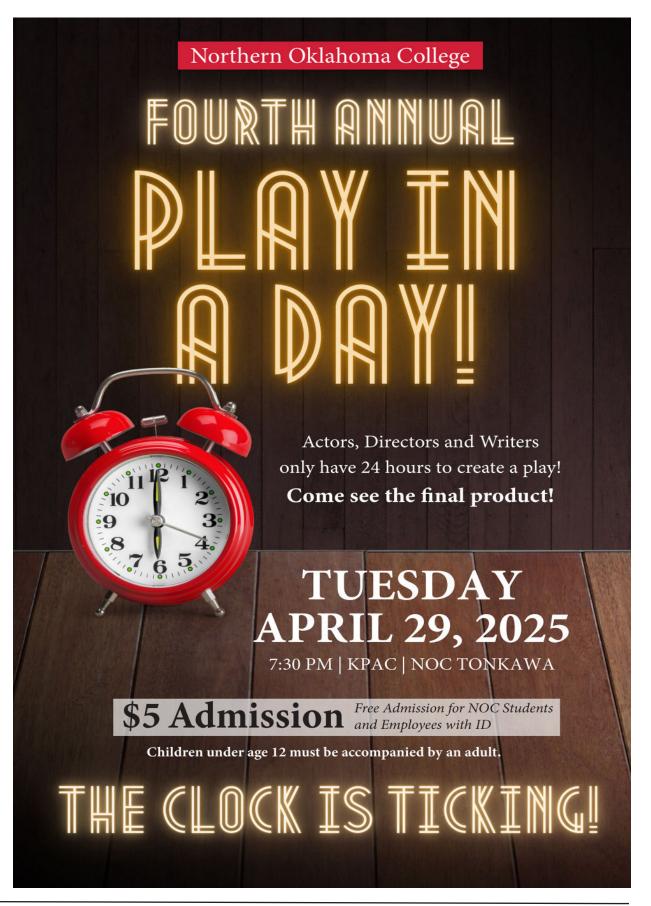
The Early Childhood Coalition held a free Family Fun Event on April 12 at North Meadowlake Park in Enid.

Title sponsors are Northern Oklahoma College, Reach Higher, and the United Way.

This celebration caps off the "Week of the Young Child," which is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

"The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs," said Cheila Armour, Early Childhood Coordinator, CDSA.

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Family Fun

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Jeremy Hise, Vice President for NOC Enid and Enid Police Department. said, "Superhero Saturday was a fantastic day for our community. Watching kids light up as Soccer, Hispanic Club, Viva la Raza! And JJ they met their favorite superheroes and enjoyed activities like paddleboats and mini golf was awesome. At the same time, parents were able to connect with NOC and community organizations to learn more about valuable educational and family resources. We're grateful to Dan Schiedel, United Way, and all the volunteers who helped make this event a success."

In addition to the all the activities, several agencies shared information and providing giveaways, games and much more.

Those agencies included the Vance Air Force Munro and Dr. Mary Ann McCoy. Base, Enid SWAT Team, Enid Fire Department,

NOC's Jets' Men's Basketball, Jets' Women's (Jets Mascot) also participated in the event. Kathleen Swain, NOC Coordinator of Student Activities Success Services and Kelly Vinson, Enid Student Retention Specialist also attend-

The Hispanic Club, Viva la Raza, manned the coloring table for the attendees and managed the table for the Spanish game, La Loteria. The winners of each game received a prize, compliments of Adrian Ibarra, one of the club sponsors. Other club sponsors are Dr. Charmaine

DMI open house, student film festival

The Northern Oklahoma College Digital Media Institute's Annual Student Showcase will be held on Friday, May 2, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Wilkin Hall room 108/110.

creative skills in Maya, After Effects, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, and much more.

demo reels, talk to the students, and enjoy traditional free ice cream floats.

DMI is to furnish students with an expertise skill set required to secure employment within the realm of cutting-edge computer graphics. Over the span of two years, the program centers on artistic methods utilizing contemporary technology. DMI students cultivate the capacity to translate their concepts and visions into various realms of digital media, encompassing 3D modeling, texturing, animation, motion capture, game environment and asset develop-

ment, visual effects, motion graphics, graphic

design, digital filmmaking, video editing, and audio refinement."

"This is a great opportunity to expand the awareness to potential employers as well as in-DMI's graduating students will showcase their troducing companies to a talent pool of educated, creative, and driven artists, in addition to exposing talented prospective students to the Visitors are welcome to take a tour, watch DMI program and the local educational facilities," Matson added.

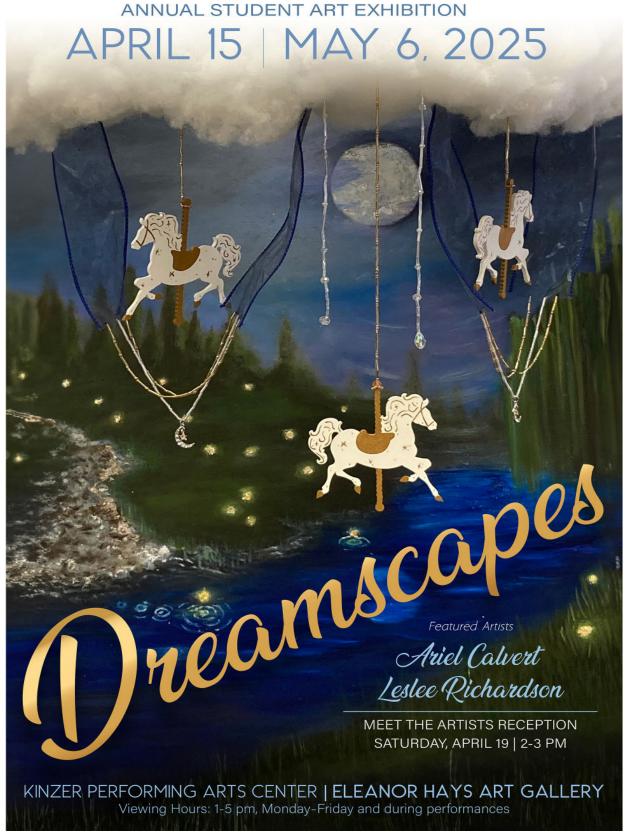
DMI will also be hosting the 17th Annual Epic DMI Director Brad Matson said, "The goal of Shorts Student Film Festival at 4 p.m. in the Wilkin Theatre on May 2.

> Ten short student films will be screened that afternoon.

> "The film crew handles all the writing, directing, lighting, sound, and the three phases of production. This will be the best festival with quality of films since I started this festival," Matson said.

> There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Audience Choice. All donations and proceeds benefit Diabetes Solutions of Oklahoma.

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE



Tonkawa academic awards presented

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa students were honored Wednesday night at the Annual Academic Awards Banquet at the Renfro Center.

The following are the awards for 2024-25.

Outstanding President's Leadership Council Student: Kinzie Bell, Lyndey Wilda

Academic Athlete of the Year: Maggie Glasgow, Liam McKinney

Agricultural Student: Kinzie Bell Livestock Judger: Dylan Leed

Sheep Center: Kinzie Bell, Chloe Corbin,

Colton Tripp, Shelby Harland Biology: Jillian Crossland Chemistry: Rebekah Granger

Riddle, Ty Downs

Process Technology: Jayton Tautfest Outstanding Business Student: Lacy Rapp

Christine Marshall Accounting Student: Nicole Hanson

Gene Dougherty Art Student: Ariel Calvert, Leslee Richardson

Piyush and Lisa Patel DMI Student: Reagan Alexander, Xavier Burris

JT Burg Scholarship for DMI Student: Zachary Sutton

Instrumental Music Student: Angelina D'Antonio

Rhoda Sharp Award: Abigail Davis All-Around Musician: Gracie Fiscus Musical Theatre: River Watson

Technical Theatre: Truman Hague

Charlene Bouchard Literature Student: Juniper Matthews

Elizabeth Totten Memorial Journalism: Caitlyn Sang

Keely Marshall Journalism: Caitlyn Sang Louis R. Vineyard Outstanding Radio & TV Student: Jakeb Koop

Math: Liam McKinney, Elyssa Kaniatobe Christine Marshall Outstanding Criminal Justice: Brian Fredricks, Jr.

History: Makenzie Hicks

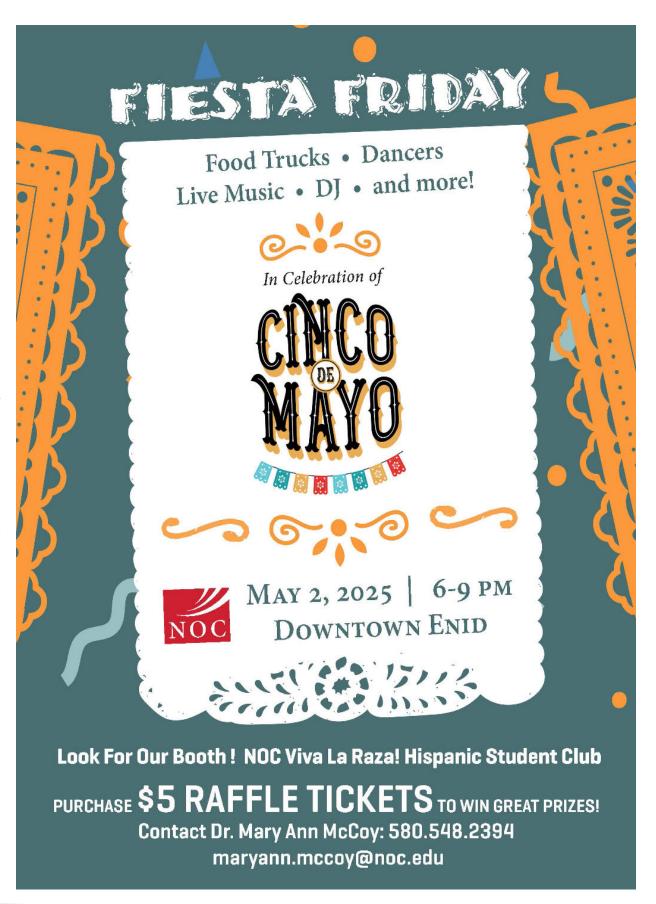
Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society: Samantha Lee.

4.0 Student Award: Alex Jennings, Alex Yan-Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student: Keon dell, Alhadi Albuhumud, Brendan Donahue, Dylan Leed, Isabelle Willis, Jackson Rhodes, Jose Sosa Martinez, Kaidince Calvert, Lacy Rapp, Laney Reynolds, Leslee Richardson, Liam McKinney, Megan Malloy, Melissa Lake, Rebekah Granger, Samantha Lee, Samuel Anderson.

> Reach Higher Graduates: Amy Smith, Brenda Bujanda, Christina Kloxin, Destiny Davis, Donald Combrink, Donna Barrows, Holly Wallen, Jacob Walther, Jayton Tautfest, Jessica Waller, Melissa Lake, Nicole Hanson, Paige Giles, Rebekah Granger, Rickey Vick, Samantha Heppel Renfro.

> NOC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Shelly Mencacci emceed the reception.





Regents approve internal audit report

an internal audit report from Crawford & Associates at Wednesday's meeting in Tonkawa.

The internal audit included two areas, according to Dwayne Tate of Crawford & Associates.

"First is to provide a claims audit and the second is to follow up on last year's recommendations," he said.

"We would like to express our appreciation for all the courtesy and assistance we received from staff during our work at the college and hope this report will be of benefit to NOC," Tate added. "We enjoy working with your incredible staff."

Tate said they have worked with NOC since 2010 and hope to continue that relationship going forward. He said the work done for the internal audit prepares the college for the upcoming external audit.

Regents also approved the college's financial report provided by Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson.

\$25,000. The first was \$180, 178.68 for Print Shop Equipment on a three-year lease to Galaxy Business Equipment, Inc. The second was the restoration of a Steinway Grand Piano at NOC Tonkawa at a cost of \$35,867.00.

In administrator updates, Dr. Shelly Mencacci reported that work continues on the new greenhouse. She said the completion of the greenhouse will provide for curriculum additions in biological sciences.

Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder said the school's development of a new website is underway and is to implement those strategies. expected to be completed by Fall 2025.

Jeremy Hise, Vice President for Enid, reported that NOC was a Title Sponsor for the Early Childhood Coalition Event in Enid on April 12. The free event was attended by many in the Enid community. Hise said that a number of

Northern Oklahoma College regents approved NOC organizations participated in the event. He added that NOC connected with a number of non-traditional students through the Reach Higher Program.

> Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington reported that enrollment for Fall 2025 is slightly behind pace of Fall 2024 but added that a number of participation groups have not yet enrolled for Fall 2025.

> Vice President Simpson also added that administrators have been conducting space utilization tours for all NOC locations. She said that more meetings are planned in the future as the college seeks to make the most efficient and effective use of all spaces.

> Dr. Marsh Howard, Vice President for Stillwater, said the parking fund raiser for "The Boys from Oklahoma" was a success with over \$10,000 raised for NOC Stillwater organizations along with the United Way of Stillwater and the Stillwater Public Education Foundation.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason John-Regents also approved two purchases over son reported meetings with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education regarding "TimelyCare," a virtual health and well-being platform that would provide college students with 24/7 access to virtual care at no cost. Johnson said the service provides on-demand medical care and mental health support

> He said the program is expected to be implemented in Fall 2025.

> In the president's report, Diana Morris Watkins reported that the college is building NOC's 5-Year Strategic Plan. She said that committees have been meeting to determine goals and ways

The May meeting will be held in Enid on May 14 at 2 p.m.





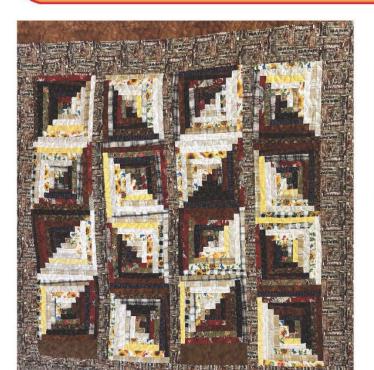


Viva la Raza! Club Raffle

PRIZES

1st place – Handmade Scrappy Log Cabin Quilt (\$250 value) 2nd place - \$100.00 Visa gift card - 180 Direct Care 3rd place - \$50.00 Mama Tita's gift certificate 4th place - \$40.00 El Carnitas gift certificate 5th place - 1000-piece Mexico Puzzle







Raffle Drawing May 2, 2025

During Fiesta Friday, Downtown Enid Winner need not be present to win

GIFT CARD PRIZES







NOC Calendar

April 26

Home Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 5 p.m./7 p.m.

Home Mavs Baseball vs. DFW Post Grad, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

April 27

Spring Concert, KPAC, 2 p.m., Tonkawa Home Jets Softball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 3 p.m./5 p.m.

Away Mavs Softball vs. NOC Enid, 3 p.m./5 p.m.

April 28

End of Year Bash, Heilmann Gazebo, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tonkawa

April 29

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Play in a Day, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

April 30

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 Jets Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m./3 p.m. Jase Holtom Band Concert, Science Building East Side, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa The Gathering, BCM, 9:30 p.m., Tonkawa

May 1

Home Mavs Softball vs. Rose State, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m./3 p.m. Away Jets Softball vs. NEO, 2 p.m./4 p.m. Commencement Practice via Zoom, 3 p.m.

May 2

Final Day of Classes
Final Day to Withdraw from All Courses
DMI Sophomore Student Showcase, Wilkin
108, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
DMI Epic Shorts Film Festival, Wilkin Auditorium, 4 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Jets Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Mavs Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m./3
p.m.

Nurses Pinning, Renfro Center, 7 p.m., Tonkawa

NOC Faculty/Staff April Birthdays



Ross Buchanan

April 27

Anita Simpson

April 27

NOC Tonkawa STUDENTACTIVITIES Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30pm Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm 30 | THUR Homecoming Shirt Giveaway between basketball games | Fieldhouse Lobby **FEBRUARY** Homecoming Bonfire | S'mores and Hot Cocoa | 8pm 03 | MON 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 Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30pm 05 | WED SINGO | 7:30pm 10 | MON **Spring Break** 17-21 25 | TUE Hypnotist Show | KPAC | 7:30pm Dodgeball | Gym | 7:30pm Exotic Petting Zoo | 10am - Noon 07 | MON 16 | WED **Spring Fling:** Archery Tag | 5-7pm Ice Cream Truck | 5-7pm Concert on Circle | 7:30pm Easter Egg Hunt | 7pm | meet at Gazebo 21 | MON End of Year Bash | Inflatables | 4-8pm | By Gazebo Food for Finals | Ice Cream Truck | 10am-1pm | Circle Drive

NOC graduation set for May 3

address candidates for graduation at Northern Oklahoma College 2025 commencement exercises Saturday, May 3.

Foster-Piper Fieldhouse on the Tonkawa campus at 9:30 a.m. on May 3.

That same day NOC Enid and Stillwater candidates will enter Briggs Auditorium on the Enid campus at 2:30 p.m.

NOC nursing program will take place at 7 p.m. on May 2 in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.

Nigh served as governor four times, first serving as the Oklahoma governor in 1963 serving an unexpired term and then later serving a second unexpired term in 1979. He then served two full terms from 1979-1987.

While a senior at East Central University in from 1979-1987. 1950, Nigh gave his first commencement speech to an 8th Grade class in Pittsburgh County in 1950. Since then, Nigh has never missed a year giving a commencement address now counting 76 straight years. He has given over 250 commencement speeches.

Nigh, a native of McAlester, Oklahoma, graduated from McAlester High School. After serv-

Former Oklahoma Governor George Nigh will ing in the United States Navy, Nigh attended Eastern Oklahoma A & M College, now known as Eastern Oklahoma State College. He then graduated from East Central State College in NOC Tonkawa candidates will march into Ada, Oklahoma in 1950. From 1951 to 1959, he alternated between service in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and as a teacher in the McAlester public schools.

During his tenure in the state legislature, he introduced legislation designating "Oklahoma!" Pinning ceremonies for graduates from the as the state song. He served as lieutenant governor of Oklahoma from 1959 to 1963. Taking office at age 31, he became the youngest state lieutenant governor in the United States.

> In 1963, Nigh was sworn in as the 17th governor of Oklahoma for nine days, filling an unexpired term. He later served five days in 1979, serving another unexpired term. 1978, he was elected Oklahoma's 22nd governor serving

> He later served as the president of the University of Central Oklahoma from 1992-1997. He also is an Oklahoma Hall of Fame Inductee receiving that honor in 1989.

> The Nigh University Student Center at UCO was named in honor of George and his wife, Donna.



Spring 2025 Final Exam Schedule

The location of the final exam is the regular meeting place of the class.

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College summer camps scheduled

Northern Oklahoma College hosts a number 3 (Overnight) of summer camps on the Tonkawa and Enid campuses.

The following is a schedule of camp dates:

Tonkawa

Girls Basketball Camp (Grades K-3), June 9-11 Nursing Camp, June 19

Girls Basketball Camp (Grades 3-6), June 22-26 (Overnight)

Mavs Softball Prospect Camp, June 26-29 Maverick Power Wrestling Camp, June 30-July

Girls Basketball Camp (Grades 7-12), July 6-10 (Overnight)

Arts Adventure Camp, July 14-17 Boys Basketball Camp, July 23-25

Enid

Upward Bound Summer Academy, May 27-

For more information, contact Scott Cloud at scott.cloud@noc.edu.



On Monday, April 14, 2025 the NOC Enid Hispanic Club, Viva la Raza made two blankets for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for children for their community service project. Ten club members and the three club sponsors participated in making the blankets. The material and pizza were donated by Wendy Arnold, volunteer, friend of NOC, and mother of the club president. The top photo are of the members delivering the blankets: from left to right: Sophia Arnold, club president; Dylan Moser, Jessenia Marquez, and Soledað Martinez club members.



The NOC Tonkawa ArtForum Art Club members beautify the Creative Arts Building with perennials for their spring on-campus project. Working in collaboration with Chris Young, NOC landscape manager, Artforum members Macie Brophy, Delaney Fox, president Ariel Calvert, Danikka Hardy and Anna Jones planted 12 Heucheras (Coral Bells) on Friday, April 18 with guidance of club sponsors Audrey Schmitz and Jason McNaughton. This completes Artforum's 2024-25 goal begun in the fall when they planted three Oakleaf Hydrangeas in the same area. (Audrey Schmitz Photo)

