

What's Happening

April 4, 2025

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The 2025 Spring Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program was held Thursday night with a dinner at the Renfro Center followed by the Diamond Rio concert at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center. The meal was served by the NOC President's Leadership Council. Front Row (L-R): Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder, Julie Burrage, Okla-

homa State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Sean Burrage, Chancellor Emeritus Glen D. Johnson, Carl Renfro, Brenda Renfrow, NOC President Diana Morris Watkins, Wally Gillispie. Back Rows: NOC President Leadership Council students. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



Andrew S. Ewbank, Attorney and Founding Partner with Ewbank & Hennigh, PLLC, was appointed by Governor Stitt on March 24, 2025, to the Board of Regents of Northern Oklahoma College, a position that requires Senate confirmation. Replacing Regent Jason Turnbow in July, Ewbank will serve a five-year term ending June 30, 2030. Tuesday, the Senate Committee on Education unanimously approved the appointment which was carried by Senator Roland Pederson. The appointment now moves to the Senate floor for final approval. Pictured (L-R): Sen. Roland Pederson, Andrew S. Ewbank, NOC President Diana Morris Watkins.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER FAIR

April 9, 2025

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Join us! NOC Enid Montgomery Hall
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Three NOC alums were inducted into the Distinguished Hall of Fame Saturday in Tonkawa. Pictured (L-R): Marcus Chapman (Class of 2002), Dineo Heilmann (Class of 1982) and Marshall Reigh (Class of 1999). Photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC).

Three inducted into Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Marcus Chapman, Dineo Heilmann, and Marshall Reigh were inducted into the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Saturday night at NOC Tonkawa inside the Renfro Center.

Chapman (Class of 2002) is the superintendent at Chisholm High School, Heilmann (Class of 1982) is a retired NOC instructor/ Fine Arts Division Chair and Director of Roustabouts while Reigh (Class of 1999) is a game warden for Kay/Grant counties.

The NOC Legacy Scholarship was awarded to Hope Bradford, an incoming freshman from Tonkawa who will attend NOC Tonkawa in

the Fall of 2025. She is the daughter of Steve and Shannon Varner and Eric Bradford. Steve Varner is a 1989 graduate of NOC Tonkawa earning an Arts and Science associate degree in Business Administration. The scholarship award is \$1,000.

Chapman was introduced by Vice President for NOC Enid Jeremy Hise. Heilmann was introduced by Dr. Rick Edgington, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Reigh was introduced by Ryan Paul, Dean of Students at NOC Tonkawa and Enid.

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NOC TONKAWA

CAREER FAIR



Internships, Full and Part-Time Positions Available

Thursday, April 10

11 am - 2 pm

Cultural Engagement Center

located in the Library-Administration Building

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NOC Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller presents the 2025 Legacy Scholarship to Hope Bradford (left) from Tonkawa High School. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC).

Alumni

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“Northern completely changed my life,” Chapman said. “You don’t think about it when you go to college but Northern changed my trajectory, made me a leader, made me who I am today. I want to thank NOC, my parents and family for their support from the start to the end.”

Heilmann joked in receiving the award that, “Rick (Dr. Edgington’s introduction) took all my time for my speech.”

He then said, “Being selected as a distinguished alumni makes me honored and humble especially to be selected among the honorees today and the alumni that have been selected in the

past. I want to thank Candy Oller (Director of Development and Donor Relations) for nominating me and my family friends who support me today.”

Reigh said, “I’m honored to be in the class with Marcus (Chapman) and Dineo (Heilmann). I want to thank my family and friends and NOC. When I received the call, I thought JJ (Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson) was messing with me. NOC was a good fit for me as I came from a small high school and I would have drowned at a larger university.

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PROCESS TECHNOLOGY AND WIND ENERGY

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Thursday, April 10

4 - 6 pm

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Alumni

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NOC gave me the foundation for my career as a game warden. NOC set my path.”

NOC President Diana Morris Watkins closed the event saying, “Northern is honored to recognize all three of our inductees this evening. We are honored that you chose NOC as the spot to begin your educational career, and we are proud of your many accomplishments since your graduation and the excellence you bring to your respective fields.”

Watkins added her congratulations to Alumni Legacy Scholarship winner Hope Bradford.

“Thank you, Hope, for choosing Northern and continuing your family’s legacy with us. We look forward to following your time here on campus and know we will be seeing wonderful things from you in your future endeavors.”

NOC now has inducted 60 distinguished alumni into the Hall of Fame. Nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame are accepted throughout the year.

For more information, contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni & Community Relations, at kayla.wooderson@noc.edu.

Early Childhood Coalition/NOC event moved to April 12

Due to expected wet and cooler weather this weekend, the Early Childhood Coalition and Northern Oklahoma College have decided to move the free Family Fun Event to Saturday, April 12, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending with a free lunch from 11 a.m. – noon.

The event is held 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.

Activities begin at 9 a.m. with free Putt-Putt, Paddle Boats, games, and fun activities for the whole family.

Jeremy Hise, Vice President for NOC Enid added, “This is a great way for families to spend quality time together. We will be giving out continuing education and health-related information goodie bags and providing healthy activities for all. Parents will be able to learn about job possibilities, career advice and continuing education, and scholarship opportunities. Together, we hope to solve problems, break down barriers and create opportunities for the entire family.”

In addition to the all the activities, several agencies will be there sharing information and providing giveaways, games and much more.



Only a few parking spots left. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to help with the STILLWATER FIRE RELIEF EFFORTS.

\$50 (per day)

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During The Boys From Oklahoma Event

at Boone Pickens Stadium

April 10-13, 2025.

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Credit Cards or Debit Cards are the only accepted payment options.

Remaining proceeds will help fund NOC Foundation scholarships, the Stillwater Activity Fund, and the Stillwater Public Education Foundation.

Tickets are non-refundable and representatives will be on hand to verify and guide our guest parkers into available spots each of the 4 nights.



NOC Tonkawa Roustabouts perform on Spring Break Caribbean Cruise

Roustabouts perform on cruise

Twenty-five Northern Oklahoma College Roustabouts performed on the Carnival Breeze cruise ship over spring break.

Students not only performed on the ship but also learned about performing for a cruise ship, light and sound effects, and also spoke with other artists about breaking into the business.

Several students also sang with the artist “Britany” (lyrically true) who answered questions

about music and the music business. NOC student Amberlynn Kelly won the Karaoke night onboard the ship.

NOC faculty on the trip included Eddie Dixon (director), Brandon Haynes (vocal director and arranger), Shannon Varner (recruitment/vocal), Susanne Sumpter (instrumental), Aliya Franko (choreographer,) and Nathan Oesterle (technical director).



April 12th 2025

SUPERHERO SATURDAY

Free Lunch
Beginning at 11 am

Free Resource Fair for Families and Individuals

EVERYTHING IS FREE!

9 am – Noon (dress up as a superhero)
North Meadowlake Park Enid, Ok

Join Us For
Ice Cream,
Paddle Boats,
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Putt-Putt,
Family Fun
Activities,
And Meet Your
Favorite
Superhero!

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Former NOC Tonkawa soccer player signs MLS NEXT pro contract

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. Former NOC Tonkawa Soccer player Damorney Hutchinson recently signed a contract for the 2025 MLS NEXT Pro season, with an additional one-year club option for 2026, pending receipt of his P-1 Visa and International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

Hutchinson, 24, arrives in New England following a brief spell with Racing United FC of the Jamaica Premier League, where he scored one goal across four appearances in the 2024-25 campaign.

Last year, Hutchinson also served a short-term stint with USL League Two side Toledo Villa FC, where he recorded the club's first-ever hat trick against the Dayton Dutch Lions FC on June 8, 2024.

A native of Saint Thomas, Jamaica, Hutchinson played two seasons of collegiate soccer at

Presbyterian College in 2023 and 2024. With the Blue Hose, Hutchinson tallied 18 goals and three assists across 24 appearances, all starts. In his senior season, the striker became the first-ever Blue Hose player to earn the Big South Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year honors. In 2023, Hutchinson was recognized as the Big South Newcomer of the Year and was named to the First Team All-Big South.

Hutchinson began his collegiate career at Northern Oklahoma College in 2020. As a freshman, Hutchinson tallied 10 goals, including four game-winners, and added one assist in 10 appearances. As a sophomore in 2021, Hutchinson was named a Junior College All-American after leading the nation with 30 goals and registering five assists over 19 appearances.



NOC summer camps announced

Northern Oklahoma College hosts a number 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

3 (Overnight)

- 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-June 26.

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

April Faculty/Staff Birthdays



Andrew Caldwell	April 1	Lonnie Rhea	April 15
Ben Hainline	April 2	Michael Keeran	April 16
Brian Knapke	April 5	Mary Lou Harris	April 18
Vanisa Gay	April 6	Denise Bay	April 20
Silvia Vazquez	April 6	Rachel Kirk	April 22
Ashlyn Ewy	April 9	Shannon Varner	April 22
Abigail Boggess	April 12	Ross Buchanan	April 27
Renna Bowers	April 12	Anita Simpson	April 27
Cassie Firth	April 15		

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NOC Employees,
and the Public

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

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- 1099 forms
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NOC Calendar

April 5

Away Jets Softball vs. Connors, 2 p.m./4 p.m.

April 6

Home Jets Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Away Mavs Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

April 7

Exotic Petting Zoo, Clocktower, 10 a.m. – noon, Tonkawa

Away Jets Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Home Mavs Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

April 8

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

Home Jets Softball vs. Coffeyville (KS), 2 p.m./4 p.m.

Away Mavs Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m./4 p.m.
Capture the Flag, Mabee Small Gym, 7 p.m.,

Enid

The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

April 9

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

Criminal Justice Career Day, Montgomery Hall, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid

Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid

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

April 10

Career Day, CEC, 1 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tonkawa

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Process Tech Career Day, CEC, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Tonkawa

April 11

Final Day to Withdraw from 16-Week Courses without Evaluation

Away Jets Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Graduation applications due April 11

Students have until April 11 to file applications for graduation.

Filing the application does not cost anything and does not obligate students to participate in graduation. NOC does ask that students file to have your name included in the commence-

ment program and other programs related to completion of your degree.

If you are planning to participate in graduation, please monitor this website for all of the latest information: <https://www.noc.edu/students/current-students/graduation/>.



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9 AM | BLACKWELL GOLF COURSE

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5 PM | PRE-EVENT MIXER

6 PM | MAIN EVENT

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Cathy Stocker speaks at Women's History Month Program

Cathy Stocker, former district attorney for Oklahoma's 4th District, spoke for Women's History Month at Northern Oklahoma College Enid on March 27.

The topic was, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations."

Stocker, a former district attorney for Blaine, Canadian, Garfield, Grant, and Kingfisher counties, served for 28 years before retiring in 2010. She is also a former member of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission and Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board.

She was also a founding member of the Garfield County Child Advocacy Council.

Stocker started by saying, "I was born in 1951 and we have definitely seen a vast amount of societal change, certainly the lives of women have changed."

"Growing up in the 1950's and 1960's, I would never have predicted that my life would have turned out the way it has. The world we grew up in was so different than it is today," she said.

After high school, Stocker attended the University of Oklahoma where she studied philosophy.

"My parents wanted me to be able to support myself and so while I was studying philosophy, my father asked when I was going to take some solids," Stocker joked. "He was unclear how studying philosophy was going to translate into a job."

"When I graduated, I had no plans for my future," she admitted. "I had no role models of women in the workplace other than school teachers and ladies who worked in retail. I didn't know any attorneys and I had no idea what attorneys actually did, but when my older brother applied for law school, so did I."

"When I started OU law school in 1972, my class was the first class that had more than just

a handful of women," she said. "My class had about 14% women and that number has grown over the years."

Stocker said that currently and by 2023, 53% of all law school grads are women so things have "changed dramatically."

She then decided to study criminal law.

"My final year of law school, I had to argue an appellate court case," she said. "I was terrified but I found it exhilarating and so at that point I decided to be a criminal trial lawyer. That was odd because I had no background in speech or talking in front of people, that's what I chose to do."

Stocker had chosen a profession that did not look highly upon women as equals.

"It was hard because when I graduated, women were not trial attorneys so it was definitely breaking new ground," she said. "When I graduated, law firms were not lining up to hire women but fortunately, Stephen Jones hired me and I moved to Enid. I was the only woman practicing law in Enid at the time. Not everyone thought that women should practice law and even lawyers in Enid let that be known."

After she was hired as an assistant district attorney, being a woman attorney was not looked on favorably.

"I was practicing in front of an older judge who apparently did not think that women should be attorneys and he told me I should go upstairs to our office and get a man to handle the case," she said.

"Fortunately, the district attorney who hired me did not feel the same as others as he gave me plenty of opportunities to practice in our five-county area," she said.

Five years later, Stocker ran for district attorney and was elected. As the district attorney, she managed over 50 employees and added



NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise and Cathy Stocker, Women's History Month speaker. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

more programs in the district attorney's office including bogus check restitution program, domestic violence prosecution, child support enforcement program, and many others.

She was elected seven times serving 28 years as the district attorney.

"I know how fortunate I was to be able to exactly what I wanted to do and for as long as I wanted to do it," she added. "But no matter what we choose as our life's work, there will always be challenges to overcome."

Stocker then gave some advice for the audience at the Gantz Center at NOC Enid.

"It is important to have self-confidence and it's never too late to start building it," she said. "Gaining self-confidence is a process of growth that comes from challenging yourself. Second, life is so much easier when you keep your expectations of others low because it reduces

stress in your life. Third, attitude really is everything. It's not the external things that determine our happiness but our attitude and how we look at things on a daily basis. I focused on how I could make a difference and not what others said about me or what I was doing."

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise thanked Stocker for speaking to NOC students.

"Thanks for your presentation," he said to Stocker. "I always enjoy listening to people tell their stories and to hear how you blazed the trail as an attorney and later district attorney while gaining the respect of so many in our community. It's clear you are an asset to our community and I thank you for your leadership."

Stocker was presented a gift from NOC for her speaking at Women's History Month.

The program was organized by Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, an instructor at NOC Enid.