

Raydon Leaton retiring from Northern Oklahoma College

Raydon Leaton, currently serving as Vice President for NOC Enid, announced today his retirement at the end of the fall semester.

Effective December 17, Leaton will be leaving Northern after twenty-one years of service and has accepted another position in Florida where he will be closer to family.

"Even though my career at NOC is coming to an end, I will forever consider myself part of the NOC family," Leaton said. "Dr. Evans, the NOC employees, my coaches, and former players have provided so many professional highlights for Stacie and I over the 21 years. I want everyone to know how grateful we are for the opportunities, the support, and the friendships.

We are Jets for life and will always cherish our time here."

"Raydon has made a huge positive impact for Northern Oklahoma College and specifically at the Enid campus in a variety of important public roles," said President Cheryl Evans. "Most recently, I've appreciated his service as Vice-President of NOC Enid, and I've enjoyed working with him on my executive team. He will be missed at NOC, but I wish him the very best as he starts this new chapter in his life."

Leaton has served as the NOC Enid vice president and a member of the executive council team since August 2019. During that time, he has provided the vision, leadership and strate-

gic direction for the NOC operations in Enid. Raydon has served as a college representative to community, state, regional, and national organization, including Enid Higher Education Council, Enid Entrepreneur Leadership Series, Council for Oklahoma Extended Campus Administrators and Enid Rotary.

He was hired by Northern Oklahoma College in 2000 to start the NOC Jets baseball program in Enid as well as teach in the Business division. In 2001, he became the college's first Athletic Director for NOC Enid. Leaton served in this administrative role providing leadership with student athletes, coaches, budgets, fundraising and eligibility until 2014. During his tenure

as Athletic Director, Raydon oversaw the inaugural seasons of men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, baseball, and softball.

During Leaton's tenure as head Jets baseball coach, his



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teams have been to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II World Series four times in his career, including three of the last six years. The Jets finished 8th place in 2014 and 3rd place in 2002 and 2018. The 2019 team reached the ultimate pinnacle of athletics by winning the World Series claiming their first National Championship with record-breaking attendance at the David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid.

Leaton has had 13 NJCAA All Americans, 73 Academic All Americans, and 678 wins in his 19 years. His teams have had over a 3.0 GPA in all 19 years. He has won five Region II Coach of the Year awards and four Plains District Coach of the Year awards.

Coyle, Funk named NOC Distinguished alums

Mrs. Evelyn Coyle and Dr. Justin Funk have been chosen as the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni for 2021.

The announcement was made by NOC Director of Alumni and Community Relations Kim Ochoa.

Coyle, NOC Class of 1951, is a civic and community leader currently residing in Tonkawa while Funk, NOC Enid Class of 2005, is an optometrist residing in Enid.

The banquet is Saturday, March 27 at 5 p.m. at

the Renfro Center on the NOC Tonkawa campus.

Three distinguished alums from 2020 will also be honored.

They include Risha Grant (Class of 1994), Marta Sullivan (Class of 1996), and Jon Kissenger (NOC Enid Class of 2002).

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 2021 inductees along with event tickets will be available in February.

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

Sheep Center earns awards at NAILE

The NOC Sheep Center has three class winners on Tuesday at the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) held in Louisville, Kentucky. Class winners included the Class Winning Dorset Spring Ewe Lamb, Reserve Champion Ram, and Champion Ram.



Class Winning Dorset Spring Ewe Lamb



Reserve Champion Ram



Champion Ram

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NOC Calendar

Nov. 20
Residence Halls Close, 3 p.m.

Nov. 23-27
Thanksgiving Break, No Classes/Offices Closed

Nov. 29
Residence Halls Open, noon

Nov. 30
Courses Shift to Online
Final Day to Drop L8 Courses without Evaluation

For additional information, visit the following links: [NOC Calendar](#)



Final Exam Schedule—Enid, Stillwater, and Tonkawa Campuses

Monday, Dec. 7	Tuesday, Dec. 8	Wednesday, Dec. 9	Thursday, Dec. 10
If Course is MWF 9:30 am MW 9:30 am EXAM is 8:00—10:00 am	If Course is TR 9:00 am TR 9:15 am EXAM is 8:00—10:00 am	If Course is MWF or WF 8:00 am M, MW, or MWF 8:30 am EXAM is 8:00—10:00 am	OPEN
If Course is MW or MWF 12:30 pm M 12:30 pm EXAM is 10:30 am—12:30 pm	If Course is TR 12:30 pm TR 1:00 pm EXAM is 10:30 am—12:30 pm	If Course is MW or MWF 10:30 am MTWR 10:30 am EXAM is 10:30 am—12:30 pm	If Course is TR 10:30 am EXAM is 10:30 am—12:30 pm
If Course is MWF 11:30 am MW 11:30 am MTWR 11:30 am EXAM is 1:00—3:00 pm	If Course is TR 2:00 pm T 1:30 or 2:00 pm EXAM is 1:00—3:00 pm	If Course is MWF 1:30 MW or W 1:30 EXAM is 1:00—3:00 pm	OPEN
If Course is MWF 2:30 EXAM is 3:30—5:30 pm	If Course is TR 5:30 pm T or TR 5:10 pm EXAM is 3:30—5:30 pm	If Course is W 5:10 or 5:30 pm MW 5:30 pm EXAM is 3:30-5:30 pm	If Course is TR 4:00 pm EXAM is 2:30-5:30 pm
If Course is Monday Night class EXAM is 6:00-8:00 pm	If Course is Tuesday Night class EXAM is 6:00-8:00 pm	If Course is Wednesday Night class EXAM is 6:00-8:00 pm	If Course is Thursday Night class EXAM is 6:00-8:00 pm

Night classes refer to classes that begin at or after 6 p.m.

Food Service Hours for Enid and Tonkawa

Nov. 30 – Dec. 11

Monday through Friday Hours:
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch: noon - 1:00 p.m.
Dinner: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

- All meals will be to go only.
- Breakfast options will be available at lunch and dinner for additional swipes.
- The Snack Bar and Hub will be closed.

Weekend Hours:
Breakfast: 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Lunch: noon - 12:30
Dinner: 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

NOC November Birthdays



Shannon Lorg	20th	Summer McClure	24th
Elva Lora	22nd	Dee Cooper	25th
Lynn Kinzie	22nd	Shaen McMurtrie	26th
Peggy Emde	23rd	Paul Nguyen	26th
Don Stinson	24th	Cathy Moore	27th

NORTHERN ENCOUNTER

Two sessions to choose from each day: Morning 9-11 am - Afternoon 1-3 pm

Up-Close Look At

- Programs
- Services
- Faculty
- Students
- Campus
- Clubs
- Organizations

Take a College Tour!

Northern Encounter has been designated as a day at NOC Enid, NOC Tonkawa and NOC Stillwater so high school juniors, seniors and their parents can get an up-close look at the programs and services that Northern Oklahoma College has to offer.

FREE

- T-Shirt
- Door Prizes (Including Tuition Waivers)

Visit one or all locations

NOC Tonkawa

Renfro Center

OCTOBER 28
DECEMBER 9

Blair Turney
580.628.6668

NOC Enid

Montgomery Hall,
Gantz Center

OCTOBER 21
DECEMBER 2

Terri Sunderland
580.548.2353

NOC Stillwater

Commons Area, Classroom Bldg

NOVEMBER 4 & 18

Diana Watkins 580.628.6905

FACE MASKS Required Please

NOC is Practicing Social Distancing

Pre-Register Online www.noc.edu

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Brylee Williams of Princeton, Missouri signed with NOC Livestock Judging for 2021-22. Pictured (L-R): NOC Livestock Judging Coach Jennifer Bedwell, Brylee Williams. (photo by John Pickard /Northern Oklahoma College)

Northern Encounter Dec. 2, Dec. 9

Northern Oklahoma College will be hosting high school students for Northern Encounter at NOC Enid and NOC Tonkawa in December.

The following is the Northern Encounter schedule:

NOC Enid –Dec. 2

NOC Tonkawa – Dec. 9

There will be two sessions for each campus from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

High school juniors and seniors interested in NOC will have an opportunity to hear from admissions, financial aid, testing and scholar-

ship departments as well as the different degree programs, clubs, organizations and housing opportunities. Prospective students will also experience campus tours.

The students will receive a free t-shirt along with brochures with information for all three Northern Oklahoma College campuses.

Contact Terri Sunderland at 580.548.2353 or Blair Turney at 580.628.6444 for additional information. Students may pre-register at www.noc.edu.



Free 2021-22
FAFSA
is now available!

Priority Sate of Oklahoma Deadline: **December 1**

GATHER. CREATE. COMPLETE

1.

Gather Materials

Social Security Card, drivers License, W2 Forms,
You [your parents] 2019 Income Information

2.

Create FSA ID

www.fsaaid.ed.gov

3.

Complete FAFSA

www.studentaid.gov.
NOC School Code: 003162

Need Help or have questions?

Contact a NOC Financial Aid Office

Tonkawa 580.628.6595 | Enid 580.548.2261 | Stillwater 580.628.6917
Financial.aid@noc.edu

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NOC hosts virtual presentation for Choctaw pottery history

Northern Oklahoma College and Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) hosted Choctaw Nation Pottery Revitalization expert Ian Thompson in a virtual presentation on Thursday.

Thompson's hour-long presentation explored the history of pottery in the Choctaw Nation from their roots in the Mississippi and Alabama areas to their more recent Oklahoma home.

"It's an honor for me to share something I am very passionate about," Thompson said.

Thompson, a registered professional archaeologist, has been certified by the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council as a Community Language and Culture Instructor. He has spear-headed 10 years of efforts to revitalize traditional pottery in the Choctaw Nation, personally teaching hundreds of classes.

He has taught over 500 classes.

The revitalization project includes the reconstruction of the pottery making sequence over time, rebuilding the traditional manufacturing process, learning to use the pottery, recruiting students and teachers, holding long-term classes, and working with the community towards sustainment.

Thompson said the making of pottery is an art form that goes back 100 generations.

"Pottery was central to the culture," he said. "It was taught as an oral history from generation to generation over the years. We were on the verge of losing that until about 10 years ago when many of the tribal elders helped bring back the process that now we teach."

The uses of pottery included cooking, serving, storage, glue-production, dye-production, protective coverings, fire-transport, medicine-preparation, gift/trade items, in-



cense-holders, offerings, textile-production, and musical instruments.

Thompson said the challenge was to use the native soil of the land and develop the process to create the pottery for common uses. He said the soil composition determines how long the pottery is heated to ensure its uses.

Currently, he serves as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, as the Senior Director of the Historic Preservation Department, and is on the Choctaw Nation Cultural Center Committee. He is the President of the Oklahoma Bison Association and Chair of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Repatriation Review Committee.

NASNTI is a federally funded grant through the Department of Education.



DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS

Tuesday | December 1, 2020 | 1:30 pm

GUEST SPEAKER **SHARI MYERS**



Shari Myers is the National Disability Integration (DI) Coordinator for American Red Cross Disaster Cycle Services. She leads a group of volunteers, community stakeholders and partners to develop and manage the Disaster Cycle Services DI program & build the capacity of its cadre.

Ms. Myers has traveled throughout the country on several assignments to aid in disaster responses.

The Red Cross Disability Integration program strives to meet the access and functional needs of the whole community, with and without disabilities. Among its many services, DI cadre members assess Red Cross service delivery sites, particularly disaster shelters, and provide guidance for overcoming any physical barriers. They ensure placement of assistive communication technology in shelters, which allows for on-demand Video Relay Services (VRS), Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) in American Sign Language, and over-the-phone, spoken language interpreting. DI workers train other Red Cross members on diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging, raising awareness of communities historically underserved in disasters.

Join Us on Zoom

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/6589830994>