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# What's Happening

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## Alumni & Friends Reunion set for Saturday

Northern Oklahoma College alumni Joe R. Kreger and Tara Tucker Vaughn will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame March 26.

Joe Kreger, Class of 1959, and Tara Tucker Vaughn, Class of 1989, will be honored in ceremonies taking place during the NOC Alumni and Friends Reunion Dinner in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa at 5:30 p.m.

Also, the Classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 will be honored at the event.

Joe R. Kreger, a native of Tonkawa, received his Associate of Science degree from Northern Oklahoma College in 1959 and his Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1961.

Following his tenure at NOC and Oklahoma State University, Kreger worked in administrative support positions in the purchasing and geophysics departments of Continental Oil Company while continuing to raise cattle.

Kreger left Continental Oil in the early seventies to establish Kreger Equipment, a state-wide wholesale livestock equipment business which he operated until 2001. Since that time, his efforts have been devoted to the cattle ranching enterprise.

At age 56, he began writing poetry born of life experiences. Often referred to as "Cowboy Poetry," his works were passed around, and requests for performances started to come in from farm

and ranch organizations, schools and churches. This developed into a heavy speaking schedule that required travel from Texas to Nebraska and Iowa. For a number of years, Joe authored a poetry column in the "High Plains Journal." His work has also been displayed in numerous other periodicals.

In 1988 Joe was appointed "Poet Laureate of Oklahoma" by Governor Frank Keating. He continued to perform poetry presentations for a number of years, but with the constraints of ranching and advancing age, he became somewhat inactive in poetry activities.

Then, in 2021, Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Joe to the Laureate position once more, making him the first poet to have received this appointment twice, and by two different governors. Now, Joe is traveling across the state once more.

Kreger has been active in Christian Life Church for most of his life. He has taught Sunday School most of the time for a span of around fifty years and has served as Deacon, Elder and Trustee to the present time.

A graduate of Tonkawa High School, Vaughn earned her Associate Degree in Business Administration from Northern Oklahoma College in 1989. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing at the University of Central Oklahoma and then earned a Master of Public Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Vaughn has practiced as a registered nurse for over 20 years and has served in the U.S. Army Reserve for over 28 years. Shortly after joining the Army Reserve in 1993, she attended nursing school, eventually earning her PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler in 2019. Dr. Vaughn currently serves as a registered nurse at the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System working in the area of Community Care. She is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve where she is currently serving as a Public Health Nurse with the 350<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Command. She is board certified in Advanced Public Health Nursing.

Vaughn has taught in higher education as a Nursing Instructor for Delmar College ADN program and adjunct nursing faculty for Texas A&M Corpus Christi. Dr. Vaughn has also served as a full-time Clinical Assistant Professor and Interim Director of Nursing for University of Houston at Victoria where she awarded the Johnson Foundation Endowed Professorship.

Vaughn currently resides in Centennial, Colorado. She is married to Cory Vaughn of 28 years and they have four amazing daughters: Madelyn, Sophia, Sarah, and Jaclyn. Her mother, Marion Tucker, served as a Vice President for Information Technology at NOC and currently resides in Blackwell, Oklahoma.

## Aggie Week starts Saturday

NOC Tonkawa is hosting the First Annual Aggie Week March 26-April 2.

The following is the schedule for the week:  
March 26 – Aggie Club Cookout at NOC Cove (Kaw Lake) at 2 p.m. for food, games, and water play.

March 28 – Movie Night, "Secretariat" on the campus lawn at 7 p.m.

March 29 – Corn Hole Tournament and Cookout, 11:30 a.m.

March 30 – Scavenger Hunt, all day long  
March 31 – Petting Zoo, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

April 1 – Waterslide Kickball, NOC Ag Barn, 3:30 p.m.

April 2 – NOC Livestock Judging Contest, 8 a.m.



Life changing.

# Jets baseball reunion April 9

NOC Enid Baseball will host a reunion Saturday, April 9 at David Allen Memorial Ballpark. The 2002 team will be recognized for reaching the NJCAA Division 2 World Series. The Jets finished 43-23 in 2002 and finished third in the World Series. All NOC Enid baseball alumni are invited to the event. The Jets host NOC Tonkawa in a double header starting at 1 p.m. The recognition will be between games of the twin bill. Raydon Leaton was the head coach for the Jets who reached the World Series in the program's second year. The RSVP for the event is April 4. For more information on the reunion, call Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise at 580.548.2393 or Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations, at 580.628.6473.

## NOC March Birthdays



Kathy Phillips	March 11	Kim Roice	March 26
James Cooley	March 11	Jimilea Johnson	March 28
Greg Krause	March 16	Chris Young	March 28
Brian Baird	March 22	April Heitfeld	March 28
Elaine Briggs	March 22	Kurt Campbell	March 30



March 28-April 2, 2022

**Saturday, March 26**  
**Aggie Club Cookout and Olympics**

Come out to the NOC Cove and join our department in food, games, friends and water play.

**Monday, March 28, 7 pm**  
**Movie Night**  
Join us on the lawn for a movie under the stars.

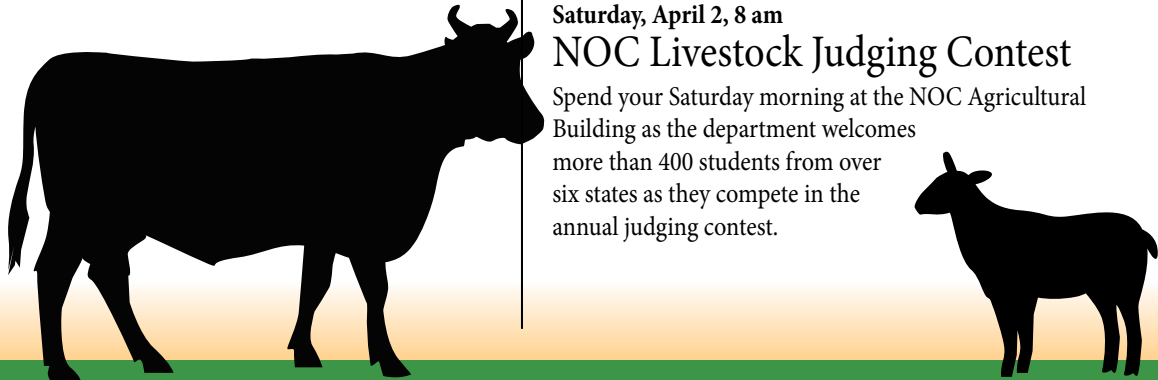
**Tuesday, March 29, 11:30 am**  
**Corn hole tournament and Aggie Cookout**  
Grab a burger and toss some bags.

**Wednesday, March 30, All Day**  
**Scavenger Hunt**  
Be on the lookout all over campus for the infamous Maverick Head for your chance to win your choice of prize.

**Thursday, March 31, 10 am - 3:30 pm**  
**Petting Zoo**  
Make sure to pass through the circle with your friends to meet some of our cuddly friends.

**Friday, April 1, 3:30 pm**  
**Waterslide Kickball**  
Starting at 2:00 pm, come to the NOC Agricultural Barn ready to compete!

**Saturday, April 2, 8 am**  
**NOC Livestock Judging Contest**  
Spend your Saturday morning at the NOC Agricultural Building as the department welcomes more than 400 students from over six states as they compete in the annual judging contest.





## VITA tax preparation through April 14

Northern Oklahoma College is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents through April 14 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$58,000 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 Thursday, Feb. 3. 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 every Thursday through April 14. The CEC is located in the library in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to bring 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.

It is necessary to make an appointment by contacting Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or carolyn.johnson@noc.edu. Tax preparers are available from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. No drop off's will be accepted, individuals must be present during tax preparation.

Barbara Nickles is the VITA site coordinator and NOC students Megan Rice and Cassidie Schmidt will assist her in preparing the tax returns. All have taken and passed all the required IRS tax preparer coursework.

Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.

## DAISY Award nominations due April 1

Nursing faculty at Northern Oklahoma College will soon be honored with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing faculty.

Nominations are due April 1. They may be made at the following link <https://www.noc.edu/academics/academic-divisions/nursing-division/daisy-award/>

Nursing faculty may be nominated by colleagues, peers, patients, families, or alumni. The award recipients are chosen by a committee at NOC to receive The DAISY Award which will be presented once year at the Pinning Ceremony at NOC Enid on April 30.

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 Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "NOC's nursing faculty work tirelessly to ensure future nurses have a strong foundation to provide nursing care for our communities. It is an honor to partner with the DAISY Foundation to recognize our exceptional nursing faculty – past, present, and future."

The DAISY Foundation expanded its' flagship brand The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses to Academic Institutions in order to recognize the faculty who inspire compassionate care in their students and the students who demonstrate it during their education.

Each Honoree receives a certificate, a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

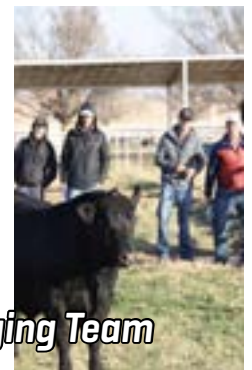


## LJC Livestock Judging Contest

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With Northern's Award-Winning Livestock Judging Team



# APRIL 2, 2022

\$25 Per Team

\$5 Per Individual

No Personal Checks Accepted

NOC Tonkawa AG BARN / Check in Starts at 8 am / Junior and Senior Divisions



Contact Jennifer Bedwell 580.628.6293 | [jennifer.bedwell@noc.edu](mailto:jennifer.bedwell@noc.edu)

Social Distancing and Face Masks are Strongly Encouraged.

# NOC Calendar

March 26 - April 1

**March 26**

Aggie Club Cookout, NOC Cove (Kaw Lake), 2 p.m.

**March 28**

Kay County Health Department Wellness Trailer, Renfro Parking Lot, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tonkawa  
Freshman Fall Enrollment  
Aggie Week - Movie Night, “Secretariat,” 7 p.m., Tonkawa

**March 29**

Free Student Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa  
Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Aggie Week - Corn Hole Tournament/Cookout, Tonkawa, 11:30 a.m.

**March 30**

Aggie Week - Scavenger Hunt, All Day, Tonkawa  
Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
Free Lunch, Gantz Center (James Room), 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid  
OKC Thunder Game (Tonkawa Resident Life), \$10 Tickets, 7 p.m.  
BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m.

**March 31**

Aggie Week - Petting Zoo, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Tonkawa

**April 1**

Aggie Week - Waterslide Kickball, Ag Barn, 3:30 p.m., Tonkawa

For additional information, visit the following links: [www.noc.edu](http://www.noc.edu)



The following is the Jets Sports Calendar through April 1  
March 26: Home Softball vs. Western, 2 p.m.  
March 29: Away Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 1 p.m.  
March 31: Home Baseball vs. Murray, 1 p.m.  
March 31: Home Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m.

[www.nocjets.com](http://www.nocjets.com)



The following is the Mavs Sports Calendar through April 1  
March 26: Home Baseball vs. National Park (AR), 1 p.m.  
March 26: Home Softball vs. NEO, 2 p.m.  
March 27: Home Baseball vs. National Park (AR), 1 p.m.  
March 28: Away Softball vs. Murray, 2 p.m.  
March 29: Home Softball vs. Carl Albert, 2 p.m.  
March 31: Away Softball vs. UA Rich Mountain (AR), 2 p.m.

[www.nocmavs.com](http://www.nocmavs.com)



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**TRANSFER 101 & CAMPUS RESOURCES**  
March 24 @ 12 p.m.

In this first Transfer Webinar, our admissions counselors introduce what it means to be a transfer student at OSU. They break down what you should expect for your application, acceptance and the helpful resources available to you as a transfer student.

**COLLEGE CREDIT TRANSFER GUIDES**  
April 14 @ 12 p.m.

In this second Transfer Webinar, our admissions counselors discuss how your credits will transfer from your previous university to OSU. They also talk about your application process and transition to OSU.

**TRANSFER STUDENT LIFE**  
May 15 @ 12 p.m.

In this third Transfer Webinar, our admissions counselors discuss transfer student life and go in depth about your academic resources, student life, living options, amenities on campus and more.



# NOC nursing ranked #7 in state

Northern Oklahoma College has one of the top nursing programs in Oklahoma, according to nursingschoolhub.com.

NOC was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> best nursing program in Oklahoma according to the 2022 list.

NOC has two nursing degree tracks (AAS in Nursing (RN), AS pre-nursing (BSN transfer) One is for those who want to become an RN right after graduation. The other is for those who want to pursue a BSN after earning their degree. Among both types of students, many believe that Northern Oklahoma College as the best nursing school in Oklahoma.

Both programs teach core nursing skills so that students can provide excellent patient care. Students also learn about the nursing industry as a whole. They learn from expert faculty members who understand today's nursing field. Finally, students move on to work in community and healthcare settings.

The Top 10 list includes the following: 1. The University of Oklahoma. 2. Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City. 3. University of Tulsa. 4. Oklahoma City University. 5. Oral Roberts University. 6. East Central University. 7. Northern Oklahoma College. 8. Oklahoma Baptist University. 9. Oklahoma Christian University. 10. Southwestern Oklahoma State University.



The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Fine Arts presents the Roustabout Benefit Show Saturday, April 2. Showtime is at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. (photo by John Pickard/ Northern Oklahoma College)

## Volunteer INCOME TAX Assistance

**FEBRUARY 3-APRIL 14  
2022\***

**THURSDAYS 4-8 PM**  
*by appointment only*

**Cultural Engagement Center**  
*Vineyard Library-Administration Building*  
NOC Tonkawa

**FEATURING**  
Certified tax preparers provided by  
Northern Oklahoma College Business Division  
**Income limit of \$58,000**  
*[\*closed March 14-18 and for inclement weather]*

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☐ 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



NOC Stillwater students Front Row (L-R): Catherine Miller, Megan Pickering, Pablo Jaramillo visited with the NOC Board of Regents about their experience at NOC Stillwater last Wednesday. Pickering is a PLC Student, Miller and Jaramillo are Gateway Guides. Back Row (L-R): Brad Fox, Jodi Cline, Jami Groendyke, Michael Martin, NOC President Dr. Clark Harris, Jason Turnbow, Vice President for Stillwater Diana Watkins.

## Spring enrollment up at NOC

Spring enrollment for Northern Oklahoma College increased from Spring 2021, Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington told the NOC Board of Regents Wednesday afternoon at their regular meeting in Stillwater.

Dr. Edgington reported that NOC’s head count is 6% over the Spring 2021 total. NOC had 2739 students compared to 2639 in March 2021.

In other business, Vice President for NOC Stillwater Diana Watkins said that NOC is planning to open all travel with the Global Education Program for Summer 2022, as countries allow.

She added that NOC Nursing recently went

through the accreditation process in early March. “The visiting accreditation team was very complimentary of Dr. Hicks (NOC Nursing Division Chair) and our nursing program,” Watkins said.

Vice President for Community Relations & Development Sheri Snyder told the regents the NOC Foundation will meet March 30 and discuss the Strategic Plan for the NOC Foundation.

Snyder said, “I have been meeting with (Foundation Chairman) Linda Brown working on ways we can better align the plan for the foundation.

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# Activities

SPRING 2021 SEMESTER

## FEBRUARY

- 9 Wednesday | **Archery Tag** – East Gym – 7-9 pm
- 12 Saturday | **Home Bedlam Basketball vs. NOC Enid** – 6 pm, 8 pm
- 16 Wednesday | **Bingo for Food** – East Gym – 7:30 pm
- 28 Monday | **Inflatable Putt Putt** – East Gym – 4-8 pm

## MARCH

- 2-5 Wednesday-Saturday | **NJCAA Basketball Region Tournament**
- 7 Monday | **Video Game Trailer** – Circle Drive – 6-8 pm
- 14 -18 **Spring Break**
- 22 Tuesday | **Hypnotist** – KPAC – 7 pm
- 30 Wednesday | **OKC Thunder vs. Atlantic Hawks** – Tickets \$10  
*[Limited number of tickets available, See Renna in Student Affairs]*

## APRIL

- 4 Monday | **Bingo for Food** – East Gym – 7:30 pm
- 10 Monday | **Extreme Animal Petting Zoo** – Gazebo Area – 10 am – Noon
- 13 Wednesday | **Jase Holtom Concert** – Circle Drive/Outside Science
- 18 Monday | **Easter Egg Hunt** – Meet at Gazebo (outside Student Union) – 6:30 pm
- 25 Monday | **Paint Night** – 6:30 pm East Gym  
*Sign up in Student Affairs Office by April 15*

## May

- 2 Monday | **Food for Finals**

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## Regents

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dation with the Strategic Plan for NOC.”

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise explained a new partnership that NOC Enid has established with Northwestern Oklahoma State University for a fast track program to help elementary education students graduate faster to place more teachers in the work force. Students will be able to complete the elementary education program in 3 ½ years. He said there will be meetings with elementary education students later this month where they can learn more about the program.

Dr. Edgington also reported regarding enrollment that NOC has scheduled targeted enrollment dates for incoming freshmen in specific programs (athletics, livestock judging, etc.). He added that NOC will be enrolling students in communities where NOC officials can answer questions and assist students with the enrollment process.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson reported that NOC has not had any positive COVID-19 the past four weeks. Dr. Harris

reported that NOC is removing the 70% capacity limit on attendance for campus events.

Dr. Harris also provided an update regarding “Building a Better NOC,” an initiative where students, faculty, and staff have provided input for improvements to NOC. He reported some of the input from the college full-time faculty and staff, from meetings on all three campuses.

Harris also provided information to the regents regarding recommended changes in the direction of the NOC Foundation.

Before the meeting, the NOC Board of Regents met with three NOC Stillwater students, Megan Pickering, Catherine Miller, and Pablo Jaramillo. Pickering is a President's Leadership Council student while Miller and Jaramillo are Gateway Guides. The three students shared with the regents about their experience at NOC Stillwater and their future plans.

The next meeting of the NOC Board of Regents is Wednesday, April 27 in the President's Large Conference Room at 1 p.m.

## *NOC Tonkawa offers summer science and technology workshops*

Students who are entering or have just completed the 8th Grade and would like to have a fun summer experience focusing on Oklahoma's fastest-growing energy sector may attend the Northern Oklahoma College's “Power Up Your Summer” workshops.

During the week of June 13, NOC will be hosting three one-day science and technology workshops where students will be introduced to various forms of energy, including electricity, wind, hydropower, and solar.

The experience is being paid for by a grant from the Oklahoma State Higher Education Regents, so there is no cost to the student, but students must apply to be considered for the academy and space is limited.

The application can be found on the NOC Website at <https://bit.ly/3vN0TCD> and is due by March 31. Students will be selected at random from the received applications, and will be notified by April 8, if selected.

# NORTHERN



## Jets Baseball Alumni Reunion

**In Special Recognition of the  
20th Year Anniversary of the 2002 World Series Team**

**April 9, 2022  
at David Allen**

NOC Enid Jets vs.  
NOC Tonkawa Mavericks  
1 pm and 3 pm

RSVP by April 4

Jeremy Hise 580.548.2393

Kayla Wooderson 580.628.6473

*Hosted by the NOC Alumni and Foundation Office*



## Health "On the Go"

Mobile Wellness Units  
Coming Soon to a  
Location Near You



**March 28, 2022**

9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Northern Okla. College  
1220 E. Grand  
(Renfro Center)  
Tonkawa, OK

*Insurance accepted but not required*

### Services available:

- STD exams
- Immunizations
- COVID-19 testing and vaccinations
- WIC services
- Pregnancy testing
- Blood pressure

Questions? Call (580) 762-1641  
View the full calendar at  
[Oklahoma.gov/MobileWellness](https://www.oklahoma.gov/MobileWellness)



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## Northern Oklahoma College ROUSTABOUTS BENEFIT SHOW

Saturday  
April 2, 2022  
7:30 p.m.  
KPAC NOC Tonkawa

