



Scott Carter to address candidates at graduation April 30

Oklahoma journalist M. Scott Carter will address candidates for graduation at Northern Oklahoma College commencement exercises April 30.

NOC Tonkawa candidates will march into Foster-Piper Fieldhouse on the Tonkawa campus at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30.

Pinning ceremonies for graduates from the NOC nursing program will take place at 7 p.m. on April 30, in Briggs Auditorium.

A sixth-generation Oklahoman, Carter has been a journalist in his native state for more than four decades. He has spent most of his career as an investigative reporter, career covering Oklahoma politics and writing about the impact of government policy on the public.

A Yale High School 1981 graduate, earning an Associate of Arts degree from Northern Oklahoma College and a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma. In 2016, he received the NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

In 2014, he earned a master's degree in Professional Writing from the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Carter has worked at newspapers across the state including the

Stillwater NewsPress, the Norman Transcript and the Oklahoma City Journal Record.

He has earned numerous state and national awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Associated Press, the Oklahoma Scholastic Media Association, the National Press Photographers Association, the National Magazine Publishers Association and the American Library Association.

In 2014, he captured the Associate Press-Oklahoma News Editors Sweepstakes Award for his investigation of the construction of two tornado-ravaged schools in Moore. That award, his fourth AP Sweepstakes Award in six years, followed his investigation of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs in 2012; and a series of stories about the sale of the Sardis Lake Reservoir in 2010.

In 2013, Carter and OETA reporter Bob Sands received the Media Partner of the Year award from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in 2013 for their reporting on veteran's issues. In 2008, Carter received the Marshall Gregory Award from the Oklahoma Education Association for his stories exploring teacher pay in Oklahoma.

Also, in 2013, he was named one of the

Oklahoma's top three political reporters by The Washington Post's blog, The Fix.

A published novelist, his first novel, *Stealing Kevin's Heart*, was published in 2011 by Road Runner Press. That novel was a finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award.

In 2013 Carter's second novel, *The Immortal Von B*, earned several significant awards.

In 2019, he was a co-founder of the largest high school journalism program in the state, the Epic News Network and in 2021 he received the Lois A. Thomas Newspaper Advisor of the Year award from the Oklahoma Scholastic Media Association.

Today, he is an adjunct Professor of Journalism at the University of Oklahoma and Rose State College and serves as the Capitol Bureau Chief for the Southwest Ledger.

Carter is a past president and member of the board of directors for the Oklahoma Pro Chapter Society of Professional Journalists.

Carter lives in Oklahoma City with his wife, Karen, an elementary school teacher, and their six children.



M. Scott Carter

Life changing.



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Tonkawa students honored at Awards Banquet

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 2022-23:
Oklahoma All-USA Academic First Team: Abriana Suprobo, Ashton Linton
Outstanding President's Leadership Council Student: Ashton Linton
Academic Athlete of the Year: Bowen Charboneau
Outstanding Agricultural Student: Kelby Linn
Outstanding Livestock Judging Student: Colt Jones
Outstanding Sheep Center Student: Becca Deming, Tyler Gibson
Outstanding Biology Student: Ty Scherman
Outstanding Chemistry Student: Bowen Charboneau
Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student: Rachael Chatterji
Outstanding Pre-Medicine Student: Bowen Charboneau, Ashton Linton
Outstanding Process Technology Student: Chase Harman
Outstanding Business Student: Larissa Haagsma
Christine Marshall Outstanding Accounting Student: Heather Decker
Gene Dougherty Outstanding Art Student: Jayden Ryan
Piyush and Lisa Patel Outstanding DMI Student: Dawson Henrichs, Ellianne Turner
JT Burg Scholarship for Outstanding DMI Student: Marissa Hill
Outstanding Instrumental Music Student: Luke McHenry
Rhoda Sharp Award: Owen Hutchinson, Cassidy Edsel
Outstanding All-Around Musician: Carli Pendleton
Outstanding Musical Theatre Student: Makayla Seeney

Outstanding Technical Theatre Student: Mariah Moberly
Charlene Bouchard Outstanding Literature Student: Tori Wood
Outstanding Language Arts Student: Matthew Davis
Outstanding Mass Communication Student: Sharon Park
Keely Marshall Outstanding Journalism Student: Savannah Chenoweth
Elizabeth Totten Outstanding Creative Writing Student: Tori Wood
Louis R. Vineyard Outstanding Radio & TV Student: Savannah Chenoweth
Outstanding Math Student: Ashley Evers, Sa-

lem Cearley
Outstanding Nursing Student: Savannah Dolezal
Outstanding History Student: Laura Hernandez
Christine Marshall Outstanding Criminal Justice Student: Samantha Mears
Newman Fellow:
NOC Gateway Study Abroad Scholarship: Matthew Pawlikowski
4.0 Student Award: Ashton Linton, Bowen Charboneau, Chase Harman, Delaney Reimer, Larissa Haagsma, Morgan Fowble, Morgan Livesay



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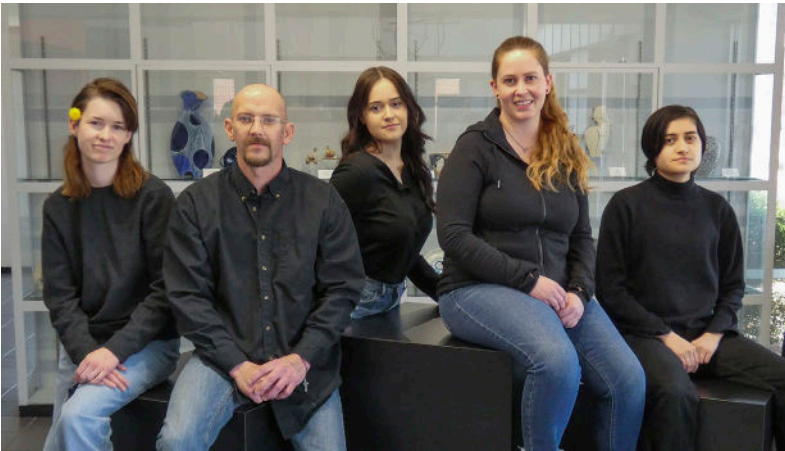
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Precarious Shapes Art Exhibit



Northern Oklahoma College art students (from left) Zoe Oxford, Tonkawa; Tommy Jenkins and Hope Gillespie, Ponca City, Kelsey Grigg, Enid and Ash Herard, Ponca City will be featured in Precarious Shapes, the annual student art exhibition on view April 12-May 3 in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery, NOC Tonkawa. (Photo by Ken Crowder)

NOC Student Art Exhibit open

• *Exhibit open through May 3*

Precarious Shapes—the annual Northern Oklahoma College student art exhibition is on display through May 3 in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Visual art students Hope Gillespie, Kelsie Grigg, Ash Herard, Tommy Jenkins and Zoe Oxford planned and organized the exhibit as part of the requirements for a credited Portfolio/Gallery Seminar at NOC. Precarious Shapes highlights the original art of these five artists along with works of other students enrolled in visual art, creative writing and digital imaging classes during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Under the guidance of Audrey Schmitz, gallery director and art instructor, Gillespie, Grigg, Herard, Jenkins and Oxford gained experience in developing the infrastructure of the exhibit, including choosing the show title and poster design which includes details of each student's art in the title's typography. They also prepared their own work to be exhibition-ready, produced artist statements and title cards and installed dozens of additional curated works made by other students, all as part of their pro-

fessional growth as working artists.

"Overall there is great diversity of media, subject matter and style in the works on view in Precarious Shapes, and the student show is always the most popular event in the Eleanor Hays Gallery," Schmitz added. "We are glad to be back in the gallery after two years of having an "online only" show, and it is also the perfect opportunity to buy original art at great prices from talented artists early in their career."

The wide variety of work on display includes watercolor, acrylic and oil painting; sculpture; pastel, pencil, charcoal and ink drawings; pottery and ceramic forms; digital media; masks; bas relief tiles and mixed media works. Select items are available for purchase. The exhibit also includes a selection of poems by students enrolled in creative writing courses.

Regular gallery hours are noon - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during events in the KPAC. The exhibit will also be open following NOC commencement Saturday, April 30.

For more information about Precarious Shapes contact Schmitz at 580.628.6670 or audrey.schmitz@noc.edu.

NOC Events Calendar for April, May

April 20

The Maverick Published Online
Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. –
1:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 22

Final Day to Drop L8 Courses without
Evaluation
Mavs Softball Reunion, Maverick Field, 4:30
p.m., Tonkawa

April 25

Begin Online Bookstore for Summer

April 26

Free Student Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45
p.m., Tonkawa
Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Concert Band, College Choir, Madrigal
Singers, KPAC, 7:30 p.m.

April 27

Board of Regents Meeting, 1 p.m., NOC
Tonkawa

April 28

Virtual Graduation Practice, 3 p.m.

April 29

Final Day to Withdraw from All Courses
DM Student Showcase, Wilkin Hall 108/110,
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
14th Annual Epic Shorts Film Festival, Wilkin
Theatre, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

April 30

Commencement Exercises, Foster-Piper
Fieldhouse, 9:30 a.m.
Nurses Pinning, Briggs Auditorium in Enid, 7
p.m.

May 2-5

Finals Week

May 6

Residence Halls Close, 10 a.m.

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

NOC Mavericks Sports Calendar



The following is the Mavs Sports Calendar
through May 15.

April 21: Away Softball vs. NOC Enid, 2 p.m.

April 22: Home Softball vs. Connors, 3 p.m.

April 25: Home Softball vs. UA Rich Moun-
tain, 2 p.m.

April 28: Home Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m.

April 28: Home Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m.

May 1: Away Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m.

May 1: Home Softball vs. NEO, 1 p.m.

May 5: Away Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m.

May 7: Home Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 1 p.m.

May 12-15: Region 2 Baseball Tournament at
Enid

May 12-15: Region 2 Softball Tournaments at
Piedmont

Extreme Petting Zoo Visits NOC Tonkawa Campus

By Savannah Chenoweth
The Maverick Staff Writer

An extreme petting zoo stopped by Northern
Oklahoma College on the Tonkawa campus
Monday, April 11th. Students had the chance
to see and touch some animals they normally
would not have the chance to.

There were many different animals that stu-
dents could interact with such as a lemur, a
baby kangaroo, and many different snakes. Co-
zee Clark is a sophomore at NOC and got to
hang out with some of the animals.

“My favorite animal was the big yellow snake.”
Clark states. “It felt really cool around my neck
and was not as heavy as I expected.”

The snake and the tarantula were the two big
attractions at the petting zoo. Students could
hold the snake on their necks while the ani-
mal keeper stood nearby. One keeper allowed

students to lay down while a tarantula crawled
around on their faces. Clark was one of these
students.

“I was never scared” Clark mentioned when
asked about her experience. “I knew that the
animals would not hurt me, so I just had to
trust the keeper who gave the animals to me.
The only one I was nervous about was the ta-
rantula crawling on my face because it felt so
weird.”

The less intense animals that were at the ex-
treme petting zoo were bunny rabbits and a
baby kangaroo. Many students passed around
the kangaroo, as it had to be cradled like a child
when it was held.

The extreme petting zoo was a hit on the
Tonkawa campus and gave the students of
NOC a fun and memorable experience.



Students enjoyed the Exotic Pet Student Activity last week at the Gazebo

2022 Spring Final Exam Schedule

Monday, May 2	Tuesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5
If Course is MWF 8:30am EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am	If Course is TR 8:00 am TR 8:30 am EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am	If Course is MWF 9:30am M, MW 9:00am EXAM is 8:00 am —9:50 am	If Course is TR 9:00am EXAM is 8:00am -9:50 am
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If Course is M 6:00 pm, M 6:30 pm or M 7:00pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm	If Course is T 7:00pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm	If Course is W 7:00pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm	If Course is R 7:00pm EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm

Study Habits for College Students

By Hannah Lake
The Maverick Staff Writer

Every college student must study for classes, but not everyone knows how to study or how to make a good study habit.

Some students in their first semester think that they can still pass a class without studying, but that is not the case.

Especially since Northern Oklahoma College is more writing-based. Some writing is in every course and if you do not know the material, it is harder to answer a question.

Many students then find out quickly that they do have to study for the exams and tests if they want to pass the course, but do not have good study habits.

- Here are some study habits that work for me
- Put the phone away where it cannot be reached while sitting.

- Go over all the materials and notes.
- Go somewhere that does not have a lot of noise in order to focus
- Put on Classical/relaxing music at a low volume
- Find the best time to focus, for me it's better in the evening than in the morning.
- Talk to my professor and classmates if I am having trouble with a problem.
- Schedule a set time to study.
- Take breaks while studying.
- Make sure that I get a full night's rest.
- Practice the test, if possible.

It is okay if some of these study habits do not work for you. Find out which ones do work and ask your peers what study habits they have to add to yours.



NOC Tonkawa hosted a Job Fair Wednesday morning where students could interact with representatives from 15 area vendors.



Life changing.

Rocket Team headed to Wisconsin

The Northern Oklahoma College Rocket Team is participating in the 13th Annual First Nations Launch (FNL) High-Power Rocket Competition as part of NASA's Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium in Kansasville, Wisconsin, April 22-24.

Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Chair of the NOC Engineering, Physical Science and Process Technology Division and mentor for the team, indicated that NOC's involvement stemmed from a request by the Team Leader Phillip Prairie Chief, a recipient of an AISES scholarship after he attended the annual AISES meeting last October, where he learned about the competition.

"Phillip was so excited when he came back from the meeting and told me about the opportunity," Dr. Wood-Black said. "He asked if this was something that NOC could do, and I said if he got a team together, yes!"

"Within a few days, we had applied, pulled a team together and, with the help of the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium (WSGC), found mentors that could help the team through the steps required to participate," she added.

NOC's team is leaving for Wisconsin on Thursday, April 21, and will participate in workshops and other events culminating in a final presentation and an award ceremony during the weekend's events.

Team members include Phillip Prairie Chief, Team Leader, Kaylyn Marr, Nicole Simpson, Kaylyn Marr, Rachael Chatterji, Timothy Edwards, and Megan Pickering. The team has been supported by mentors from Tulsa Rocketry, Brien Wood and Hal Ellis.

This competition is for students attending a Tribal College or University, a Native American-Serving Nontribal Institution (NASNTI), or who are members of an active American In-

dian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) collegiate chapter. Teams compete to design build, and fly a high-powered rocket to be launched as part of the spring event in Kansasville, WI.

There are three competitions, Mars, Moon and Gateway. Teams from around the country will be participating including teams in the Mars and Moon competitions from the University of Washington, the University of Hawaii, University of California, Davis, and the University of Colorado, Boulder.

NOC will be competing with Tribal Colleges in the Gateway competition.

Dr. Wood-Black says that this has been a great experience for the students and is excited to see that students are getting to participate in an event that has a national reach.

"This is what makes NOC such a great place," she said. "Our students can come in and suggest an opportunity and we can run with it."

NOC is participating in the entry level competition with plans to participate in the Moon competition next year, as the NOC students have enjoyed their participation.

The competition to date has included a series of design milestones, presentations, and tests. The students have built a rocket named "Quixote's Quest" that they will fly during the competition during the weekend of April 22, 2022, in Wisconsin. Several of the Team members will also be attempting their Level 1 High-Power Rocketry certification during the launch weekend.

Team members Phillip Prairie Chief and Megan Pickering achieved their Level 1 certifications earlier this year as part of the Launch 2 Learn program associated with WSCG.



NOC Rocket Team Photo at Level 1 Certification Flight at the Tulsa Rocketry Launch Site in Feb. 2022. Pictured (L-R); Nicole Simpson, Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Rachael Chatterji, Hal Ellis, Phillip Prairie Chief, Timothy Edwards, Megan Pickering. (photo by Ken Black)



Jason Holtom Band performs on front steps of science building for NOC Tonkawa students.



NOC Tonkawa's Criminal Justice Society carried the flags in the Tonkawa Film Festival Parade on Saturday, April 8.



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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