

Ballard, Ging, Bolz honored as Best Faculty for 2022

Northern Oklahoma College faculty Cathy Ballard, DeLisa Ging, and Matt Bolz were named Best NOC Faculty for 2022 at the employee service awards meeting last Friday in Tonkawa.

Ballard is a math instructor at Tonkawa, Bolz is an agriculture/biological science instructor at Enid while Ging is a language arts instructor at Enid.

Candidates were chosen based on student comments through campus surveys.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins said that though these three faculty were recognized, other faculty received positive comments from students.

"We're fortunate to have outstanding faculty and staff at Northern," Watkins said. "Our students responded to the survey concerning who had helped them learn the best at NOC by saying wonderful things about almost everyone who teaches a course."

The following were listed as Excellence of Education Awards for Adjuncts: Jamie McCallum (Agriculture and Biological Science), Enid; Kathy Allison (Engineering, Physical Sciences, and Process Technology), Tonkawa; Suzanne Sumpter (Fine Arts), Tonkawa; Chris Gerber (Health, Physical Education, and Recreation), Enid; Kitty King (Language Arts), Enid; David McCaslin (Mathematics), Stillwater; Jonie John-

son (Nursing), Enid.

The following are students comments regarding the three winners:

Cathy Ballard

*Mrs. Ballard truly cares about her students. I've been lucky enough to be in two of her courses now. She never lets a bad day affect how she interacts with her classes. Her notes and practice problems seem clear and tailored to the idea of learning concepts, rather than copying down tiny messy numbers. A few years ago, during my freshman year, I failed Statistics, withdrew from my retake, and shortly after dropped out. Since I returned to college last year, I've managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA for two semesters now. This is something I never thought was possible for me.

*She showed how much she actually cared about the students and that we were more to her than just a class of students.

*She puts maximum effort to keep smiles on



Cathy Ballard

our faces, to teach us and she's been doing an amazing job.

DeLisa Ging

*She had so much patience and was always ready to help anyone that needed her. I'm not the normal college student and just started school at the age 46. After not doing well on my ACT test, I was scared. She would help me any day or night. She taught me skills to help with my schoolwork, and I believe if it wasn't for her time, teaching, and overall being an amazing person, I would not have a 4.0. She is very passionate about her job, she explains very well how to do any of the assignments.

*She is also very fast at replying back and grading. Her feedback for the essays is also very helpful because she's very detailed on what needs to be fixed and she is always very kind anytime I need to get ahold of her.

*I have never had a teacher that wanted me to



DeLisa Ging

pass the class so bad. She was so helpful and you could tell she loves teaching. Her mood would always put me in a good mood. I never thought I would look forward for a class in my life but I found myself looking forward to it. She teaches so well and helps so much. I never had an enthusiastic, supportive and friendly teacher like her.



Matt Bolz

Matt Bolz

*He explains things very thoroughly and never makes you feel dumb for not knowing something. He also has a great sense of humor so it makes college classes more bearable.

*He was very passionate with everything he taught so we learned better because he was

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Diana Watkins named VPAA

Diana Watkins has been named the Northern Oklahoma College Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1. The announcement was made by President Dr. Clark Harris during the April 27 NOC Board of Regents meeting.

“Many good candidates applied for the position, and Diana Watkins was the obvious choice for the position. She brings many excellent skills and a fresh perspective as she brings innovative strategies to look at NOC’s academic programs as she works with the faculty and all of the Academic Affairs department. Everyone is very pleased with Diana Watkins as the next Vice President of Academic Affairs,” as stated by Harris.

Watkins is currently the Vice President for NOC Stillwater and has also served as the interim Vice President for Academic Affairs since Dr. Pam Stinson left NOC in December 2021. As vice president for academic affairs, she will continue to serve as a member of the NOC Executive Council.

Reporting directly to the president, Watkins will be responsible for providing an institution-wide vision, leadership and strategic direction for academic programs. In her position, she will provide oversight and leadership for all functions of academic affairs for the college, a

multi-campus institution. Watkins will work closely with the president, other vice presidents, academic division chairs and program directors to facilitate the overall mission of the college and provide the vision and leadership that promote and support a commitment to academic achievement, excellence in instructional methodology, assessment of teaching and learning and student success.

Watkins, a doctoral student in Oklahoma State University’s Higher Education and Student Affairs Program, is a proud graduate of Perry High School and the Oklahoma State University Honors Program. She began her tenure at the NOC/OSU Gateway Program in 2005

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Diana Watkins

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able to explain how the human body works in terms that made it easy to learn and he also related material with everyday life. He always made sure that we were understanding what he taught. He made class fun by integrating everyday life with the material so I always looked forward for his class. You can tell that he truly cares for his students so I believe that makes all

the difference in the world.

*He was super patient with our class and if we had a question he would answer it with no hesitation or smart remark like the other teachers. He definitely makes learning more interesting he’s very understanding. Lastly his nerdy science jokes are the coolest.



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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.

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as an adjunct instructor in the Language Arts Department. In 2007 she was named the Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Member for NOC Stillwater. After joining the Language Arts Department full-time in 2007, she was chosen the Distinguished Faculty Member for NOC Stillwater in 2009 and was named Vice President for NOC Stillwater in March of 2019.

Watkins has been an active member of the NOC community, serving on a number of committees and as sponsor of the NOC Stillwater President's Leadership Council. Extremely passionate about student success, Watkins served on the task force that developed NOC's First Gen Mentor Program, a program designed to assist students who are the first in their families to attend college. Watkins currently serves as a liaison for NOC's involvement with the Pedagogy, Advising and Curricular Excellence (PACE) Project and chairs the committee on recruitment and retention for NOC's 2019-2025 Strategic Plan. She has traveled with NOC students to Washington, D.C., to Europe on a number of short-term study tours and has taught on short-term residential programs in London, England and Dublin, Ireland. Watkins developed the NOC Honors Program in an ef-

fort to facilitate the successful transfer of NOC students into the OSU Honors College. She has presented at numerous conferences, including the National Association of Developmental Education Conference and the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference.

A graduate of Leadership Stillwater Class XX-VIII, Watkins serves on the Stillwater Public Education Foundation Board of Trustees, the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and as a mentor for the Oklahoma State University Honors College. Watkins enjoys practicing yoga, running, reading, world travel, writing, and attending concerts and theatre performances.

"As the daughter of someone who's life trajectory was positively impacted by a community college, and as someone who has spent the past 17 years witnessing the positive effect NOC faculty and staff have on students, I am thrilled to take on this role in Academic Affairs. I look forward to working with our amazing faculty and staff in Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater as we continue to work to provide life changing opportunities for students at Northern Oklahoma College."

NOC Calendar

May 13
Jets Softball vs. Western, 11 a.m. in Piedmont
Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 4 p.m. in Enid
Mavs Softball vs. Seminole, 6:30 p.m. in Piedmont

May 16
Begin Summer Office Hours

May 18
Boar of Regents Meeting, Gantz Center (James

Room), 1 p.m., Enid

May 19
Offices Close at 2 p.m. for NOC Cove Cookout

May 20
No Classes/Offices Closed

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



Northern Oklahoma College

July 18th - 21st | 12:30 - 5:30 pm
Grades 6th-12th



CLASSES OFFERED:

- > Beginning Photography
- > Board Game Design
- > Cartooning
- > Computer Graphics 101
- > Dance Technique
- > Digital Escape Room
- > Graphic Storytelling
- > Intro to Linocut Printmaking

- > Jewelry & Ornament Making
- > Musical Theatre
- > Oil Painting
- > Painting w/ Watercolor & Gouache
- > Stage Combat
- > Vocal Exploration

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Regents discuss youth aviation program at NOC Enid campus

A new aviation program for youth is coming to the Northern Oklahoma College Enid campus. NOC Enid is partnering with Redtail Youth – Making a Difference. The partnership would provide a facility for Redtail Youth – Making a Difference in a building located on the north-west corner of the NOC Enid Campus, that has been unoccupied for a number of years. The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents approved a grant application for replacement of the heating/cooling system for the building.

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise said the non-profit has been looking for a facility to house their aviation program. The non-profit would renovate the building to house program events. The aviation program partners with Vance Air Force Base, Woodring Airport, Enid Schools, and Autry Technology Center.

Board members also discussed a number of projects over \$25,000 detailed by Anita Simpson, Vice President for Financial Affairs. Those projects include Professional Design Services for the P-Tech Building at NOC Tonkawa, Repairs of the NOC Enid Primary Monument Sign, Sewer Line Repair at Markley Hall at NOC Tonkawa, Document Imaging Maintenance and Support, Desktop Computers for Tonkawa and Enid libraries, Microsoft Licenses, New Telephone Services/Equipment, and Printing Services Equipment.

In administrator updates, Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins reported that Enid Language Arts Instructor Dr. Paul Bowers recently had a book published, his third book of poetry, *Ten Acres of the Universe*. She also reported that the NOC Rocket Team enjoyed their trip to Wisconsin and was the winner of the Outreach Award.

Vice President for Community Relations &

Development Sheri Snyder reported that four finalists were selected for the Daisy Award, a new award for nursing faculty to be given at the NOC Nurses Pinning Saturday night at NOC Enid. The four finalists are Robin Baird, Kim Brewer, Marie Head, and Tricia Michaelis.

Anita Simpson, Vice President for Financial Affairs, said her office has refunded \$1.9 million to NOC students in HEERF Funds (Financial Aid Refunds) related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington reported that summer and fall enrollment is underway adding he is cautiously optimistic about enrollment for summer and fall. He added that enrollment management staff members have been visiting schools and enrolling students at off-campus locations to ease the enrollment process.

Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported that Bo Charboneau from NOC Tonkawa and Slater Eck from NOC Enid were named the student athletes of the year. Charboneau is a baseball player for the Mavs while Eck is a softball player for the Jets.

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise reported that he is working with the Enid Public Schools on a pathway for students to take courses at NOC Enid as part of a new program called “Early 30.” NOC is also partnering with Enid Schools in a program that would allow EHS students to earn an Associates of Arts while attending high school.

President Dr. Clark Harris discussed the NOC Tonkawa Library remodeling project. Harris also shared that Diana Watkins has been selected as the new Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The next board meeting is at the Gantz Center on the NOC Enid campus May 18 at 1 p.m.





DEADLINE MAY 13, 2022

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Cost includes accommodations at NOC residence hall.

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PER STUDENT

SESSION ONE
June 13-15
Grades Third-Sixth

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June 16-18
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Retirees, faculty, staff service awards presented at reception

Three retiring Northern Oklahoma College employees were honored at a retirement reception last Friday at NOC Tonkawa.

Also, a number of year end awards were presented. Other employees were honored for their years of services.

Retirees honored were Sandy Jensen, Enid; Paula Lewis, Stillwater; and Renee Thompson, Enid. Jensen and Lewis both worked in Enrollment Management while Thompson worked in the Physical Plant. Jensen worked 24 years at NOC, Lewis, 14, and Thompson, 15.

The following were honored for school year end awards:

OACC Awards – Scott Cloud (Staff), Holly Lee (Professional Staff), Dr. Frankie Wood-Black (Faculty).

Employees honored for their years of service.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson presented the NOC pins for years of service saying that the recipients total 383 years of service at NOC. The recipients are as

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NOC May Birthdays



Ian Layne
Linn Laughrey
T.L. Walker
Kathy Hannah

May 17
May 21
May 21
May 24

Jeremy Cook
Janet Jarvis
Jena Kodesh
Claura Wilson

May 25
May 26
May 29
May 29



SHEEP FIELD DAY JULY 18, 2022

NOC AGRICULTURE COMPLEX
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Monday before the Big 3 Field Days at OSU

\$10 team / \$3 individuals

TIMES

9:00 am – Registration Begins

9:45 am – Contest Starts with
Round 1 [4 Classes]

10:45 am – Round 2 [4 Classes]

12:00 pm – Awards Presentation

AGE DIVISIONS

Junior: Ages 12 and under

Intermediate: Ages 13-15

Senior: Ages 16 and up to 2022 graduated seniors

**Top 5 individuals and top 3 teams
will receive awards.**

**NOC Judging Scholarship awarded to
the top Senior Division winner.**

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Awards

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follows:

40 Years

Greg Krause, Social Science Instructor/Tonkawa Women's Basketball.

30 Years

Kerri Gray, Scholarship Coordinator/Athletic Compliance.

25 Years

Michael DuRoy, Head Men's and Women's Soccer Coach.

15 Years

Gina Conneywerdy, NASNTI Student Success Specialist; Edward Dixon, Fine Arts Division Chair; Cissy Leonard, Information Receptionist; Jill Schultz, Administrative Assistance for Financial Affairs; Diana Watkins, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

10 Years

Matthew Caldwell, Assistant Book Store Manager Tonkawa; Dee Cooper, Math Instructor Tonkawa; Crystal Davis, Science Instructor Stillwater; Michael Earl, Motor Pool Technician Enid; Stacey Frazier, Language Arts Instructor Tonkawa; Kathy Hannah, Resident Life Tonkawa; Christi Hook, Math Instructor Tonkawa; Jena Kodesh, Art Instructor Tonkawa; Linn Laughrey, Network Server Administrator; David McGee, Custodial Supervisor Fieldhouse, Tonkawa; Bridget Napoli, Resident Life Enid; Candy Oller, Gift Processing Coordinator; Ray Weideman, Assistant Director Physical Plant Tonkawa.

5 Years

Patricia Briggs, Nursing Instructor Tonkawa; Nichole Cooley, Scholarship Specialist Tonka-

wa; Marsh Howard, Social Science Instructor Stillwater; Rachel Kirk, Director of Marketing; Curtis Parr, Maintenance Tonkawa; John Pickard, Photographer; Anna Roland, NASNTI Project Manager; Stephani Spurlock, Math Instructor Enid; Christopher Storm, Science Instructor Stillwater; Mark Tarrant, Grant Accountant; Valarie Wade, Print Shop Specialist, Tonkawa; Alyce Webb, Social Science Instructor Tonkawa.

1 Year

Michelle Ailey, Admissions/Registration Specialist Tonkawa; Darion Bailey, Administrative Assistant for Enrollment Management Tonkawa; James Cooley, IT Network Systems Assistant Tonkawa; Jimmy Dickinson, Science Instructor Stillwater; Dustin Elam, Admissions/Registration Specialist Stillwater; Madison Green, HS/College Recruiter Enid; Brody Gronewold, Resident Life Tonkawa; Clark Harris, President; Calvin Hoelting, Security Officer Tonkawa; Pam Keeler, Administrative Assistant Academic Affairs; Brian Knapke, Maintenance Tonkawa; Jenifer Lancaster, Nursing Instructor Tonkawa; Patricia Lopez, Assistant Director Project Achieve Enid; Cameron Margaris, Resident Life Coordinator Enid; Kyle Mayo, Custodian Tonkawa; Kari Mitchell, Business Instructor Tonkawa; Megan Riddle, English Instructor Tonkawa; Coradino Rosato, Resident Life Tonkawa; Crystal Smith, Student Support Specialist Enid; Carmen Tetik, Director of Financial Services Tonkawa; Paige Walker, Staff Assistant for Nursing; Bradley Witherspoon, Men's Basketball Head Coach Tonkawa.



10-Year Pins



1- Year Pins

Faculty, staff service awards



5-Year Pins



15-Year Pins



Kerri Gray, 3-Year Pin



Greg Krause, 40-Year Pin



OACC Faculty Award, Dr. Frankie Wood-Black



OACC Professional Staff Award, Holly Lee



OACC Staff Award, Scott Cloud





Brad Fox (center) was appointed to a five-year term on the NOC Board of Regents this past week. Pictured (L-R): Sen. Bill Coleman, Brad Fox, Dr. Clark Harris.



Jason Turnbow (left) was appointed to complete a three-year term on the NOC Board of Regents. The appointment was carried by Sen. Pederson.

Brad Fox, Jason Turnbow appointed to NOC Board of Regents

Northern Oklahoma College Regents Brad Fox, Ponca City, and Jason Turnbow, Enid, were appointed by Gov. Kevin Stitt to serve on the NOC Board of Regents on Thursday, May 12.

Fox and Turnbow were appointed by Gov. Stitt after approval by the Oklahoma State Senate.

Fox's appointment was carried by Sen. Bill Coleman (R) from Ponca City while Turnbow's

appointment was carried by Sen. Roland Pederson (R) from Burlington.

Turnbow, who succeeded Stanley Brownlee, will serve through June 30, 2025. Fox, who succeeded Dale DeWitt, will serve the remainder of DeWitt's term through June 30, 2022, and then a five-year term through June 30, 2027.



Scott Carter speaks to graduates

Northern Oklahoma Students at all three campuses went through graduation exercises at the 116th Annual Commencement Saturday in Tonkawa and Enid.

A total of 536 graduates earned degrees at the two ceremonies.

NOC Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins opened the ceremony, congratulating the students on reaching their goals for graduation and persevering during a pandemic. She also announced students that maintained a 4.0 GPA and those that earned two degrees.

She also introduced the Flag Bearers for each academic division.

They include the following at NOC Tonkawa: Institutional-Ashton Linton; Agriculture and Biological Science-Bowen Charboneau; Business-Larissa Haagsma; Fine Arts-Zoe Oxford; Health, Physical Education, and Recreation-Jordan Webster; Language Arts-Tori Wood; Josh Hill-Mathematics; Nursing-Savannah Dolezal; and Social Science-Cassidy Edsall.

They include the following at NOC Enid: Institutional-Payton Meyer; Agriculture and Biological Science-Jordan Williams; Business-Lauren Crumb; Physical Sciences, and Process Technology-Kaylynn Marr; Health, Physical Education, and Recreation-Ricky Rhodes; Language Arts-Reagan Detrick; Mathematics-Taylor Rainey; Nursing-Leslie Morgan; and Social Science-Adriana Melisa Quezada.

President Dr. Clark Harris introduced special guests at the ceremony and then presented the class for the conferring of degrees.

The speaker for the ceremony was M. Scott Carter, a NOC Distinguished Alumni.

Carter congratulated the students for perse-



M. Scott Carter

vering during the pandemic.

"I was in exactly the same place you are 39 years ago," he said. "It takes bravery and courage to be where you are today. Earning a college degree is challenging under any circumstances but you did it during a pandemic."

Carter spoke of musician Chuck Berry and Bartlesville librarian Ruth Brown who showed bravery and courage in the 1950's. Berry wrote what at the time were controversial lyrics to the song "Johnny B. Goode" while Brown believed in equality for all who wanted to use library services.

"Today, people remember Ruth Brown and Chuck Berry for their courage and bravery but no one remembers their critics," he said.

He also challenged the graduates to make a difference and show bravery and courage in their everyday lives.

The NOC Concert Band performed the Armed Forces Salute and the college choir performed Oklahoma Rising. After the candidates for graduation were announced, the college choir performed NOC's Alma Mater.

Enid and Stillwater graduates went through exercises at NOC Enid in the afternoon while Tonkawa students went through exercises in Tonkawa in the morning.