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State regents allocate funds for colleges with incentives for workforce graduates

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education allocated state appropriations for Oklahoma's state system of higher education for Fiscal Year 2023 today, including targeted investments in workforce development initiatives in critical high-demand fields, such as STEM and teacher education. State Regents approved \$873.4 million in state appropriations, representing a 7.5% increased investment by legislators and the Governor over FY 2022.

"We are focused on ensuring Oklahoma's higher education system is producing graduates in critical occupations to not only meet our state's workforce needs, but to give Oklahomans the greatest advantage possible to have economic security for themselves and their families," said State Regents' chairman Jeff Hickman. "States with a higher percentage of college degree-holders have higher per capita incomes and stronger, more diversified economies, and we are pleased that legislators and the Governor recognize this and have entrusted us with resources to accelerate opportunities for Okla-

homa's future."

For public colleges and universities, the next step in the budget process is to formulate their operating budgets for FY 2023. Following approval by institutional governing boards, the State Regents will consider these proposed operating budgets at the June 23 meeting.

"Of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations, 66 will require a college degree by 2028," said Chancellor Allison D. Garrett. "As demand for a college educated workforce continues to grow, this significant investment in public higher education will enable our state system to build Oklahoma's workforce and drive economic growth."

State Regents also prioritized funding for innovations in institutional shared services, on-line education and scholarships to incentivize college degree completion.

Four with NOC ties compete for Miss Oklahoma June 8-11



Four current or former NOC students will compete for Miss Oklahoma next week in Tulsa June 8-11. Current Miss NOC Tonkawa Emma Valgora and current Miss NOC Enid Mia-Claire Jones (above) will compete alongside Miss Heartland Chandler Brown and Miss Ponca City Lexi Neahring. (photos provided)



Life changing.



NOC Calendar

June 6 Begin June 4-Week Courses	June 22 Final Day to Drop L6/Online Courses Final day to Return L6/Online Course Books
June 7 Final Day to Add June 4-Week Courses	June 24 No Classes/Offices Closed
June 8 Final Day to Drop June 4-Week Courses Final Day to Return June 4-Week Course Books	June 30 End 4-Week June Courses/Finals
June 10 No Classes/Offices Closed	July 1 No Classes/Offices Closed
June 15 Regents Meeting, 1 p.m., Tonkawa	July 4 No Classes/Offices Closed
June 16 End E6/Online Courses/Finals	July 5 Begin July 4-Week Courses
June 17 No Classes/Offices Closed	July 6 Final Day to Add July 4-Week Courses
June 20 Begin L6/Online Courses	July 7 Final Day to Drop July 4-Week Courses Final Day to Return July 4-Week Course Books For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar
June 21 Final Day to Add L6/Online Courses	



NOC June Birthdays

Ofelia Delgadillo	June 2	Scott Mansfield	June 15
Alicia Sharp	June 3	Ryan Bay	June 17
Trenton Leslie	June 6	Stephanie Bundy	June 19
Rick Edgington	June 8	Terri Sunderland	June 20
Patricia Lopez	June 9	Courtney Mikolajczyk	June 20
Crys Davis	June 10	Darion Bailey	June 21
Adrian Ibarra	June 11	James Howard	June 22
Iva Ashford	June 13	Delisa Ging	June 23
Steve McClaren	June 14	LeeAnna Bowling	June 23



The 2022 Chautauqua Teachers' Institute

A History-Filled Professional Development Opportunity



June 13-18, 2022

Northern Oklahoma College Enid

Registration fee \$60 and includes:
One week of history, culture, and fun
National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Visit and Lunch
A visit to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum

This year's Institute spotlights
Surviving the Sixties: Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n' Roll
with character portrayals of Allen Ginsberg, Cass Elliot
Christopher Isherwood, Timothy Leary, and John Lennon.
Accommodations at NOC Enid Residence Hall (Optional) \$15 per night
Meals and transportation to and from scheduled Enid events will not be provided.

Deadline: Thursday, May 5, 2022
To register, contact Dr. DeLisa Ging
580.478.5174 or delisa.ging@noc.edu.

Kim Brewer earns first NOC Nursing DAISY Award®

Northern Oklahoma College nursing faculty member Kim Brewer was honored with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty at the NOC 2022 Nurses' Pinning Ceremony Saturday, April 30, at Briggs Auditorium at NOC Enid.

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.

DAISY Award recognitions honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers – from Nursing Student through Lifetime Achievement in Nursing.

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty was established by The DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 from Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), an auto-immune disease. The Barnes Family was awestruck by the clinical skills, caring and compassion of the nurses who cared for Patrick. They created this international award to demonstrate appreciation to faculty for their commitment and inspirational influence on their nursing students and to say thank you to nursing faculty everywhere.

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. Kim Brewer is an exceptional example of what nursing faculty should be." According to Brewer's nomination letters, "she has worked extremely hard to make our learning experience exceed expectations, listened to our voices, and advocated for our best interest as future



Kim Brewer

nurses. She is the master of therapeutic communication and has shown a respect for each of us. She is knowledgeable, dependable, and consistent. Brewer takes every new challenge thrown at her with perseverance and spirit. She has shown me how a great attitude can affect the people around you positively. All of these qualities make a great nurse AND an amazing instructor."

Brewer earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1996 and a Master of Science in Nursing Education from the University of Oklahoma in 2019. She graduated summa cum laude from both programs and, while at OU, received the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence from the Fran & Earl Ziegler College of Nursing. Mrs. Brewer has been a faculty member in the Nursing Division at NOC for four years, but her love of teaching began more than a decade ago in the Science department at NOC in 2007. Teaching at NOC gives Brewer the opportunity

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DEADLINE MAY 13, 2022

Summer Sessions

Cost includes accommodations at NOC residence hall.

\$150
PER STUDENT

SESSION ONE
June 13-15
Grades Third-Sixth

\$250
PER STUDENT

SESSION TWO
June 16-18
Seventh Grade and up



Learn from the top junior college judges in the country!

Campers will be able to hone their abilities in sheep, cattle, hogs and goats along with oral reasons.



Brad Witherspoon accepts postion at Dodge City Community College

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Men's Basketball Coach Brad Witherspoon is leaving NOC for the head coaching position at Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kansas.

Witherspoon led the Mavs to a 21-8 record and the Region 2 Regular Season Championship in his only season at NOC.

"I would like to thank NOC and the great people I have met here the last year," Witherspoon said. "I would also like to thank our players who trusted us and NOC to better their future. Emily and I are going to miss everyone here but taking over the program at Dodge City Community College was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. We will always remember our time In Tonkawa."

Previous to NOC Tonkawa, Witherspoon coached at Barton County Community College, John Wood Community College, Doane University, and Kilgore College.

He is originally from Humboldt, Kansas, and played at the University of Kansas.



Brad Witherspoon

Brewer

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to combine her love of teaching with her love of nursing.

Blind nominations for the award were submitted with a designated committee reviewing and ranking the nominees based on their commitment to student learning and success, utilizing personal interaction, providing rigorous instruction and innovative technologies, striving to provide high quality, accessible nursing

education, and modeling the values of excellence, integrity, resourcefulness, impactful relationships, and compassionate service.

The winner was selected by the The DAISY Award® Selection Committee.

Finalists included Brewer, Robin Baird, Marie Head, and Tricia Michaelis.

More information is available at <http://DAISY-foundation.org>.



SHEEP FIELD DAY

JULY 18, 2022

NOC AGRICULTURE COMPLEX
1651 E. NOC DRIVE • NOC TONKAWA

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.

For more information visit www.noc.edu/agriculture-science1





Phelps' family provides scholarships for Ponca City students

Ten \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this fall to Po-Hi deserving graduates.

Ponca City High School (Po-Hi) graduates and Northern Oklahoma College (NOC) alumni William W. (Bill) Phelps and Dorothea L. (Susie) Bristow are amending their endowment to the NOC Foundation (NOCF) to begin offering scholarships to qualified Po-Hi graduates attending NOC Tonkawa this fall semester. Even though they now reside 300 miles south in the Dallas area they decided to give back to the community where they grew up.

The William W. and Dorothea L. Phelps Educational Loan and Scholarship fund, originally established in 2011 and amended in 2014 and again this summer, will now provide 10 (ten) \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students majoring in engineering or business. Recipients must be a graduate of Ponca City High School and enrolled full-time at NOC Tonkawa.

"We strongly believe in the mission of the two-year college and are excited to help those individuals who have the ability to be successful in the chosen fields of engineering and business," the couple said. "We are excited to provide Po-Hi graduates the same educational opportunities we had."

Bill and Susie met in the first grade and are 1956 graduates of Po-Hi and 1958 NOC graduates where they both received associate degrees, Bill in engineering and Susie in business administration. They continued their education at Oklahoma State University where both earned bachelor's degrees, Bill in mechanical engineering and Susie in business administration. Bill later received his master's degree in petroleum engineering from The University of Oklahoma. In 2017, Bill Phelps was inducted into the Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.



Bill and Susie Phelps

During a recent visit in Dallas, the Phelps announced their plans with NOC President Clark Harris and Vice President for Development and Community Relations Sheri Snyder. Snyder also serves as the executive director to the NOCF.

"We are so excited when our NOC graduates choose to give back to their local communities and to NOC," said NOC President Dr. Clark Harris. "NOC appreciates the Phelps' generosity and their willingness to pay it forward."

"We are proud to announce this expanded scholarship opportunity," said NOCF executive director Sheri Snyder. "NOC is grateful and blessed to have alumni such as Bill and Susie Phelps who are continuing on their tradition and commitment to higher education in Oklahoma and to their alma maters by establishing a scholarship to benefit students of academic merit in engineering and business."

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





ARTS ADVENTURE CAMP

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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www.noc.edu/arts_adventure





Arts Adventure c/o Kerri Gray
 P.O. Box 310, Tonkawa, OK 74653
 580.628.4710

NOC honors nursing graduates in Enid

Twenty-nine Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Students received their nurses' pins at a ceremony at NOC Enid Saturday night in the 49th Class of NOC Nursing.

Nursing students from the Stillwater, Enid, and Tonkawa campuses received their pins and cited the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

The guest speaker was Lea Brown, Stillwater Medical Center.

She encouraged the graduate to focus on something other than themselves.

"Your work is not a means to an end," she said. "Your work must have more meaning. The pleasure you have in doing your job is that you love people every single day," she said.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks congratulates each member of the graduating class and advises them to "continue to pursue excellence, advance in your careers and education, and use your life changing experience at NOC to change the lives of those with whom you will have contact over the course of your careers."

The graduates are included by campus and hometown:

Tonkawa

Sylvie Brand, Stillwater; Darah Dickover, Tonkawa; Savannah Dolezal, Perry; Keziah Mc-

Lain, Ponca City; Lexi Morris, Stillwater; Boun Thorne, Blackwell; Tiffany Young, Ponca City.

Enid

Lauren Black, Enid; Christian Brown, Enid; Adrienne Bundy, Enid; LaTasha Campbell, Pond Creek-Hunter; Shelby Crump, Dover; Brooke Jordan, Enid; Cindi Meyer, Goltry; Taelor Parker, Hooker; Mayson Pettus, Enid; Allison Purnell, Enid; Alyssa Steadman, Stillwater; Daniel Turkelson, Oklahoma City; Shellie Valenzuela, Enid.

Stillwater

Olivia Baker, Edmond; Kelsie Bidwell, Stillwater; Hailey Bishop, Sparks; Katelynn Dauzat, Stillwater; Brady McDermed, Stillwater; Leslie Morgan, Stillwater; Tracy Rupp, Tulsa; Crystel Thomas, Agra; Phyllis Yellowman, Pawnee.

The following were recognized by Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks.

Spirit of Nursing (Tonkawa) – Tiffany Young

Spirit of Nursing (Enid) – LaTasha Campbell

Spirit of Nursing (Stillwater) – Kelsie Bidwell

Exceptional Graduate Award – Savannah Dolezal

Exceptional Preceptor Award – Shiloe Cline, RN

DAISY Award for Extraordinary Faculty – Kim Brewer, MSN, RN



Enid Nursing Graduates Pictured Front Row (L-R): Allison Purnell, Brook Jordan, Lauren Black, Alyssa Steadman, Christian Brown. Back Row (L-R): LaTasha Campbell, Shelby Crump, Adrienne Bundy, Daniel Turkelson, Mayson Pettus, Shellie Valenzuela, Cindi Meyer, Taelor Parker.



Stillwater Nursing Graduates Pictured Front Row (L-R): Crystel Thomas, Olivia Baker, Hailey Bishop, Leslie Morgan. Back Row (L-R): Katelynn Douzat, Tracy Rupp, Brady McDermed, Phyllis Yellowman, Kelsie Bidwell.



Nursing



Tonkawa Nursing Graduates Pictured Front Row (L-R): Sylvie Brand, Lexi Morris, Boun Thorne. Back Row (L-R): Keziah McLain, Darah Dickover, Savannah Dolezal, Tiffany Young.

NOC summer campus camps, events

NOC is hosting a number of events this summer on the Enid and Tonkawa campuses.

The following are a list of summer camps and events.

June

May 31-June 30: Upward Bound Summer Academy - Enid

June 13-18: Chautauqua Teacher's Institute – Enid

June 13-15: Livestock Judging Camp (Grades 3-6) – Tonkawa

June 14, 15, 16: KidWind Power Up Your Summer (8th Grade) -- Tonkawa

June 16-18: Livestock Judging Camp (Grades 7 & Up) – Tonkawa

June 27: Girls' Basketball Camp (Grades K-3) – Tonkawa

July

July 10-14: Girls' Basketball Camp (Grades 7-12) – Tonkawa

July 17-21: Arts and Adventure Camp – Tonkawa

July 18: Sheep Field Day -- Tonkawa

July 24-28: Girls' Basketball Camp (Grades 3-6) - Tonkawa

NOC receives grant for wind turbine

Northern Oklahoma College received a FedEx grant May 18 that will provide a wind turbine for the new NOC Wind Energy program.

NOC will receive a Primus Air Turbine, associated hardware, and a small cash award this summer for use this fall, according to Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Pre-Engineering, Physical Sciences and Process Technology Division Chair.

NOC students in Wind Energy and Pre-Engineering will use the turbine for research projects this fall.

"This is an exciting opportunity as it is going to allow our students to have hands on experience with a wind turbine as well as be able to conduct real world studies and research," said Dr. Wood-Black.

The grant was awarded at the Clean Power Conference in San Antonio on May 17. NOC adjunct instructor Kathy Jackson attended the grant announcement. The announcement was also made on Facebook Live.

REpowering Schools (REpS) worked with FedEx to offer a research opportunity for university, college and community college students that will introduce them to the fundamentals of

wind turbine testing, evaluation, and validation through hands-on, experiential learning.

The project provides a small-scale wind turbine such as the Primus Air turbine, some testing equipment, and a small research grant to expand research capabilities at applying schools.

The turbines will be used for capstone or other research classes or through independent studies and renewable energy clubs during the fall semester of 2022. The specific learning objectives would focus on applied engineering with a focus on small wind turbine design and distributed generation.

NOC was one of four schools to receive a small wind turbine and associated hardware for which they are expected to complete a set of defined turbine operational characteristics and then conduct research of the school's choosing. Small research grants will also be given to support equipment purchases and/or staff/faculty time.

Results of research may be presented at a student symposium at the Distributed Wind Energy Association Conference in Washington DC, currently scheduled for late February 2023.

June summer school sessions

NOC is offering three summer school sessions this year. The following are a list of summer sessions:

June 6: Begin June 4-Week Courses

June 20: Begin L6/Online Courses

July 5: Begin July 4-Week Courses

Call 580.628.6220 (Tonkawa), 580.548.2275 (Enid), or 580.628.6910 (Stillwater) for additional information.

NOC Cove Picnic

