

# What's Happening

## October 14, 2022

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## Pickens Learning Commons Grand Opening



NOC Tonkawa celebrated the Grand Opening of the Pickens Learning Commons Wednesday afternoon. The Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the event. Included in the ribbon cutting were the NOC Board of Regents, Tonkawa Chamber

of Commerce Directors, current and former NOC administrators, Hugh Pickens and artist Yatika Starr Fields. (More photos on Page 10)



# Chikaskia Literary Festival in Enid Oct. 20-21

NOC Enid is hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chikaskia Literary Festival Oct. 20-21.

The festival will be held in the Marshall Building Bivins Chapel.

Featured readers are Alan Berecka of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Joey Brown of Carl Junction, Missouri.

Twenty-two writers of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction from Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas will share their work.

Alan Berecka is the author of five books of poetry, the latest *A Living is Not a Life: A Working Title* (2021, Black Spruce Press) was a finalist in the Hoffer Awards. His poetry has appeared in such journals and web sites as *The Christian Century*, *The American Literary Review*, *The Texas Review*, *The Texas Poetry Assignment* and *The Main Street Rag*. He was recently invited by the Lithuanian Writers Union to take part in their international spring poetry festival which took place in May 2022. This was the second time Berecka has been invited to read in the birthplace of two of his grandparents. He has earned his living for many years as librarian at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. He looks forward to his retirement which will begin in January 2023. He and his wife Alice reside in Sinton, Texas where they raised their now two adult children.

Joey Brown is a poet and a fiction writer. She has authored two poetry collections: *The Feral Love Poems* (Hungry Buzzard Press) and *Oklahomaography* (Mongrel Empire

Press). Her poems and prose have appeared in *The Red Earth Review*, *Plainsong*, *Concho River Review*, *The Langdon Review* of the Arts in Texas, *Tulsa Review*, *Oklahoma Review*, *The San Pedro River Review*, and other journals. She has recently completed two new manuscripts—a book length narrative poem set in early-80s oil bust Oklahoma and a mystery novel—for which she is seeking publishers. She frequently performs her poetry at festivals and writing conferences around the Midwest and sometimes beyond. Joey now lives in southwest Missouri with her husband, the novelist Michael Howarth, and spends her free

Lovers of the Language Arts are welcome to come and enjoy works by regional award-winning poets and fiction writers.

The event is free for faculty, staff, students and the general public.



Alan Berecka



Joey Brown

**Spring/Summer Enrollment begins  
Monday, Oct. 17**

**COMPLIMENTARY  
CONCERT TICKETS TO  
BLOOD, SWEAT and TEARS**  
for NOC Students, Faculty and Staff  
*Limited Number, First Come, First Served*



**Doors open 6:30 p.m.  
Concert 7:00 p.m.  
Briggs Auditorium, NOC Enid**



**Deadline to RSVP,  
Wednesday, October 12**

**Contact: Ashlyn Ewy  
580.628.6240 / ashlyn.ewy@noc.edu  
or Heather Swain  
580.628.6214 / heather.swain@noc.edu**



# Mavs Athletic Alumni reunion Oct. 15

The Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Mavericks are hosting an All-Athletics Alumni Reunion Saturday, Oct. 15.

Alums will be hosted for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Renfro Center. Following the luncheon, there will be athletic team breakouts for each sport including Meet the Mavs, Athletic Activities, and Campus Tours.

The bookstore will be open from 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for NOC memorabilia.

Late afternoon and evening will be reserved for alumni groups to meet off campus.

For more information, contact NOC Alumni Coordinator Kayla Wooderson at 580.628.6473 or [kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu).

## NOC October Birthdays



Andrea Burnes	Oct. 14	Tammy Davis	Oct. 24
Candice Stow	Oct. 14	Julie Baggett	Oct. 26
Cesar Zepeda	Oct. 14	Gene Mayo	Oct. 27
Jalana Cloud	Oct. 15	Wendy O'Neill	Oct. 27
Mary Gard	Oct. 15	Courtney Miller	Oct. 28
Stephanie Weckler	Oct. 15	Pam Keeler	Oct. 28
John Pickard	Oct. 16	Vickie Crouch	Oct. 28
Tricia Moore	Oct. 17	Eddie Dixon	Oct. 29
Lori Erasmus	Oct. 17	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30
Alyce Webb	Oct. 22		

# MAVERICKS

## ALL-ATHLETICS ALUMNI REUNION

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 2022**

**ALUMNI LUNCHEON**  
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**RENFRO CENTER**  
**NOC TONKAWA**

Following the luncheon there will be individual athletic team breakout groups with the following:  
Meet the Mavs  
Athletic Activities  
Campus Tour

Bookstore will be open 1:00-1:30 pm for NOC memorabilia.

Late afternoon/evening will be reserved for alumni groups to meet off campus.

**RSVP by**  
**Monday, October 3**  
**to Kayla Wooderson**  
**580.628.6473**  
**[kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu)**

As more details are finalized, updates will be posted on social media pages.

NOC Facebook

NOC Alumni Facebook

Mavs Facebook

# NOC Calendar

Oct. 14

Nurses Pinning, Renfro Center, 7 p.m.

Oct. 15

Mavericks Alumni Reunion, Renfro Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Oct. 16

Away Women's Soccer vs. Redlands, 3 p.m.

Oct. 17

Begin Second Eight Weeks  
Spring/Summer Enrollment Begins  
24 Works on Paper Art Exhibit (Mon – Fri), KPAC, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa  
Magician Jonathan Meyer, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Yoga Mondays, EB Lobby, 8 p. m., Enid

Oct. 18

Final Day to Add L8 Courses and Log on to Online Courses  
Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa  
Pre-Nursing Student Day, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., all campuses  
Runner Girls, Tonkawa Track, 2:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Family Feud, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 19

Northern Encounter, Stillwater, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Stillwater  
Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
BCM Student Lunch, James Room, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid  
Away Mavs Soccer vs. Rose, 1 p.m., 3 p.m.  
BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

Oct. 20

Chikaskia Literary Festival, Marshall Building (Bivins Chapel), 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Enid  
Jets Got Talent, Briggs Auditorium, 7 p.m., Enid

Oct. 21

Final Day to Drop L8 Courses with Full Refund  
Chikaskia Literary Festival, Marshall Building (Bivins Chapel), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Enid  
Home Lady Mavs Basketball Scrimmage vs. McPherson, 6 p.m.

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



# Northern Encounter

## Fall 2022

Discover Programs, Services, Clubs and Organizations. Meet Faculty and Students. Take a Campus Tour!



*Northern Encounter has been designated as a day for high school juniors, seniors and their parents to get an up-close look at what Northern has to offer.*

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

**9-11 am**

*Tell your friends on Social Media!*

**Pre-Register Online:**  
<https://noc.secure.force.com/events/#/list>



TONKAWA	ENID	STILLWATER
<b>October 5</b> Renfro Center Bryan Hook 580.628.6668 	<b>October 12</b> Gantz Student Center Leticia Maxwell 580.548.2353 	<b>October 19</b> NOC Stillwater Building Janet Jarvis 580.628.6904 

# Pre-Nursing Student Day Oct. 18

The NOC Nursing Division is hosting a Pre-Nursing Student Day Tuesday, Oct. 18 on all three NOC campuses.

The event is set for 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater.

Students have an opportunity to experience the nursing program with a facility tour and

participate in a practice lab.

Advisors and faculty will be available to answer questions.

Email the students' name and campus to [nursing@noc.edu](mailto:nursing@noc.edu) to reserve a spot.

Call 580.628.6679 for additional information.

## NOC Distinguished Alum nominations due Nov. 1

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2023 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 1, according to Kayla Wooderson, alumni relations coordinator.

Selected honorees will be inducted into the NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion to be held in the Renfro Center, April 1, 2023. This is the 21st year for the NOC Hall of Fame event.

The NOC Roustabouts will perform at the event before their annual benefit show at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, has been established to recognize the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of NOC. This award is the highest honor that Northern bestows upon an outstanding alumnus/a. To view the past honorees, visit the website at <https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/distinguished-alumni-hall-of-fame/award-recipients/>.

Contact Wooderson at 580.628.6473, [kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu) or visit the NOC website at [www.noc.edu/alumni](http://www.noc.edu/alumni).

## Final fall Northern Encounter Oct. 19

Northern Oklahoma College has announced Northern Encounter dates for Fall 2022.

The Stillwater date is Oct. 19 at the NOC Classroom Building.

Northern Encounter is designated as a day for high school juniors, seniors, and their parents to get an up-close look at the programs and services that Northern has to offer.

Students will receive free t-shirts and door prizes. They will discover programs, services, clubs and organizations at NOC. They will also meet NOC faculty, students, and take a campus tour.

For more information about Northern Encounter, contact Janet Jarvis in Stillwater (580.628.6904).

# PRE-NURSING STUDENT DAY

**Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**1:30pm – 3:30pm**

**Experience the Nursing Program  
on your campus!**

- **Tour the Nursing Division**
- **Participate in the Nursing Practice Lab**
- **Enroll in Spring semester courses**
- **Advisors and Faculty will be on hand to answer any questions**

**Reserve your spot!**

**Email your Name and Campus to:**

**[Nursing@noc.edu](mailto:Nursing@noc.edu)**



Life changing.





Northern Oklahoma College had four students attend the 2022 Women in Science Conference at the Oklahoma Science Museum on Oct. 4. Abbigayle Vargas (Enel Booth), Raven Bruce (NOC booth), Brenna Leonard and Emmaline Dethloff (KidWind Booth). The students provided hands on demonstrations of the electric grid and wind turbine power generation to over 1,600 middle school and high school students from around the state. Over 200 vendors and volunteers participated in the conference. (photos by the 2022 OK NSF EPSCoR Women in Science Conference).



The NOC Tonkawa Roustabouts performed at the Full Moon Concert in Tonkawa on Sunday, October 9. Performing with the Roustabouts were a few NOC and Roustabout Alums. It was a beautiful evening for a wonderful concert. The alums included Cassidy Edsall '22, Taryn Pruett '19 and Carli Pendleton '22 singing with her sister Kira.

Northern Oklahoma College • Enid

# Chikaskia Literary Festival

Join us for our 9th Annual Chikaskia Literary Festival. Lovers of the Language Arts are welcome to come and enjoy works by regional award-winning poets and fiction writers.

**Thursday and Friday  
October 20-21, 2022**

Bivins Chapel/Marshall Building

Twenty writers of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction will share their work.

**Thursday, 10 am-6 pm | Friday 10 am-2 pm**

Free and Open to faculty, staff, students and the general public.

Alan Berecka  
*Corpus Christi, Texas*

Joey Brown  
*Carl Junction, Missouri*

Life changing.



# Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

This week we end our coverage of Hispanic Heritage Month. The 30-day nationally observed period (September – 15 October) acknowledges the contributions made to this country by the

Latino community. In celebration, here are four of the greatest Hispanic athletes and scientists of all time. To read about the Top 20 Hispanic American Athletes and Scientists of all time, go

to the following link: [The 20 greatest Hispanic athletes of all time | Yardbarker](https://www.yardbarker.com/athletes/100-top-20-hispanic-athletes-of-all-time/) ([thefamouspeople.com](http://thefamouspeople.com))

For more information on Hispanic American scientists go to: [Notable Hispanic Scientists](https://www.nasa.gov/feature/nasa-hispanic-scientists)



**Franklin Chang-Díaz**

Franklin Chang-Díaz, the American Physicist worked on controlled fusion and fusion reactor design. He specialized in Applied Plasma Physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and received the doctorate degree from the same university. He became an astronaut in 1981 and later worked at NASA, as well.



**Carmelo Anthony**

Anthony, who's father is Puerto Rican, is the greatest Latino basketball player of all time. He's a 10-time NBA All-Star, has four Olympic medals (three gold and one bronze), and a NCAA national championship under his belt (he single-handedly made Syracuse champs in 2003). No one even comes close.



**Roberto Clemente**

Arguably the greatest beisbolero (baseball player) to ever don the Pittsburgh Pirates uniform, #21 was a 15-time All-star who led his team to two World series (1960 and 1971). He's also one of 31 players to get 3,000 hits. One of the first Latinos enshrined at Cooperstown, Clemente tragically died in a 1972 plane crash that was delivering aid to the victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua.



**Ellen Ochoa**

Ellen Ochoa, the astronaut and 1st Hispanic woman to go to space pursued her research on information processing from Sandia National Laboratories and NASA Ames Research Center. She is also a co-inventor on patents in optics, object recognition and image processing.

Other Hispanic scientists including Mario J. Molina, who stated that CFC'S are harmless and César Milstein, one of the fathers of modern medicine to develop the first monoclonal antibodies in 1975 are Hispanic scientists. Baruj Benacerraf, Jacinto Convit, Luis Alvarez are a few Hispanic scientists who also made their contributions to the world.



**Laurie Hernandez**

Laurie Hernandez won a gold medal as part of the U.S. women's gymnastic's team at the 2016 Rio Olympics and a silver medal at the individual balance beam event. Not only that, Hernandez, who's of Puerto Rican descent, also won the 23rd season of "Dancing with the Stars." Not bad for a 17-year-old.







Three high school students received \$400 Tuition Waivers at the Tonkawa Northern Encounter last week at the Renfro Center. Northern Encounter is an opportunity for high school students to visit NOC Tonkawa and learn about NOC programs. Pictured (L-R): Victoria Mays, Frontier School; Kirklyn Warrior, Frontier School; Xandria Coffelt, Billings High School (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

## Jets Athletics Alumn reunion Oct. 29

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# ALL-ATHLETICS ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

**ALUMNI LUNCHEON**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**GANTZ STUDENT CENTER**

**MONTGOMERY HALL**

**NOC ENID**

Following the luncheon there will be individual athletic team breakout groups with the following:

Meet the Jets | Athletic Activities | Campus Tour

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**NOC  
Facebook**



**NOC Alumni  
Facebook**



**Jets  
Facebook**





# Art exhibit continues at the KPAC

24 Works on Paper, Oklahoma's only traveling art exhibit that features artists who live and work in the state, will be on view from Sept. 26 – Nov. 4 in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

Artists chosen for the curated exhibit differ in age, background and style and what unifies them is that they all make work on paper - in media such as printmaking, drawing, painting and photography.

The guest curator for 24 Works on Paper was Michael R. Grauer, Curator of Cowboy Collec-

tions and Western Art at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The biennial exhibition is managed by the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition, a statewide nonprofit whose mission is to grow and develop Oklahoma's visual arts community through education, promotion, connection and funding.

Classroom curriculum guides and videos are made available for free to arts educators, homeschool groups, and other interested parties. Contact [keri@ovac-ok.org](mailto:keri@ovac-ok.org) for more information.

## Dual Miss NOC set for Oct. 25

The Miss NOC Enid and Miss NOC Tonkawa Scholarship Competitions are Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.

The dual competition starts at 7:30 p.m.

The current Miss NOC's are Mia-Claire Jones (Enid) and Emma Valgora (Tonkawa). The winners move on to compete in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in the summer.



NOC Tonkawa students enjoyed the Exotic Animal Petting Zoo on Monday.

**NOC**

2022 TONKAWA  
**HAUNTED  
SALE BARN**

LAST THREE WEEKS OF OCTOBER  
**8-11 pm**

**Third Week**  
October 13-14-15  
(Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

**Fourth Week**  
October 20-21-22  
(Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

**Fifth Week**  
October 28-29-30-31  
(Thursday, Friday, Saturday,  
CLOSED SUNDAY, Monday)

**FREE for NOC Students**  
Must show valid student ID  
~~\$10 PER VICTIM~~

Located at the corner  
[Dead End]  
of 7th & Rivera





Yatika Starr Fields, Hugh Pickens, and Dr. Clark Harris with the Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce certificate from the Grand Opening of the Pickens Learning Commons on Wednesday.



Dr. Harris, Hugh Pickens, and Yatika Starr Fields cut the ribbon for the Pickens Learning Commons on Wednesday.

N O R T H E R N O K L A H O M A C O L L E G E

## F A L L S E M E S T E R FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDS *Bucket List*

Fall Student Activities | Mark your Calendars!

<b>Wednesday September 14 Dodge Ball</b> East Gym 7:30 pm	<b>Friday, September 16 Constitution Day</b> Voter Registration 9 am - 1 pm Ice Cream Truck 10 am - 1 pm	<b>Wilkin Truck Parade</b> Entrance of Campus (Jenkins Street) 6-7 pm	<b>Monday September 19 Video Game Trailer</b> Circle Drive Outside Student Union 6-8 pm	<b>Thursday September 22 Dunk Tank</b> Gazebo Area 11 am - 1 pm
<b>Monday September 26 Paint Night</b> East Gym 6:30 pm <small>*Please sign up in Student Affairs by Monday, Sept. 19th*</small>	<b>Wednesday October 5 Bubble Soccer</b> North of Softball Field 6-9 pm	<b>Monday October 10 Extreme Animal Petting Zoo</b> Gazebo Area 10 am - Noon	<b>Wednesday October 13 Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn</b> 8-10 pm <small>Dead End of 7th &amp; Rivera Must show valid Student ID</small>	<b>Thursday-Friday October 14-15 Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn</b> 8-11 pm <small>Dead End of 7th &amp; Rivera Must show valid Student ID</small>
<b>Monday October 17 Magician Show</b> KPAC, 7:30 pm	<b>Tuesday October 18 Family Feud</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Thursday-Saturday October 20-22 Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn</b> 8-11 pm <small>Dead End of 7th &amp; Rivera Must show valid Student ID</small>	<b>Tuesday October 25 Miss NOC</b> KPAC, 7:30 pm	<b>Wednesday October 26 Family Feud</b> 7:30 pm <small>Winners from week before face End Campus Winners</small>
<b>Thursday-Saturday October 27-29 Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn</b> 8-11 pm <small>Dead End of 7th &amp; Rivera Must show valid Student ID</small>	<b>Monday October 31 Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn</b> 8-10 pm <small>Dead End of 7th &amp; Rivera Must show valid Student ID</small>	<b>Wednesday November 2 Bingo for Food</b> East Gym 7:30 pm	<b>Monday November 7 Paint Night</b> East Gym 6:30 pm <small>*Please sign up in Student Affairs by Monday, Sept. 19th*</small>	<b>Tuesday November 8 Archery Tag</b> East Gym 7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday November 16 Golf Simulator</b> Racquetball Court 7:30 pm	<b>Tuesday November 29 Bedlam Basketball vs Enid</b> Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm	<b>Tuesday December 6 Christmas Movie and Cookie Decorating</b> East Gym, 6:30 pm	<b>Monday December 12 Food for Finals</b> Student Union 7:30 pm	