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# What's Happening

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# Miss NOC Enid, Tonkawa held Tuesday at KPAC



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. Tonkawa entries include Yessenia Aguilar, Ponca City; Makayla McCullough, Alva; Kennedy Brown, Ponca City; Alyssa Walker, Ponca City; Hayley Spaeth, Okeene; Kira Pendleton, Tonkawa; Regan Clapper, Pawnee; Mikaila Kraus, Okarche. Enid entries include Kaycee



Babek, Meeker; Isyss Morgan, Enid; Ashleigh Miller, Cushing; Carson Collins, Mannford. 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. (photos by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Eight NOC nursing students celebrated graduation last Friday night at the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa. Front Row (L-R): Kaylee Terry, Tara Mueggenborg, Saeble Harp. Back Row (L-R): Adrianna Lopez, Kacie Platt, Rebecca Gordon, Meliah Boyd, Amber Drapalla. (photo courtesy of Cope Photography)

## Eight nursing students graduate

Eight Northern Oklahoma College Nursing students received their nursing pins Friday night at the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Receiving pins were Meliah Boyd (Tonkawa campus), Amber Drapalla (Enid), Rebecca Gordon (Tonkawa), Saeble Harp (Tonkawa), Adriana Lopez (Enid), Tara Mueggenborg (Stillwater), Kacie Platt (Tonkawa), and Kaylee Terry (Tonkawa).

Dr. Nikole Hicks, NOC Nursing Division Chair, said the event is truly a celebration.

“We are here to celebrate these graduates,” Dr. Hicks said. “Tonight’s event is the culmination of a lot of blood, sweat, and tears. I know these graduates appreciate all their friends and families for their support in what is one of the most

difficult degree programs. We are so excited to help them make the transition from nursing student to professional nurse.”

Friday’s guest speaker was Paula Harris, former nurse, nursing instructor, and the wife of NOC President Dr. Clark Harris.

“Paula (Harris) has been such a joy to work with since she joined the NOC family,” Hicks said.

In her remarks, Harris told the nursing graduates, “You have successfully completed your nursing education in the midst of an extraordinary public health emergency. Not only did you survive, but you are stronger for the experience.

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**NOC** NORTHERN Oklahoma College

*You are cordially invited to attend the crowning of*

**MISS NOC  
TONKAWA AND ENID  
2023**

Tuesday, October 25 • 7:30 pm  
Kinzer Performing Arts Center • NOC Tonkawa

*Emma Valgera*  
Miss NOC Tonkawa, 2022

*Mia-Claire Jones*  
Miss NOC Enid, 2022

# Nursing

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During a global pandemic you learned how to perform nursing skills and how to think like a nurse. You honed your ability to be resilient, accountable, and responsible. You learned how to be a member of a healthcare team, how to work autonomously and how to provide leadership. All skills that will serve you well as a nurse. During this remarkable journey, you had the support of family and friends many of whom are here to celebrate with you today.”

“Just as the nursing faculty guided you through experiences in the nursing program,” she continued. “You will help patients and their families face the unknown and navigate the healthcare environment. You will be their anchor in the storm. I encourage you to use the art of nursing presence by being intentional, authentic, and in relationship with your patients and

their loved ones. This will actually feed your soul as you work in a complex and often times chaotic work environment.”

“I want to thank you for choosing to enter this rewarding profession in which your life and work touches that of another. I can promise you that you will never be bored, you will make a difference in someone’s life every day that you go to work, you will work hard, and some days you will end your shift and think “what a ride!” The profound work that you do will impact so many people’s lives in a way that you will never know and may never imagine.”

Two awards were presented at the pinning ceremony. Tara Mueggenborg was presented the Spirit of Nursing Award, and the Exceptional Preceptor Award was presented to Brianna Tom of Stillwater Medical Center.



The Preceptor Award was presented to Brianna Tom. Accepting the award was Amber Drapalla with Dr. Vickie Crouch. (photo courtesy of Cope Photography)



The Spirit of Nursing Award was presented to nursing graduate Tara Mueggenborg, presented by nursing instructor Dr. Vickie Crouch. (photo courtesy of Cope Photography)



**NOC Stillwater  
Room 165  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
8 am-11 am**

# On-Site Flu Vaccine

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# Fall enrollment up at NOC

Northern Oklahoma College has an increase in student head count and credit hours according to a report given to board of regents last Wednesday.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington reported that NOC has a 5% increase over Fall 2021. NOC now reports 3,278 students including those at Tonkawa, Enid, Stillwater, University Center in Ponca City, Online, and Concurrent (High School) enrollment.

NOC is also reporting a 2% increase in credit hours over Fall 2021.

The largest increase in 2022 Fall enrollment is in concurrent enrollment with 436 students enrolled compared to 344 in Fall 2021.

Dr. Edgington also reported the final enrollment numbers for Summer 2022 with student headcount at 959, an increase of 18% over Summer 2021 with a credit hour production increase of 14% over Summer 2021.

In other business, NOC approved the FY2022 Internal Audit Report with no major findings reported, approved the 2022-23 employee handbook with policy revisions and additions, and approved policy revisions and changes to

the NOC Foundation, Inc.

The regents also approved the NOC Annual Fire and Safety Report for Tonkawa and Enid.

A total of \$1.05 million in funding allocations were approved by the regents including \$400,000.00 in computer hardware, software, licensing, and fees and the purchase of two buses one for Tonkawa and Enid at a cost of \$285,000.00 each.

In the president's report, Dr. Clark Harris reported that student activities were up this semester, he also reported that NOC employees participated in a survey asking for suggested ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses. He said the data survey responses will be compiled and sent to employees in the near future.

Harris also said he was excited for the Pickens Learning Commons Grand Opening set for later in the afternoon.

Regents also approved the declaration of surplus property including roustabout costumes, old theatre curtains, athletic uniforms, and cheer uniforms. All the materials designated as surplus are at least five-years old.

The next meeting is set for Nov. 9 in Stillwater in the Brown Conference Room at 1 p.m.



## CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Looking for fellow Catholics?

Interested in joining NOC Tonkawa's *Catholic Student Association*?

***Catholic Student Association***

**Join Us  
Thursday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup>  
at Noon**

**Harold Hall 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Floor Student  
Lounge**

**Pizza and  
drinks will be  
provided!**

**For more  
information  
contact**

**Dr. Alyce Webb**  
[alyce.webb@noc.edu](mailto:alyce.webb@noc.edu)

**or**

**(580) 628- 6664**

## Jets athletic reunion set for Oct. 29

The Northern Oklahoma College Enid Jets are hosting an All-Athletics Alumni Reunion Saturday, Oct. 29.

Alums will be hosted for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Gantz Center. Following the luncheon, there will be athletic team breakouts for each sport including Meet the Jets, 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.

RSVP to NOC Alumni Coordinator Kayla Wooderson at 580.628.6473 or [kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu).



Former Maverick athletes look at memorabilia at the NOC Tonkawa All-Athletic Reunion held Oct. 15.

## Maverick athletes reunite at event

Over 100 former NOC Tonkawa Maverick Athletes and their families attended the first ever athletics reunion Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Renfro Center.

Former baseball, basketball, cheer, softball, and soccer athletes had an opportunity to catch up with teammates, look at NOC sports memorabilia and bid on old athletic equipment.

NOC President Dr. Clark Harris welcomed the alums to the event.

“Welcome back to NOC, we’re glad you’re here,” Dr. Harris said. “We appreciate all you have done for NOC and we appreciate your willingness to stay connected to NOC. We hope you have a great day.”

Athletic director Alan Foster thanked the alums for coming back for the event saying, “We

thank you for coming back today, we ask you to connect to our current student athletes and show them the future. We thank you for sharing your time today and hope this is the first of many athletic alumni events.”

Among the alums were members of Lady Mavs Basketball Coach Greg Krause’s first team in 1982-83.

“It was great to see members of my first team here,” Krause said. “Your first year as a head coach is always special. They really enjoyed reuniting with each other too. We also had a former player from the 1985-87 years. All of them are looking forward to the next reunion and encouraging others to come.”

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**NOC Tonkawa  
Renfro Ballroom  
Friday, October 28, 2022  
8 am-1 pm**

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# Mavericks

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Mavs' baseball had the most attendees.

"It was great seeing all my former players again," said coach Ryan Bay. "They all really enjoyed the day and they're already asking when the next get together will be."

Alums were treated to a lunch, courtesy of NOC, and then attended practices for the individual sports. The day ended with off-campus activities.

The event was organized by NOC Alumni and Community Relations Director Kayla Wooderson.



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## NOC October Birthdays



Alyce Webb	Oct. 22	Courtney Miller	Oct. 28
Tammy Davis	Oct. 24	Pam Keeler	Oct. 28
Julie Baggett	Oct. 26	Vickie Crouch	Oct. 28
Gene Mayo	Oct. 27	Eddie Dixon	Oct. 29
Wendy O'Neill	Oct. 27	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30



# 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

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 17 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**



**Jets Facebook**



# Pickens Learning Commons official

The transformation of the Northern Oklahoma College library to the Pickens Learning Commons is complete as Northern Oklahoma College dedicated the updated facility at last Wednesday's grand opening.

The event included remarks by NOC President Dr. Clark Harris, Hugh Pickens, artist Yatika Starr Fields, NOC Board of Regents Chairman Jami Groendyke, Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce President Kristy Favela, and NOC Vice President for Community Relations and Development Sheri Snyder.

Dr. Harris said the project was part of his "Building a Better NOC" initiative started last year.

"This project along with the generous support from the Pickens Museum connects with the current NOC Strategic Goals as well as to the Core Values of personalized education, continuous improvement and community and civic engagement," Harris said. "NOC strives to provide initiatives to insure student learning and student success. Programs and activities conducted by the institution are also designed to promote a quality of life that enhances the students' total growth and development. The project exemplifies all of this."

Regent chair Jami Groendyke said she is inspired by the Pickens' family generosity.

"Today signifies an important day for Northern Oklahoma College," Groendyke said. "On behalf of the NOC Board of Regents, it gives me great pleasure to assist in this formal recognition and dedication. As an NOC alumna myself, I am inspired by the Pickens' generosity to give back to this institution. As a Native American, I am proud of the gift of Native art that is showcased here at Northern also made possible by the Pickens family."

In his remarks, Pickens spoke of the value of art.

"Art can do a lot of things, Pickens said. "Art can inspire us, art can help us be open to other

ideas, art can uplift our minds and spirits. Art can change the world. I know this for a fact because it changed mine."

Pickens began collecting art in the 1960's, then combined collections with his wife Dr. S.J. Pickens in 1984 and continued to collect art for 33 years where they spend hours in their studio admiring the art work they had acquired.

Pickens then said that (former NOC President) Dr. Cheryl Evans had asked if NOC could display art by artist Yatika Starr Fields. Pickens then commissioned Fields to paint a mural in the Cultural Engagement Center at NOC. He then said that (current president) Dr. Clark Harris had asked that Pickens' presence at NOC continue and the result (100'x 20' mural) and over 80 pieces of art is on display today.

"I am displaying this art to honor my late wife's memory," he said. "I hope the students today will see this art and be inspired by it."

Native American Artist Yatika Starr Fields thanked Pickens for bringing him into the project.

"I want to thank Mr. Pickens for allowing me to share his vision," he said. "To have this amount of art work in one place here at NOC in Tonkawa is truly amazing. It's not something you see in Oklahoma so NOC and Tonkawa are very fortunate."

Fields explained the mural as a work of Native American inspiration and he hopes this work will inspire others.

"I want to help students gain an inspiration to the energy of this mural and see vision of the past and the future," he said.

Chamber President Kristy Street said the new learning center is an amazing facility.

"I love how beautiful this Native American art work is and how it can bring cultures together and inspire students," she said. "I love how NOC and the City of Tonkawa can come to-

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**NOC Enid  
Montgomery Hall  
Monday, October 31, 2022  
8 am-11 am**

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# Pickens

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gether. That's what Tonkawa means and I love that idea."

In the opening remarks of the event, Vice President for Community Relations & Development Sheri Snyder said, "Today, we want to not only share this amazing transformation within the Vineyard Library, but also want to formally recognize our private donor, Mr. Hugh Pickens and the Doctor Pickens Museum, Inc.," said Sheri Snyder. "We are so proud of our partnership with Hugh and The Doctor Pickens Museum, which started in 2020, when Hugh commissioned the beautiful 50-foot murals painted by Osage artist Yatika Starr Fields in our Cultural Engagement Center. Many of you were here in June 2021 when we held the artist reception and formal recognition."

"We are extremely grateful that this partnership has continued," Snyder said. "In April of this year, President Harris shared the vision of the Tonkawa Library and new contemporary Student Learning Commons with the Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents, where they not only approved the project, but also approved the naming of the facility thanks to the substantial support from the Doctor Pickens Museum, Inc."

Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce Directors also held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the event.

The dedication coincided with Pickens' birthday so in honor of the event, the NOC Roustabouts sang Happy Birthday to Pickens.



NOC Tonkawa formally dedicated the Pickens Learning Commons Wednesday, Oct. 12. Pictured (L-R): Vice President for Community Relations & Development Sheri Snyder, Mural Artist Yatika Starr Fields, former NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans, art collector Hugh Pickens, NOC President Dr. Clark Harris. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College).

**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 PER VICTIM**  
 Must show valid student ID

**Located at the corner (Dead End) of 7th & Rivera**



NOC Nursing Students recently participated in a White Coat Ceremony at the Renfro Center in Tonkawa. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

## Nursing students participate in White Coat Ceremony

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Nursing held a White Coat Ceremony Thursday, Oct. 6 at the Renfro Center in Tonkawa.

The first White Coat Ceremony was created by Dr. Arnold P. Gold in 1993 to bring a focus on human caring back to the practice of medicine. The ceremony has expanded from medical schools to multiple healthcare disciplines, including nursing. During the ceremony, students are cloaked and recite a professionalism pledge to acknowledge the importance of human caring and the need to keep patients at the center of that care. The cloaking ceremony symbolizes the passing of the nursing profession to a future generation who have the responsibility to provide compassionate care with the most up-to-date evidence throughout their careers, leaving the profession better off when they leave than when they began.

“The white coat ceremony honors nursing’s traditions and acknowledges the equal contri-

butions nurses at all levels make to humanistic caring healthcare practices,” said NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks. “The placement of the ceremony for NOC nursing students marks their transition from the practice lab to patient care settings within our communities.”

Students in the Class of 2024 participating in the ceremony include the following:

**Tonkawa** – Ann Galindo, Caid Glowacki, Beth Hall, Aubrey Ingmire, Rosette Pruit, Valrie Roblyer, Jennifer Schaefer, Cheyanne Shaw, Teagan Stewart, Brett Stoup, Jessica Waller, and Vanessa Wright.

**Enid** – Jessica Belair, Christopher Caez-Rojas, Jacqueline Camarena, Kasey Collins, Curtis Conner, Maria Cornwell, Cindi Hagans, Lauren Haley, Alyson Myers, and Meagan Rexrode.

**Stillwater** – Evan Gibson, Brian Halpin, Taylor

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# TRICK OR TREAT FESTIVAL & FAIR



## Monday, October 31 2022

12 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult

<h3 style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Festival</h3> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 5px 0;"><b>4-5 pm</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Downtown Tonkawa, Grand Avenue</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Candy for children in costume</p>	<h3 style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Fair</h3> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 5px 0;"><b>5-6:30 pm</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">In the Circle, NOC Tonkawa Games • Candy • Fun</p>
<h3 style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Costume Contest</h3> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 5px 0;"><b>5 pm</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Heart in the Park Prizes</p>	<h3 style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">The Hub</h3> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 5px 0;"><b>6-8 pm</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Trick or Treating at The Hub</p>
<h3 style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Concert</h3> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 5px 0;"><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Halloween Spooktacular Jazz Band Concert NOC, KPAC</p>	



# White Coat

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Hargrove, Kirbie Howard, Josephine Huai, Alexandria Madden, Ashton Ottley, Payton Parish, Maggie Swann, Cordelia Tillman, Caitlyn Vogel, Jenny Zhan.

NOC Nursing Students acting as mentors are as follows:

Tonkawa – Meliah Boyd, '22; Lauren Eller, '23; Rebecca Gordon, '22; Saebler Harp, '22; Kristen Leading Fox, '23; Kacie Platt, '22, Haylee Rog-

ers, '23; Emily Smith, '23; and Kaylee Terry, '22. Enid – Mikaela Browning, '23; Amber Drapalla, '22; Caitlyn Flackman, '23; Patricia Frickenschmidt, '23; Trist Kilian, '23; Adriana Lopez, '22; Janeka Perry, '23; Joey Simmons, '23; and Michael Ward, '23.

Stillwater – Courtney Covert, '23; Ava Frank, '23; Ashley Knox, '23; Tara Mueggenborg, '22; Kylee Pametycy, '23; Harley Waldrep, '23.

## NOC Distinguished Alumni 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).

## Cafeteria announces Taco Bar Tuesday

Shelley Covey from Aladdin Food announces that Tuesday, Oct. 25, will be a Taco Tuesday on both the Tonkawa and Enid campuses

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

# HALLOWEEN SPOOK TACULAR

Monday  
Oct. 31, 2022  
6:30 pm  
NOC Tonkawa · KPAC

## CONCERT

Featuring the NOC  
Concert Band & Jazz Band  
Directed by Dr. Edward Dixon

**Come in Costume!**

*Concert may be cancelled due to inclement weather.*



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NOC Language Arts instructor Dr. Don Stinson led off the Chikaskia Literary Festival Thursday at NOC Enid. The festival, now in its 9th year had readers from four states at the annual NOC event. This year, the event was held at the Bivins Chapel on the NOC Enid campus.



Interim NOC Stillwater Vice President Wade Watkins spoke to Northern Encounter participants on Wednesday. Students and their parents learned about NOC Stillwater.



*Are you an NOC Student  
or Alum who is also a Veteran?*

NOC would be honored to have you join NOC Regent Brad Fox, NOC Alum and Veteran, along with Northern faculty and staff on their float for the Ponca City Veterans' Day Parade.

The parade will be Saturday, November 5, 2022 and begins at 10:45 am. Let us honor you!

To join the NOC Float contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and College Relations, at [kayla.wooderson@noc.edu](mailto:kayla.wooderson@noc.edu) or 580.628.6473.

# NOC Nursing receives accreditation

Northern Oklahoma College Division of Nursing received an area of commendation this week as the Accreditation Commission for Education (ACEN) granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program.

“There has been an extensive amount of work done by the faculty to make program improvements and help us to have a successful accreditation outcome,” said Dr. Nikole Hicks, NOC Nursing Division Chair. “The support from (NOC President) Dr. Clark Harris and the Board of Regents has been critically important and will continue to be a crucial part of our success moving forward. I appreciate the opportunity to become part of NOC and lead this truly dedicated faculty. I am looking forward to more exceptional outcomes in the future.”

The area of commendation came in NOC’s innovative Academic Practice Partner program. Students selected to participate in this program during the last semester of the nursing program

work one-on-one with a registered nurse preceptor in a paid clinical experience at a partner facility. Academic Practice Partnerships benefit students be ready for practice upon graduation and help the clinical facilities support their transition to the registered nurse workforce upon graduation. NOC is pleased to have strong partnerships with clinical facilities within our communities that make this program possible.

ACEN peer evaluator visited NOC this past spring to verify the nursing program’s compliance with accreditation standards as part of the evaluation process.

The next evaluation site visit is scheduled in Spring 2030.

NOC offers nursing at all three locations including Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater. The next class is for Fall 2023. Interested students may apply to the NOC Nursing Program at <https://bit.ly/3CMefAS>.

# 24 Works on Paper exhibit til Nov. 4

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 Collections 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.



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## 2022 TAILGATE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

### Oklahoma State vs. Iowa State

**Look For Us Here!**

This is a fundraiser for NOC Global Studies Program.

**OSU Stillwater, Main Site South Tailgate and Game Time To Be Determined**

**On game day, tailgate with NOC family and friends!**  
Experience gameday tradition with OSU Athletics.

**“The Walk” Spirited Parade of OSU team, followed by Marching Band.**

**Premium Reserved Location**

**Full Dish Media Package**

**Large Screen TV**

**20’ x 20’ Tent**

**Catered food and beverages provided for the first 100 tailgaters.**

**Hosted by**  
**NOC Alumni and Friends Association and NOC Foundation**

For more information contact the Development Office at 580.628.6473 or visit the office located in the Vineyard Library-Administration Building, NOC Tonkawa

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# Current Miss NOC's reflect on year

## Emma Valgora - Miss NOC Tonkawa

Miss NOC Tonkawa Emma Valgora's year-long reign comes to end Oct. 25 when the new Miss NOC Tonkawa will be crowned.

It's been quite a ride, said the sophomore elementary education/music theatre major from Ponca City.

"It's been so much fun and I hate to see it end. It's kind of sad," she said. "I have had so much fun and been able to meet so many amazing people."

Valgora participated in pageants previous to Miss NOC but never dreamed she would be selected.

"You're on stage with so many talented young women and when I was selected, I was stunned," she said. "It was definitely a surreal moment and one that I will never forget."

Among the many highlights of her year was to participate in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

"That was so amazing to be in Tulsa with so many talented women from all across the state," she said. "Just to be on stage was an amazing experience."

Valgora would like a return to the Miss Oklahoma pageant, to qualify she must win a sanctioned competition this year.

"I would love to go back," she said.

Valgora's impact statement during her year was Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, a subject she feels strongly. During Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Week at NOC, Valgora spoke during a fine arts performance at NOC Tonkawa.

"It was a great way to talk about things that are so important but people don't want to talk about," she said. "I hope that bringing these things out in the public will make a difference."

During her year, Valgora spoke to many groups and rode in various parades among her duties.

"It's a lot of fun to talk to people and be in a

position where I can be a role model for others," she said. "You never know when you have an opportunity to make a difference."

She had special thanks for Miss NOC coordinator Shannon Varner who helped during her Miss NOC Tonkawa year.

"There is a reason Shannon was named director of the year (with NOC Enid's Terri Sunderland) last year," Valgora said. "She is amazing and I appreciate her so much for all she has done for me. I consider her a great friend for life. I could not have done this without her."

Valgora is uncertain of her future plans but does plan to continue music theatre at a university.

"I love it so much, I've loved it since my mom put me in voice lessons and I started doing productions in Ponca City," she said. "It's a lot of hard work but it is so rewarding. I can't imagine not performing."

Even though her year is up, Valgora is excited to see the new Miss NOC Tonkawa on Tuesday.

What advice does Valgora have for the Miss



Emma Valgora

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# Miss NOC

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NOC that will be selected on Oct. 25?

“Do the best you can to make the most of your year,” she said. “It only comes around once and the year goes by really fast so enjoy it.”

## Mia-Claire Jones, Miss NOC Enid

Mia-Claire Jones’ year as Miss NOC Enid ends Tuesday with the crowning of a new Miss NOC Enid.

It’s been a fast and furious year for the sophomore from Morrison, Oklahoma, studying Pre-Med.

“It’s been a blast,” Jones said. “It’s gone by really fast but I’ve enjoyed it so very much.”

Jones had never participated in a pageant before last year’s Miss NOC event and was shocked when she won.

“I did it for the scholarship money,” she said. “I thought ‘why not’ give it a try?”

“I was kind of scared,” she added. “I’d been in front of people before but this was totally different. It really pushed me out of my comfort zone.”

What’s been the best part of being Miss NOC? “Just meeting so many great people and experiencing new things,” she said. “I know I’ve met people that will be lifelong friends.”

When Jones was planning for the talent portion of the Miss NOC Scholarship Competition, she planned to play a piano selection. This was a challenge for Jones because she had just taught herself to play piano during COVID-19.

“That was pretty scary,” she said. “But I got through it okay.”

Jones is now takes regular lessons.

Jones’ impact statement is “Adopt Positivity” which she is very passionate.

“I gave away a lot of toothbrushes,” she said. “I want people to be positive and not be afraid to

smile. When people smile, they are happy. Smiling is like a superpower for people. It cuts through the negativity and makes people feel good.”

Jones enjoys being a role model.

“You never know who you are impacting,” she said. “If some little

girl sees me as Miss NOC Enid, that may encourage her to try and do the same thing. You have to try things in order to be successful.”

She enjoyed her experience at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant so much she is trying to qualify for this year’s pageant.

“I’ve been participating in competitions this year because I had so much fun at last year’s,” she said.

What’s her advice for this year’s winner?

“It’s your year so make it the best it can be,” she said.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University next fall. Her goals are to become a sports physician for sports’ team.



Mia-Claire Jones

NOC invites you to give the gift of gratitude by mailing a letter. The booth will be open from October 24th through November 11th and on the common floor(2). Stamps, letters, and envelopes will be provided.



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# NOC Calendar

## Oct. 21

Final Day to Withdraw from L8 Courses with Full Refund  
Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn, 7<sup>th</sup> and Riviera, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m., (Students Free with ID), Tonkawa

## Oct. 22

Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn, 7th and Riviera, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m., (Students Free with ID), Tonkawa

## Oct. 23

Enid Zombie Tag, Enid  
Home Soccer vs. Rich Mountain, 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

## Oct. 24

24 Works on Paper Art Exhibit (Mon – Fri), KPAC, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa  
Spooky Yoga Mondays, EB Lobby, 8 p. m., Enid  
Halloween Decoration Contest (All Week), Residence Hall, Enid

## Oct. 25

Taco Tuesday, Enid and Tonkawa campuses  
Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa  
Runner Girls, Tonkawa Track, 2:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Witches Hockey, Mabee Center, 7:30 p.m., Enid

## Oct. 26

On Site Flu Vaccinations, Room 165, 8 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  
BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid  
Spooky Movie Night, David Allen Memorial Ballpark, 8 p.m., Enid

## Oct. 27

Catholic Student Association, Harold Hall Student Lounge, noon, Tonkawa  
Pumpkin Paint Night, Chik-Fil-A, 7 p.m., Enid

## Oct. 28

On Site Flu Vaccinations, Renfro Center, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tonkawa  
Jets Madness, Mabee Center, 6 p.m., Enid  
Spooky Treats Night, Montgomery Hall, 7 p.m., Enid  
Tonkawa Haunted Sale Barn, 7th and Riviera, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m., (Students Free with ID), Tonkawa

## Oct. 29

Jets Athletic Reunion, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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