

What's Happening

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Alumni & Friends Reunion set for Saturday

Northern Oklahoma College alumni Dr. Jim Appleman, Jeff Medders, and Willie Street MPAS, PA-C will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame April 1.

Appleman, Class of 1975, Medders, Class of 1981, and Street, Class of 1982 will be honored in ceremonies taking place during the NOC Alumni and Friends Reunion Dinner in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 1.

Also, the Class of 1973 will be honored at the event.

Dr. Jim Appleman

Dr. Jim Appleman grew up in Tonkawa, where both his parents were members of NOC's faculty and administration. His first three years at Washington Elementary School coincided with his parents serving as dorm parents for Easterling Hall.

Following graduation from Tonkawa High School he naturally attended Northern Oklahoma College. After one year in which he took full advantage of NOC's rich campus life experience, he graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Mathematics. He subsequently received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Biochemistry from Oklahoma State University followed by post-doctoral training in the laboratory of Dr.

Gustav Lienhard at Dartmouth Medical School.

Appleman is the Senior Vice-President, Research and Development, and Chief Science Officer and Co-Founder of Primmune Therapeutics in San Diego, California.

Jeff Medders

Since 1991, Jeff Medders has been the television host for PRCA ProRodeo and the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has offered his talents to "America's Horse," a magazine show on the American Quarter Horse for 15 years and has been the host and producer of the "Cinch High School Rodeo Tour" for the past decade.

While immersing himself within the cowboy industry, Medders founded and is the President and CEO of Geronimo Productions.

In March 2020, due to his 30-year television experience he became The Cowboy Channel President. He has played a major role in bringing success and fast-paced growth to the first and only television network dedicated to western sports and way of life.

Medders graduated from Northern Oklahoma College with an Associates of Arts in Broad-



Jim Appleman

casting in May of 1983 and Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, Television, Film in May of 1985. Medders was named an OSU College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Alumnus in 2014.

He was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2016, and last November he was inducted into the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Willie Street

Willie Street MPAS, PA-C, is currently a physician assistant with Phillips 66 Health Services



Jeff Medders

where he leverages over three decades of clinical expertise to ensure the highest level of health-care service is delivered to the staff at the Ponca City refinery.

Street found direction and support from influential staff and instructors at Northern Oklahoma College to complete his Associate of Science degree in 1982. He then graduated from Wichita State University with a Bachelor's degree in Health Science and Bachelor's degree as a physician assistant in 1992. In 2022, Willie obtained a Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of



Willie Street

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Roustabout Benefit Show April 1

The Northern Oklahoma College Roustabouts are hosting their annual Benefit Show Saturday, April 1.

The show is at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at NOC Tonkawa at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and children under 12 years old. They are available at the door.

Alumni

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Texas Rio Grande.

After graduation, he went to work serving the Cherokee and Choctaw Nations of Oklahoma. In 2000, he moved back to his hometown of Tonkawa to fulfill his long-held desire to provide quality healthcare to the surrounding communities through a partnership with his wife and Dr. Paul Briggs.

He eventually transitioned to service with

Phillips 66 Health Services.

Street is a member of the Tonkawa tribe and a descendant of the Cherokee and Ponca tribes.

The event registration and mixer will be held from 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. in the Renfro Center lobby with dinner at p.m. in the banquet room. The NOC Roustabout Benefit Show will follow the dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the KPAC.

NOC April Birthdays



Ben Hainline	April 2	Mary Ann Harris	April 18
Brian Knapke	April 5	Denise Bay	April 20
Silvia Vazquez	April 6	Shannon Varner	April 22
Calvin Hoelting	April 7	Rachel Kirk	April 22
Ashlyn Ewy	April 9	Jenifer Lancaster	April 23
Renna Bowers	April 12	Anita Simpson	April 27
Lonnie Rhea	April 15	Ross Buchanan	April 27
Cassie Firth	April 15		

NOC Roustabouts
BENEFIT SHOW
SATURDAY | APRIL 1 | 2023

Tickets \$10
\$7 Students and Children under age 12
Available at the door or contact the NOC Bursar Office

7:30 pm | Kinzer Performing Arts Canter | NOC Tonkawa



NOC President Emeritus Dr. Cheryl Evans spoke at Women's History Month on Thursday at NOC Enid. The program is sponsored by the NOC Diversity Committee. Pictured (L-R): Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, Diversity Chairperson, Dr. Evans, NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise.

Dr. Cheryl Evans speaks at NOC's Women's History month

Former NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans told her impressive story Thursday as part of Women's History Month at NOC Enid.

Dr. Evans spoke at the Gantz Student Center to faculty, staff, students, and Enid community members.

Evans shared her story of a non-traditional student, earning her Bachelor's Degree at 30-years old and later becoming a university instructor, university division chair, college president, and now a grandparent loving life.

"Women in today's world wear many hats," she said. "It's a struggle to find the balance in life between career, marriage, children, and every-

thing else that life can give. The key for me was always understanding the priority at the time and working toward the immediate goal. Trust me, it isn't easy but you can do it. You may not be able to do it all but you can always find time for what is most important."

"Women have come a long way in my lifetime," she said. "But there is much more to do."

"I've had a great life," she said. "There have been many ups and downs but each has taught me valuable lessons that I could use in the future. I have always tried to be a life-long learner

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Nominate a Nursing Instructor

Deadline for Consideration: April 3, 2023

DAISY Award finalist must attend the May 6, 2023 Nurses' Pinning for consideration.

Honor the inspirational influence our Nursing Faculty provide their students everyday.

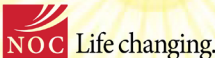
THE DAISY AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY at NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

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.

To Nominate a Nursing Faculty Member, visit:

<https://www.noc.edu/academics/academic-divisions/nursing-division/daisy-award/>

Or scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera.



Evans

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and I encourage all of you to continue to learn no matter what your age.”

She attributed her success to many things including her family and faith.

“I was fortunate to have been raised by parents in the Quaker tradition,” she said. “The Quaker’s have a long tradition of respecting and honoring women. I believe it was that upbringing that set the foundation for my life with parents who supported me in all that I did.”

She added that her faith has been an important part of her life.

“There are so many ups and downs in life,” she said. “But I have always relied on God and I hope each of you find something you can rely. I have relied on my faith especially during the transitions in my life. God has opened doors and closed doors for me and I always think about what God is trying to tell me in all situations. Reading God’s word has inspired me in so many ways and helped me keep my priorities in order.”

Evans also talked about the importance of relationships in life.

“I encourage each of you to build strong relationships at work and at home,” she said. “You will often time spend more time with the people you work with than your family and it’s so important to build those work relationships on trust. Build a circle of friends both in and out of work that you can rely on when challenging decisions have to be made. I am so grateful for my NOC family who I love so dearly.”

Life is different now for Evans after she retired from NOC.

“I’m still busy but there is some white space on my calendar,” she joked.

She works with a number of non-profits and serves on a number of state wide boards. Most importantly, she spends time with her family including her grandchildren.

“We have always had a strong family bond,” she said. “I am so thankful that I can spend time with the people that I care about the most.”

Evans was the 13th president at NOC serving from 2011-2021. She was the first female president at NOC.

She grew up in Cherokee, Oklahoma, where she met her future husband, Tom. While in college at Northwestern, they purchased a local furniture store in Cherokee. She then stopped attending college to run the business while Tom continued his studies. They would have two children and it was when their children reached school age, she returned to continue her education at NWOSU.

She then earned her Master’s Degree at Wichita State University and started teaching at NWO-SU later becoming Division Chair for Mass Communications. She then earned a doctorate at Oklahoma State University. She would later become the Dean at the NWOSU Campus before starting as the NOC President in 2011.

Women’s History Month at NOC is sponsored by the NOC Diversity Committee, Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, Chairperson.

STUDENT DINING SURVEY

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NOC Enid-Survey

Here’s a thought!

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CAMPUS DINING



Life changing.

VITA Income Tax Preparation on Thursday's at the CEC through April 13

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents through April 13 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$60,000 per year qualify for the free service.

Trained tax preparers from the NOC Business Division and area volunteers will be available for tax assistance beginning Thursday, Feb. 2. Taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return using the free e-filing software.

Cara Beth Johnson, Business division chair said, "This is a great opportunity for our students to provide a community service and gain tax preparation experience."

The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC) is hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program every Thursday through April 13. The CEC is located in the library in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to bring a photo ID for

all filers; Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents; W-2 forms; 1099 forms; receipts for childcare costs, education expenses, and other deductions; checking account and routing number for refund; and 1095-A, -B, or -C healthcare coverage or exemption.

Tax preparation is done by appointment only. Please contact Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or carolyn.johnson@noc.edu. Tax preparers are available from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. No drop off's will be accepted, individuals must be present during tax preparation.

Barbara Nickles is the VITA site coordinator and NOC students Haley Merhoff, Graeme Rios, and Rhylan Wright will assist her in preparing the tax returns. All have taken and passed all the required IRS tax preparer coursework.

Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.

DAISY Award nominations due April 3

Nursing faculty at Northern Oklahoma College will soon be honored with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing faculty.

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.

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. It is an honor to partner with the DAISY Foundation to recognize our exceptional nursing facul-

ty – past, present, and future."

Nursing faculty may be nominated by colleagues, peers, patients, families, or alumni. The award recipients are chosen by a committee at NOC to receive The DAISY Award which will be presented once year at the Pinning Ceremony at NOC Enid on April 30, 2023. Nursing faculty may be nominated at <https://bit.ly/3GLauf9>.

The deadline for nominations is April 3, 2023.

NOC Nursing Instructor Kim Brewer was awarded the first NOC The DAISY Award® in May 2022.

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NOC Tonkawa-Survey

Here's a thought!

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The Ponca City Rotary Club and Northern Oklahoma College presented dictionaries to every TES 3rd grade student on March 14. Pictured (L-R): Kori Freeman, Gena Osborn, Barbara Ray, NOC Director Marketing Rachel Kirk, Heather Shepherd, Ponca City Rotary Club member Darrell Mendiola, Kirstie Coffman, Joneice LeValley.

NOC, PC Rotary donate dictionaries

Northern Oklahoma College and the Ponca City Rotary Club partnered to provide dictionaries for each 3rd grade student at Tonkawa Elementary School.

Tonkawa Police Officer Darrell Mendiola represented the Ponca City Rotary Club and Director of Marketing Rachel Kirk represented

Northern Oklahoma College for the presentation at the Tonkawa Elementary Library.

Mendiola said the Ponca City Rotary Club worked with various local sponsors to purchase dictionaries for each 3rd grade student in Kay County.

The dictionaries were presented March 14.

True Crime seminar set for April 25

Noted criminal profiler and true crime writer Phil Chalmers will host a seminar at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa April 25.

The event, organized by NOC Criminal Justice Instructor Troy Cochran, will be held at the Renfro Center from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. with lunch provided. Lunch will be provided by the NOC Student Organization Criminal Justice Society.

Tickets to the event are \$149 each, \$40 for NOC students.

Chalmers, who specializes in profiling dan-

gerous people, is the author of the Teen Killer Whisperer and hosts the Where the Bodies are Buried Podcast.

The seminar will include extremely graphic content including images of sex, violence, torture, and death. Attendees must be 18 years and older.

Training topics include causes, warning signs, and triggers of today's dangerous killers. Also

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LIVE MUSIC!

NOC TONKAWA
FREE STUDENT ACTIVITY

JASE HOLTOM BAND

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

Circle Drive, Outside Science Building

7 PM

Seminar

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covered are school shooting trends, school safety plans, and many others.

The seminar will go live on Zoom with school shooters and serial killers.

The seminar is designed for law enforcement, school resource officers, dispatchers, counselors, probation officers, social workers, and vic-

tim's advocates.

Tickets may be purchased at www.nocedu/cje-vents.

The program is brought by the Northern Oklahoma Foundation and Joe Lewis, Lectureship Chair in Criminal Justice.

NOC Calendar

April 1

Alumni & Friends Reunion, Renfro Center, 5 p.m., Tonkawa

Roustabout Benefit Show, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 3

DAISY Award Nominations Deadline

Extreme Petting Zoo, Clock Tower, 10 a.m. – noon, Tonkawa

YouTube Yoga, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa

Tour de Quartz Art Exhibit Closes, KPAC Art Gallery, 10 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa

April 4

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa

YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa

April 5

High School Interscholastic Contest, NOC Tonkawa

Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

Free Lunch, Gantz Center Student Lounge, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid

YouTube Yoga, Wellness Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

BCM Sponsored Journey to the Cross, Marshall Building (Bivin Chapel), 7 p.m., Enid

BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 6

VITA Income Tax Preparation, CEC, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. by appointment only, Tonkawa

YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

April 7

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

The Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce
presents
**4TH ANNUAL
TONKAWA
FILM FESTIVAL**



- Short Films
- Music Videos
- Parade
- Door Prizes

**Wilkin Hall
Theater
Northern
Oklahoma
College**

APR

14th

15th

www.TonkawaFilmFestival.com





NOC Stillwater nurses received their white coats on March 23. Pictured are the student nurses along with NOC faculty and staff.

Student nurses earn white coats in March 23 Stillwater ceremony

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Nursing held a White Coat Ceremony Thursday, March 24 in the Commons Area at NOC Stillwater's Classroom Building.

During the ceremony, students are cloaked by their mentors 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 contributions 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 NOC Stillwater Class of 2024 include the following: Hayley Dominick, Evan Gibson, Aviyonna Harrison, Teel Huai, Kayla Rocha, Brett Stoup, Keely Franks, Teryn Harp, Jenny Hoyle, Melissa Martine, Cierra Stines, and Aubrianna Ingmire.

Mentors include Alexandria Baumann, Jacqueline Cheatwood, Courtney Clay, Courtney Covert, Ava Frank, Brian Halpin, Taylor Hargrove, Kirbie Howard, Kylee Pameticky, Payton Parrish, Cordelia Tillman, Harley Waldrep, Ashley Wellings, Hannah White, and Jenny (Hong) Zahn.

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June 12-17, 2023



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One week of history, culture, and fun
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Eula "Pearl" Carter, Rosie Cousins, Amelia Earhart, Jackie Cochran, and Chuck Yeager

Accommodations at NOC Enid Residence Hall
\$15 per night (Optional).

DEADLINE:
Thursday, May 4, 2023

TO REGISTER:
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