

Livestock Judging Team named Team of the Year

NOC is National Junior College Livestock Judging Team of the Year.

A title earned by the Northern Oklahoma College Livestock Judging Team after being named the High Team Overall at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo March 19.

This is the first time in school history that NOC has been named National Junior College Team of the Year.

The NOC team, under the direction of coach Jennifer Bedwell, won four national livestock judging events including High Team at The American Royal (Kansas City), North American International Livestock Exhibition (Louisville), The National Western (Denver) and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (Houston).

In addition, NOC judges Anna Hannon, Kale Campbell, Olivia Gerloff, and Cooper Thompson were recognized as All-Americans.

"This was an amazing year with an amazing group of kids," Bedwell said. "They are just amazing and to see their hard work pay-off with Team of the Year is a real blessing for them and for this program."

Bedwell said she had a vision when she recruited this group of sophomores two years ago.

"I looked across the country for the right kids

for this program," she said. "Not just great livestock judges but I wanted great students. I wanted kids that would work hard, driven, self-motivating, and leaders among their peers. Those were the type of kids I wanted and was so fortunate they said yes to NOC and came here. In the end, we were able to accomplish our goals."

When she recruited this group, she had some advice for each one.

"I told them they could clap with us or for us, but the team from NOC would be winning," she said. "They bought into it from the beginning. Even as freshmen, they were so incredibly coachable and made my job easy. I'm very blessed that they chose to come judge for me at NOC."

Team members include Kale Campbell-Jet, OK, Cooper Thompson- Adair OK, Kash Butler- Grove, OK, Kord Butler- Grove, OK, Doug Hewitt- Cleveland OK, Sydney Alsip- Verona, KY, Brylee Williams- Princeton, MO, Olivia Gerloff- Bland, MO, Kylee Cannon- Kansas City, MO, Anna Hannon- Rensselaer, IN, Blake Peterson- Remington, IN, Emma Carley- Boise,

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ID, Hannah McElrath – Calhoun, GA, Parker Fleming, Jasper GA, and Aaron Mahan, Huntsville, AR.

She complimented them on their work ethic. “It’s really special to see a group of 20 years-old young people that work as hard as they do,” she said. “That’s not common in today’s world but this group went above and beyond what was expected and accomplished what few teams in history have ever been able to do. Winning four National contests has rarely been done.”

She said this group was different in that it learned from success and failure.

“They learned from each contest and that’s so important,” she said. “There have been a lot of wins but losses as well. This group of 15 was able to do what few junior colleges judging teams can and that’s to learn from a loss and improve. They could’ve given up so many times but they always persevered and succeeded.”

The NOC Livestock Judging Program had success before Bedwell’s arrival but now those top ten finishes are now championship finishes.

“I believe NOC can always attract the type of student/livestock judge that can compete on a national level,” she said. “We have proven it at Northern this year and I think we can stay competitive on the national stage.”



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Bedwell named Junior College Livestock Judging Coach of the Year

Northern Oklahoma College Livestock Judging Coach Jennifer Bedwell has been named the National Junior College Livestock Judging Coach of the Year.

Bedwell, in her third year at NOC, earned the award after leading the NOC Livestock Judging Team to its first Team of the Year recognition after the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 19.

Bedwell's team also had four All-Americans including Anna Hannon, Olivia Gerloff, Kale Campbell, and Cooper Thompson.

"I am so blessed to have coached these kids," Bedwell said. "They are the hardest working kids I've seen and the fact that I received an award for their hard work is more a reflection of who they are than who I am. They earned all the accolades and I was just fortunate to be with them."

Interestingly enough, Bedwell never judged in high school at Fairview, Oklahoma. She came in as an "in-house" judging contestant at Oklahoma State University in the fall of 2016. In the span of a year and three months, with the help of her coaches, she taught herself the evaluation skills and oral reasons format in order to be competitive.

In November of 2017 the team from OSU was named the 2017 National Champion Livestock Judging Team and Bedwell was named Fourth High Individual Overall. Upon graduating with her undergrad, she worked as the assistant coach for the 2019 National Champion Livestock Judging Team. She began working at NOC in May of 2020.

Just over six years after her first set of oral reasons, Bedwell was named the first ever female to win "Junior College Livestock Judging Coach of the Year."

Along with this honor, Bedwell was the first re-

corded female coach to win The American Royal, The North American International Livestock Exposition and The National Western.

"I can't imagine where I would be had I not given that first set of reasons and turned in that first judging card in practice, but my life has forever been changed," she said.

"It is amazing what Jennifer has achieved in such a short period of time," said NOC President Clark Harris. "From the very beginning, I could see the drive that she has to compete at a high level. A drive that she has instilled into her team. Coach Bedwell is an excellent mentor to her team and has been able to shape her team through work. That demanding work probably included listening to thousands of sets of reasons. This work has paid off as they were usually first or second in oral reasons in each competition."

"I am pleased that she chose to coach at NOC. I am also delighted that she has recruited such talented young people, with excellent character. She and her students are a joy to be around, as they demonstrate that character every day."



Jennifer Bedwell

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NOC Graduation set for May 6

by Sharon Park
The Maverick Staff Writer

The spring semester is quickly coming to an end and for those completing their degrees here at Northern in May or July, it is time to start preparing for graduation.

It is important that students talk to their advisors to ensure they have met all the requirements to receive their degree or are on track too. Students who plan to graduate are required to submit a free application for graduation, which can be found by logging into myNOC and selecting the students tab. The application is three pages: your address, your degree and plan to graduate, and a review. If submitted properly, students should receive an email from the Registrar office.

Once those steps are completed there are a few more things to do. Graduates caps and gowns will be available for pick up in the bookstore starting April 24. If the regalia needs to be sent to Stillwater or the University Center, an appli-

cation to do so can be found on the bookstore's website.

The Tonkawa bookstore will be open for pick up the Saturday, May 6 of graduation at 8 a.m. Graduation announcements are for sale now in the bookstore.

Graduates must attend one virtual commencement practice on May 3 or May 4 at 3 p.m. The zoom link to these practices will be available on the website one week prior. It should not last longer than an hour. Students will need to meet at the NOC cafeteria in Tonkawa at 8:30 a.m. the morning of graduation. Further instructions and details can be found in the commencement letters on the school website.

The 2023 commencement ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 6, at 9:30 am. It will be held in the Foster-Piper Fieldhouse. For more information, please contact, Diana Watkins, Vice President for Academic Affairs at diana.watkins@noc.edu or 580-628-6210.

Social Media can create loneliness

by Leon Finn Schmitter
The Maverick Staff Writer

The time we spend on social media is steadily increasing per year.

Researches found that people turn to social media more when they're feeling lonely. But, surprisingly, people felt worse after spending time on social media.

It didn't help them feel less isolated. It actually made them feel lonelier.

Disrupted sleep, lower life satisfaction and poor self-esteem are just a few of the negative mental health consequences that researchers have linked to social media.

Somehow the same platforms that can help people feel more connected and knowledgeable

also contribute to loneliness and disinformation.

What does this mean? We have to be aware, of how much hours we spend each day on our phones.

For example, instead of walking around with the phone in your hand, try to talk to a classmate or a friend. It helps in all aspects of live to put yourself out there.

Talk to people, laugh with people and discuss with people! It will lead to a much more happiness and satisfaction which alternatively, keeps people away from loneliness and depression.



**Interested in Pueblo
History and Culture?**



The NOC History Club will host a public presentation about their recent study tour to Zuni, San Ildefonso, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. We invite you to come learn about their life-changing experience!

Lecture, Documentary, and Exhibit formats.

**Join us Thursday, April 20, 2023
4:00-5:00 pm, Harold Hall, Room 202, NOC Tonkawa**

For more information contact Dr. Alyce Webb at alyce.webb@noc.edu

Begin the college transfer process

By Savannah Chenoweth
The Maverick Student Editor

Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa hosted a “College Transfer Fair” for sophomores planning on attending a four-year University next year. Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Wichita State University, Oklahoma University, Tulsa University, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University were all in attendance with an abundance of information for students.

In case you missed it here is some basic information to know for the transfer process.

Research the College

Before applying to a university do some research on the campus. On any college’s website, there should be a list of all degrees they offer to students. Taking a glance at the different programs can ensure they have what you’re looking for. Some Universities have certain criteria to be accepted such as GPA so be sure to double-check. Most universities offer campus tours that are available before the application process. If the campus is close in location, you may want to attend a tour before deciding to apply. Get as much information as you can to confirm the college is the right fit for you.

Apply Online

Once you’ve decided where you would like to attend, fill out the application. Most colleges and universities have an online application that is located on their website. The applications will

require your basic information, but some may ask for an additional step such as an essay or short answer question. Most colleges and universities require an application fee so be prepared to pay a small sum of money.

Submit Transcripts/FAFSA

In addition to the application, universities will require transcripts from NOC or any other transcript with college credits. They will also require a FASFA to be submitted and sent. The 2023-2024 FASFA forms are available online to be filled out. If you are having trouble filling out the FASFA forms, or have questions, please visit the Financial Aid Office located in the Administration building on the Tonkawa campus.

After Admission

Once the application and all other forms are filled out and sent to the university, an email will be sent for your possible acceptance. In that email, there will be instructions on your next steps, as far as orientation, enrollment, and applying for housing. Make sure to check your email for any information the college needs you to know.

The transfer process can be overwhelming but there are faculty at Northern Oklahoma College who are willing to help. Contact your advisor or someone in the administration building to help get the transfer process started. If you have already applied and have been accepted, make sure you are checking your email for important dates and information.

Bedlam baseball, softball this week

Mavs softball and Mavs baseball hosts NOC Enid in games this week.

Mavs softball hosts the Jets Thursday, April 13 at 2 p.m. The Mavs and Jets split two games in Enid last month.

NOC Tonkawa baseball hosts NOC Enid on Friday, April 14, at 1 p.m. and then the Mavs are at Enid on Sunday, April 16, for two more conference games. Visit www.nocmavs.com for information about Maverick sports.



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Why I picked a community college

by Hannah Lake

The Maverick Staff Writer

With all the many different colleges in Oklahoma, it can be difficult for a high school student or an adult to pick which one is the best for them.

What helped me pick a community college instead of a huge university, as many of my classmates in high school did, was to make a checklist of what I wanted in a college.

- Did it have my major?
- What was the cost to go there?
- How close to home is it?
- How small are the class sizes?
- Are some classes online?

Northern Oklahoma College was the perfect

match for me, it checked all the boxes: It had my major, did not cost an arm and a leg to go there, only a 30-minute drive, has a small class size for most classes, and it had some online classes that I could take.

Northern Oklahoma College even has a hybrid class where you can Zoom the class from the comfort of your home.

Another thing that drew me to Northern Oklahoma College was how helpful everyone is here, when I had questions, it was answered quickly, and if I did not know where to go someone helped me get there.

Northern Oklahoma College has made my college experience one to remember.

Job Fair set for April 18 at CEC

NOC Tonkawa is hosting a Job Fair Tuesday, April 18 in the Cultural Engagement Center.

The event is set for 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The event is for students who are graduating and for those interested in internships.

A number of area local employers will be represented.

For more information, contact Kathleen Swain at 580.628.6258 or Kathleen.swain@noc.edu.

History students plan presentation

Five Northern Oklahoma College History Club members traveled to New Mexico over Spring Break to study Pueblo history and culture.

Students will make presentations from their trip Thursday, April 20, in Harold Hall 202 at NOC Tonkawa, from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. The presentations are open to the public.

Students who attended the trip included Malachi Biby, Blackwell; Truman Hague, Blackwell; Mark Hodgson, Ponca City; Laura Hernandez, Stillwater; and Maddy Jones, Blackwell. The

trip was sponsored by social science instructor Dr. Alyce Webb.

Webb said students will discuss their individual research and tour experiences in a variety of formats, including lectures, exhibits, and documentaries.



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Coach Bay earns 300th win at NOC

NOC Tonkawa head baseball coach Ryan Bay won his 300th game at NOC Sunday as the Mavs beat SAU Tech 7-5.

Bay has now won 302 games for the Mavs in his eighth season at NOC.

He previously coached at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Bacone College, and William Woods College.



Coach Bay with President Dr. Clark Harris and Athletic Director Alan Foster.

Holman named 2nd Team All-American

Lady Mav sophomore Jordan Holman was named NJCAA Second Team All-American on Tuesday.

The 5-10 forward from Hugo, Oklahoma, averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Mavs in 2022-23.

Holman was also named the Region 2 Player of the Year.



Jordan Holman

Baseball, softball review

Mavs' baseball heads into the weekend series against NOC Enid with a 27-12 record, 14-6 in conference play. The Mavs are in third place behind South Arkansas and Western. There are 16 conference games left.

NOC softball has an 18-14 record and are 8-6 in conference with 14 conference games left. The Mavs are tied for 4th place with NOC Enid.

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NOC students were recognized at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges All-Academic Team on March 28. Pictured (L-R): Devin Barnett, Bobbie Benz, Samantha Smith, NOC President Dr. Clark Harris, Mia Claire Jones, Emma Valgora, and Hang Dinh.

NOC students honored in OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma – Six Northern Oklahoma College students were recognized at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges All-Oklahoma Academic Team and OACC President’s Tuition Waiver Award Ceremony in Oklahoma City March 28.

Recognized from NOC for the All-Academic Team were Mia Claire Jones and Bobbie Benz from NOC Enid, Devin Barnett, Samantha Smith, and Emma Valgora from NOC Tonkawa, and from NOC Stillwater Hang Dinh and Emilee Rhymer.

The All- Oklahoma Academic Team Program provides statewide recognition to outstanding two-year college students.

To be eligible, students must be nominated by their college president to the All-USA Academic Team. Nominees must be eligible to graduate during the 2023 academic year and hold a minimum of a 3.50 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 4.0 on all college-level

el coursework completed in the past five years.

Oklahoma is one of 39 states participating in the All-USA Academic Team Program. The State Academic Teams were introduced in 1994 to provide scholastic recognition to community college students, while promoting excellence at two-year colleges.

Also, each year Presidents of Oklahoma Community Colleges select deserving students from across the State of Oklahoma to receive a \$1,000 tuition waiver, which may be applied to tuition for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic school year at \$500 per semester.

The President’s nominees are selected for their outstanding academic achievement, their record in the classroom and their leadership ability. Nominees must be a graduating high school senior or attend a community college. Certificates will be presented to all of the tuition waiver students.

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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 dangerous 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 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 victim'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.



Regan Clapper holds an armadillo at the Exotic Pets display at NOC on April 3.

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