

Judging Team of the Year *Judging Coach of the Year*



NOC Tonkawa Livestock Judging 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

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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 recorded 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



Jennifer Bedwell

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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."

"I am beyond proud of Coach Bedwell being named as Junior College Coach of the Year," said Tricia Moore, NOC Division Chair for Agriculture and Biological Sciences. "In the three years she has been at NOC, Bedwell has recruited some of the best livestock judges in the nation and has honed their skills to achieve outstanding results at the collegiate level. She has a

strong work ethic and the competitive nature to highly motivate her students. When I hired her, I expected her to do great things as a livestock judging coach and she has not disappointed. She has made a tremendous impact on NOC Agriculture by developing the most competitive livestock judging team in the nation, in a very short period of time. NOC is lucky to have her and we are excited to see what the future holds for our Livestock Judging Program under her direction."

Bedwell has deep roots in the livestock industry, raising and showing cattle with her family. During her undergraduate studies at OSU, Bedwell received her bachelor degrees in both animal science and agricultural communications. She earned her Master's Degree in Agricultural Communications from OSU in May of 2020.

Bedwell is excited to continue her coaching career at NOC and plans to bring home many more National wins to Tonkawa.

"This is only the beginning," Bedwell said. "When I got the job at NOC, my goal was to create a culture of success. We have succeeded in doing that. However, I firmly believe you are only a success at the one moment in time when you compete a successful act. The team from NOC will continue to procure success."

Job Fair set for Tonkawa April 18

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.



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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, 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.”

“This is an incredible group of young people,” said NOC President Clark Harris. “I have been very fortunate to work with these students during their time at NOC. My first interactions with them were at the Agriculture Division Retreat prior to their first semester at NOC.”

Harris continued, “You see the leadership they provide as they work with the 4-H and FFA kids that came to compete at the livestock judging camps and livestock shows on campus. They helped to host the NOC Ag Interscholastic competitions that bring in around 800 high school students. They always act with a high level of professionalism, and are great students and active on campus. It is only fitting that this great group of young people are the top team in the nation. I am very proud of Coach Jennifer Bedwell for her hard work and the entire team.

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Their individual and team successes are amazing.”

“We are elated at the success our Livestock Judging Team has had this year,” said NOC Division Chair for Agriculture and Biological Sciences Tricia Moore. “This team has been highly motivated since they arrived in Tonkawa two years ago as freshmen and they just haven’t slowed down.”

“They are a great group of students that have performed as well in the classroom as they have in the livestock arena,” Moore added. “Having four members of this team named as All American recipients speaks volumes for our Agriculture program at NOC and our institution as a whole. We couldn’t be more pleased.”

Team awards at the Houston Livestock and Rodeo included High Team Overall, High Team

Placings, Second High Team Oral Reasons, Second High Team Beef, Second High Team Swine, and Third High Team Sheep and Goats.

Individual awards included Anna Hannon (Number one All-American, Second High Individual Overall, High Individual Sheep and Goats, Sixth High Individual Reasons, Eighth High Individual Beef, Olivia Gerloff (Number seven All-American, Fourth High Individual Overall, Third High Individual Placings, Second High Individual Brahman, Sixth High Individual Beef, Sixth High Individual Goats), Kale Campbell (Number six All-American, Ninth High Individual Overall, Second High Individual Sheep, Ninth High Individual Beef, Sixth High Individual Brahman), and Cooper Thompson (Number nine All-American).

NOC April Birthdays



Lonnie Rhea	April 15	Rachel Kirk	April 22
Cassie Firth	April 15	Jenifer Lancaster	April 23
Mary Ann Harris	April 18	Anita Simpson	April 27
Denise Bay	April 20	Ross Buchanan	April 27
Shannon Varner	April 22		



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



NOC Enid PLC Students

NOC Enid Academic Awards

Northern Oklahoma College Enid students were honored Wednesday night at the Annual Academic Awards Banquet in Montgomery Hall inside the Gantz Center.

NOC President Dr. Clark Harris addressed the award winners.

“We are so proud of your academic achievements and we are so happy to celebrate your success. You make us look good and also make us the top community college in Oklahoma.”

The following are the awards for 2022-23:
President’s Leadership Council Student: Evan Casey

Academic Athlete of the Year: Robert Dibrell, Libbi Zinn

Biology: Keedan Allenbach
Pre-Medicine: Mia Claire Jones
Accounting: Dillon Dibrell
Business: Kimberly Boles

Elementary Education: Madelyn Atchley
Chemistry: Lauren Bhend
Creative Writing: Ashleigh Miller
Language Arts: Ashleigh Miller
Literature: Julian Pendergraft
Mass Communication: Misty McBlair
Radio: Jessica Ruckle
Math: Lauren Bhend
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Social Science: Holden Yoder
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NOC History Club members traveled to New Mexico over spring break to study Pueblo history. Pictured (L-R): Truman Hague, Malachi Biby, Mark Hodgson, Maddy Jones, NOC Social Science Instructor Dr. Alyce Webb, Laura Hernandez.

NOC history students plan spring break trip presentations

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.

“The NOC Social Sciences department offered a special supervised study course for the Spring 2023 semester to study Pueblo history, culture, and art, with an emphasis on Pueblo pottery,” she said.

“Five NOC History Club students spent class

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time reading and researching the history of New Mexico and then participated in a study tour to Zuni, San Ildefonso, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Students travelled in parallel with faculty and students from the University of Central

Oklahoma (Edmond, OK) and Collin College (Frisco, TX), so that students had ample opportunity to network with and benefit from other students' and professors' varied expertise."

Tonkawa hosts Interscholastic contests

Students from 10 area schools participated in the Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Interscholastic Contest April 5.

Participating schools included Billings High School, Covington-Douglas High School, Deer Creek-Lamont High School, Drummond High School Hennessey High School, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale High School, St. Mary's Catholic School, Stillwater Junior High, Tonkawa High School, and Woodland High School.

According to Cara Beth Johnson, NOC Business Division Chair, 245 exams were adminis-

tered in 30 different testing areas.

Medals were presented for first, second, and third place to students in each contest.

Junior and senior students placing first through third place received \$150, \$100 and \$50 scholarships, respectively.

Certificates of merit were awarded to all participants. Certificates, medals and scholarships were sent directly to the schools or presented by NOC representatives at awards ceremonies upon request.

Film Festival set for April 14-15

The Tonkawa Film Festival is preparing for the arrival of a record number of filmmakers from around the world, including as far away as Australia.

The festival is April 14-15 at Wilkin Hall in NOC Tonkawa.

Film screenings are Friday starting at 6 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased through the website (www.tonkawafilmfestival.com) or in-person. Tickets are \$10/night or \$15 for both nights.

There is also a parade in downtown Tonkawa starting April 15, at 11 a.m.

All film blocks will be followed by a Q&A with

filmmakers. Saturday night will also include a booth displaying original props from the film "Twister" starring Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt. This year's 35 selected short films, include seven international films and represent filmmaking across six genres (Drama, Comedy, Horror, Documentary, Animation and Music Videos). The festival will culminate with an awards ceremony on Apr 15 where custom made plaques will be presented to the winners of each genre as well best Oklahoma film, Native American film, Family film and Student film. Also, a \$500 cash prize given to one film selected as the Best of the Fest.

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Criminal Justice hosting seminar

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.

Mavs beat NOC Enid in softball

NOC Tonkawa swept NOC Enid in conference softball on Thursday in Tonkawa.

The Mavs won the first game 10-2 and the night cap 13-12.

NOC Tonkawa (20-14) is 10-6 in conference

play while NOC Enid (18-15) is 8-8 in conference play.

Follow the Mavs at www.nocmavs.edu and the Jets at www.nocenid.com.

Enid, Tonkawa baseball Friday/Sunday

NOC Enid and NOC Tonkawa will face each other in baseball this week.

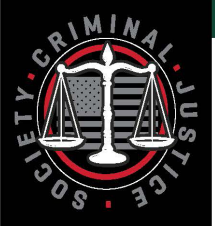
The Jets are at Tonkawa in baseball on Friday, April 14, at 1 p.m. and then the Mavs are at

Enid on Sunday, April 16, for two more conference games.

Visit www.nocmavs.com and www.nocjets.com for information about Mavs and Jets sports.

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April 14

Final Week to Withdraw from 16-Week Courses Without Evaluation
Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

April 15

Remember the Ten Run, Stillwater
Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

April 17

YouTube Yoga, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa

April 18

Job Fair, CEC, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tonkawa
Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa

April 19

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
Tonkawa Academic Awards Reception, Renfro

Center, 5:30 p.m., Tonkawa
YouTube Yoga, Wellness Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa
BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

April 20

Blood Drive, Gantz Center, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
History Club Presentations, Harold 202, 4 p.m., Tonkawa
Stillwater Academic Awards Reception, Commons Area, 5:30 p.m., Stillwater
YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

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Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

April 22

24-Hour Play Festival, KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
For additional information, visit the following links: [NOC Calendar](#)



April 14

Away Jets Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1 p.m.

April 15

Away Jets Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m.

April 16

Home Jets Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1 p.m.

April 20

Away Jets Softball vs. Eastern, 2 p.m.

April 21

Home Jets Baseball vs. SAU Tech, 1 p.m.

April 22

Home Jets Baseball vs. SAU Tech, 1 p.m.
Home Jets Softball vs. Western, 2 p.m.



April 14

Home Mavs Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m.

April 15

Away Mavs Softball vs. Rose State, 2 p.m.

April 16

Away Mavs Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m.

April 17

Away Mavs Softball vs. Butler, 1 p.m.

April 20

Home Mavs Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m.
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Rich Mountain, 1 p.m.

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