

## NOC Board of Regents extend president's contract for one year

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents extended President Dr. Clark Harris' contract for one-year at Wednesday's regent meeting in Enid. Dr. Harris completes his second full year at NOC in June.

"The regents are thankful to President Harris for his leadership and continued work with the Northern community," said NOC Board of Regent Chair Jami Groendyke. "We feel that NOC is making strives to provide our students with the best opportunities. President Harris has our support as we continue to navigate the ever-changing world of higher education."

"I am honored to receive the continued support of the NOC Board of Regents as we continue to build a better NOC," said NOC President Dr. Clark Harris. "We are making progress in growing enrollment and making Northern Oklahoma College a welcoming college experience where students want to live and learn. I am looking forward to leading NOC as we focus on campus engagement for students, faculty, staff and the community."

Also, the regents read a proclamation that was presented during a reception in honor of the Livestock Judging Team. The proclamation recognized the NOC Livestock Judging Team for their "Team of the Year" honor and for coach Jennifer Bedwell who was named "Coach of the Year." Bedwell was the first woman to receive the coach of the year honor.

Two agreements were approved with NOC and the NOC Foundation. One agreement is a service agreement between the two entities while the other allows allocated resources to support development activities.

Residential rental properties, facility rental fees, and facility usage fees at Tonkawa and Enid were discussed with the board approving various increases for each category.

The regents also increased NOC residential housing room and board rates for Enid and Tonkawa. The increases are the first since 2016-17.

NOC's financial report, prepared by Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson was approved.

The regents also approved a proposal to enter into an Oklahoma Purchasing Card Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank to provide a procurement card program for NOC purchases.

In the administrator reports, Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins reported that NOC received a letter from the Higher Learning Commission stating the college is on track for their 10-year evaluation in 2027-28 and successfully completed the mid-cycle report.

Vice President for Community Relations and Development Sheri Snyder reported on the progress of several grants for NOC campuses and also reported that NOC received a \$71,000 grant for a chair-lift for the Classroom Building

in Enid.

NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise commended athletic director Alan Foster for his work at the Plains District Baseball Tournament in Enid. The tournament concluded last Monday in Edmond due to rain in Enid.

Dr. Rick Edgington, Vice President for Enrollment Management, provided an enrollment report to the regents. The report states that summer enrollment is equal to Summer 2022 while fall enrollment is ahead of Fall 2022 numbers.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson listed the All-Region players for Jets Softball and Mavs Baseball. He also reported that NOC will no longer provide a weekly COVID-19 report since the health departments are no longer providing such a report.

In the president's report, Dr. Harris provided a legislative update including one bill that will require all high school students to complete a

FAFSA application. He also reported that 653 students graduated in the NOC Commencement exercises at the Tonkawa and Enid campuses on May 6.

The Board also unanimously voted to move the men's and women's soccer programs to NOC Enid. The move will be completed in time for the new Enid Jets Soccer program to start in August with the Fall 2023 season, as part of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 2 Athletics. This will continue under the leadership of Head Men's and Women's Soccer Coach Michael Duroy who has just completed his 26<sup>th</sup> year at Northern.

Regents requested that proposal to re-establish wrestling for men and add women at NOC Tonkawa for Fall 2024 be placed on the agenda.

The next meeting will be held in Tonkawa on June 14.

## NOC soccer moving to Enid

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents unanimously voted to move the men's and women's soccer programs to NOC Enid from NOC Tonkawa Wednesday afternoon at the May meeting.

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completed his 26<sup>th</sup> year at Northern.

The City of Enid considers itself as a soccer community, with over 300 participants in Under 18 soccer through the YMCA and 700 players in club soccer. The Advance Soccer Complex in Enid is putting the finishing touches on the \$12 million dollar complex that will be the new home for NOC soccer.

NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise commented, “Through their incredible efforts, the Allen family, McLaughlin family, the City of Enid and all those involved in the creation of the Advance Soccer Complex have provided the sport of soccer an unparalleled opportunity. This investment will bring benefits to soccer players of all ages, teams, fans, and local businesses for generations to come. Northern Oklahoma College is profoundly grateful for the privilege to be a part of this remarkable soccer community, and we are very appreciative of the positive impact this investment will have on our soccer program for generations to come as well.”

The Advance Soccer Complex will provide both a championship artificial turf field that they will use for home games and practice. The teams will also have access to six full size natural turf fields for practice and tournaments. The indoor complex provides for adequate training in bad weather as well as locker rooms complete with smart boards, a meeting room, concession area, and training room. The championship field seats 1,500.

President Clark Harris said, “The Advance Soccer Complex and the members of the Enid community have made it very attractive for Northern Oklahoma College to move the teams to NOC Enid. We know that this will provide the best soccer opportunities for the athletes. They will have world-class facilities for practicing

and playing their home games.”

“NOC appreciates the good support that the Tonkawa community has provided to the teams and the individual players,” Harris added. “Community members have enjoyed interacting with the athletes. Some individuals have invited international players into their homes to make them feel welcome during their time at NOC. We know that individuals in the Enid community will be as welcoming.”

Current NOC Soccer players were contacted by text message Wednesday night and informed of the move adding the college will work with the student athletes to make the transition to the NOC Enid campus as smooth as possible.

“We are excited to partner with Advance Soccer Complex to bring college soccer back to Enid,” said NOC Board of Regent Chair Jami Groendyke. “This is a great opportunity for our student athletes and the community. We feel this move will benefit Northern Oklahoma College and Enid as a whole.”

“We are excited to provide our soccer student athletes the opportunity to compete and train in a World Class facility such as the Advance Soccer Complex,” said NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster. “In the ever-changing world of competitive collegiate athletics, a state-of-the-art facility is so important in recruiting and retaining top notch student athletes. I believe the Enid Community will be very welcoming to the soccer student athletes and will help make their transition as easy as possible.”

“The athletic department will do everything possible to accommodate the student athletes in this transition and make it as seamlessly as possible,” he added.

Wednesday’s move is actually a return of soccer to NOC Enid as the Jets had a program for one year in 2000.

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# NOC hosts retirement reception, employee service awards

Five Northern Oklahoma College retirees and a number of NOC employees received their service pins Friday, May 12 at the Renfro Center.

Honored at Friday's reception were retirees Dr. Jack Gnossen, Science Instructor/ Tonkawa; Cissy Leonard, Information Receptionist/ Tonkawa; Larry Dye, Associate Vice President of Physical Operations/Tonkawa; Randy Walker, Custodian/Tonkawa; and Don Stinson/Language Arts Instructor/Stillwater.

The following received employee service awards:

- 35-Year: Randy Walker, Custodian/Tonkawa.
- 30-Year: Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Community Relations and Development/Tonkawa.
- 25-Year: Paul Bowers, Language Arts Instructor/Enid; Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs/Tonkawa; Tricia Moore, Agriculture and Biological Science Division Chair/

Tonkawa; Don Stinson, Language Arts Instructor/Stillwater.

20-Year: Suzi Brown, HPER Division Chair/ Tonkawa; Jeremy Hise, Vice President for NOC Enid/Enid; Patty Lester, Financial Aid Specialist/Enid

15-Year: Bart Cardwell, Sheep Center Manager, Science Instructor/Tonkawa; Jill Harman, Business Instructor/Tonkawa; Scott Harman/ Science Instructor/Tonkawa; Janet Hartz, Staff Assistant for Human Resources/Tonkawa; Neisha Jones, Payroll Officer/Tonkawa; Kelly Jordan, Financial Aid Counselor/Tonkawa, Gene Mayo, Custodian/Tonkawa.

10-Year: Darrell Frost, Social Science Division Chair/Tonkawa; Jennifer Hammons, Financial Aid Counselor/Tonkawa; Brandon Haynes, Fine Arts Roustabout Coordinator/Tonkawa; Erin McCoy, Upward Bound Director/Enid;

Mary Ann McCoy, Science Instructor/Enid; Tracy McCune, IT Support Technician/Tonkawa; Tiffany Meacham, Social Science Instructor/Enid; Kathy Phillips, Nursing Instructor/ Stillwater; Kathy Riley, Assistant Director Admissions Data/Tonkawa; Kathleen Swain, Coordinator of Student Success Center/Tonkawa.

5-Year: Kimberley Brewer, Nursing Instructor/Stillwater; Scott Cloud/Public Information Director; Jayme Elam, SECC/Stillwater; Daryl Guilford, Respiratory Care/Enid; Luke Kruse, Social Science/Stillwater; Courtney Miller, Math/Stillwater; Melonee Spurlock, Language Arts/Enid; Stephanie Weckler, Business/Stillwater.

1-Year: Andrea Burnes, Retention Specialist/ Enid; Ashlyn Ewy, Administrative Assistant for Student Affairs/Tonkawa; Josh Harris, Custodian/Tonkawa; Johnathan Kuhlmann, Theatre

Manager/Tonkawa; Jonie Johnson, Nursing Instructor/Enid; Paige Larson, Graphic Design Specialist/Tonkawa; Patrick Nee, Head Men's Basketball Coach/Tonkawa; Roy Tyre Pinder, Residence Life/Tonkawa; Madison Prince, Accounts Payable/Tonkawa; Kimberlee Roice, Purchasing Accounts Payable Director/Tonkawa; Shiloh Stacy, Student Account Specialist/Tonkawa; Heather Swain, Gift Processor/Tonkawa; Arturo Vasquez, Residence Life/Tonkawa; Cesar Zepeda, Assistant Soccer Coach/Tonkawa.

Other retirees who did not attend the event were Jena Kodesh, Art Instructor/Tonkawa; Bryon Lewis, Physical Plant/Enid; Gina Conneywerdy, CEC Director/Tonkawa; and John Reames, Physical Plant/Tonkawa



Dr. Harris and Dr. Stinson



Dr. Harris and Jack Gnossen



Dr. Harris, Larry Dye, and Anita Simpson



Dr. Harris and Randy Walker





15-Year Service Pins



10-Year Service Pins



5-Year Service Pins



25-Year Service Pins





1-Year Service Pins



Suzi Brown - 20-Year Pin



Sheri Snyder - 30-Year Pin



Dr. Joe Kinzer, Dr. Clark Harris, Dr. Cheryl Evans



Dr. Clark Harris, Cissy Leonard,  
and Sheri Snyder

Life changing.





# NOC Calendar

Begin Summer Office Hours	May 22
All Employee Picnic, NOC Cove	May 25
No Classes/Offices Closed	May 26
Memorial Day, No Classes/Offices Closed	May 29
No Classes/Offices Closed	June 2
Begin June 4-Week Courses	June 5
Final Day to Add June 4-Week Courses	June 6
Final Day to Drop June 4-Week Courses Final Day to Return Books Purchased for June 4-Week Courses	June 7
Final Day to Add June 4-Week Courses	June 9

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

# Enid Planetarium Show June 1

The Mackie Planetarium on the Northern Oklahoma College Enid campus will present the first show of the summer on Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m.

Highlights of the show will be to present the night sky over Enid and show prominent constellations in our early evening sky. The constellations Leo and Ursa Major are visible in the early evening.

According to astronomy instructor Fritz Osell, most of the planets are near the sun this month. Osell said they will dim the sun and show the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Uranus near the sun in the afternoon sky. Visitors will be able to see which of the zodiac constellations the sun and planets are visiting this month.

Osell said that visitors will go on a journey through time from the beginning of the universe through the present and 3000 years into the future.

The planetarium has installed a new projection system, and the shows will be much brighter.

There is no charge, but donations of non-perishable food items for Our Daily Bread and Loaves and Fishes are accepted.

# NASA on-line course available

NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) supports community college students seeking to transfer to a 4-year institution or go directly to the labor force by engaging them in authentic learning experiences. Applications for Mission 1: Discover are open now. Participants will take part in a five-week, self-paced online course featuring subject matter experts who introduce scholars to NASA missions and research dedicated to space exploration, technology, and aeronautics research.

The information session is set for Thursday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m. Applications are due June 26. Contact Dr. Wood-Black for additional information at [Frankie.woodblack@noc.edu](mailto:Frankie.woodblack@noc.edu).



Linn Laughery	May 21	Janet Jarvis	May 26
T.L. Walker	May 21	Kaylan Eddlemon	May 28
Kathy Hannah	May 24		

