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Alumni Spotlight

Meet the three newest inductees into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

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WELCOME

The NOC Alumni and Foundation department want to welcome you to our newsletter. We will share new information quarterly.

The goal of this newsletter is to nurture relationships with alumni, donors, and friends. We will keep you updated on exciting things happening within the Northern family.



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Annual Donor Recognition Dinner

It was a fun-filled evening recognizing our donors and scholarship recipients.

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FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING FACULTY

HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

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Alumni Events

Catch up on events and new things happening at Northern as well as what to expect in the upcoming months. Go to www.noc.edu/alumni.



2023 Commencement

Alumni Spotlight

Northern Oklahoma College Alumni and Friends
Reunion and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony



The 2023 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony/ Alumni Reunion was held on Saturday, April 1. The inductees included Dr. Jim Appleman, Jeff Medders, and Willie J Street, MPAS, PA-C. To view more photos of the event, click on the link: <https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>

Meet the Honorees

DR. JIM APPLEMAN



Dr. Jim Appleman grew up in Tonkawa, where both of his parents were members of NOC's faculty and admin. During his first three years in Elementary School, his parents served as dorm parents for NOC Easterling Residence Hall.

Following graduation from Tonkawa High School he naturally attended NOC. 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 Broadcasting 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 MPA, PA-C



Willie Street MPAS, PA-C, is a physician assistant with Phillips 66 Health Services where he leverages over three decades of clinical expertise to ensure the highest level of healthcare 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 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.



Dear Alumni,

As an alumni and friend of Northern Oklahoma College, you know the value of a college degree and the importance of financial assistance in today's economy. Northern Oklahoma College strives to continue its tradition of excellence by not only providing a quality education to our students, but also financial support. By participating in the NOC Alumni Legacy Campaign, you could be part of an effort that will provide scholarships for future alumni.

The Northern Oklahoma College Alumni and Friends Association established the NOC Legacy Scholarship through the NOC Foundation to provide financial assistance to children and grandchildren of NOC alumni who wish to continue the tradition started by their loved ones.

The Legacy Scholarship is presented to an incoming Freshman at the NOC Alumni & Friends Reunion/Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony each spring. . Let's continue the Legacy!

Kayla Wooderson, Alumni Relations Director
To Give Email: alumni@noc.edu

Contributions to the NOC Alumni Association are tax deductible.

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Please select Alumni Legacy Scholarship under the "I want to support" tab.

Kelsey Mitchell, This Year's Legacy Scholarship Recipient



Pictured (from left) Candy Oller ('83), Kelsey Mitchell and Kayla Wooderson ('15)

The NOC Legacy Scholarship was presented to Kelsey Mitchell Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Alumni & Friends Reunion/Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony. Kelsey is an incoming Freshman at NOC Tonkawa. Her ultimate goal is to pursue a career as a Radiography Technician. She is the daughter of Sherry Stout, a 2017 graduate of Northern earning an associate degree in Arts and Science as well as an RN-Nursing Degree.

Please consider assisting future NOC students by participating in the Legacy Campaign. The campaign supports the NOC Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund.



Kelsey with her Mom and Sister



NOC Nursing Division Chair, Dr. Nikole Hicks, presented The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty to Marriya Wright

*Photo by:
Shiloh Martin, NOC Photographer/Videographer*

Former Northern Oklahoma College Nursing faculty member, Marriya Wright, was honored with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty at the NOC 2023 Nurses Pinning Ceremony Saturday, May 6, at Briggs Auditorium at NOC Enid.

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.

DAISY Award recognitions honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers – from Nursing Student through Lifetime Achievement in Nursing.

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.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "Marriya Wright is an exceptional representative of NOC nursing. She began her registered nursing career as a graduate of the NOC nursing program and served as faculty for seven years. According to Wright's nomination letters, she has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility, and work ethic. She is willing to go above and beyond to help students learn. She makes them step out of their comfort zones and motivates them to be not only better students but better future nurses. We are pleased to honor Ms. Wright with this award."

Wright is the Dean of Allied Health and Nursing at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, Washington. She received her MSN and BSN in Nursing from Oklahoma

City University, her AAS in Nursing at Northern Oklahoma College, and her LPN at Meridian Technology Center. In the span of her 20 plus years as a nurse, she worked in med-surg, emergency, labor and delivery, as well as in multiple leadership roles. Before moving to Washington, she was Nursing Faculty here at NOC for six years at both the Tonkawa and Stillwater campuses. She served as the second-year team lead for the last four years at NOC. Wright has a passion for community college and the sense of belonging it gives to students. Students voted her the NISOD Excellence in Teaching award in

both 2016 and 2019.

Blind nominations for the award were submitted with a designated committee reviewing and ranking the nominees based on their commitment to student learning and success, utilizing personal interaction, providing rigorous instruction and innovative technologies, striving to provide high quality, accessible nursing education, and modeling the values of excellence, integrity, resourcefulness, impactful relationships, and compassionate service.

The winner was selected by the The DAISY Award® Selection Committee. This year's finalists include Marriya Wright, Brian Baird, Marie Head, and Jennifer Lancaster.



Marriya Wright



Brian Baird



Dr. Marie Head



Jennifer Lancaster

More information on the DAISY Award is available at: DAISYfoundation.org

Community Members Spotted on Campus

TONKAWA LEADERSHIP



The Tonkawa Leadership group visited NOC Tonkawa on October 13. We had 11 individuals tour the facilities and participate in a lunch and learn.

BLACKWELL LEADERSHIP



The Blackwell Leadership group visited NOC Tonkawa on January 26. We had 17 individuals tour the facilities and participate in a lunch and learn.

ENID LEADERSHIP



The Enid Leadership group consisting of 18 members toured NOC Enid on Feb. 8.

PONCA CITY LEADERSHIP



The Ponca City Leadership group visited NOC Tonkawa on February 8. NOC hosted 32 individuals for a brief tour which included meeting new NOC editions at the Sheep Barn.

Celebrating 50 Years of NOC Nursing



Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Nikole Hicks, Nursing Division Chair; Dr. Thomas Harned, First NOC Nursing Division Chair; Cammie Wyckoff MS, RN, Past NOC Nursing Division Chair.



Winning Team of the Nursing Olympics

The 50-Year Nursing Celebration was held on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25. Over 50 nursing alumni and friends attended for various activities that were planned during the weekend celebration. Five graduates from the very first nursing class and the founding Nursing Director from the 1973 class joined the celebration as well. In the future, the nursing division would like to hold an event annually.

To view more photos from the event, click on the following link:

<https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>

THE GATHERING

The first annual Friends of NOC Agriculture Chapter kickoff was held on Saturday, April 29 at the Ponca City Country Club where over 125 attendees celebrated the success of the Agriculture Division.



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The Northern Oklahoma College
Foundation
Donor Recognition Dinner
was held on Thursday, March 9
at the Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa



Thank You to All Our Donors, We Appreciate Your Support

Northern Oklahoma College, the state's first public community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services which create life-changing experiences and develop students as effective learners and leaders within their communities in a connected, ever changing world.

NOC, a public two year community college, serves over 4,200 students on the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater, online, and University Center at Ponca City.

NOC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers associate degrees in three general areas: Arts, Science and Applied Science. The associate degree fulfills lower-division course work which is applicable towards a bachelor's degree. For more information about Northern Oklahoma College or giving to the NOC Foundation, please contact the development office at 580.628.6208 or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu.



Congratulations to Our Newest Alumni

How to get involved

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized under IRS 501(c) (3), and receives and manages private gifts on behalf of the College. There are a wide range of gift opportunities at Northern.

Wherever your interests lie, there is a place for you to contribute and make a difference. We encourage you to check out our website at <http://www.noc.edu/foundation> to view the donor wish list. Development staff are available to assist you with information.

We look forward to another exciting year of being part of Northern's family as well as working together with you to promote NOC, its programs and students. We encourage you to get involved!

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