

# What's Happening

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## Roustabout alums to appear in Tonkawa Aug. 31

The Guys featuring NOC Roustabout Alumni will headline the Full Moon Concert on Thursday, August 31 in Tonkawa Centennial Park, 301 East Grand, Tonkawa, OK. The musically eclectic band features four NOC Roustabout alumni including Brandon Haynes (lead-vocals/piano), Brad Matson, (auxiliary percussion), John Shwayat (bass), Hunter Voge (drum-set), and Erik Willadsen (guitar) who is also a NOC graduate. The audience will enjoy a broad selection of covers including pop, rock, and some good ole' oldies! Roustabout alumni include Krista Hembree, Tim Muniz, Christopher James, Taryn Pruett, Kenneth Thomas, Alyssa Baker, Faith Crum, Regan Clapper, and more!

Haynes teaches music and is the vocal director and musical arranger for the Roustabouts at Northern Oklahoma College (NOC). He is also the director of music and worship arts at First United Methodist Church in Tonkawa and the artistic director for the Choral Arts Society of Northern Oklahoma (CASANO) Ponca City community choir. Haynes also performs frequently at TS Fork Restaurant in Tonkawa. His debut album entitled Brandon Haynes: With a Little Help from my Friends is soon to be released! The album features many of Haynes' musician friends and local artists including Ciara Brooke of Five-Year Gap and Broadway-performing friend Isaiah Bailey.

Vogele (aka Hunter Grant in the music realm) connected with Haynes through church praise-band collaborations and the NOC Roustabouts. In 2019, he co-produced his debut solo album with Haynes entitled Hunter Grant: Pieces and is available on various streaming platforms including Spotify and Apple Music. Shwayat is a music graduate from NOC and frequently performs bass guitar in the area for various groups. Outside of music, Shwayat is a deputy treasurer at the Kay County Treasurer's Office. Willadsen is a personal banker at Gateway First Bank in Tonkawa and also works as a ranch hand. He relishes performing guitar with The Guys and also in the band Hambone.

The family-friendly outdoor concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Heart in the Park Pavilion and is free to all. NOC is supporting this community event and will host an information booth with giveaways, bottled water and games.

Since bench seating in the park is limited, the public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Pets on leashes are welcome and restroom facilities are located across the street in the Santa Fe Depot. Throughout the evening, concertgoers may walk the world's only heart-shaped labyrinth, and the evening concludes with the traditional group howl at the full moon.

Northern Oklahoma College and NOC Foundation joins North Central Oklahoma Arts Council and Heart in the Park Committee to



**The Guys featuring NOC Roustabout Alumni will perform a broad selection of pop and rock covers at the Full Moon Concert, Thursday, August 31 sponsored by North Central Oklahoma Arts Council, Heart in the Park committee and Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Music begins at 7:00 p.m. with free admission in Tonkawa Centennial Park. Band members from left: Hunter Voge, Erik Willadsen, Brandon Haynes, and John Shwayat.**

sponsor this event. Next month's Full Moon Concert is scheduled for 6:30 pm Friday, September 29. In case of inclement weather or for more information, check for Full Moon Con-

cert updates at <https://heartinthepark.org/> and on NCOAC Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TonkawaArts/](https://www.facebook.com/TonkawaArts/) or by messaging 580-628-0108.

# Enid Soccer season starts Sunday

NOC Enid Soccer opens their inaugural season Sunday evening as the Jets women host Redlands Community College at 7 p.m.

The Jets schedule is available at [www.nocjets.com](http://www.nocjets.com).

Home games are available on livestream at <https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/enid-athletics-streaming/>.

| August Schedule Men   |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Aug. 28               | – Pratt (H), 7 p.m.    |
| Aug. 30               | – Eastern (A), 4 p.m.  |
| August Schedule Women |                        |
| Aug. 27               | – Redlands (H), 7 p.m. |
| Aug. 30               | – Eastern (A), 2 p.m.  |



Life changing.

## NOC August, September Birthdays



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|--------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Jennifer Hammons   | Aug. 26  | Cathy Ballard     | Sept. 14 |
| Anna Roland        | Aug. 26  | Wendy Spiva       | Sept. 18 |
| Rachel Kroemer     | Aug. 27  | Tori Green        | Sept. 18 |
| Candy Oller        | Sept. 1  | Stony Jones       | Sept. 18 |
| Crystal Smith      | Sept. 1  | Jeff Tate         | Sept. 19 |
| Mary Morris        | Sept. 3  | Belinda Horinek   | Sept. 20 |
| Suzanne Stergas    | Sept. 4  | Cara Beth Johnson | Sept. 20 |
| Shannon Cranford   | Sept. 5  | Jill Harmon       | Sept. 21 |
| Kenneth Headrick   | Sept. 6  | Anna McGehee      | Sept. 24 |
| Sarah Machia       | Sept. 6  | Jerry Hawkins     | Sept. 26 |
| Frankie Wood-Black | Sept. 6  | Christi Hook      | Sept. 26 |
| Kathleen Swain     | Sept. 8  | Kelley Larkin     | Sept. 26 |
| Stacey Frazier     | Sept. 9  | Chad Anderson     | Sept. 26 |
| Gene Long          | Sept. 11 | Luke Kruse        | Sept. 26 |
| Jennifer Bedwell   | Sept. 11 |                   |          |

# NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

If so, complete the following steps below

NOC Students:  
Samantha Smith, Mia-Claire Jones  
and Emma Valgora

**1 Apply for admissions to NOC**  
[www.noc.edu/future-students](http://www.noc.edu/future-students)

**2 Complete FAFSA**  
[studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)  
NOC School Code: 003162

**3 Complete Scholarship Form**  
[www.noc.edu/scholarships](http://www.noc.edu/scholarships)

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**AUGUST 25**  
Deadline for all Fall scholarships, except PLC Scholarship.

**DECEMBER**  
Scholarship application opens.  
Apply for FAFSA.

**JANUARY 25**  
Deadline to apply for scholarships for the Spring semester for new or transfer students.

**FEBRUARY 20**  
PLC Scholarship deadline and priority date (early acceptance) for all other scholarships for Fall.

**Contact the Scholarship Office**  
**580.628.6760**  
Email: [scholarships@noc.edu](mailto:scholarships@noc.edu)

**Need help or have questions?**

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**SCAN TO VISIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP WEBPAGE**

[www.noc.edu/scholarships](http://www.noc.edu/scholarships)



# Steve Kissel to head Jets Softball

Steve Kissel has been named as the NOC Enid Jets Softball coach replacing Megan Hill.

NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster announced the hiring on Friday.

Kissel comes to NOC from Colorado Northwestern Community College.

“I want to thank Mr. Foster and the committee for giving me this great opportunity,” Kissel said. “I’m excited to be the new head softball coach at NOC Enid. I know there is tremendous potential in this program.”

NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster is excited for Kissel joining the Jets program.

“I feel fortunate that we are able to hire someone with coach Kissel’s experience and connections in college softball. He has experience in taking over programs late in the cycle and having success immediately. I feel there will be little disruption for the athletes in adjusting to a new coach which is important. I believe he will be able to help our student athletes achieve and further their goals both on the field and off,” Foster said.

Kissel is a Colorado native, and has coached for seven different colleges. He has amassed 610 wins and will be entering his 30th season as a collegiate head coach.

He began his collegiate head coaching career at his alma mater - Dana College - from 1987 through 1994. He received his undergraduate degree in Physical Education from the institution, leading his alma mater to six conference championships in eight years (1987-91 and 1994), along with qualifying for district tournaments all eight years. The 1994 team won a district championship and advanced to the ‘Elite Eight’ of the NAIA National Tournament.

Kissel won league coaching honors six times while coaching at Dana. He was also a two-time ‘District Coach-of-the-Year’ in 1991 and 1994.

After receiving his Masters’ Degree in Health

Education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1994, Kissel next coached at Minot State (N.D.) for one year as head softball coach and assistant football coach.

That year, the football team made it all the way to the ‘Elite Eight’ in the NAIA playoffs and the softball team qualified for its first-ever regional tournament.

Kissel’s next coaching stint was at Pittsburg State University in Kansas. His squad qualified for the NCAA Division II regional tournament during his tenure.

In 1998, Kissel joined Oklahoma Panhandle State, where he was the head softball and men’s/women’s cross-country coach. He spent the next seven years rebuilding a program that had won less than ten games per year to a program that consistently won 30 games per year. Kissel also served in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) department, was the NCAA Compliance Coordinator, a member of the Teacher Education Council and the Athletic Committee.

He replaces Megan Hill left the NOC program for a return to Emporia State, her alma mater, where she will be an assistant.

“I appreciate everything Coach Hill has done for the Jets softball program and I wish her nothing but the best in her endeavors,” Foster said. “I really enjoyed working with her.”



Steve Kissel

# FULL MOON

## CONCERT

Thursday,  
**August 31, 2023**  
at Heart in the Park  
*Tonkawa Centennial Park | 301 East Grand*  
**7:00 pm**

**“The Guys”**  
*featuring*  
NOC Roustabouts Alumni

*RB*



## The Guys

**Brandon Haynes**, *lead-vocals/piano* | **Brad Matson**, *auxiliary percussion*  
**John Shwayat**, *bass* | **Hunter Voge**, *drum-set* | **Erik Willadsen**, *guitar*



# Scholarship deadline is Aug. 25

Northern Oklahoma College is continuing to accept scholarship applications for Fall 2023.

The Presidential Leadership Scholarship, the NOC/OSU Gateway Ambassadors Scholarship and the State Regents Academic Scholarship application deadline is closed. Priority deadline for all other scholarships opened Feb. 21 with scholarships awarded to qualified applicants on a first come, first serve basis and closes this Friday, Aug. 25. To apply, simply apply for admission to NOC, apply for financial aid and then fill out the scholarship form online.

For last year's fiscal year budget, the college allocated over \$2.8 million in waivers and scholarships support, which is 12% of our operational budget. For this 2023-2024 fiscal year budget, the college allocated over \$2.9 million in waivers and scholarship support, which is 12.1% of our operational budget. These waivers and scholarships continue to assist our students with academic accomplishments and participation in college activities.

Additionally, through the NOC Foundation during the 2022-2023 academic year, the Foundation awarded over \$228,450 in scholarships to 361 recipients from the Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater campuses. For this 2023-2024 fiscal year, the NOC Foundation Board has been working with our private donors to increase not only the number of scholarship awards giv-

en but also increase the dollar amount awarded. The Foundation's goal is to maximize the financial assistance provided to each student through private awards, thus reducing any out-of-pocket expenses.

According to Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development and Community Relations, "We are pleased to announce that there are some institutional scholarships along with numerous private scholarships through the NOC Foundation still available. Scholarships will be awarded to qualified applicants on a first come, first serve basis through August 25 for the fall semester. We encourage everyone to apply. The Foundation alone has increased scholarship award amounts with an additional \$75,000 in potential scholarship support to be awarded this year to students at NOC."

To be considered for scholarships, applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov (Northern's Title IV Institutional Code is 003162) within 30 days of accepting a scholarship award.

For a complete listing of all scholarships available, please visit our website at [www.noc.edu/scholarships](http://www.noc.edu/scholarships). For more information contact the NOC Scholarship Office at 580-628-6760 or [scholarships@noc.edu](mailto:scholarships@noc.edu).



STARTING THE SEMESTER OFF IN A COOL WAY!

Ice Cream  
Treats!

NOC FACULTY & STAFF

COME & GO!

AUG 28 | STILLWATER | BROWN BOARD ROOM  
AUG 29 | TONKAWA | PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
AUG 30 | ENID | PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM

2:00 - 3:30 PM





# Deadline nears for Masonic grants

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation is offering grants through the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma Endowment and the Presidential Partners Program.

These funds are made available to Northern Oklahoma College programs, students and employees whose proposed projects support the Foundation's mission of providing quality educational experiences.

NOCF annually determines fund availability and will award grants based on annual earnings of the endowments.

The Masonic Endowment request is to be used

exclusively for student support. Deadline for Masonic Endowment Grant consideration is September 15.

Presidential Partners funds may be used for student or employee support. Presidential Partners Grant requests may be submitted any time during the year.

The Foundation will do its best to provide full or partial funding for all requests; however, submission does not guarantee any funding will be granted.

If any further information is needed, please call the Development Office at 580.628.6214.

## NOC Calendar

**Aug. 25**  
Scholarship Priority Deadline  
Final Day to Add 16-Week Courses  
Final Day to Add 8-Week Courses  
Final Day to Return Books for a Full Refund

**Aug. 26**  
Maverick Sheep Show, 9 a.m., Tonkawa

**Aug. 27**  
Home Women's Soccer vs. Redlands, 7 p.m.

**Aug. 28**  
Ice Cream for Faculty/Staff, Brown Room, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Stillwater  
Home Men's Soccer vs. Pratt (KS), 7 p.m., Enid

**Aug. 29**  
Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Ice Cream for Faculty/Staff, President's Room, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Enid

**Aug. 30**  
The Maverick Published Online

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
Free Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid  
Away Men's and Women's Soccer vs. Eastern, 2 p.m.  
Ice Cream for Faculty/Staff, President's Conference Room, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Bible Study, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

**Aug. 31**  
Nursing and Pre-Engineering Professional Day, Tonkawa  
Full Moon Concert, Centennial Park, 7 p.m., Tonkawa

**Sept. 1**  
Final Day to Withdraw with a Full Refund  
Home Men's and Women's Soccer vs. Crowder (MO), 5 p.m., 7 p.m., Enid

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



### Introducing 24x7 Blackboard Learn Support!

We are thrilled to announce that **starting August 21<sup>st</sup>**, NOC students and faculty will have access to round-the-clock support for Blackboard Learn!

Have questions about navigating the new interface, submitting assignments, or accessing course materials? Our new 24x7 support is here to help.

Additional areas of support will be available on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>  
For general Blackboard help information: [help.blackboard.com](http://help.blackboard.com)

## Blackboard Learn Support

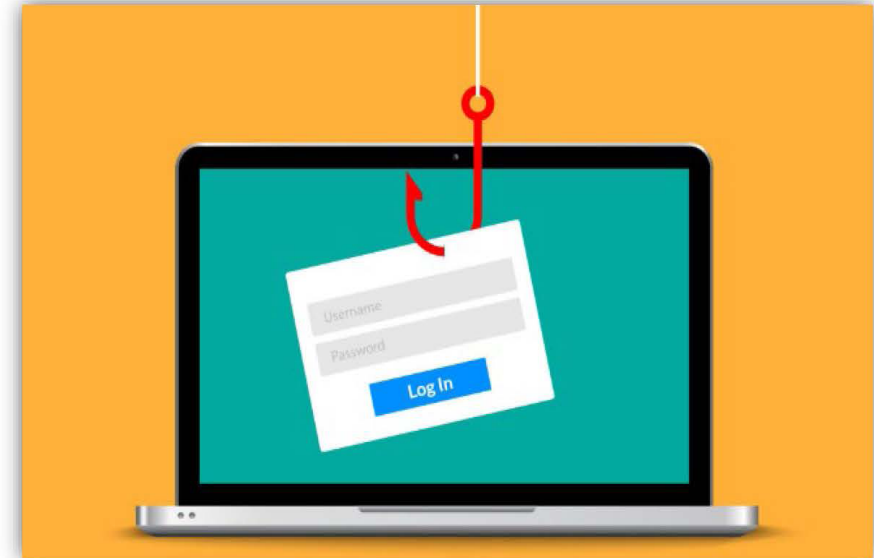
*Now available anytime!*

**CALL (580) 308-3021**

*If you are needing assistance with logging into Blackboard please contact NOC's IT Help Desk. (580) 628-6291 or [ITHelpDesk@noc.edu](mailto:ITHelpDesk@noc.edu)*



# First Day of School



**DON'T TAKE THE BAIT**

Not sure if the email in your  
inbox is legit.

Forward it to  
**[ITHelpDesk@noc.edu](mailto:ITHelpDesk@noc.edu)**





*Tonkawa Foam Party*



*Block Party*



NORTHERN  
Oklahoma College

# You Could Be The Next MISS NOC

Competition will be  
October 17, 2023  
KPAC 7:30 pm  
NOC Tonkawa



Miss NOC Enid 2023  
Kaycee Babek

**Miss NOC 2024**  
\$1,000 Scholarship

**1st Runner-up**  
\$600 Scholarship

**2nd Runner-up**  
\$400 Scholarship



Represent **Northern** at the  
**MISS OKLAHOMA COMPETITION!**

## INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, September 7, 2023  
11:30 am  
NOC Tonkawa

Kinzer Performing Arts Center , Room 118

If you are unable to attend the meeting  
or have questions, please contact:

**Miss NOC Director**  
Shannon Varner

Kinzer Performing Arts Center, Room 115  
580.628.6365 [shannon.varner@noc.edu](mailto:shannon.varner@noc.edu)



# NOC Campus Activities



*Get  
Going  
with  
Gateway*



*Groups and  
Organization Day*



*Lights on  
Stillwater*



*Maverick Sidewalk Chalk*

*(photos by Shiloh Martin/NOC)*