

Col. Nekitha Little to speak at Enid Veteran's Program

Colonel Nekitha M. Little, Commander, 71st Mission Support Group, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base in Enid will speak at a Veterans Day presentation Thursday, Nov. 9 at NOC Enid.

The Veteran's Day event will be held in the Gantz Center Room 100 at 11:45 a.m. The National Theme for 2023 is Service.

The event celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act with special recognition and presentations to local female veterans. The event is sponsored by the Northern Oklahoma College Diversity Committee.

As the Installation Manager, Col. Little is responsible for the \$550M flying operations and base operations contracts and all support for the Vance mission and community; including procurement, civil engineering, firefighting, se-

curity and law enforcement, communications, personnel, supply, transportation, housing, recreation and services activities.

Prior to this assignment, she was the Director of Force Support Professional Development School where she was responsible for 19 military/civilian personnel and 12 contractors to deliver 23 courses over 91 classes for more than 69K personnel annually within the Force Support functional community and DoD installations worldwide.

Little earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Transylvania University (1988), Associate in Applied Science, Community College of the Air Force (1997), Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University (1999), Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (2002), Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (2008), Air Command and Staff College,

by seminar (2012), and Air War College, by seminar (2021).

She earned the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal w/ four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, w/ four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, w/ two oak leaf clusters, Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Medal w/ one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/ silver oak leaf cluster, and Air Force Organizational Excellence Award.

There will be a special pinning ceremony for all Viet Nam Veterans in attendance, as well.

All veterans and the public are invited to the event.

The event is available on Livestream to the Tonkawa and Stillwater campuses.



Col. Nekitha Little

NOC partners with professionals to assist with academic programs

Northern Oklahoma College welcomed business professionals in nine specific areas Tuesday, Oct. 24 to a meeting with NOC instructors in those academic fields.

The advisory boards meet annually with NOC instructors to discuss the changing workplace and how instructors can better prepare students for the future.

The partnership between the business community and NOC has been going on for many years some as many as 30 years. This was the fourth year that all nine advisory committees met simultaneously some meeting in person and some remotely.

The advisory committees met for lunch in the Renfro Center and then broke out into individ-

ual groups.

The nine areas include Agricultural & Biological Sciences, Alumni, Behavioral Sciences, Business, Criminal Justice, Health, Physical Education & Recreation (HPER), Mass Communications, Nursing, and Pre-Engineering/Process Technology.

NOC President Dr. Clark Harris said these

meetings are critical for NOC to better prepare students for the work place.

"The advisory committee is a recruitment tool for companies and helps prepare students for the workforce," he said. "NOC appreciates what these advisors offer our college."

Planetarium show set for Tuesday

The Mackie Planetarium on the NOC Enid campus will present the next show on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The show will begin at 7 p.m.

Planetarium director Fritz Osell will present the night sky over Enid during November and show prominent constellations and planets in our evening sky.

He will also show known stars with planets, visitors will be surprised that thousands of planetary systems have been found in our neighborhood of the galaxy. Discovery of new planetary systems is largely a result of the combination of advanced telescopes like the James Webb space telescope with the rapid advancement of computer technology.

The full dome planetarium show will present a show for children about Hercules, a constellation setting in our western sky during November.

The main show will be about the concept of time.

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



Life changing.

NOC November Birthdays



Dina Kleinmann	Nov. 3	Shannon Lorg	Nov. 20
Tiffany Meacham	Nov. 7	Elva Lora	Nov. 22
Cecil Phibbs	Nov. 7	Peggy Emde	Nov. 23
Raychel Harves	Nov. 10	Summer McClure	Nov. 24
Samantha Lee	Nov. 12	Dee Cooper	Nov. 25
Kathi Shamburg	Nov. 13	Silvia Rodriguez	Nov. 29
John Kuhlmann	Nov. 20		



VETERANS DAY

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2023
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★ ★ ★ Parade ★ ★ ★
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

10:45
a.m.
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Please join **Northern Oklahoma College** as we honor our Veterans by participating in the Ponca City Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 4, 2023 beginning at 10:45 a.m on Grand Avenue.

This year celebrates the following:

75th
Anniversary of
Women in the
Military

70th
Anniversary of
the End of the
Korean War

50th
Anniversary of
the End of the
Vietnam War

To join the NOC Float contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations, at kayla.wooderson@noc.edu or 580.628.6473.



NOC Criminal Justice Students at the American Criminal Justice Association Regional Competition. Pictured (L-R) Maverick Smith, John Gay II, AJ Nichols, Geronimo Quilimaco, Troy Cochran, Abriana Greenhaw, Samantha Mears, Wesley Dunn.

NOC Criminal Justice students at Texas competition

The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association at Northern Oklahoma College recently attended and competed at the Regional Competition hosted at Sam Houston State University in Texas from October 26-28.

This trip was only possible with fundraising efforts, generous grants from the Presidential Partners Program and Masonic Foundation through Northern Oklahoma College’s Development & Community Relations office.

Region 2 of the ACJA consists of 42 active chapters in six different states. The conference brings together college, university students and professionals in the field of criminal justice to improve criminal justice through educational activities and promote professional, academic and public awareness of criminal justice issues.

Troy Cochran who acts as advisor to the student organization as well as Regional Vice-President was proud of how well our students did. “We had limited time to prepare for this conference and students worked on their own time to study and practice crime scene investigations and firearms. They represented, NOC and the State of Oklahoma very well.”

Elections were also held for open positions on the Regional Executive Board at this conference. Delta Kappa Epsilon member and NOC alumni Samantha Mears was elected as Regional Secretary adding to NOC’s presence on the Executive Board.



NOC ENID

PLANETARIUM

SHOW

First Tuesday of Every Month

Tuesday,

November 7, 2023 | 7 pm

Mackie Planetarium

Free Admission

[Donated non-perishable food items accepted]

Regents hold October meeting

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents met Wednesday in Tonkawa.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson presented the monthly financial report to the regents and the monthly allocation request of \$350,000 for computer and network upgrades for Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater and computer hardware, software, licensing, and fees. The Board of Regents approved the financial report and the allocation request.

In the public comment portion of the agenda, Todd Glasgow provided comments on the wrestling program to the regents.

Currently, NOC is interviewing coaches for the men's and women's wrestling program that will begin in Fall 2024.

Regent chair Brad Fox commented that NOC's Development Office had two amazing events including the Wrestling Fund Raising Event at TS Fork in Tonkawa Sept. 29 and the Killers of the Flower Moon Movie Screening in Ponca City Oct. 18.

The next regents meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the NOC Stillwater Brown Conference Room at 2 p.m.

Soccer season ends, four players and coach receive honors

NOC Soccer's season ended last weekend in the NJCAA Region 2 Tournament last weekend in Enid.

NOC Jets Women's soccer fell to Eastern 1-0 Thursday night in the South District Soccer Tournament in Enid and the men fell to Murray State 3-2 on Friday afternoon.

Four NOC players were named to the All-Region team and men's coach Aron Bassoff was named the Region 2 Coach of the Year.

Named to the second team were Jets Jhevan Smith, Max Lane, and Hez Irias along with Lady Jet Hailey Stage.



Northern Oklahoma College Stillwater Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 8
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2nd Floor Commons

Scan to schedule
your appointment!



Walk-ins
welcome!



Donors will
receive this
long-sleeve
holiday
T-shirt*!



Artforum makes buttons for Halloween



The NOC Artforum Art Club made original buttons for Trick or Treat on the circle on Halloween. Trick or Treaters chose an original button made by NOC art students or Trick or Treaters colored a black & white design that was made into a button while they waited.



NOC Criminal Justice had a booth at the Halloween Trick-or-Treat Fair Tuesday in Tonkawa.

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ACCESS TO SUCCESS

Meet NOC Native American alumni and hear about their experiences.

Free Event For All Native American High School Juniors and Seniors!

LUNCH

CAMPUS TOURS

BIG PRIZE GIVEAWAYS

Spend time in your academic area of interest visiting with faculty and doing hands-on activities.

FINANCIAL AID and SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

10 am - 2 pm

Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa

Register Online: www.noc.edu/access-to-success

Deadline to Register: Wednesday, October 25th

SCAN TO REGISTER



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Former NBA player Brent Price spoke to NOC Enid students on Wednesday

Brent Price shares wisdom with NOC Enid students

Enid resident and former NBA player Brent Price spoke to NOC Enid students Wednesday night at a USA Turning Point meeting at Montgomery Hall.

"I was blessed to live out my dream," Price told the students. "I had a great college and NBA basketball career but now am thankful to be back in Enid to raise my family and contribute to the Enid community."

Price explained his three keys to success including purpose, passion, and persistence. He said the keys worked for him on the court and have translated to off the court.

"My father (Denny Price) was a coach and I had two brothers (Mark and Matt) who played," he said. "My father taught us to always have a purpose in what we did. It's wasn't just being in the gym to work out, it was making the most of my time in the gym. Make the most of your opportunity."

The second was his passion.

"I loved to play," he said. "I went 100% all the time until my body just couldn't take the pounding any longer. I was all into playing to

the best of my ability and that is a great lesson in life."

The third key was persistence.

"There were always roadblocks in playing," he said. "Whether it was injuries or circumstances with coaches and other players, there were always challenges but I learned to overcome those with persistence. That is true for me today in my life after basketball."

Price said the most important decision he made in life was becoming a Christian at nine-years old.

"We are all created for God's purpose," he said. "I live to honor my Creator and live for God's glory."

After his career ended, Price moved back to Enid in 2003 where he became involved in the community working with the Enid YMCA (named after his father), his church, and other organizations.

Then, two years ago, he became more civic minded running for and being elected to the

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NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

VETERANS DAY

PRESENTATION

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

and
Celebrating the 75th Anniversary
of the 1948 Women's Armed
Services Integration Act
with
Special recognition and
presentations to our local
female veterans

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 9, 2023
11:45 AM

NOC Enid Campus
GU 100 (Gantz Student Union)

Guest Speaker
COLONEL
NEKITHA M. LITTLE
Commander, 71st Mission Support Group,
71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base

2023 National Theme
SERVICE

LIVE STREAMED ON THE NOC WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.NOC.EDU/ATHLETICS/STREAMING/NOC-EVENTS-STREAMING/](https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/)
Sponsored by the Northern Oklahoma College Diversity Committee

**All NOC students, faculty and staff, as well as all area veterans and
the general public are invited to attend.**

Price

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Enid Library Board where he currently serves. He received the most votes out of 18 applicants for the position.

"I am happy to serve," he said. "I love Enid and this country and I feel it's important to have a voice or I feel this nation will look very different."

His advice to the students was to take better care of their bodies.

"When I played, the strength and nutrition aspects of the game were just starting," he said. "I know that if I were 18-years old today, I would treat my body way differently.

Price attended Enid High School and played

collegiately at South Carolina before transferring to the University of Oklahoma. He then played 10 seasons in the league for four NBA teams including the Washington Bullets, Houston Rockets, Vancouver Grizzlies, and Sacramento Kings.

He was drafted with the 32nd pick of the 1992 NBA Draft.

He holds the OU record for most points in a home game (56) and is tied for the NBA record for most consecutive 3-point baskets (13).

His brother, Mark, played 12 seasons in the NBA retiring in 1998.



NOC Student Nurses had a booth Tuesday at the Halloween Trick or Treat Fair.



Cheer Club Sign-ups



Cheer at each home basketball game.

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Seeing Death in a Different Way

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

by Mary Ann McCoy

NOC Enid students have probably seen the face painting, walking skeletons, and colorful flowers associated with Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos), but what, exactly, does the holiday represent?

The Day of the Dead has its origin in Mexico and Central America and is typically held on November 1 and 2.

The celebration is a way to honor the lives of people who have died. The belief is that the

dead temporarily return to the world of the living to reunite with their loved ones for one day.

This cultural experience coincides with All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls Day on November 2.

To honor the dead, ofrendas (altars) are set-up which include flowers, candles, food, and pictures. Skulls and skeletons (usually in the form of candy or masks) are important parts of this celebration and are included on the altar.

The inclusion of skulls in the decorating for



NOC Hispanic Club (Viva la Raza!) Pictured (L-R): Lucero Delgadillo (president), Priscila Rangel, Adriel Lora, Madeline Rios, Ivan Hernandez Camaerna, and Rebecca Ambriz.



Club members with Advisors: Dr. Munro, Dr. McCoy, and Mr. Adrian Ibarra.

the Day of the Dead also serve to introduce children to death without fear. The ancients' believed death was a part of life.

To honor their heritage, the Hispanic Club (Viva la Raza!) members planned all components of the two-day celebration on the Enid Campus.

They created an altar, drew sidewalk decorations, and dressed skeletons in traditional dress.

The altar and sidewalk (Zollars) are in honor of Genaro Hernandez Diaz, their friend, classmate, club member who recently passed. The skeletons, in traditional dress, are on display in Harmon Science.

Genaro was an employee of the Walmart Supercenter in Enid, and the store has set up a memorial in honor of his memory, as well.

NOC Calendar

Nov. 3

Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Frank Phillips (TX), 5 p.m.

Nov. 4

Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Cloud (KS), 2 p.m.

Nov. 5

Home Jets Basketball vs. Odessa (TX), 2 p.m.
Away Mavs Basketball vs. South Plains (TX) at Enid, 6 p.m.

Nov. 6

Home Jets Basketball vs. Blinn (TX), 2 p.m.
Away Mavs Basketball vs. Midland (TX), at Enid, 6 p.m.

Nov. 7

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.,
Tonkawa
Runner Girls, THS Football Field, 3:30 p.m.,
Tonkawa
Fall White Coat Ceremony, Montgomery Hall,
1 p.m., Enid
Away Lady Jets Basketball vs. Independence
(KS), 6 p.m.
Planetarium Show, Mackie Planetarium, 7
p.m., Enid
Family Feud, Renfro Center, 7:30 p.m.
Tonkawa

Nov. 8

Access to Success, Renfro Center, 10 a.m. – 2
p.m., Tonkawa
Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1
p.m., Enid
Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs.
Cowley (KS), 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Nov. 9

Veteran's Day Program, Gantz 100, 11:45 a.m.,
Enid

Nov. 10

Final Day to Withdraw from 16-Week Courses
without Evaluation
Fine Arts Auditions, KPAC, 10 a.m., Tonkawa
Away Jets Basketball vs. Hutchinson (KS) at
Barton, 3 p.m.
Away Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Garden City
(KS), 4:30 p.m.
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Butler (KS),
6:30 p.m.
Away Mavs Basketball vs. Barton (KS), 7:30
p.m.

Nov. 11

Away Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Butler (KS), 1
p.m.
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Garden City
(KS), 3 p.m.
Away Mavs Basketball vs. Hutchinson (KA) at
Barton, 6 p.m.
Away Jets Basketball vs. Barton (KS), 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following
links: NOC Calendar



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