

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery Displays LABYRINTH Exhibition

By Mallory Riley, The Maverick Editor,
and Audrey Schmitz,
NOC Visual Arts Instructor

On Nov. 15 the Labyrinths in Art and Life exhibit opened in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center. Multiple art pieces made by NOC students from 2D and 3D classes, and alumni will be on display through Jan. 26, 2024.

Viewing hours are 1-5pm, Mon.-Fri., and during performances. The Labyrinths in Art and Life exhibit was curated by gallery director Audrey Schmitz.

There are over forty paintings, drawings, sculptures, and photographs in the exhibit feature designs inspired by historic labyrinth pathways as well as original creations.

Visitors will also learn about the history of labyrinths and their variations in design and function dating from more than 4000 years ago.

According to a recent article by Faith Hari in the Oklahoma Magazine, "Despite its mysterious origins, the labyrinth is one of the most distinct manmade designs, appearing in places all over the world for thousands of years.

Although its winding pattern may resemble a maze, a true labyrinth has only one path that

leads to and from its center."

The materials used to create these walking paths include stone, bricks, plants, grass, paint and pavers.

Along with pathway-inspired paintings, drawings and sculptures, NOC art students collaborated on a large-scale "art" labyrinth based on the NOC Maverick logo.

Titled Maverinth Collabrinth, the work is a collage of student photos with a "walking" path separated by hundreds of red, black and gray hand-coiled papers.

Art instructors Audrey Schmitz and Jason McNaughton lead students to explore the potential of labyrinth design in their 3-D and 2-D Fundamentals of Art courses in the current fall semester.

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery, located in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, is open 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during evening and weekend events in the KPAC Auditorium.

Admission is free. Contact gallery director Audrey Schmitz at 580-628-6670 or audrey.schmitz@noc.edu for more information.

Students who participated in creating the Maverinth Collabrinth in Fundamentals of 2-D Art are: Marlie Brophy, Ariel Calvert, Lindzee Har-



NOC Visual Arts Students created labyrinths for the current NOC Art Exhibit at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center's Eleanor Hays Art Gallery. (photo by Mallory Riley)

dy, Kelcie Honeyman, Myra Mehojah, Brenna Leonard, Brooklyn Loney, Leslie Richardson, and Mallory Riley.



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NAILE Sheep Show

The NOC Sheep Center participated in the NAILE Sheep Show in Louisville in early November.

The Dorsets had a great day in the Open show as we had the Reserve Champion Slick Ram and Ewe and were named the Premier Exhibitors of the Slick Dorsets.

End of Semester

By Mallory Riley, The Maverick Editor

With Fall 2023 classes coming to end, here are some end of the semester reminders to finish Fall 2023 and prepare for Spring 2024:

-Finish payments for fall 2023 classes, online or in the finance office.

-Enroll for spring 2024, see advisor first to enroll online or in the registration office.

-Download the final schedule and highlight your classes and times.

(Finals schedule is not the same as the regular schedule!)

-To view the final schedule:
Microsoft Word - NOC Fall 2023 Final Exam Schedule ([websitedn.net](https://www.noc.edu/webcontent/2023/Fall/FinalExamSchedule.docx))

-Online students sign up and go to proctored exams, proctored exams are held in the testing center, located in the library.

-To sign up for proctored exams go to:
Northern Oklahoma College - Tonkawa Campus Exam Selection | Registerblast

-If transferring to another college, request transcript to be sent after grades are posted.

-If graduating in Dec. please allow time for degrees to be posted to transcript.

-If living in the dorms, dorms close Fri. Dec. 15 at 10am for Christmas break.

-Dorms re-open Jan. 14, at noon.

-Campuses closed Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

-Spring 2024 classes start Jan. 16.

-Enjoy your Christmas break and have fun!



Students showing the NOC Exhibit include Kelly, Kate Leeper, Tayley Robedeaux, and Bayler Anderson, Kyleigh Bleeker, Emalee Emily Stevens.

Study Tips For Finals

By Audrey Pegg
The Maverick Writer

It's coming to the end of the fall semester, which means finals are coming up. This is the time of year when classes can become stressful for most students.

Though it might seem like the roof is caving in, it's important to know that there are ways of making it easier to get through these last few weeks.

Students may seem lost when knowing what to do when it comes to studying, or what the best ways of studying are.

Listed below are some tips on how to prepare for finals week:

1. Procrastination is something that a lot of students struggle with. Many students might not make time to study or wait till the day before an exam to study everything that was taught that whole semester, in just a few hours.

Taking the procrastination route will not work out and will reflect the final grade made on the test.

That's why it's important to make time to study and figure out what days to study, and how long to study for. It is best to start studying 7-10 days in advance over 10 or more hours.

This will make it easier for students by studying for a couple of hours 5 days before, rather than cramming those 10 hours in one night.

2. When it comes to studying and staying focused, things such as phones or electronic devices can be distracting.

When having a phone sitting nearby while studying, things like text messages and notifications can cause students to look down at their phones and put their focus elsewhere.

So, leaving phones shut off and on the other side of the room can be beneficial for studying.

3. Getting sleep and eating properly is important for keeping student's bodies in great health for testing preparations.

When students don't eat or have a bad sleeping schedule, it can have a poor impact on memory and logical reasoning.

Sleeping lets the mind rest so it can be efficient when it comes to staying concentrated and storing knowledge.

So, the week of studying is best to be well rested and get 8 hours of sleep. Eating things such as dark chocolate, nuts, and berries are a great brain stimulant for studying.

4. There is not a right way to study. Many students do not all share a specific method when it comes to studying.

Some students may use notecards, while another student will have a friend read the questions out loud and then give an answer.

It's best to explore new and different ways to study or even create a new study method.

Making very colorful notes or creating a music playlist are examples of things that students may do to help study.

Getting together with fellow classmates or friends and forming a study group to compare notes and quiz each other could also be helpful as well.

Many students may find themselves under a lot of stress during study sessions, so it's best to always take a breather.

It can seem like a handful trying to remember and process so much information, but having just a little time to relax can help students stay in that study mindset.

Using these tips can help students to prepare for the upcoming weeks and do the best they can to succeed in their classes.



November Board of Regents Meeting

Following an executive session during the Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents monthly meeting on Wednesday in Stillwater, the Board unanimously voted to approve the retirement letter of NOC President Clark Harris, effective January 2, 2024.

Until that time, President Harris has been placed on paid administrative leave. Diana Watkins, current Vice President for Academic Affairs, was tentatively named ranking administrator officer effective immediately.

Chair Brad Fox commented, "President Harris has accomplished many good things during his two years at NOC. On behalf of the Board of Regents and the entire NOC community, we wish him well during his retirement."

In other business, the Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents approved the FY 2023 external audit report, as presented by Kirk Vanderslice with Hinkle & Company at Wednesday's regent meeting in Stillwater. Vanderslice reported that the audit went very smoothly and there were no findings for current or prior year.

He reported a clean, unmodified opinion on the overall audit as well as with internal controls and with compliance. The college's statement of net position as of June 30, 2023 was \$13,312,285 or down 9% from June 30, 2022, primarily due to net pension and OPEB liability as a result of a drop in investments related to the obligations.

The 2023 Annual Safety and Fire Report for Tonkawa and Enid was approved by the Board as presented by Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs. The Disc Golf Course at NOC Enid proposal was tabled by the Board as recommended by Jeremy Hise, Vice President for NOC Enid.

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

Regents approved purchases of \$25,000 including: Floor Beam Replacement – Easterling Residence Hall West Side Restroom Facilities – Rick Scott Construction \$35,212; Platform Stair Lift – Making A Difference Building – Enid – Access Elevator \$62,250; Wrestling Mats – Tonkawa – Fix Enterprises/Resilite Sports Products, Inc. \$36,544.50; Boiler – Kinzer Performing Arts Center – Federal Corporation \$29,937.40; Boiler – Harold Hall – Federal Corporation \$44,708.46; and Library Databases – Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater – ProQuest \$27,420.57.

Vice President for NOC Stillwater Dr. Marsh Howard announced that 200 higher education professionals from across the country met for the Department of Education's Raise the Bar: Attaining College Excellence and Equity conference to discuss improving college students' ability to transfer from one college to another.

Groundbreaking new data was presented showing the most productive transfer partnerships between community college and bachelors' degree institutions in the country. Northern Oklahoma College's Gateway Program, which provides a relatively seamless transition for students transferring to Oklahoma State University, was highlighted as Oklahoma's best partnership for promoting transfer students' graduation.

Howard commented, "The outcomes confirm what we've known for some time, NOC's efforts to provide life changing educational experiences is paying off. For two decades, NOC and OSU have worked together to ensure a successful transition and this research establishes that we're delivering. NOC students transferring to OSU have the highest graduation rates of any community college transfer in the state."

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in Tonkawa on December 13.

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