

Distinguished Alumni event set for April 6

Northern Oklahoma College alumni Dr. Michelle (Jeffries) Keylon and Scott Morris will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame April 6 at NOC Tonkawa.

Dr. Keylon, Class of 1992, and Morris, Class of 1991, will be honored in ceremonies taking place during the NOC Alumni and Friends Reunion Dinner in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6.

The public is invited to the event and all NOC Alumni and Friends of the college are encouraged to attend, according to Kayla Wooderson, director of alumni and community relations. The deadline for reservations is March 15. Reservations are required; the \$25 payment for the dinner event may be paid in advance.

NOC will recognize the Class of 1974 as well as the Nursing Classes of 1974, 1999, and 2014. In addition, the NOC Roustabouts Program will be recognized to celebrate 60 years of the program.

For reservations or for more information, contact Wooderson at 580-628-6473 or e-mail kayla.wooderson@noc.edu. To make reservations online, visit www.noc.edu/alumni and then click on "Alumni and Friends Reunion Form."

Dr. Michelle (Jeffries) Keylon

Dr. Michelle Keylon was born and raised in Tonkawa, Oklahoma. After graduating from

Tonkawa High School in 1990, Michelle immediately went on to Northern Oklahoma College. As a first-generation college student, she found the support and guidance through NOC to build a strong academic foundation that would carry her through her post-graduate degree. Michelle graduated from NOC in 1992 with an Associate of Science, followed by earning a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education - Business Professions from Oklahoma State University in 1994.

After working several years as a classroom teacher, she earned a Master of Science in Occupational & Adult Education from Oklahoma State University in 2000. Michelle later achieved a Doctorate of Education in Instructional Leadership from North Central University in 2014.

For almost three decades, Michelle has focused her work on career and technical education, workforce development and economic development. She started as a classroom teacher in 1996 at Okmulgee High School. The following year, Michelle began teaching at Green Country Technology Center, also in Okmulgee.

Dr. Keylon left the classroom to join the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education in 2000. She was the State Program Administrator for vocational business, marketing, and information technology programs. She

was responsible for strategic leadership, program development and provided support to numerous educational programs across the state, ensuring they met the highest standards of quality and accreditation.

In 2005, she was given the opportunity to join Francis Tuttle Technology Center as the Director for Information Technology Programs. Over her 19-year tenure at Francis Tuttle she has taken on the roles of Adult Career Development Director, Executive Director of Instruction, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and Deputy Superintendent. In 2019, she became the fourth superintendent of Francis Tuttle. Her role has been to provide leadership for program development, curriculum design, instructional delivery, and staff development. Her leadership extended to emergency operations planning,



Dr. Michelle (Jeffries) Keylon

strategic planning, budgeting, staffing and culture development. As the superintendent, she maintains a relentless pursuit of excellence, a dedication to students and educators, and a commitment to educating the future workforce.

Keylon's family includes her partner, Jason Orr, her son Kolton, who is currently a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in Geology and her daughter Kinley who is a junior at Deer Creek High School. Family members in Tonkawa include her grandmother Kathleen Jeffries-Stone, her brother Darrin Johns and his wife Shelly along with aunts, uncles and cousins, including Karri Morrill. Michelle's parents Chet and Kay Jeffries live in Guthrie and her



Scott Morris

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sister Heather Hancock, husband Ron and children live in Bixby.

Scott Morris

Scott Morris, a Tonkawa High School graduate, earned his Associate of Science degree from Northern Oklahoma College in 1991.

After a stellar career at Tonkawa High School, he followed the footsteps of his father, Gilbert Morris, and played basketball for the Northern Oklahoma College Mavericks.

After finishing his two-year career at NOC, Morris continued his playing career at the University of Science and Arts in Chickasha where he played both basketball and golf.

Morris then returned to NOC as the men's assistant coach under Mick Weiberg from 1993-95.

While earning his Master of Education degree at UCO he served as an assistant coach for Dan Hays at Oklahoma Christian University. He then returned to NOC Tonkawa in 2000 for one season as the women's assistant coach under Greg Krause before being named the first head coach of the NOC Enid women's basketball program in 2001.

Morris and wife Summer then moved to Enid where he started the NOC Enid program from scratch and coached the Lady Jets from 2001-2020. He also taught Math at NOC Enid.

Over 19 years at NOC Enid, Morris' teams would accumulate 456 wins (averaging 24.0 wins per season), 12 conference championships, 12 NJCAA All-Americans, four Region-2 Championships and five National Tournament berths.

The Lady Jets reached Final Four appearance in 2011. The Lady Jets also achieved academic excellence by winning four NJCAA national academic titles and two runner-up finishes with over fifty individual academic All-Americans.

Morris and wife Summer currently live in Stillwater where he coaches the Stillwater High School Boys Basketball Team. They have three children Bryce, 22, Brennen, 19, and Avery, 14.

The event registration will be held from 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. in the Renfro Center lobby with dinner at 5 p.m. in the banquet room The NOC Roustabout Benefit Show will follow the dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the KPAC at a cost of \$10 per ticket.

NOC February Birthdays



Audra Biggs	Feb. 23	Tony Barnes	Feb. 25
Jimmy Dickinson	Feb. 24	Leondra Wilson	Feb. 25
Jeremy Hise	Feb. 24	Jonie Johnson	Feb. 28

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

6:00 p.m. Tuesday evening, February 27, 2024

1010 East Grand, Tonkawa, OK

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2:00-4:00 PM



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NOC celebrated Black History Month at the Enid campus on Thursday with Vanessa Adams-Harris speaking about John Hope Franklin. Pictured (L-R): Interim President Diana Watkins, Vanessa Adams-Harris, Diversity Committee Chairman Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, Candy Oller, Director of Development and Donor Relations.

Vanessa Adams-Harris speaks at Black History Month program in Enid

Vanessa Adams-Harris, Director of Outreach and Alliances at the John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, spoke at NOC Enid Thursday morning as part of Black History Month. The event was organized by Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, chairman of the NOC Diversity Committee. Adams-Harris, a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation from Beggs, Oklahoma, is an actor, artist, producer and documentary film maker among several other talents. She is also a human rights activist, a peacemaker and the vice-chair of the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Af-

fairs Commission and president of North Tulsa Historical Society. Most of all, she is a historian. She told the story of John Hope Franklin, an Oklahoma native who became a historian of Black History writing the generational 1947 book, "From Slavery to Freedom," one of the most read works in the academic field. He taught over three million students in his lifetime. When Adams-Harris met Franklin, he told her

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Join Us to Learn More About

LEAPING AHEAD

CONNECT, LEARN, THRIVE

Build valuable connections, gain new skills, and unlock more career opportunities. This event helps bring together a diverse community of job seekers, employers, and industry experts.

February 29, 2024
LEAP DAY

12:30 - 1:30 pm

NOC Tonkawa in the
Pickens Learning Commons
(Located inside the Vineyard Library-Administration Building)

Sponsored By:

Led by Dr. Frankie Wood-Black.

To RSVP, contact Kathleen Swain
580.628.6258 or kathleen.swain@noc.edu.

Walk-ins welcome. | You may also bring your lunch.

History

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to, “investigate everything and ask questions and most importantly to tell history like you find it.”

“There is no such thing as Black History or Native American History, it’s American history,” she said.

Franklin, native of Rentiesville, Oklahoma, attended high school in Tulsa, then Tufts University in Tennessee, and finally Harvard where he earned a PhD in 1941. He taught at a number of universities including Duke and the University of Chicago. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995.

He also advised presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.

The John Hope Franklin Center is located in

the Greenwood District in Tulsa. Franklin’s father was killed in the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921.

“Center allows for people just to take a walk and think” she said.

Adams-Harris will return to Enid in June as part of the Chautauqua Teacher Institute where she will portray Rosa Parks.

NOC’s Candy Oller presented gifts to Adams-Harris, Interim President Diana Watkins closed the event by reiterating Adams-Harris words, “tell history like you find it.”

The program started with a rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” the Black National Anthem.

Free tax prep available at NOC Tonkawa

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents every Thursday starting Feb. 8 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$64,000 per year qualify for the free service.

Trained tax preparers from the NOC Business Division and area volunteers will be available for tax assistance each Thursday beginning Thursday, Feb. 8. Taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return using the free e-filing software.

Cara Beth Johnson, Business division chair said, “This is a great opportunity for our students to provide a community service and gain tax preparation experience.”

The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC) is hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program every Thursday through April 11. The CEC will be closed March 18-22 for spring break and for inclement weather. The CEC is located in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to bring a photo ID for all filers; Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents; W-2 forms; 1099 forms; receipts for childcare costs, education expenses, and other deductions; checking account and routing number for refund; and 1095-A, -B, or -C healthcare coverage or exemption.

Tax preparation is done by appointment only. Please contact Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or carolyn.johnson@noc.edu. Tax preparers are available from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. No drop off’s will be accepted, individuals must be present during tax preparation.

Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.

NOC ENID

SOPHOMORE *Transfer Day*



**WEDNESDAY,
March 6, 2024
10 am - 1 pm**

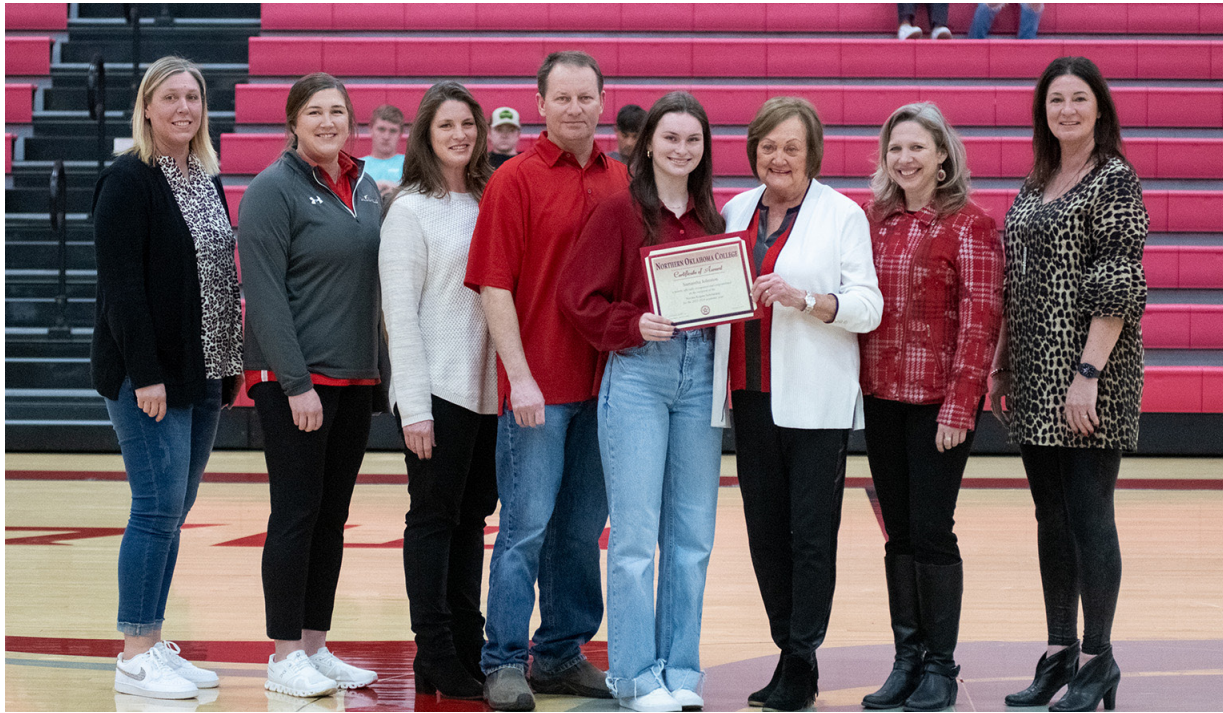
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LOBBY AREA**

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or email kathleen.swain@noc.edu**

ARE YOU GRADUATING? *Thinking of transferring?*

Several universities will be present to answer questions and help with the transfer process including Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma, The University of Oklahoma and more!





Samantha Johnston was awarded the Nevona Kegans Scholarship Thursday night at the NOC-Connors game. Johnston is a sophomore athletic training major from Fairfax. Front Row (L-R): Suzi Brown, HPER Division Chair; NOC Athletic Trainer Summer McClure, Shana Johnston, Hank Johnston, Samantha Johnston, Nevona Kegans, Interim President Diana Watkins, Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Community Relations and Development. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

Samantha Johnston awarded Nevona Kegans Athletic Training scholarship

Samantha Johnston, a Northern Oklahoma College Athletic Training student from Fairfax, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the Nevona Kegans Scholarship, announced Thursday night.

The Nevona Kegans scholarship is presented annually to an Athletic Training student attending the NOC Tonkawa Campus.

Kegans, a 1961 alumna of Northern Oklahoma Junior College; was a member of the Mavettes, the Women's Basketball Team and served as dorm proctor in Easterling Hall. Nevona returned to her alma mater in 1963 where she served in many capacities within the athletic and student affairs department. She was instrumental in establishing the athletic training program at Northern and retired as dean of women

and HPER division chair after serving the institution for 40 years. Nevona's commitment to Northern and continued support will provide students a chance to pursue their higher educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College.

Johnston is the 7th recipient of this award and is receiving a \$500.00 scholarship. Joining Johnston on the court this evening are her parents Hank and Shana Johnston.

Nevona Kegans Bossert presented the scholarship award assisted by Diana Watkins, Interim President; Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development and Community Relations; Athletic Trainer Summer McClure and HPER Division Chair Suzi Brown.



Northern Oklahoma College Stillwater Blood Drive

Tues. March 5 & Wed. March 6
10 am—2:30pm
2nd Floor Commons Area



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 Photo ID required. *While supplies last.

Scan to play
 animal trivia for
 a chance to win!



NOC Calendar

Feb. 24

Away Jets Softball vs. North Iowa at Ft. Scott (KS), noon
 Away Jets Softball vs. Iowa Western at Ft. Scott (KS), 2 p.m.
 Away Mavs Baseball vs. Southeast Arkansas, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Away Mavs Softball vs. Crowder (MO), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Home Jets Baseball vs. DMAC (IA), 1 p.m./3 p.m.

Feb. 26

Away Jets Softball vs. Hesston (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Home Mavs Softball vs. Southern Nazarene JV, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Connors, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 Movie Night, East Gym, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Feb. 27

Free BCM Lunch, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
 Inflatable Putt-Putt, Old Gym, 7:30 p.m., Enid

Feb. 28

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid
 Home Jets Softball vs. Neosho (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
 The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Feb. 29

Leaping Ahead with LinkedIn, Pickens Learning Commons, 12:30 p.m., Tonkawa
 Away Mavs Softball vs. Ft. Scott (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Home Mavs Baseball vs. Redlands, 1 p.m.
 VITA Tax Preparation, CEC, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tonkawa
 Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NOC Enid, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
 Home Jets and Lady Basketball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

March 1

Away Jets Softball vs. Crowder (MO), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Away Mavs Baseball vs. Southeast Arkansas, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Home Jets Baseball vs. Carl Albert, 2 p.m.
 Away Jets Softball vs. Lamar (CO) at Ft. Scott (KS), 2 p.m.
 Home Jets Baseball vs. DMAC (IA), 1 p.m./3 p.m.

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



**WEDNESDAY,
 March 13, 2024
 10 am - 1 pm**

**CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER
 LOCATED INSIDE THE VINEYARD
 LIBRARY-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**For more information,
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 or email kathleen.swain@noc.edu**

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 **Life changing.**

Nursing, alumni, roustabout activities scheduled for April 6 in Tonkawa

Northern Oklahoma College will have a full day of Alumni events at NOC Tonkawa on Saturday, April 6.

Nursing activities include a Student Nurse's Association Bake Sale, Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society Canned Food Drive, and Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea featuring the Nursing Olympics.

Additional events include The NOC Alumni & Friends Mixer, Alumni & Friends Reunion and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Dr. Michelle Jeffries-Keylon '92 and Mr. Scott Morris '91.

The Alumni Program will include the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Presentation, recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Roustabouts, recognition of the Class of 1974 and Nursing Classes of 1974, 1999, and 2014. The Roustabouts Ben-

efit Show will conclude the events.

The events and times are as follows:

1 p.m. – Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea, Foster-Piper Fieldhouse

1:45 p.m. – Nursing Olympics, Foster-Piper Fieldhouse

3:30 p.m. – Alumni & Friends Mixer, A.D. Buck Museum and Welcome Center

4:30 p.m. – Alumni & Friends Reunion and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Renfro Center

7:30 p.m. – Roustabouts Benefit Show celebrating 60 years, Kinzer Performing Arts Center

Contact Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations at 580.628.6473 or kayla.wooderson@noc.edu for additional information. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 15.

Applications for the NOC PTech Program due March 15 but classes start soon

Applications for the Process Technology Program are due March 15, but students can get started on a career change now.

Students interested in the Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Process Technology Program focused on the Refining and Processing Industries have until March 15, 2024 to apply for the Fall 2024 semester. Only students who fill out the on-line application will be considered.

Program manager Frankie Wood-Black said the program is limited to 24 students. Wood-Black added the program is available to anyone interested in Process Technology, but they must fill out the application for this program, due to its high demand.

The review process begins in April, and applicants will be notified of the review process. The application may be found at <http://www.noc.edu/ptechapplication>.

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

Once the program is filled for the fall semester, a waiting list will be maintained and individuals may be contacted prior to the beginning of the fall semester should an opening become available.

NOC also has a program designed for individuals seeking employment in the Renewable Energy Fields as well. The Wind Technician program has been growing with many individuals finding employment prior to the completion of their degrees. This two-year program does not require an application. Dr. Wood-Black indicated that classes for this program are available for Spring 2024.

Please contact Dr. Wood-Black at Frankie.woodblack@noc.edu or by calling 580-628-6440.



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

February 8-April 11, 2024
**closed March 18-22 and for inclement weather*

THURSDAYS 5-8 PM
by appointment only

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- Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse and dependents
- W-2 forms
- 1099 forms
- Receipts for childcare costs, education expenses and other deductions
- Checking account and routing number for refund
- 1095-A or healthcare coverage or exemption



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NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea

SATURDAY
APRIL 6, 2024



SNA Bake Sale

**Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society
Canned Food Drive**

NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea
Foster-Piper Fieldhouse,
NOC Tonkawa
1:00 pm | Registration
1:15-1:45 pm | Welcome & Tea
1:45 pm | Nursing Olympics

NOC Alumni & Friends Mixer
A. D. Buck History Museum &
Welcome Center, NOC Tonkawa
3:30-4:30 pm

NOC Alumni & Friends Reunion
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa
4:30-5:00 pm | Registration
5:00-5:45 pm | Dinner
5:45-7:00 pm | Alumni Program

Roustabouts Benefit Show
Kinzer Performing Arts Center,
NOC Tonkawa
7:00 pm | Doors Open
7:30 pm | "Roustabouts Tribute –
Celebrating 60 Years"

ALUMNI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Induction of 2024 Distinguished Alumni
Presentation of Alumni Legacy Scholarship
Special Recognition of the Class of 1974
Recognition of the NOC Nursing Classes of 1974, 1999 and 2014
Recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the NOC Roustabouts Program



Deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 15, 2024

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Director of Alumni and Community Relations
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ALUMNI TEA

Tickets for the NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea | No Charge

Tickets for the Alumni & Friends Reunion and
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony | \$25 per person.

Tickets for the Roustabouts Benefit Concert | \$10 per person.



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Save the Date

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

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

NOC Nursing Alumni & Friends Tea 1-3 pm
Ceremony and Dinner 5:00 PM

ROUSTABOUTS BENEFIT CONCERT 7:30 P.M.
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Special Recognition of the NOC Class of 1974
and Recognition of the NOC Nursing Classes
of 1999 and 2014





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**Distinguished Alumni
Hall of Fame Inductees**

*Dr. Michelle Jeffries Keylon
and Mr. Scott Morris*

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