

## Dr. Shelly Mancacci named new VPAA

Dr. Shelly Mancacci has been named the Northern Oklahoma College Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective Aug. 5. The announcement was made by NOC President Diana Watkins on Monday.

Mancacci is currently at North Arkansas College where she is an associate vice-president.

"I'm excited to become part of the leadership team at Northern Oklahoma College," said Dr. Mancacci. "My goal is to empower our community through education. I'll be working closely with others to create and enhance economic opportunities in our area, while also improving resources for students of all ages across the regions we serve. Northern Oklahoma College has long been a cultural center and educational hub, and I'm committed to building on that legacy to benefit our students and community."

Watkins said she is excited with what Dr. Mancacci will bring to NOC.

"We had a strong applicant pool for the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs and a committee comprised of individuals from all three campuses went through two rounds of zoom interviews before selecting two finalists to come tour all three campuses and meet with the Executive Council," Watkins said.

"I am thrilled Dr. Shelly Mancacci accepted the offer to join the Executive Council at Northern. Her experience in strategic planning

and working with faculty and division chairs at a multi-campus institution will be extremely valuable as we begin drafting NOC's 2025-2030 strategic plan. As a first-generation student herself, one with lived experience from rural Choctaw Nation Oklahoma, she is excited to continue the efforts of our Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institute Grant, "Connecting Students to Promising Pathways" and will relate well to our students many of whom are the first in their families to attend college."

Reporting directly to the president, Mancacci will be responsible for providing an institution-wide vision, leadership and strategic direction for academic programs. In her position, she will provide oversight and leadership for all functions of academic affairs for the college, a multi-campus institution. Mancacci will work



Shelly Mancacci

closely with the president, other vice presidents, academic division chairs and program directors to facilitate the overall mission of the college and provide the vision and leadership that promote and support a commitment to academic achievement, excellence in instructional methodology, assessment of teaching and learning and student success.

Mancacci is a born-and-raised Oklahoman with two decades of higher education experience predominately within the community college sector.

She began her career as a graduate assistant at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and has since evolved to spearhead the advancement of modern curriculum and innovative teaching methodologies. Her leadership in both academic and student services has been pivotal in enhancing educational programs to meet evolving industry demands and student needs.

She holds a Ph.D. in the field of Education from Texas Woman's University, underpinning her commitment to academic excellence. She is dedicated to fostering critical thinking and cultivating hopefulness in educational environments to empower students for prosperous futures.

Her expertise spans curriculum development, strategic planning, and fostering collaborative partnerships to enrich the academic experience.

Outside of her professional endeavors, she cherishes quality time with family and friends. She finds rejuvenation in outdoor activities and pursues hobby gardening as a creative outlet.

Dr. Mancacci remains focused on advancing the mission; to provide transformative educational opportunities preparing students to thrive in a rapidly changing landscape.

### *NOC August calendar*

Aug. 5: PLC Retreat, NOC Tonkawa  
Aug. 5: Return to Regular Office Hours  
Aug. 6: Tonkawa Targeted Enrollment  
Aug. 7: Enid Targeted Enrollment  
Aug. 8: Stillwater Targeted Enrollment  
Aug. 12: New Faculty In-Service

Aug. 13: Faculty Inservice  
Aug. 15: Get Going with Gateway  
Aug. 15: NOC Enid Move-In Day  
Aug. 15: NOC Tonkawa Move-in Day  
Aug. 16: NOC Enid Ready, Jet, Go!  
Aug. 16: NOC Tonkawa Maverick Madness

# Sandy Linton sworn as new regent

Sandy Salisbury Linton was sworn in as a Northern Oklahoma College Regent Wednesday at the regents July meeting in Tonkawa. Linton, a Tonkawa native, is the retired CFO and Co-Owner of Tonkawa Foundry, Inc. She graduated cum laude from William Woods University in Fulton, MO, with a BS in Business and a BS in Equestrian Science. She is a life-long resident of Tonkawa and has worked with many aspects of the community and trade organizations including Tonkawa Public School Board Member, Certified Cities Economic Development Program Chair, Heart in the Park Tonkawa Board Member, American Cancer Society Relay for Life Chair, American




Foundry Society National Board Member and Cast Metals Institute Chair. Linton was sworn in by the Hon. Judge Lee Turner, District Judge for Kay and Noble Counties. “We are very pleased to have Sandi Linton joining the NOC Board of Regents,” said NOC President Diana Watkins. “Her experience in private industry coupled with her commitment to public education, as evidenced by the many years she served on the Tonkawa School Board, will be great assets to us at Northern. I already appreciate her enthusiasm and look

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## NOC August Birthdays




Joshua Harris	Aug. 1	Paul Lester	Aug. 13
Jonathan Monk	Aug. 2	Fred Heath	Aug. 15
Paige Larson	Aug. 4	Scott Cloud	Aug. 18
Brad Matson	Aug. 6	Sarah Vitale	Aug. 20
Jack Nathan	Aug. 6	Trystan Berry	Aug. 22
Gene Young	Aug. 8	Bart Allen	Aug. 23
Todd Ging	Aug. 8	Paul Bowers	Aug. 24
Neisha Jones	Aug. 8	Jennifer Hammons	Aug. 26
Curtis Parr	Aug. 9	Anna Roland	Aug. 26
Erin McCoy	Aug. 11	Rachel Kroemer	Aug. 27

**NOC ENID**

**REGISTRATION**  
Everest Administration Building, Room 108

- Parking Decal
- Residence Hall Card
- Student I.D. Card
- Class Schedule/Transcripts
- Add/Drop Courses
- Meal Plan Activation
- Pay Tuition and Fees
- NOC Card Questions

**FINANCE OFFICE**  
Everest Administration Building, Room 107

- Acceptance of Financial Aid
- Questions Regarding Financial Aid
- FAFSA Questions


**TESTING**  
Everest Administration Building Room 101G

- Test Scheduling



**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Everest Administration Building, Room 106A

- Student Employment Application
- Disability Services
- Counseling Services
- Scholarship Information
- Campus Tours
- High School and College Relations




**ADVISEMENT**  
Everest Administration Building Room 106B

- Academic Advisement
- Enrollment Assistance

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
Zollars Memorial Library, Room 402

- Internet and NOC Computer Technical Support
- My NOC Questions
- Student Email and Blackboard Questions



**ZOLLARS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Zollars Memorial Library Building, Second Floor

- Tutoring
- Group and Individual Study Areas
- Computer Access

For More Information, Contact Student Affairs 580.548.2344

# Linton

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forward to her insights as we strive to achieve the college's mission of creating life-changing experiences and developing students as effective learners and leaders."

The regents also approved an internal audit report prepared and explained by Justin Kersey of Crawford & Associates PC. The audit which covered a number of different areas reported only four minor findings.

"We appreciate the NOC staff for their cooperation," he said. "We enjoy working with a group of dedicated employees."

Board members also heard a report on NOC's food service contract. The regents authorized President Diana Watkins and Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson to negotiate and sign a five-year contract with Great Western Dining for the school's food service starting in Fall 2024.

The board also approved a number of internal documents including the Fall Course Catalog, Student Handbook, Athletic Handbook, and Employee Handbook.

In the administrator updates, Watkins said that NOC Tonkawa hosted 350 students at the Sheep Field Day on July 15.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson reported that 62 NOC athletes were named



**Sandy Linton was sworn in Wednesday as the newest member of the NOC Board of Regents by the Hon. Judge Lee Turner. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)**

NJCAA Academic All-Americans including 24 named to the First Team (4.0 GPA). Johnson added that seven athletic programs recorded a team GPA of 3.0 or better. They include Women's Soccer (Enid), Women's Basketball (Tonkawa and Enid), Softball (Tonkawa and Enid), and Baseball (Tonkawa and Enid).

The next meeting is Sept. 11 in Enid.

# Move-in times set for residence halls

NOC Enid and Tonkawa students will be moving into residence halls starting Aug. 15.

Move-in starts at 9 a.m. with a parents meeting at 2 p.m. on each campus (Walcher Center at NOC Tonkawa and Montgomery Hall at NOC Enid).


Welcome events are planned for Aug. 16-19 for both campuses.

NOC Enid will host their Ready, Jet, GO! event


at Montgomery Hall on Friday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m. while NOC Tonkawa will host Maverick Madness on Friday, Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Renfro Center.

More details will be released next week.

Get Going with Gateway at NOC Stillwater is set for Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Classroom Building.



# WHERE TO GO FOR WHAT?



## NOC TONKAWA


### REGISTRATION

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 113

- Student I.D. Card
- Class Schedule/Transcripts
- Add/Drop Courses
- High School & College Relations

### STUDENT AFFAIRS


Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 101



- Parking Decal
- Residence Hall Card Activation
- Student Employment Application
- Disability Services
- Counseling Services

### FINANCIAL AID


Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 105



- Acceptance of Financial Aid
- Questions Regarding Financial Aid
- Assistance with FAFSA Completion

### SCHOLARSHIPS


Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 102



- Scholarship Information
- Short-Term Loans

### FINANCE OFFICE


Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 109



- Meal Plan Activation
- Pay Tuition and Fees
- NOC Card Questions

### CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER


Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 100F Inside the Vineyard Library



- Tutoring/Mentoring
- Group and Individual Study Areas
- Native American Cultural Activities
- Laptops Available for Checkout

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY


Wilkin Hall, Room 206



- Internet and NOC Computer Technical Support
- My NOC Questions
- Student Email and Blackboard Questions

### COLLEGE SUCCESS CENTER

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 111



- Retention Specialist
- Academic Advisement

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Christopher and Dr. Juliana Nykolaiszyn have established the NOC Gateway Student Scholarship Fund through the NOC Foundation. Pictured (L-R): Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Stillwater Dr. Marsh Howard, Dr. Juliana Nykolaiszyn, NOC Science instructor Christopher Storm, NOC President Diana Watkins, Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College).

# NOC establishes new Gateway Student Scholarship Fund

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. acknowledges the establishment of the NOC Gateway Student Scholarship Fund.

Through the generous support of NOC science instructor Christopher Storm and his wife Dr: Juliana Nykolaiszyn, the establishment of this restricted scholarship fund will provide students an opportunity to pursue their educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College.

“A college education can provide many things, including new beginnings and experiences,” Storm said. “Juliana and I experienced many of the financial issues that many of our students face. We both were in the workforce, barely making ends meet. We decided

to go back to college and, through hard work and balancing the needs of being students and workers, ultimately achieved our dreams of Juliana becoming a librarian and me becoming an educator. This would not have been possible without financial assistance.”

“By setting up this scholarship fund, we hope to do our small part in advancing lifelong learning and the career trajectory of NOC-OSU Gateway students,” he added.

“This fund was also created to serve as a readily available option for anybody to assist our great NOC students attending the Stillwater campus.

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# GET GOING WITH GATEWAY!

Thursday, August 15  
9 am - 1 pm  
NOC Stillwater



Scan to Register Online

Register Online: <https://noc.tfaforms.net/217787>





## GATEWAY PROGRAM

Games  
Prizes  
Meet Your Instructors  
Connect with Students and More!

# Storm

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All alumni, families, individuals, organizations, and businesses that want to assist these students are welcome and fully encouraged to contribute to this great cause,” he said.

NOC President Diana Watkins thanked the Storm family for their generosity and the impact of the scholarship.

“I am extremely excited about the creation of this scholarship for NOC/OSU Gateway students,” Watkins said. “The fact that it was established by a faculty member in our Physical Science Division underscores what I know to be true about our faculty and staff at NOC: they truly embrace our tagline of Life Changing. Assisting college students financially is, in fact, ‘Life Changing.’”

This scholarship, established by the Storm Family of Stillwater, Oklahoma, seeks to empower and support students who are striving to overcome financial barriers and achieve their academic goals. Geared toward the NOC/OSU Gateway Program, the Storm Family is committed to supporting NOC Stillwater students.

The Storm Family’s goal is to move toward a permanently restricted endowed fund in the future.

Applications must be made through the NOC Scholarship Office. The recipient must be a non-traditional full-time or part-time NOC or Gateway student and preferably a single parent who has completed 12 academic credit hours including at least one credit hour at NOC Stillwater and have a cumulative 2.50 grade point average or higher.

Oklahoma State University students attending NOC Stillwater do not qualify.

The NOC Stillwater scholarship committee shall determine the recipient(s) with input from the Storm family. The NOC Institutional Scholarship office shall administer the award.

Those wishing to make a gift to the NOC Foundation can contact the Foundation office at 580.628.6292 or online at [Give to NOC | Northern Oklahoma College](#) or [www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/](http://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/).

## Michael Dominguez to coach Lady Jets

Northern Oklahoma College has selected Michael Dominguez to lead the NOC Enid Lady Jets basketball program.

Dominguez comes to NOC after three years as head at coach at the University of the Southwest, an NAIA private school in Hobbs, New Mexico.

“I am incredibly honored and excited to be announced as the new Head Coach of Northern Oklahoma College Enid,” Dominguez said. “First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to (NOC Athletic Director) Alan Foster for entrusting me with this tremendous responsibility. It is truly a privilege to join such a distinguished institution known for its strong commitment to academic excellence and athletic achievement.”

“From the moment I stepped foot on campus, I felt at home and

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Michael Dominguez



**Ready, JET, GO!**  
Friday, August 16

**NOC Enid**  
**WELCOME WEEK**  
**August 15-20**



**Thursday, August 15**

- Move-in Day | 9 am-3 pm
- Parent Meeting | 2 pm | Montgomery Hall
- Evening Activity

**Friday, August 16 | Ready, JET, GO!**

- Donuts & Scavenger Hunt | 10 am [Give away two TVs]
- Cookout | 12 pm
- **Ready, JET, GO!** | 1-3 pm
- Comedian Show | 3:30-5 pm
- Dinner | 5 pm | Cafeteria

**Saturday, August 17**

- Pool & Ping Pong Tournament | 12:30 pm
- Bowling | 7:30-9:30 pm | Oakwood Bowl

**Sunday, August 18**

- Pool Party & Pizza | YMCA

**Monday, August 19**

- Donuts and Directions | 8 am | Outside Zollars
- Clubs & Organization Fair | 10 am-1:30 pm | Student Union
- Welcome Back Block Party | 7 pm | Courtyard between Jets and Earl Butts

# Dominguez

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valued,” he added. “The opportunity to lead the women’s basketball program is not just a career milestone for me, but a chance to contribute to the proud legacy of NOC Enid.”

“As we look ahead to the upcoming season and beyond, I envision a program that embodies the values of integrity, perseverance, and teamwork,” he said. “Together, we will strive for excellence in every aspect of our athletic endeavors. My goal is not only to develop skilled athletes but also to nurture individuals of character who will represent NOC-Enid with pride on and off the field. Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity. Go Jets!”

NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster is excited for Dominguez and the Lady Jet program.

“I am pleased to welcome Michael and his family to the NOC Jet family,” Foster said. “I am super excited about the leadership he will provide our women’s basketball program. Being able to hire someone with his experience as a college coach was a win for Jets Athletics. I am confident in his vision and leadership abilities.”

At the University of the Southwest, Dominguez led the program to the most wins all time, most conference wins all time, most playoff wins, and most playoff appearances. His teams broke 26 records, he also coached eight all-conference players.

His teams also excelled in the classroom with team GPAs of 3.67 (2021-22), 3.45 (2022-23), and 3.72 (2023-24). He coached 25 players who earned All-Conference Academic Honors.

Dominguez earned two degrees, Science and Sports Psychology) from Grand Canyon University.

His previous coaching experience includes Alderson Broaddus University (NCAA Division 2) in West Virginia, Southern Arkansas University (NCAA Division 2) in Arkansas, South Mountain Community College (NJCAA Division 2) in Arizona, Ironwood High School (Arizona), and a Senior Scout for Prep Girls Hoops.

He replaces Kelli Jennings who coached the Lady Jets the past four seasons.

## NOC athletes earn academic honors

The NJCAA has announced the 2023-24 Academic Teams of the Year. NJCAA student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom as 1,194 teams earned at least a 3.0 GPA or better.

For Jets athletics, NOC Enid Jets Baseball finished 4th in the nation with a 3.70 GPA while NOC Enid Lady Jet Basketball finished 5th with a 3.66 GPA.

Jet Softball earned a 3.61 GPA while Women’s Soccer earned a 3.37

A number of individual NOC Enid athletes earned Academic All-American Honors.

### First Team (4.0 GPA)

Softball: Whitley Cash, Megan Fultz, Audra Henderson, Sidney Redmon, Jenna Thomas.

Baseball: Blake Limberg, Miles Lock, Daniel Schlehuber, Creed Smith, Aydan Voitik, Cale Wetwiska, Jake Wolfenbarger.

Women’s Basketball: Corky Hall, Ashlan Light, Darcy Roberts.

Women’s Soccer: Journey Johnston, Evee Jones, Vanessa Markl

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**NOC Tonkawa**

# WELCOME WEEK

**August 15-20**

**MAVERICK MADNESS**  
Friday, August 16



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**Monday, August 19**

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- Clubs & Organization Fair | 10 am-1:30 pm | Student Union
- Welcome Back Block Party | 7 pm | On the Circle

# Athletics

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Men's Soccer: Noah Weichbrodt

## Second Team (3.80-3.99 GPA)

Baseball: Aaron Baker, Carson Sowell

Men's Soccer: Reik Barrak, Sebastian Farias, Diego Mora Vegas

Women's Basketball: Brooklyn Bayless, Katie Edelen, Shiloh Fletcher.

Softball: Tylie Ligons, Krisyana Pellett, Karis Stewart, Sierra Woods.

Women's Soccer: Hailey Stage

Men's Basketball: Kole Scott

## Third Team (3.60-3.79 GPA)

Women's Soccer: Karolina Arriaga (EWS), Kya Cornett, Jacey Johnston, Monika Oliveras.

Men's Soccer: Gabriel Bonini

Softball: Jaidyn Burrell, Adelyn White

Baseball: Jhett Creel, Kade Goeke, Julio Heredia, Logan May, Kyle Roberts, Cooper Smith, Owen Tracy, Logan Wade.

Women's Basketball: Rachel Fischer

In Tonkawa, Lady Mavs Basketball earned a 3.47 GPA while Softball earned a 3.12 and Tonkawa Baseball earned a 3.11.

A number of Maverick athletes earned Academic All-American honors.

## First Team (4.0 GPA)

Softball: Hannah Endicott, Maggie Glasgow, Shiloh Roberson.

Baseball: Liam McKinney

## Second Team (3.80 – 3.99 GPA)

Baseball: Brendon Carter, Jakeb Koop

Women's Basketball: Keely Hussey, Landri Hussey, Natalie Walker

Softball: Jaci Johnson

## Third Team (3.60 – 3.79 GPA)

Baseball: Elijah Laus, Ethan Rossi

Women's Basketball: Marta Perez Souza, Mattie Rich, Madelyn Wehrenberg

Softball: Elyssa Kaniatobe

## NOC Foundation establishes Dr. Robert “Bob” Matthiesen Memorial Scholarship

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the establishment of the Dr. Robert “Bob” Matthiesen Memorial Scholarship fund.

Through the generous support of the NOC Agriculture and Biological Science Department, this fund will assist high school seniors who have participated in the NOC Ag Inter-scholastic Contest with the opportunity to achieve their educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

Dr. Robert Lee Matthiesen, affectionately known as “Dr. Bob” was a professor of Science and Agriculture at NOC from 1993 until his

retirement in 2004. He dearly loved farming, which he jokingly referred to as his hobby, and he dearly loved teaching at NOC. It gave him great joy to help his students. He was a “do-gooder” in all aspects of his life. His goal was always to make things better for people he interacted with.

NOC President Diana Watkins is excited for the scholarship opportunity.

“Dr. Matthiesen had just retired when I began teaching at Northern, but I’m certainly familiar with the impact he had on ag students at NOC,”

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SUNDAY | AUGUST 18, 2024 | 7 PM

at Heart in the Park Pavillion

Tonkawa Centennial Park | 301 East Grand

# FULL MOON CONCERT

Brandon Haynes & The Guys

Brandon Haynes, lead-vocals/piano | Brad Matson, auxiliary percussion

John Shwayat, bass | Hunter Voge, drum-set | Erik Willadsen, guitar

featuring

NOC Roustabouts & Alumni

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The NOC Foundation recently established the Dr. Robert “Bob” Matthiesen Memorial Scholarship for an Agriculture major at NOC Tonkawa. Pictured (L-R): Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder, NOC President Diana Watkins, Ag and Biological Sciences Division Chair Tricia Moore, and Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College).

## Matthiesen

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Watkins said. “I love that his legacy will continue in this manner. We have around 800 students attending the Ag Interscholastic Contest each year, all of whom will learn of Dr. Bob’s contributions to Ag Education through the announcement of this scholarship opportunity.”

Candidates must be a graduating senior and have participated in the NOC Ag Interscholastic Contest held in March each year. The student must be enrolled as an Agriculture major at NOC.

The NOC Agriculture and Biological Sciences Division will select the recipient while the Noc Institutional Scholarship Office will administer

the award.

Monies raised and/or donated for scholarship purposes shall be used to provide a \$1,000 award annually to a full-time student at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa.

Those wishing to make a gift to this NOC Foundation fund or others can contact the Foundation office at 580.628.6292 or online at [Give to NOC | Northern Oklahoma College](https://www.noc.edu/give-to-noc) or [www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/](https://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/).

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