

What's Happening

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Dr. Elliot Engel to speak at Fall Lectureship

Famed author Dr. Eliot Engel reveals the life of L. Frank Baum and the reasons for the enduring and endearing fame of his "Wonderful Wizard of Oz," at Northern Oklahoma College on Tuesday, Oct. 22, as part of the Fall 2024 Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

Using anecdotes, analysis, and large doses of humor, Professor Engel brings to life this most fascinating of fairy-tale writers.

The event is sponsored by the Carl and Brenda Renfro/Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program, Charles and Virginia Starks, and Northern Oklahoma College/NOC Foundation. The dinner will be held at the Renfro Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m.

Originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, Dr. Elliot Engel now lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he has taught at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, and Duke University. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at UCLA. While at UCLA he won that university's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Dr. Engel has written ten books published in England, Japan, Turkey, and the United States. His mini-lecture series on Charles Dickens ran

on PBS television stations around the country. His articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and national magazines including Newsweek. He has lectured throughout the United States and on all the continents including Antarctica. Four plays which he has written have been produced during the last ten years. In 2009, he was inducted into the Royal Society of Arts in England for his academic work and service in promoting Charles Dickens.

For his scholarship and teaching, Dr. Engel has received North Carolina's Adult Education Award, North Carolina State's Alumni Professorship, and the Victorian Society's Award of Merit. Most recently, he was named Tar Heel of the Week for his thirty years of delivering public programs in the humanities and sponsoring state and national literary contests for high school students.

Since 1980, Dr. Engel has been President of the Dickens Fellowship of North Carolina, the largest branch of this worldwide network of clubs. The sales of Dr. Engel's books, CDs, and DVDs have raised funds for The Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital which Dickens helped found in London in 1852.

Professor Engel continues to teach outside the classroom and give literary and histori-

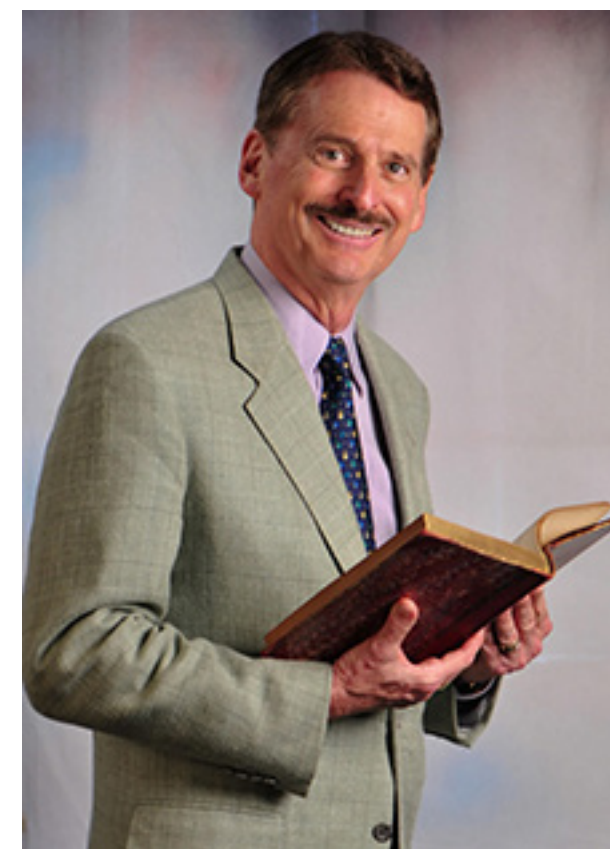
cal programs throughout the world. He also presents assemblies at elementary, middle, and high schools, and his educational CDs & DVDs are used in classrooms around the country. In his spare time, he likes to imagine all the impressive hobbies and leisure pursuits he could mention here --- if he ever actually would find enough spare time to indulge in them.

A reserved table with seating for eight may be purchased for \$500, which includes dinner in the Renfro Center and Engel's lecture. Individual tickets are on sale for \$25 each.

Seats are available at no charge for the lecture which will be livestreamed into the Renfro Center classrooms at NOC.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card by calling 580-628-6214 or in person at the NOC Development Office, Vineyard Library-Administration Building, NOC Tonkawa, starting Sept. 24.

Former Oklahoma State Regent for Higher Education Carl Renfro established the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program with a gift in 2006 to provide support for cultivating and enhancing the cultural and community enrichment offerings to northern Oklahoma on the Tonkawa campus and in the Ponca City area.



Dr. Elliot Engel

Jets baseball celebrates 25th year on Saturday at David Allen Ballpark

NOC Enid Baseball and David Allen Memorial Ballpark will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The event will feature a Jets' baseball alumni team against a team of Enid High School, American Legion, and Connie Mack baseball teams who played at David Allen Memorial Ballpark.

Over 30 former Jet players have committed to playing in the game with another 15 former Jets

attending the event.

Hot dogs and water will be provided with fireworks concluding the event. Former Jets' coach Raydon Leaton is scheduled to appear at the event.

A commemorative plate will be given as a gift on a first come, first serve basis.

For those wanting to play in the contest, please contact Ryan Bay at ryan.bay@noc.edu.

Constitution Day set for Tuesday

NOC students can register to vote on Tuesday, Sept. 17, as all three campuses will hold Constitution Day activities.

Tonkawa

Constitution Day will be held at the Clocktower from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Enid

Constitution Day will be held at the Zollars Library from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Stillwater

Constitution Day will be held on the 2nd Floor Commons from 9 a.m. – noon.

NOC offers mental health services

Northern Oklahoma College offers mental health services at all three locations for Fall 2024.

At NOC Enid, services are provided by Making A Difference, located on the northwest corner of the Enid campus just west of the Marshall Building.

At NOC Tonkawa, services are provided by

Grand Lake Mental Health. Their office is in the Vineyard Library/Administration Building.

At NOC Stillwater, mental health services are provided by Oklahoma State University. Links for each campus are listed below.

Enid: <https://www.enidmad.org/>

Tonkawa: <https://www.grandmh.com/>

Stillwater: <https://ucs.okstate.edu/>

Celebrating 25 Years

Saturday **25th ANNIVERSARY** September 14



DAVID ALLEN MEMORIAL BALLPARK
ENID, OK
EST 1999



David Allen Memorial Ballpark



Enid High School



NOC Jets World Series Champions



ENID HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Downtown Enid
Cherokee Strip Festival
9:00 am-1:30 pm
Cherokee Strip Parade 10:30 am

David Allen Memorial Ballpark
SAS Kickball and Cornhole Tournament
Concessions, Raffles, Silent Auction.
All proceeds go to Amy Barnes, Chisholm teacher fighting leukemia.
VISIT ENIDFOPLODGE@GMAIL.COM OR FACEBOOK @ ENID.FOP IF/FB

~ AND ~

at 7 pm join us for an Alumni Baseball Game to celebrate 25 Years of the David Allen Memorial Ballpark and Jets Baseball with fireworks following the game. Hot dogs and water provided or bring your own beverage (no glass bottles).

For more information on event, contact Jeremy Hise, 580.548.2393 or Jeremy.Hise@noc.edu.
To play in alumni game, contact Ryan Bay, 580.548.2329 or Ryan.Bay@noc.edu





Life changing.



Three NOC preengineering students who were part of NOC’s Rocket Team last spring toured the NASA facility in Cape Canaveral, Florida in early September.

NOC students tour NASA facility

Northern Oklahoma College pre-engineering students earned a trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, in early September.

Students earned the trip by winning the Moon Division of First Nations Launch Competition in April 2024 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

According to Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Division Chair for Pre-Engineering, Physical Science, and Process Technology, students attending were Grant Biggers, Andrew Lewis, and Raven Bruce.

“This trip was the result of the team’s great efforts this past year. The students were able to see things that the average person couldn’t. It was a wonderful experience.” Dr. Wood-Black said. “And, what makes it really special is that

our team was joined by the Mars Challenge winners from MIT.”

NOC President Diana Watkins added, “I’m so proud of and grateful for the work Dr. Wood-Black does with our NOC students. All of us at NOC enjoyed watching them reap the benefits of the extensive preparation they did for the First Nations Launch Competition as we followed their experience at Kennedy Space Center on social media.”

Tours included the Vehicle Assembly Building, the Launch Bunker for Mercury and Gemini missions, the site of the Apollo I and VII missions, the runway where the shuttles landed – with the mark for the last landing of the At-

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N O R T H E R N O K L A H O M A C O L L E G E

HAPPY
CONSTITUTION
DAY

SEPTEMBER 17

REGISTER
TO VOTE

Voter Registration
Inside Zollars | 9 am - 1 pm

Ice Cream Truck
Zollars Parking Lot | 10 am - 1 pm

NASA

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lantis Shuttle.

The group also toured the hanger where the Columbia shuttle parts were put together after the Feb. 3, 2004 accident.

They also toured the Blue Origin facility, a private space exploration facility founded by Jeff Bezos with a vision of millions of people living and working in space for the benefit of Earth. Blue Origin envisions a time when people can tap into the limitless resources of space and enable the movement of damaging industries into space to preserve Earth, humanity's blue origin.

The students also viewed a launch of Space X Falcon 9 from the space center.

The Group was Joined by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) who won the Mars Competition.

Stamp Out Starvation set for Sunday

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa students have the opportunity to participate in the Stamp Out Starvation program on Sept. 15 at the First United Methodist Church Family Center in Tonkawa.

The project is from noon – 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Stamp Out Starvation Director Monte Stewart will provide a mission update during the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Students will help package meals that are shipped all across the world.

NOC September Birthdays



Wendy Spiva	Sept. 18	Christi Hook	Sept. 26
Jeff Tate	Sept. 19	Kelley Larkin	Sept. 26
Cara Beth Johnson	Sept. 20	Chad Anderson	Sept. 26
Jill Harmon	Sept. 21	Luke Kruse	Sept. 26
Jerry Hawkins	Sept. 26	Shelly Mancacci	Sept. 29



In honor of
Constitution Day,
NOC Stillwater
will be holding a
**VOTER
REGISTRATION
DRIVE**

**Tuesday, September 17
9 am-Noon
NOC Stillwater
Classroom Building
Commons Area**

REGISTER TO



Student assistants will be on hand to help with the registration process. Students, Faculty, Staff, public, and even those with out-of-state addresses are welcome to register during this time.



First National Bank of Oklahoma donated two new mats for the NOC wrestling programs. Bank officers and NOC administration are pictured with members of the men's and women's wrestling programs. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College)

FNB donates wrestling mats

Northern Oklahoma College opens the 2024-25 inaugural wrestling season with the Red and Black Scrimmage set for Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.

As NOC men and women wrestlers prepare for the upcoming season, they will practice on two new mats donated by First National Bank of Oklahoma.

NOC President Diana Watkins thanked the bank for their support.

“With their contributions of time and financial support, First National Bank has been instrumental in the return of men’s wrestling and the establishment of women’s wrestling at NOC,” Watkins said. “Having grown up in a wrestling community myself, I’m excited to offer an opportunity to students in our service area to compete at the college level in a sport they love while continuing their education. This simply would not have been possible without generous donor support.”

FNB Executive Chairman Pat Rooney add-

ed, “First National is excited and enthused to be part of returning the legacy wrestling program to Northern Oklahoma College. Wrestling is ingrained in our state’s culture and having a successful program allows our students to be a part of that.”

The men’s program has been re-established after a 30-year absence while the women’s program is new for NOC.

“We couldn’t have done this without the support of FNB,” said men’s wrestling coach Bryan Kenney. “Helping to support a start-up program is a huge investment of resources, time, and vision for everyone involved. Thank you is not enough for everything that FNB has done for our wrestling program.”

The re-establishment of the men’s program and establishment of the women’s program has been in the works for a number of years with the NOC Foundation starting a fund-raising campaign in the summer of 2023.

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NOC Calendar

Sept. 14

Kay County Fair, Blackwell
 Cherokee Strip Festival, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Enid
 Cherokee Strip Parade, 10:30 a.m., Perry
 Away Mavs Baseball vs. Dallas Cedar Valley, 1 p.m.
 Away Mavs Softball vs. Hesston, 2 p.m.
 25-Year Celebration of Jets' Baseball, David Allen Memorial Ballpark, 7 p.m., Enid
 Charlie Adams Day Festival, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Newkirk

Sept. 15

Away Mavs Softball at Friends (KS) Festival, 11 a.m.
 Away Women's Soccer vs. Rose State, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
 Stamp Out Starvation, Methodist Church in Tonkawa, 3 p.m.

Sept. 16

Late 12-Week Courses Begin
 Secret Life of a Garden Art Exhibit, KPAC Art Gallery, (M-F) 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. through Sept. 27

Sept. 17

Constitution Day, Zollars Library, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
 Constitution Day, Clocktower, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 Constitution Day, 2nd Floor Commons, 9 a.m. – noon, Stillwater
 Ice Cream Truck, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
 Ice Cream Truck, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 Away Jets Baseball vs. NEO, 1 p.m.
 Home Mavs Baseball vs. Randall, 1 p.m.
 BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

Sept. 18

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 BCM Free Lunch, Gantz Center James Room, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
 Home Mavs Softball vs. Cowley College, 2 p.m.
 Away Jets Softball vs. NWOSU, 3 p.m.
 Home Men's and Women's Soccer vs. Rich Mountain (AR), 5 p.m./7 p.m.
 The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Sept. 19

Away Mavs Baseball vs. Oklahoma Christian, 1 p.m.

Sept. 20

Final Day to Add/Log On to Online 12-Week Courses



NORTHERN
Oklahoma College

25 YEARS
NOC ENID

Save the Date

Please join us as we
celebrate the
twenty-five year
anniversary of

NORTHERN

Oklahoma College Enid



Open House

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

On the lawn between Everest Administration and Marshall buildings
100 S. University, Enid, Oklahoma

Cookout

Campus Tours

Live Radio Remote

Planetarium Demo

Observatory Demo

Yard Games

Photo Booth

and More

Brief remarks at 12:30 pm

Casual dress attire.

*In case of inclement weather,
event will be moved to Montgomery Hall.*

Please RSVP by September 18:

Melisa Cottle

melisa.cottle@noc.edu

or 580.628.6214

NOC Enid 25th anniversary Sept. 25

Northern Oklahoma College is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the NOC Enid campus on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The celebration will be held on the lawn between the Everest Administration Building and

the Marshall Building.

Activities include a cookout, campus tours, live radio remote, planetarium show, observatory demonstrations, yard games, photo booths, and more.

Brief remarks will be made at 12:30 p.m.

Pride & Prejudice opens Oct. 3

In October, the Pride & Prejudice production will be showcased at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, October 3-6, 2024, Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Northern Oklahoma College's Division of Fine Arts is pleased to bring life and love back to the stage again by presenting Pride and Prejudice by Kate Hamill, based on the novel by Jane Austen, and directed by Emily Rose Parman.

Pride and Prejudice is presented by special arrangements with Dramatists Play Services, Inc. New York. NOC and the Division of Fine Arts is excited to open its doors and welcome everyone to their show.




Jets Soccer is 3-3 on the season, the Jets host Rich Mountain (AR) on Wednesday, Sept. 18 in their next home game. (photos by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery

VIEWING HOURS: 1-5 PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY, AND DURING PERFORMANCES

SEPTEMBER 3-27, 2024



**SECRET LIFE
OF A GARDEN**



Jets Women's Soccer is 2-1-2 on the season, their next home game is Wednesday, Sept. 18 against Rich Mountain (AR) at 5 p.m. (photos by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



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