

# Human Trafficking lecture at NOC Enid

Human trafficking experts discussed efforts and strategies to hinder the on-going human trafficking issue at a community forum at NOC Enid on Oct. 30, at the Gantz Center.

The forum was sponsored by NOC and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women subcommittee led by Dr. Nyla Ali Kahn. Other panel experts included law enforcement officers Matt Varney and Mike Hoskins. Varney is an agent for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control while Hoskins, a former Oklahoma City Police Officer and human trafficking consultant.

The forum started with a video of a young woman who was groomed by a boyfriend which led to a human trafficking situation. The panel then discussed human trafficking explaining the many scenarios that can lead to human trafficking.

Each year, several thousand Oklahomans seek help from human trafficking situations.

"The commission for over a decade has worked to provide Oklahomans with information on human trafficking by hosting summits, expert panels and webinars," Kahn said. "We have made recommendations to the state Legislature that have resulted in the establishment of an office to fight human trafficking through the state Attorney General's Office.

"The definition of human trafficking is the use of force, fraud or coercion in the exploitation of someone to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act," said Matt Varney, agent in charge of professional standards of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control.

The panel agreed most human trafficking in Oklahoma is not happening by people passing through on highways, but by members in their circle of trust, such as family members, friends or acquaintances, who entrap them into involuntary servitude through labor, sex or drugs.

"People especially vulnerable to this are people pleasers, especially female adolescents or women," said Mike Hoskins, a national consultant on the subject. "They will try to become the boyfriend, groom them by spending time, attention and money on them until they fall into the trap."

The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women is focusing on rural colleges, universities, CareerTech schools and high schools. Many victims are unaware they are being trafficked because it is typically a slow, methodical recruitment process by a trusted relationship.

The commission is educating Oklahomans to recognize the first, second and third phases used by traffickers and empowering Oklaho-



**A three person panel met at NOC Enid to discuss the signs and solutions for human trafficking in Oklahoma. Front Row (L-R): Matt Varney, Mike Hoskins, Dr. Nyla Ali Kahn.**

mans to stand strong and say, 'Not Me, Not My Community' to the trafficker.

"We must educate Oklahoma teens, young adults, teachers and parents on how to recognize early signs of a person being targeted for human trafficking servitude," said Khan.

NOC president Diana Morris Watkins closed the panel discussion.

"We all agreed that bringing in programming to improve the safety and security of our campus communities is always a good idea. I'm

grateful to our dean of students, Ryan Paul, and NOC Enid Vice President Jeremy Hise for doing the logistical work to make this happen," said NOC President Diana Watkins.

The commission's website is [www.oklahoma.gov/ocsw](http://www.oklahoma.gov/ocsw). For more information to schedule a community conversation or obtain "Not Me, Not My Community" materials, contact the commission at [ocswadmin@omes.ok.gov](mailto:ocswadmin@omes.ok.gov) or call (405) 401-6970.



# Veterans Day program at Enid Monday

Jonathan Waddell, the Flight Chief, Information Technology Function at Vance Air Force Base will speak at a Veterans Day presentation Monday, Nov. 11 at NOC Enid.

Monday's program is titled, "A Legacy of Loyalty and Service."

The Veteran's Day event will be held in the Gantz Center Room 100 at 11:45 a.m. The event will be livestreamed on the NOC website

All veterans and the public are invited to the event.

The program is sponsored by the NOC Diversity Committee, Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, chairman.



jonathan Waddell



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## November NOC Faculty/Staff Birthdays



Raychel Harves	Nov. 10	Ciera Kirby	Nov. 21
Samantha Lee	Nov. 12	Elva Lara	Nov. 22
Mary Christine Semrad	Nov. 12	Summer McClure	Nov. 24
Kathi Shamburg	Nov. 13	Dee Cooper	Nov. 25
Shannon Lorg	Nov. 20		

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*Veterans Day Presentaion 2024*



# A Legacy of Loyalty and Service

*Guest Speaker*  
**Jonathan Waddell,**  
*Flight Chief, Information Technology Function,  
Vance Air Force Base*

**Monday,  
November 11,  
2024**  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Northern Oklahoma College (Enid Campus)  
Gantz Student Union, GU100

**Live streamed on the NOC website:**  
<https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>

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

*Sponsored by the Northern Oklahoma College Diversity Committee*



# NOC Calendar

**Nov. 9**

Away Men's and Women's Wrestling at Carl Albert Open, 9 a.m.  
Away Mavs Basketball vs. Dodge City (KS) at Garden City (KS), 7 p.m.

**Nov. 10**

Away Men's and Women's Wrestling at Carl Albert Open, 9 a.m.

**Nov. 11**

Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Kansas Wesleyan JV, 5:30 p.m.  
Away Mavs Basketball vs. Seward (KS), 7 p.m.  
Bingo for Food, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
Bingo for Food, Gantz Center, 7:30 p.m., Enid

**Nov. 12**

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Tonkawa  
The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid  
Away Jets Basketball vs. Independence (KS), 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 13**

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid  
Board of Regents Meeting, Gantz Center James Room, 2 p.m., Enid  
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Friends (JV), 5:30 p.m.  
Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Cowley (KS), 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.  
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

**Nov. 15**

Away Mavs Basketball vs. Lamar (CO) at Hobbs, New Mexico, 4 p.m.  
Away Jets Basketball vs. Butler (KS) at NOC Tonkawa, 4:30 p.m.  
Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Temple (TX), 6:30 p.m.  
Away Jets Basketball vs. Barton (KS), 8 p.m.  
  
For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar

## Miss NOC Scholarship Pageant Nov. 19

The 35th annual Miss NOC will be crowned Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.  
The program starts at 7:30 p.m.  
Nine contestants from NOC Enid and NOC Tonkawa are participating in the event.  
Contestants are Madison Mandrigues, Cristal Cain, Adelina Valencia, Amberlynn Kelly, Faith Oshiro, Addison Polk, Adysen Thompson, Gabryela Mendoza Lara, Jaclynn Heitman, and Abby Davis.  
Miss NOC is a free event and open to the public.  
For the second year, the event is combined with contestants from Enid and Tonkawa competing for the title.  
Jaidyn Burrell was crowned Miss NOC in 2023.



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES FALL 2024

## AUGUST

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Welcome Back Block Party  
Monday | Courtyard Between Jets Hall and EB Hall | 7 pm

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Bingo for Food  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm

## SEPTEMBER

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OKC Baseball Club Game | \$10 ticket  
Tuesday | *Must prepay for your ticket in the Student Affairs Office*

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Pizza, Pool and Letters Home  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm

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Voter Registration Drive | 9 am-1 pm  
Ice Cream Truck | 10 am-1 pm  
Tuesday | Constitution Day | Zollars

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Paint Night  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7 pm

## OCTOBER

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Bowling  
Monday | Oakwood Bowl, 4709 W Owen K Garriott Rd | 7:30 pm

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Cornhole Tournament  
Monday | Courtyard Between Jets and EB | 7:30 pm

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Karaoke  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm

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Halloween Movie Night  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm

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Trick or Treat Fair  
Thursday | Courtyard Between Jets and EB | 5:30-7 pm

## NOVEMBER

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Mini Golf  
Monday | 4rKids Mini Golf, 710 Overland Trail | 7:30 pm

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Bingo for Food  
Monday | Gantz Student Union | 7:30 pm

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Ping Pong Tournament  
Monday | Jets Hall | 7 pm

Thanksgiving Break | November 25-29

## DECEMBER

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Food for Finals  
Monday | Gantz Center | 9 pm

Winter Break Begins  
December 13  
Dorms close at 10 am





Former NOC Wrestling Coach Bob Zweicher was honored at the NOC-Trinidad dual on Halloween.

## Coach Bob Zweicher honored

Former NOC Wrestling Coach Bob Zweicher was honored Oct. 31 at the NOC-Trinidad (CO) wrestling match as the men's program has been re-established at NOC along with the establishment of the women's program.

Zweicher was presented a plaque and signed singlet.

Fifteen former NOC wrestlers attended the event.

Zweicher started the wrestling program at Northern Oklahoma College in 1968 and was the only wrestling coach in school history.

In NOC's very first year, the team compiled a 10-1 record and finished eighth out of 64 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament. Between 1968 and 1983 when the program was dropped, his teams finished in the Top 10 of the NJCAA seven times, including four Top-Five finishes and compiled an overall record of 118-37-2.

Five of his wrestlers won individual national titles, including Karl Lynes, a two-time junior college national champion who went on to become an All-American for Zweicher's alma mater, Oklahoma State.

Zweicher placed second at the NCAA Division I wrestling tournament at 167 pounds

for the Cowboys in 1964. He was a Big Eight champion and a four-time letterman for the Cowboys.

In 1972, he was named National Junior College Athletic Association Coach of the Year and inducted into the National Junior College Hall of Fame in 1983.

For his contributions to the development a new wrestling program, he was honored with the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2013.

Northern Oklahoma College wrestling is also hosting a wrestling event called the "Battle for Oklahoma" as the Mavs and Lady Mavs host Carl Albert on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m.

In between the men's and women's matches, donors for the wrestling program will be recognized. Honored guests will be hosted at a reception in the Harrison Room in Foster-Piper Fieldhouse.



## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss NOC



Miss NOC 2024  
Jaidyn Burrell

Photo by  
Leigh Thompson

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024 | 7:30 pm**  
**Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa**  
**Free Event. Open to the Public.**

Miss NOC Executive Director: Shannon Varner  
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# Enid Student Nurses have busy October

Enid Student Nurses Association had a busy October.

Enid SNA members, along with SNA sponsor Mrs. Heitfeld and her two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Gabriella, passed out water and helped color all those who participated in the Paint Enid Pink Color Fun Run.

The SNA members present were: Joley Harris, Yvonne Fuerte, Saira Rojo, Lucero Robles, Andrea De La Torre.

Paint Enid Pink is a Five K color fun run to raise awareness and money for INTEGRIS Health Foundation and Project 31. The INTEGRIS Health Cancer Institute is Oklahoma's trusted partner for cancer care. The providers and caregivers at INTEGRIS Health are committed to treating the whole person physically and emotionally – beyond the disease. Generous Oklahoma donors partner with the INTEGRIS Health Foundation to provide lodging assistance for those who are traveling long distances to receive treatment. Additionally, people just like you provide aid to fill the gaps for medications, provide meals while patients undergo therapy, and cover the cost of wigs. The INTEGRIS Health Foundation is your partner for making a difference.

Project31 is a local and Oklahoma based agency. Project31 was founded by two-time breast cancer survivor Sarah McLean. Throughout treatment and recovery, Sarah realized that even when the physical damage was healed and doctors said she was “in remission”, there were a lot of emotional and spiritual issues that were affecting her relationships, her marriage, and her ability to simply get back to life. Project31 was created to help women who find themselves struggling in the same way. Through peer-to-peer relationships, mentoring, support groups, activities, events, counseling scholarships and

more, we are here to provide the resources women and their families need to heal from the scars that breast cancer leaves on your heart.

Paint Enid Pink was sponsored and presented by INTEGRIS Health Enid and My Country 103.1 KOFM. The event took place at Crosslin Park on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 11 am. It was a wonderful event. Lots of fun was had by all.

On Oct. 25, Enid SNA decorated a booth at the United Way Chili Cook-off. While NOC didn't win, SNA had a wonderful time supporting the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma/United Way-Enid.

Plus, students got to eat some amazing chili. Kendall Chmielweski cooked some deliciously tantalizing white chili that was spectacular. Mrs. Jonie Johnson, Kendal Chmielewski, Valrie Roblyer, and Heitfeld pose at the United Way Chili Cook-off with their chili and their 90's themed booth.

Other booth decorations and characters at the event varied from The Spice Girls to the characters of *A League of Their Own*. The United Way Chili Cook-off each Fall is an amazing event.

Future Enid SNA events include adopting a family and getting a Christmas Tree through the Salvation Army. Keep your eye out for information on how to support the SNA in raising funds for this important community service.

If you are a pre-nursing major and are located on the Enid NOC campus feel free to join us at our next meeting on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm on Zoom. Here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/91315264859> or email Mrs. Heitfeld for more information: [April.heitfeld@noc.edu](mailto:April.heitfeld@noc.edu)





# State regents approve plan to meet Oklahoma's workforce needs

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education voted Thursday to request an additional investment in public higher education to address workforce demands in our state's critical occupations. For FY26, the State Regents request an increase of \$95 million or 9.3% over the FY25 appropriation.

"Increasing college degree completion in high-demand fields remains the top priority for public higher education," said State Regents' chair Dennis Casey. "Our FY26 budget request reflects continued investment to meet growing workforce needs in STEM, education, and healthcare."

The State Regents seek \$9.3 million for FY26 to fund implementation of the Strong Readers Act provisions and expand concurrent enrollment.

Public higher education's budget request also includes strategic investments that align with Oklahoma's projected workforce demand in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and healthcare and focus on increasing adult degree completion. The State Regents request \$42 million for critical workforce development initiatives, including funds to increase enrollment and graduation in STEM, nursing, and other healthcare disciplines and provide additional scholarships for adult students nearing completion of a college degree or pursuing an industry-recognized micro-credential or certificate.

"Consistent with our *Blueprint 2030* strategic plan, this budget request builds on successful workforce development initiatives and supports continued innovation at our public colleges and universities," said Chancellor Allison D. Garrett. "Our primary objective is to produce more college graduates to address Oklahoma's evolving workforce needs."

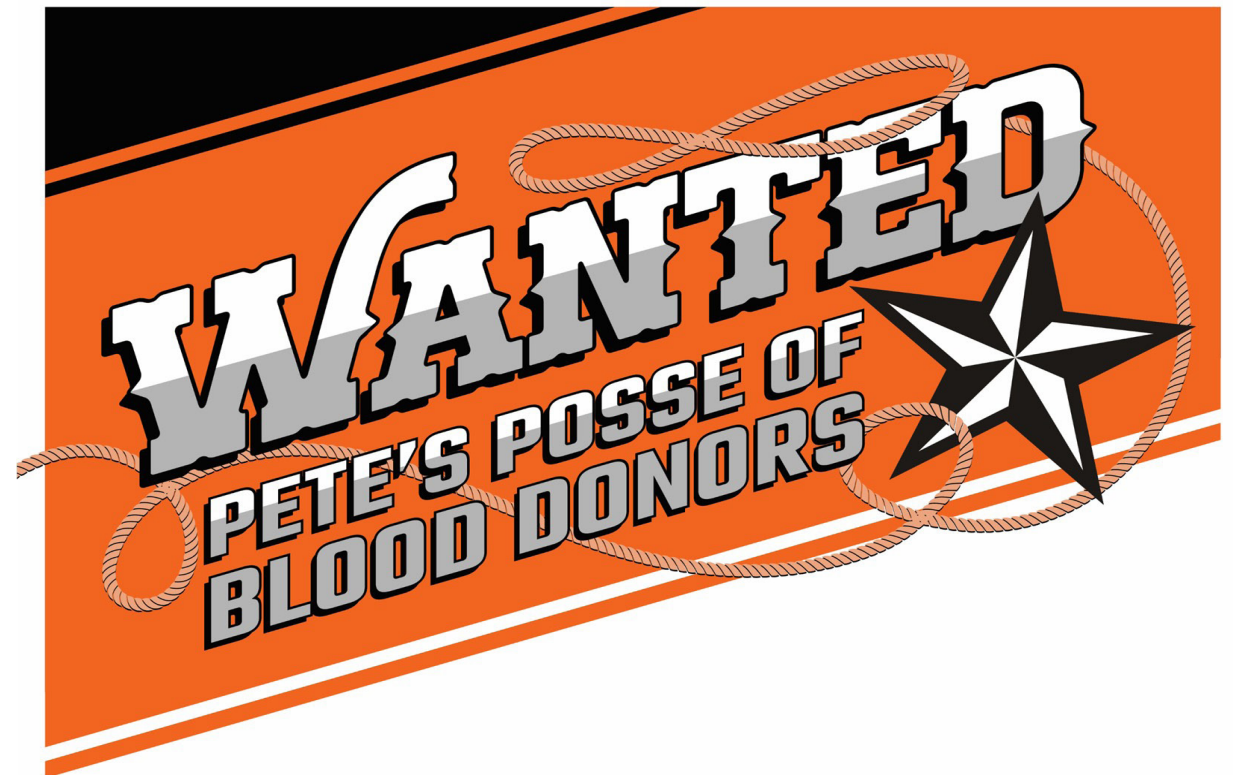
The State Regents seek \$43.7 million in FY26 to fund performance-based institutional allo-

cations; strengthen college access and academic success services and FAFSA completion; expand student scholarships; fund innovations and efficiency initiatives; and enhance campus physical and cyber security. Additionally, the State Regents will advocate for institution-specific allocations of \$403 million to meet campus needs, including system and structure maintenance projects, and fund strategic collaborations.

## NOC Student Art of the Week



Ariel Calvert, Las Vegas, NV (sophomore Art Major): "Habitat" mixed media on paper



## Northern Oklahoma College Stillwater Blood Drive

**Wednesday, November 13**  
**10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
*2nd Floor Commons*



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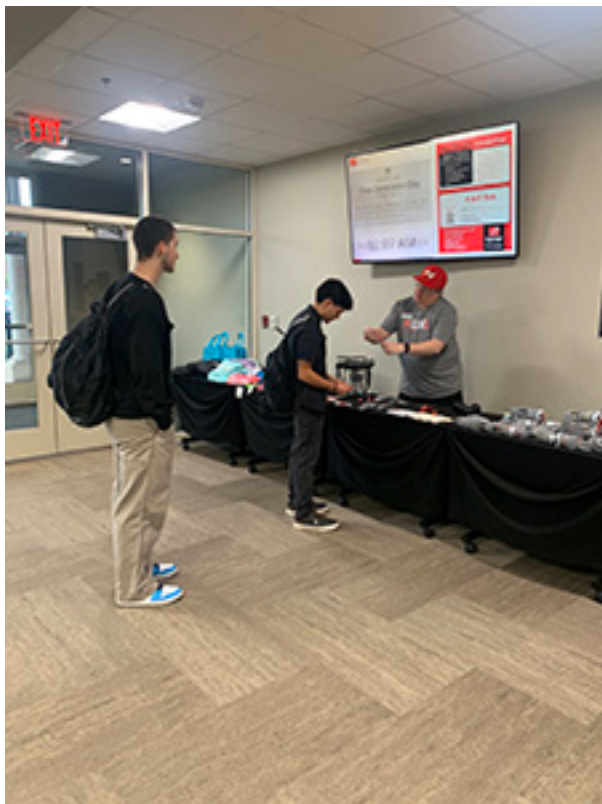
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NOC Tonkawa First Generation students attended the First Generation College Day Friday at the Pickens Learning Common.



NOC Stillwater First Generation students attended the First Generation College Day on Friday in the 2nd Floor Commons.

NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE PRESENTATION

# It's Not Easy Being Green

*Presented by*  
**T. L. Walker**  
*Executive Director, Standing Bear Museum and Education Center,  
Ponca City, OK*

**November 20, 2024, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Gantz Student, GU100, NOC Enid**  
Live streamed on the NOC website  
<https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>

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

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Enid First Generation Students attended the First Gen College Day at the Zollars Library on Friday



Tonkawa students visited with Dean of Students Ryan Paul at the First Generation event.

 **NOC TONKAWA**

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Tuesday | Constitution Day | Clock Tower

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Magician Show  
Monday | 7 pm

### OCTOBER

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Inflatable Putt-Putt  
Tuesday | by Gazebo | 4-8 pm

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Dodge Ball  
Tuesday | Gym | 7:30 pm

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Bubble Soccer  
Monday | Soccer Field | 6-8 pm

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Karaoke  
Monday | Student Union | 7:30 pm

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Halloween Movie Night  
Monday | 7:30 pm

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Trick or Treat Fair  
Thursday | on Circle | 5:30-7 pm

### NOVEMBER

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Family Feud  
Monday | Renfro Center | 7:30 pm  
*\*Sign up Team in Student Affairs Office by October 28\**

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Bingo for Food  
Tuesday | Student Union | 7:30 pm

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Archery Tag  
Monday | Gym | 7-9 pm

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Miss NOC  
Tuesday | KPAC | 7:30 pm

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