

# Yatika Starr Fields murals dedicated Dec. 11

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is hosting an artist reception for Yatika Starr Fields Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Cultural Engagement Center inside the Pickens Learning Commons in the Vineyard Administration Building.

NOC is dedicating new murals created by Fields, the third set of murals created by the artist at NOC. The three sets of murals encompass over 5,000 square feet. They include mixed media art and are painted with spray paint and other forms of wet media.

All three sets of murals were commissioned by Northern Oklahoma College thanks to the generous donation from Hugh Pickens and the Pickens Museum

The Come-and-Go reception will be from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. with remarks at 3:30 p.m.

“We are so excited to once again partner with Hugh Pickens to bring in the extremely talented artist Yatika Starr Fields,” said NOC President Diana Morris Watkins. “The Pickens Learning Commons and the Cultural Engagement Center provide our campus community with museum quality experiences right here in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, and we are grateful for friends like Mr. Pickens who generously assist in providing high-quality, accessible educational opportunities for NOC students.”

While attending the Art Institute of Boston from 2000 to 2004, Fields became interested in

Graffiti aesthetics, which has been integral to his knowledge and process along with Landscape painting- and continues to influence his large- scale projects and studio works. Fields is from Oklahoma and currently living and working in Tulsa in conjunction with the Tulsa Artist Fellowship. Fields has spent the last decade on the East Coast, New York City and most recently Seattle where the energy of urban life inspires and feeds the creative force in his artwork. He seeks to influence his viewers to rethink and reshape their relationships to the world around them.

His compositions are often spontaneous and left open for interpretation so that multiple stories can be drawn from them. His kaleidoscopic imagery, with its dynamic pop, symbolism and culture aesthetic, reference both historical and contemporary themes- tied together with traditional affinity but provoked by general concerns of world differences.

His canvasses and murals are alive with movement and filled with images that rely on vibrant colors and swirling patterns to build narratives that carry the eye.

The NOC Cultural Engagement Center (CEC), adjacent to the Pickens Learning Commons, was created through the federally funded U.S. Department of Education Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI)



Yatika Starr Fields

grant.

The CEC opened in 2017 and includes contemporary learning spaces where students, faculty, and/or tribal leaders can meet; individual study or collaborative projects can be conducted; cul-ture-based learning activities

and community/cultural events can be provided; professional development can be held; and small group or individual tutoring can occur Northern Oklahoma College, the state's first

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# Mural

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public community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services which create life-changing experiences and develop students as effective learners and leaders within their communities in a connected, ever changing world.

## Tonkawa Holiday Concert Sunday

The Northern Oklahoma College Concert Band, Madrigal Singers, and College Choir presents their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 8.

The concert will be held in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at 6 pm.

The Concert Band will perform ‘Carol of the Bells,’ ‘Sleigh Ride,’ and ‘Russian Christmas Music.’


Madrigal Singers will perform ‘Five Characters of the Christmas Story.’

The College Choir will perform ‘A Festival of Angels,’ featuring eight familiar sacred Christmas carols arranged in a musically fresh perspective composer Dan Forrest.

## NOC Faculty/Staff December Birthdays




Diana Morris Watkins	Dec. 7	Patricia Lester	Dec. 17
Jerry Aldridge	Dec. 12	Kerri Gray	Dec. 21
Brandon Gossett	Dec. 12	Kimberly Brewer	Dec. 21
Troy Cochran	Dec. 15	Marie Head	Dec. 21
Terri Percy	Dec. 16	Kevin Miller	Dec. 27
Britani Faulk	Dec. 17	Peggy Evans	Dec. 29



Northern Oklahoma College

# Pickens Museum

*Presents the Art of*  
**Yatika Starr Fields**



*Artist Reception*  
*and*  
*Mural Dedication*

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Come and Go Reception | 3:00-4:30 pm | *Brief Remarks at 3:30 pm*

Cultural Engagement Center  
Pickens Learning Commons  
Library-Administration Building

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# Enid Concert at Bivins Chapel



# Final Exam Schedule

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE FALL 2024 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE  
TONKAWA, ENID, AND STILLWATER

The location of the final exam is the regular meeting place of the class.

Monday December 9	Tuesday December 10	Wednesday December 11	Thursday December 12
If Course is MW 8:00am WF 8:00am MWF 8:30am  <b>EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 8:30 am TR 9:00 am  <b>EXAM is 8:00 am—9:50 am</b>	If Course is MWF 9:30am M, MW 9:00am  <b>EXAM is 8:00 am —9:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 7:30am TR 8:00am  <b>EXAM is 8:00am -9:50 am</b>
If Course is MW or MWF 11:30am  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 12:00pm  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>	If Course is MW or MWF 12:30 pm  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>	If Course is TR 10:30am  <b>EXAM is 10:00 am—11:50 am</b>
If Course is MW or MWF 1:30pm  <b>EXAM is 12:00 pm—1:50 pm</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	If Course is MWF 10:30 am MW 10:30 am  <b>EXAM is 12:00 pm—1:50 pm</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
If Course is MWF 2:30 pm.or MW 2:00pm  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm—3:50 pm</b>	If Course is TR 3:00pm  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm—3:50 pm</b>	If Course is MW 3:30pm  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm-3:50 pm</b>	If Course is TR 1:30pm  <b>EXAM is 2:00 pm-3:50 pm</b>
If Course is M 4:30pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>	If Course is TR 5:30pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>	If Course is MW 5:30pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>	If Course is TR 4:00pm, TR 4:30 pm  <b>EXAM is 5:00 pm-6:50pm</b>
If Course is M 6:00 pm, M 6:30 pm M 7:00pm or MW 7:00pm <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm</b>	If Course is T 7:00pm or TR 7:00 pm  <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm</b>	If Course is W 7:00pm  <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50pm</b>	If Course is R 7:00pm  <b>EXAM is 7:00 pm-8:50 pm</b>



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photos by Shiloh Martin/NOC





# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## FALL 2024

### AUGUST

- 19 Welcome Back Block Party**  
Monday | Courtyard Between Jets Hall and EB Hall | 7 pm
- 26 Bingo for Food**  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 OKC Baseball Club Game** | \$10 ticket  
Tuesday | *Must prepay for your ticket in the Student Affairs Office*
- 9 Pizza, Pool and Letters Home**  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm
- 17 Voter Registration Drive** | 9 am-1 pm  
**Ice Cream Truck** | 10 am-1 pm  
Tuesday | Constitution Day | Zollars
- 23 Paint Night**  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7 pm

### OCTOBER

- 7 Bowling**  
Monday | Oakwood Bowl, 4709 W Owen K Garriott Rd | 7:30 pm
- 14 Cornhole Tournament**  
Monday | Courtyard Between Jets and EB | 7:30 pm
- 21 Karaoke**  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm
- 28 Halloween Movie Night**  
Monday | Gantz Center | 7:30 pm
- 31 Trick or Treat Fair**  
Thursday | Courtyard Between Jets and EB | 5:30-7 pm

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Mini Golf**  
Monday | 4rKids Mini Golf, 710 Overland Trail | 7:30 pm
- 11 Bingo for Food**  
Monday | Gantz Student Union | 7:30 pm
- 18 Ping Pong Tournament**  
Monday | Jets Hall | 7 pm
- Thanksgiving Break | November 25-29**

### DECEMBER

- 9 Food for Finals**  
Monday | Gantz Center | 9 pm

**Winter Break Begins December 13**  
Dorms close at 10 am



# NOC Calendar

**Dec. 6**

Away Mavs Basketball vs. Midland College at Big Spring, TX, 5 p.m.  
Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Grayson (TX), 5:30 p.m.  
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Wrestling at Southeastern Dual in Beatrice, NE, 6 p.m.  
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Allen (KS), 6:30 p.m.  
Nurses Pinning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons, 7 p.m., Stillwater

**Dec. 7**

Away Jets Basketball vs. Hesston (KS), 3 p.m.  
Away Mavs Basketball vs. Howard (TX) at Big Spring, TX, 7 p.m.

**Dec. 8**

Away Mavs Basketball vs. Western (TX) at Big Spring, TX, 3 p.m.  
Holiday Concert, KPAC, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

**Dec. 9**

Final Examinations  
Begin L5 Courses  
Away Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Tabor JV, 6 p.m.  
Food for Finals, Gantz Center, 9 p.m., Enid  
Food for Finals, Student Union, 9 p.m., Tonkawa

**Dec. 10**

Final Examinations  
Employee Holiday Luncheon, Room 205, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Stillwater  
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. SW Christian JV, 5:30 p.m.  
Student Honors Recital, KPAC, 7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 11**

Final Examinations  
Employee Holiday Luncheon, Renfro Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Board of Regents Meeting, President's Conference Room, 2 p.m., Tonkawa  
Artist Reception/Mural Dedication, CEC, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tonkawa

**Dec. 12**


Final Examinations  
Home Lady Jets Basketball vs. Mid America Nazarene JV, 7 p.m.

**Dec. 13**

No Classes  
Final Day to Drop L5 Courses  
Residence Halls Close, 10 a.m.  
Home Jets Basketball vs. OnPoint at Enid High School, 1 p.m.



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Monday | Student Union | 7:30 pm

## SEPTEMBER

- 3** **OKC Baseball Club Game** | \$10 ticket  
Tuesday | *Must prepay for your ticket in the Student Affairs Office*
- 9** **Pizza, Pool and Letters Home**  
Monday | Student Union | 7:30 pm
- 17** **Voter Registration Drive** | 9 am-1pm  
**Ice Cream Truck** | 10 am-1pm  
Tuesday | Constitution Day | Clock Tower
- 23** **Magician Show**  
Monday | 7 pm

## OCTOBER


- 1** **Inflatable Putt-Putt**  
Tuesday | by Gazebo | 4-8 pm
- 8** **Dodge Ball**  
Tuesday | Gym | 7:30 pm
- 14** **Bubble Soccer**  
Monday | Soccer Field | 6-8 pm
- 21** **Karaoke**  
Monday | Student Union | 7:30 pm
- 28** **Halloween Movie Night**  
Monday | 7:30 pm
- 31** **Trick or Treat Fair**  
Thursday | on Circle | 5:30-7 pm

## NOVEMBER

- 4** **Family Feud**  
Monday | Renfro Center | 7:30 pm  
*\*Sign up Team in Student Affairs Office by October 28\**
- 12** **Bingo for Food**  
Tuesday | Student Union | 7:30 pm
- 18** **Archery Tag**  
Monday | Gym | 7-9 pm
- 19** **Miss NOC**  
Tuesday | KPAC | 7:30 pm
- Thanksgiving Break | November 25-29**

## DECEMBER

- 3** **Campus-Wide Hide-n-Seek**  
Tuesday | Meet at Gazebo | 8 pm
- 9** **Food for Finals**  
Monday | Student Union | 9 pm





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