

What's Happening

February 14, 2025

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Hylton, Thomas named NOC Enid king/queen

Graham Hylton and Jenna Thomas are the NOC Enid Homecoming King and Queen for 2025.

Hylton is a sophomore from Mustang, Oklahoma, majoring in Criminal Justice. He represented NOC Enid Baseball.

Thomas is from Arnett, Oklahoma, and is a Nursing major. Thomas represented NOC Enid Baseball, Student Government, and Baptist College Ministry.

Other king and queen candidates included the following:

Ivan Hernandez and Madeline Soma repre-

sented the Hispanic Heritage Club. Hernandez is a Pre-Medicine major from Enid High School. Soma is also an Enid High School graduate and is an Arts & Science major.

The final pair represented President's Leadership Council. They include Michael Donaldson and Ella Mitchell. Donaldson is a Computer Science major from Enid. He is involved in PLC, Math Club and Student Government. Mitchell, from Covington, Oklahoma, is involved in PLC, Math Club, and the Movie Club.

The king and queen were crowned Thursday night at the Mabee Center.

NOC to honor three distinguished alums in Tonkawa March 29

Northern Oklahoma College alumni Marcus Chapman, Dineo Heilmann, and Marshall Reigh will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame March 29 at NOC Tonkawa.

The three inductees will be honored in ceremonies during the NOC Alumni and Friends

Reunion Dinner in the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

The public is invited to the event and all NOC Alumni and Friends of the college are encouraged to attend, according to Kayla Wooderson,

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NOC Enid Homecoming Queen Jenna Thomas, NOC Enid Homecoming King Graham Hylton, and NOC President Diana Morris Watkins (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)



The NOC Enid Homecoming Court (L-R): Michael Donaldson, Queen Jenna Thomas, King Graham Hylton, Madeline Soma, Ivan Hernandez. Not pictured: Ella Mitchell (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

February Faculty/Staff Birthdays



Lauren Kennedy	Feb. 14	Jimmy Dickinson	Feb. 24
Lynn Demuth	Feb. 16	Jeremy Hise	Feb. 24
Cooper Battisti	Feb. 20	Tony Barnes	Feb. 25
Bradley Klump	Feb. 20	Jonie Johnson	Feb. 28
Audra Biggs	Feb. 23	Harley Morton	Feb. 28

Please Join Us For A
SOUL FOOD LUNCHEON
AND
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

African Americans and Labor

Guest Speaker
Derwin Norwood
*Ward Two Commissioner
City of Enid*

All NOC Students, Faculty and Staff, and the general public are invited to attend.

*Free Lunch Serving
Down Home Soul Food
and Free Presentation.*

FEBRUARY 20, 2025, 11:30 am
Montgomery Hall, Gantz Center | NOC Enid

Livestream:
<https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>

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Director of Alumni and Community Relations. The deadline for reservations is March 14. Reservations are required; Tickets for the Dinner and Banquet are \$25 per person.

NOC will present the Alumni Legacy Scholarship as well as recognize the Class of 1975.

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."

Marcus Chapman (Class of 2002)

Chapman graduated from Timberlake High School in 2000 and then received an associate's degree from Northern Oklahoma College in Enid where he was a member of the Jets baseball team for two years.

He then moved to Alva and received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. During his first year as a teacher, he attended classes at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and completed a master's degree in Education Administration. He is currently attending Liberty University seeking an Ed.D in Administration & Supervision: Educational Leadership.



Marcus Chapman

Chapman followed in his parent's footsteps and began a career in education. His father, Terry Chapman, was a coach, principal, and superintendent at Timberlake, Buffalo, and Cherokee while his mother, Diana Chapman, taught various grades and subjects at Timberlake and Buffalo.

He began his career as a secondary math teacher at Ft. Supply Public Schools. After one year, he moved to Oklahoma Union Public Schools where he taught math and coached baseball and football for three years. He then spent one year at Lindsay Public Schools in the same role before moving to Aline-Cleo to begin a career in administration as the K-12 Principal.

The next stop was at Canton Public Schools where he spent five years as the high school principal. His first experience as superintendent was at Ryan Public Schools. After 7 years at Ryan Public Schools, he landed in his current role as the Superintendent of Chisholm Public Schools where he is in his second year.

Dineo Heilmann (Class of 1982)

In 1985, Dineo Heilmann started his teaching career as the band director for the Chelsea Public School system in Chelsea, Oklahoma. Dineo left Chelsea in 1988 to become the Instrumental Director at Northern Oklahoma College and to later serve as Fine Arts Division Chair from 1990 to 2017.

He received his Associate degree from Northern Oklahoma College, his Bachelor of Music Education from Oklahoma State University where he was named Outstanding Music Student his senior year. He then received a fellowship to complete his Master of Music Education degree at Wichita State University.

He was named 1991's Outstanding Young

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Alumni & Friends SOCIAL

Let's Mingle!
at Rusty Barrell Lounge

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Appetizers Provided
Cash Bar with Drink Specials

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Bandmaster for the state of Oklahoma by Phi Beta Mu. He has had the honor of working with famed conductor Eugene Corporon, renowned composer Jack Stamp and has performed in a master class for Richard Stoltzman.



Dineo Heilmann

Heilmann has been honored twice by the Northern Oklahoma College board of Regents, the first with a “Resolution” of outstanding contribution to music culture and the second he was honored along with his father with a “Resolution” for the 50th anniversary of the Roustabouts for “50 years of inspiring performances”.

In 2014, the city of Tonkawa named him “Citizen of the Year.” In 2015 Tonkawa High School named Mr. Heilmann as “Friends of Education” for raising money to purchase a Steinway grand piano for their Events Center.

He appeared annually with the Northern Gala Orchestra since its inception in 1996, under the baton of Conductor Gerald Steichen, performing traditional clarinet literature. Dineo has been so lucky as to have performed with New York Philharmonic Violist Dorian Rence and such soprano artists as Loraine Ernst, Julie McCoy, and Janet Gray.

In 2000 he participated in the Higher Education Leadership Academy.

He has served as the representative for Junior/Community Colleges for the Oklahoma Association of Schools of Music. He has been a member of the Music Educators National Conference, Oklahoma Music Educators Association, and Phi Beta Mu.

Marshall Reigh (Class of 1999)

Marshall Reigh a 1997 Graduate of Yale High School, earned his Associate of Science Degree from Northern Oklahoma College in 1999.



Marshall Reigh

Reigh spent all of his K-12 years going to Yale Public Schools spending his free time with his friends in the outdoors. Upon graduation he moved north to Tonkawa along with a lot of those same people to begin their higher education at NOC.

After obtaining his associate degree, he went on to UCO and after a year of the metro life jumped ship to finish his undergraduate at NWOSU in Alva with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Biology minor.

A few months after graduation he married his wife of 20 years whom he met at NOC and

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BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Presented by NOC Division of Fine Arts

MON | FEB 24, 2025 | 2:30 PM

Cultural Engagement Center (CEC)
inside the Vineyard Library
NOC Tonkawa

FREE EVENT

Distinguished

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began his current career as an Oklahoma State Game Warden, his original duty assignment was in Kay and Grant counties. He later was stationed in Grant where he remains today.

He was selected as the 8th District Warden of the year 3x and was named Oklahoma State Game Warden of the Year for 2024.

As a second-generation Game Warden, he knew going into the job that relationships in the community are of great importance and became involved with the local schools and conservation groups as soon as he could. Teaching classes to all ages from Pre-K to college, he is able to make a bigger impact with the sporting public than could be made with only using a citation book.

Reigh currently resides in Medford and is involved in his community school volunteering his time as Vice President of the Board of Edu-

cation. He is also the President of the Oklahoma State Game Warden Association and Vice President of the Pheasants Forever Chapter, President of the Grant County Youth Shooting Club. He teaches classes at Autry Tech on all manners of Hunting and Fishing sports and volunteers his time with both Archery in the Schools teams in his county.

His favorite time is still spent outdoors sharing his love of outdoor pursuits with his 13-year-old daughter Sydney and other youth who he takes afield.

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 Division of Fine Arts is hosting a “Play in a Day” event at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. The event is free to the public.

Black History Month program on Feb. 20

City of Enid Ward 2 Commissioner Derwin Norwood will speak at Black History Month on Thursday, Feb. 20 at NOC Enid.

The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Montgomery Hall in the Gantz Center.

Norwood will speak on “African Americans and Labor.” All NOC students, faculty, staff, and the public are invited.

A free lunch serving ‘Down Home Soul Food’ will be provided.

The event will be streamed by NOC.


Nursing career day set for Feb. 21

NOC Tonkawa is hosting a Nursing Health Career and Education Fair for Pre-Professional Students at the Renfro Center on Friday, Feb. 21.

The event will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

The event is designed for students who are considering nursing as a major and career. Students will have an opportunity to meet with nursing faculty to discuss designing the pathway to nursing as a career.

Over 20 health care and education partners will be on hand to meet with students.

**NORTHERN**
Oklahoma College

Nursing Health Career and Education Fair

Pre-Professional Students
February 21, 2025 | 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa

Conversing With Nursing

Two Special Sessions for Pre-Professional Students
Renfro Center, Room 103 | 12:40 pm and 2:10 pm
Designed for students who are considering nursing as a major/career. Meet with Nursing faculty to discuss designing your pathway to nursing.

MEET WITH OUR HEALTH CAREER & EDUCATION PARTNERS

ACG Hospice	Mercy Hospital
Chamberlain/Walden University	Northwestern Oklahoma State University Nursing
Cleveland Area Hospital	Oklahoma City University Kramer School of Nursing
Companion Health Services	Saint Francis Health System
Fairfax Community Hospital	St. Mary's Regional Medical Center
Grand Canyon University	Stillwater Medical Center
Grand Mental Health	Stillwater Medical Center Perry
Hospice of North Central Oklahoma	University of Central Oklahoma
Integrus Health System	The University of Oklahoma, College of Nursing
Integrus Health Ponca City	The University of Oklahoma, Medical Programs
Meridian Technology Center	The University of Texas at Arlington

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Emily Gregory named Enid Rotary Club Student of the Month

The NOC Enid Rotary Student of the Month for February is Emily Gregory

Gregory is a sophomore Criminal Justice/Behavioral Science major from Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Why you chose NOC? I like the small class sizes and the welcoming environment.

What are your career goals? I want to be a forensic pathologist.

What are the challenges of being a college student? Challenges have been being able to balance school work with being an athlete.

What has being a college student taught you about life? It has taught me to live without my family and the responsibilities of being an adult.

What advice would you give high school students when choosing a college or university? Choose somewhere that feels like a home outside of a home and a place that is always feels

welcoming.

What do you do in your spare time?

Hang out with my friends and go watch whatever sport is going on around campus.

Gregory was recommended by Criminal Justice instructor Troy Cochran.



Emily Gregory

Black History Month Student Recital Feb. 24

The Northern Oklahoma College of Fine Arts is presenting a Black History Month Fine Arts Student Recital on Monday, Feb. 24.

The recital will be held at the Vineyard Library Cultural Engagement Center at 2:30 p.m.

The choir, vocal, instrumental soloists, and the jazz band will perform songs in African American traditions or by African American composers.

The event is free and open to the public.

Mav wrestlers at qualifer on Saturday

NOC wrestlers are in the NJCAA South Central District Qualifier on Saturday in Pratt, Kansas.

The ten wrestlers attending are Pryce Jeffries (125), Bo St. Clair (133), Jack Swenson (141), Waleed Khariri (149), Logan Ashford (157), Absalom Valencia (165), Jose Cruz (174), Aiden Vasquez, (184), Kanden Young (197), and Christian Clark (285).

The NJCAA Championships are set for March 7-8 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

NOC Tonkawa

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPRING 2025

JANUARY	
28 TUE	Bingo for Food Student Union 7:30pm Homecoming Voting Student Affairs Office 9am-1pm
29 WED	Homecoming Voting Student Affairs Office 9am-1pm
30 THUR	Homecoming Shirt Giveaway between basketball games Fieldhouse Lobby
FEBRUARY	
03 MON	Homecoming Bonfire S'mores and Hot Cocoa 8pm
04 TUE	Homecoming That's No Bull Revue Wilkin Auditorium 8pm Homecoming Voting Student Affairs Office 9am-1pm
05 WED	Homecoming Roustabout Show KPAC - 7:30pm Homecoming Voting Student Affairs Office 9am-1pm
06 THUR	Homecoming Basketball Game Coronation 5th Quarter East Gym Inflatables, Food & Games (Following basketball game)
12 WED	Karaoke Walcher Conference Center 7:30pm
19 WED	Pizza, Pool and Air Hockey Student Union 7:30pm
24 MON	Paint Night 7pm *Please sign up in Student Affairs by Monday, February 10* *You MUST sign up to reserve a spot*
27 THUR	Bedlam Basketball Women 5:30pm Men 7:30pm
MARCH	
05 WED	Bingo for Food Student Union 7:30pm
10 MON	SINGO 7:30pm
17-21	Spring Break
25 TUE	Hypnotist Show KPAC 7:30pm
31 MON	Dodgeball Gym 7:30pm
APRIL	
07 MON	Exotic Petting Zoo 10am - Noon
16 WED	Spring Fling: Archery Tag 5-7pm Ice Cream Truck 5-7pm Concert on Circle 7:30pm
21 MON	Easter Egg Hunt 7pm meet at Gazebo
28 MON	End of Year Bash Inflatables 4-8pm By Gazebo
MAY	
05 MON	Food for Finals Ice Cream Truck 10am-1pm Circle Drive

Free volunteer tax assistance available at NOC Tonkawa

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents starting Feb. 13 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$75,000 per year qualify for the free service.

Trained tax preparers from the NOC Business Division and area volunteers will be available for tax assistance beginning on specific Thursdays starting Feb. 13. 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 Feb. 13, Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, and April 10. The CEC is located in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to provide 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.

Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.

Lady Mav wrestlers qualify for nationals

The NOC Maverick Women Wrestlers are heading to the NJCAA National Tournament held March 7-8 in Council Bluffs Iowa.

The following wrestlers have qualified for the tournament: Bridget Bailey, Harley Brower, Mia Cabrera, Leanna Espino, Mya Galey, Carlaeona Hockert, Miah Kenny, Porscha Kreger, Addison Polk, Natalie Puentes, Leila Rosas, Adelina Valencia, Madison Welch, Carla West, Lyndey Wilda, Jordan Williams, and Alayla Watson.

The Lady Mavs are ranked 9th in the latest poll.

Ranked in the latest NJCAA rankings are the following: Lelia Rosas (103) – 9th, Addison Polk (110) – 7th, Adelina Valencia (110) – 8th; and Miah Kenny (145) – 6th



ELEANOR HAYS ART GALLERY
Kinzer Performing Arts Center, NOC Tonkawa

Legacies *of* Change

featuring
Faces of NOC and NOC Distinguished Alumni

January 14
through
March 9,
2025

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

NOC Calendar

Feb. 15

Away Mavs Wrestling at NJCAA Qualifier at Pratt (KS), 9 a.m.
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Garden City (KS) in Celina, Texas,
Away Jets Softball at Denison (TX) Classic
Away Mavs Softball at Branson (MO) Classic

Feb. 17

Home Jets Softball vs. Independence (KS), noon/2 p.m.
Away Mavs Softball vs. Ft. Scott (KS), 2 p.m./4 p.m.
Thank-A-Thon, CEC, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa
Home Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Murray, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Seminole, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Mavs Softball vs. Cowley (KS), 2 p.m./4 p.m.
Celebrity Scavenger Hunt, Gantz Center, 7 p.m., Enid
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

Feb. 19

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Home Mavs Baseball vs. NWOSU JV, noon
Home Jets Softball vs. Dodge City (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Board of Regents Meeting, President's Conference Room, 2 p.m., Tonkawa
Pizza, Pool, and Air Hockey, Student Union, 7:30 p.m. Tonkawa
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Feb. 20

PLC Scholarship Priority Deadline
Black History Month Program, Montgomery Hall, 11:30 a.m., Enid
Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Murray, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Connors, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Feb. 21

Final Day to Drop Late-8 Week Courses without Evaluation
Away Mavs Softball at Carl Albert Festival, noon/2 p.m.
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Dallas-Mountain View, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Health Career and Education Fair, Renfro Center, 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m., Tonkawa

NOC ENID

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPRING 2025

JANUARY

13 | MONWelcome Back Pancake Bar | Jets Café | 8 am

21 | TUEKaraoke | Gantz Center | 7 pm

28 | TUEMovie Night with Cookies | Gantz Center | 7 pm

FEBRUARY

04 | TUECereal Night | Jets Upstairs Lobby | 7 pm

11 | TUEFree-Throw Contest | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

12 | WEDThree-Point Contest, Skills Challenge | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

13 | THURHomecoming Game | 5th Quarter, Following Game | Mabee Small Gym

18 | TUECelebrity Scavenger Hunt | Gantz Center | 7 pm

25 | TUEBowling at Oakwood Bowl | 4709 W Owen K Garriott Rd | 7:30-9:30 pm

MARCH

04 | TUEBingo for Food | Gantz Center | 7:30pm

10 | MONTrivia Night | Gantz Center | 7 pm

25 | TUEMovie Night with Pizza | Gantz Center | 7 pm

APRIL

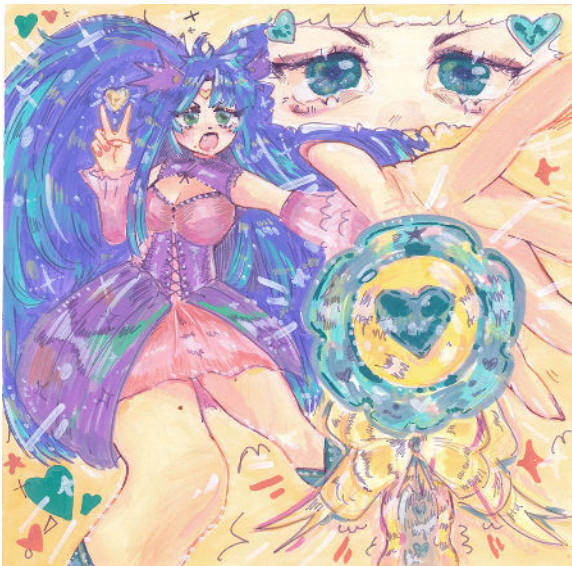
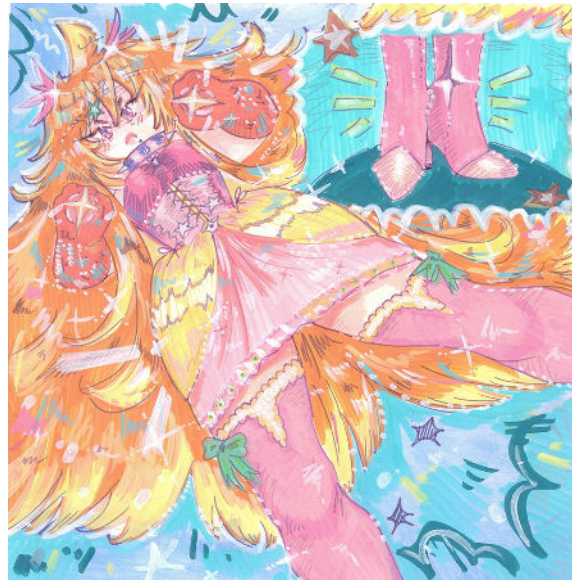
01 | TUEMini Golf at 4R Kids Mini Golf | 710 Overland Trail | 7 pm

08 | TUECapture the Flag | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

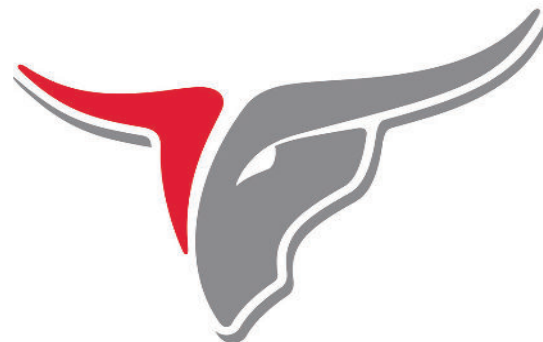
15 | TUECornhole Tournament | Courtyard between EB and Jets | 7 pm

22 | TUEUNO Game Night | Gantz Center | 7 pm

NOC Student Art of the Week



Macie Brophy, Art Major, Ponca City, OK "Vorp Gnarp (series of 4)" Acrylic on paper





VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

FEBRUARY 6-APRIL 10, 2025

*closed March 17-20 and for inclement weather

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY THURSDAYS:
February 13th and 27th,
March 13th and 27th,
and April 10th

FEATURING
 Certified tax preparers provided by
 Northern Oklahoma College Business Division
Income limit of \$75,000 or less

Call 580.628.6340
 or email carolyn.johnson@noc.edu
 to schedule an appointment.

FREE TAX
PREPARATION

FREE E-FILING
for Students,
NOC Employees,
and the Public

PLEASE BRING

- Photo ID for both spouses
- 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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