

What's Happening

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Leach, Rhodes named NOC Homecoming king/queen

Jackson Rhodes and Jules Leach are the NOC Tonkawa Homecoming King and Queen for 2025.

Rhodes is a freshman from Fairfax majoring in Pre-Med. He represented NOC's Student Government and is an active member of Student Government, PLC and the BCM.

Leach is a sophomore from Guthrie and is majoring in General Studies. Jules represented NOC Maverick Softball. She is actively involved in NOC Softball, Maverick Magic, FCA, and the BCM.

Other king and queen candidates included the following:

Kinzie Bell represented NOC President's Leadership Council. She is a sophomore from Crescent majoring in Ag Science and Elementary Education. Kinzie is the president of NOC Aggies Club and PLC, she is also the Co-President of Student Senate and works at the NOC Sheep Center. She was escorted by Alex Jennings. He represented NOC Presidents Leadership Council. He is a freshman from Coyle majoring in Wind Energy. Jennings is an active member of NOC Presidents Leadership Council and is a manager for NOC Men's Basketball.

Emma Polifka represented the BCM. She is

a sophomore from Garber and is majoring in Pre-Vet Med. She is an active member of the BCM, FCA, Aggie Club, Maverick magic. She is the manager for women's wrestling and is the NOC Mav Wrangler.

She was escorted by Trever Mitchell. He is a sophomore from Carney majoring in Pre-Med-Biological Science and Athletic Training. Mitchell represented the NOC BCM, and is also active in FCA, and is a student athletic trainer and manager for Men's basketball.

Addison Polk represents the NOC Student Government. She is a freshman from Durant majoring in Athletic Training. Polk is co-president of Student government and is a member of the social media club and NOC Women's wrestling team.

She was escorted by Boxy Wallace. Wallace is a freshman from the Bahamas majoring in Health and Physical Education and represented the NOC Maverick Basketball Team. Boxy is a member of the Men's Basketball team, the BCM and FCA.

The king and queen were crowned Thursday night at Foster-Piper Fieldhouse.

The crown was presented by last year's queen, Lacy Rapp.



NOC Tonkawa 2025 Homecoming Queen Jules Leach and King Jackson Rhodes



The 2025 NOC Tonkawa Homecoming Court. Pictured (L-R): Boxy Wallace, Addison Polk, Trever Mitchell, Emma Polifka, Queen Jules Leach, King Jackson Rhodes, Kinzie Bell, Alex Jennings. The coronation was held Thursday night at Foster-Piper Fieldhouse. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC).

JETS Homecoming 2025

FEBRUARY 10 | MON
Two-on-Two Basketball
Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

FEBRUARY 11 | TUE
Free-Throw Contest
Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

FEBRUARY 12 | WED
Three-Point Contest, Skills Challenge
Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

FEBRUARY 13 | THUR
Homecoming Game
5th Quarter, Following Game | Mabee Small Gym

February Faculty/Staff Birthdays



Brenda Pennington	Feb. 12	Audra Biggs	Feb. 23
Jeff Ray	Feb. 13	Jimmy Dickinson	Feb. 24
Lauren Kennedy	Feb. 14	Jeremy Hise	Feb. 24
Lynn Demuth	Feb. 16	Tony Barnes	Feb. 25
Cooper Battisti	Feb. 20	Jonie Johnson	Feb. 28
Bradley Klump	Feb. 20	Harley Morton	Feb. 28



The NOC ArtForum Art Club won the Homecoming 2025 Poster Contest. Members and drawing students include Pictured (L to R): Macie Brophy, Anna Jones, Delaney Fox, Danikka Hardy. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

Enid Homecoming schedule

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| Feb. 10: Homecoming Voting, Zollars Lobby, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Feb. 12: Homecoming Voting, Zollars Lobby, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| Feb. 10: 2-On-2 Tournament, Mabee Center Old Gym, 7 p.m. | Feb. 12: 3-Point/Skills Contest, Mabee Center Old Gym, 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 11: Homecoming Voting, Zollars Lobby, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Feb. 13: Homecoming Basketball vs. Western, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 11: Free Throw Contest, Mabee Center Old Gym, 7 p.m. | Feb. 13: 5th Quarter, After the Men's Game, Mabee Center Old Gym |



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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

A collage of numerous small, square and rectangular photographs of people, mostly men and women of various ages, arranged in a grid-like pattern. The photos are set against a dark background with a red, wavy, banner-like shape at the top. The overall theme is celebrating the legacies and changes brought by the college's alumni.

That's No Bull Revue skits



1st Place -- BCM



2nd Place - President's Leadership Council



3rd Place -- Women's Wrestling



NOC Alums

That's No Bull Revue skits



Women's Basketball



Baseball

That's No Bull Revue skits



Men's Wrestling



Executive Council



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and the Public

FEBRUARY 6-APRIL 10, 2025
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March 13th and 27th,
and April 10th*

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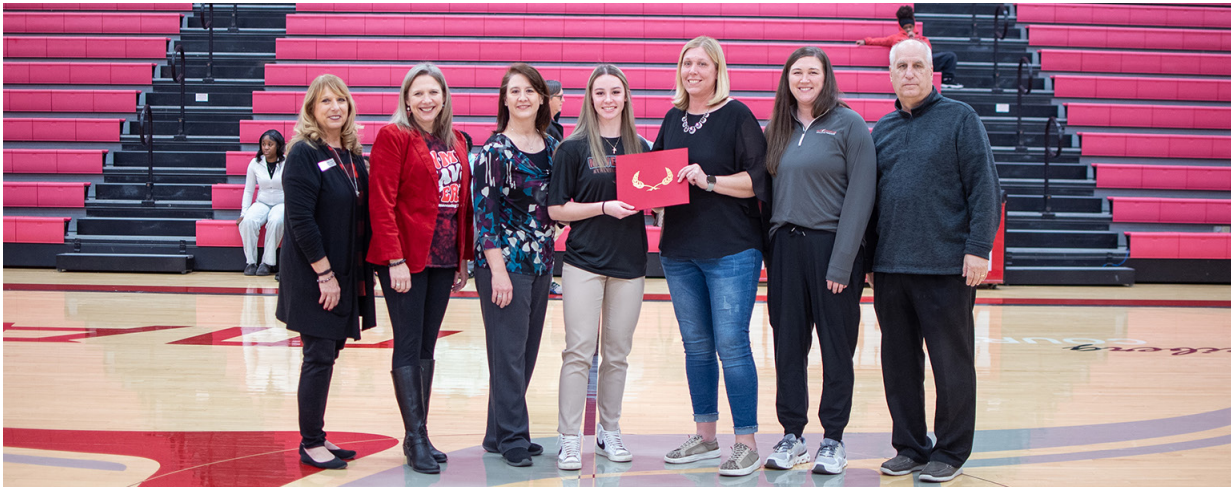


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NOC student Lyndey Wilda received the Nevona Kegans Athletic Training Scholarship at Thursday's Homecoming Basketball game against Eastern. Pictured (L-R): Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller, NOC President Diana Morris Watkins, Stacy Wilda, Lyndey Wilda, HPE&R Division Chair Suzi Brown, Athletic Trainer Summer McClure, Athletic Director Alan Foster. (photo by Shiloh Martin/NOC)

Lyndey Wilda earns Nevona Kegans athletic training scholarship

Northern Oklahoma College Athletic Training student Lyndey Wild received the Nevona Kegans scholarship for athletic training Thursday night at NOC.

Kegans, a 1961 alumna of Northern Oklahoma Junior College; was a member of the Mavettes, the Women's Basketball Team and served as dorm proctor in Easterling Hall.

She returned to her alma mater in 1963 where she served in many capacities within the athletic and student affairs department.

She was instrumental in establishing the athletic training program at Northern and retired as Dean of Women and HPE&R division chair after serving the institution for 40 years.

Kegans' commitment to Northern and continued support will provide students a chance to pursue their higher educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College.

Wilda, this year's winner, is a Biological Sci-

ence Pre-Med and HPE&R Athletic Training major.

She is also a member of the Maverick Women's Wrestling team. She is the daughter of Mike and Stacy Wilda and a graduate of Perry High School.

She is the 8th recipient of this award and is receiving a \$500 scholarship.

Joining Wilda on the court was her mother, Stacy Wilda.

Representing Nevona Kegans in her absence, and presenting the scholarship certificate to Wilda were HPE&R Instructor and Division Chair, Suzi Brown and Athletic Trainer, Summer McClure. Assisting with the presentation are NOC President Diana Morris Watkins, Director of Development and Donor Relations Candy Oller, and Athletic Director Alan Foster.

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



NOC Sheep Production students Tanner Otto, Abigail Barnhart, and Chloe Corbin attended the Ft. Worth Open Sheep Show with NOC Shepherd Bart Cardwell.

Sheep Center students at Ft.Worth

Three NOC students in the Spring 2025 Sheep Production Class were able to make the trip to Ft Worth for the FWSSR Open Sheep Show. Tanner Otto, Ponca City, OK; Abigail Barnhart, Perkins, OK and Chloe Corbin, Guymon, OK, prepped and exhibited the NOC Sheep Center exhibit consisting of 11 head of Dorset and Hampshire sheep raised by the sheep center.

NOC 24015 Dorset Ram earned Champion Ram honors while a flushmate, NOC 24034, earned the Champion Dorset Ewe honors in the Dorset division. NOC was also named the Champion Flock at the FWSSR.

In the Hampshire division, NOC 24064 was selected as the Champion Hampshire Ram and

NOC also earned the Champion Flock honors as well.

In all, the exhibit posted top two finishes with all but two of their 11 entries. It was a very successful outing for the NOC Sheep Center Team. We also want to thank our alumni that helped with getting them exhibited, Aaron Mahan and the work of our students at the Sheep Center, Kinzie Bell, Colton Tripp, Shelby Harland, Paige Burns and Adi Sheets.

Tanner, Abigail, Chloe and the other 15 students unable to make FWSSR will be traveling to Houston in March to exhibit the show flock at the HLSR.

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 Fine Arts students take a bow after the Homecoming Show on Wednesday at the KPAC.

Fine Arts presents 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 3 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.

Income tax prep 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.

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NOC Calendar

Feb. 8

Home Mavs Baseball vs. North Dakota School of Science, noon/2 p.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. Northeast (NE), noon/2 p.m.
Home Jets Softball vs. McCook (NE), noon/2 p.m.

Feb. 10

Homecoming Voting, Zollars Lobby, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Stillwater Thank-A-Thon, Brown Room, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Stillwater
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Western, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Eastern, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Homecoming 2-On-2 Tournament, Mabee Center Old Gym, 7 p.m., Enid

Feb. 11

Homecoming Voting, Zollars Lobby, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid
Enid Thank-A-Thon, Everett Administration Building, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Enid
Homecoming Free Throw Contest, Mabee Center Old Gym, 7 p.m., Enid

Feb. 12

Homecoming Voting, Zollars Lobby, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
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. Ottawa JV, 1 p.m.
Tonkawa Thank-A-Thon, CEC, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Tonkawa
Homecoming 3-Point Contest/Skills Challenge, Mabee Center Old Gym, 7 p.m., Enid
Karaoke, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
The Gathering, BCM, 9 p.m., Tonkawa

Feb. 13

Homecoming Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Western, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Seminole, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Feb. 14

Away Jets Mavs Softball in Branson Juco Jam, Branson (MO), 10 a.m.
Home Jets Baseball vs. Allen (KS), 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Mavs Baseball vs. Garden City (KS), noon/2 p.m.



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at Rusty Barrell Lounge

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

4:30-6:00 p.m.

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NOC STILLWATER

February 10th / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Classroom Building, Brown Room

NOC ENID

February 11th / 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Everest Administration Building, Lobby

NOC TONKAWA

February 12th / 4:00 – 6:00 pm
*Vineyard Library-Administration Building
Cultural Engagement Center (CEC)*

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