

NOC–NASNTI

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO PROMISING PATHWAYS



INSTRUCTIONAL GREENHOUSE INSTALLATION PROGRESSES

The installation of NOC's instructional greenhouse is well underway, situated in a prime location between the baseball and softball fields, the sheep barn, and the Process Technology building. This strategic placement provides students with hands-on learning opportunities in the field of Precision Agriculture.

Through newly developed courses, students will gain experience operating industry-standard equipment and develop cutting-edge knowledge in this rapidly evolving industry. The greenhouse will serve as a vital resource for preparing students for careers in modern agricultural technology. The installation is expected to be complete in the Spring, 2025 and courses are currently in progress utilizing the recently updated classroom space in the Process Technology building.



LINKING STUDENTS TO BRIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

NOC'S COMMITMENT TO CAREER & TRANSFER SERVICES

Northern Oklahoma College remains committed to expanding career resources and workforce readiness through the NASNTI project. This includes enhancing career services with relevant professional development, integrating new technology through software and licensing, and providing targeted support via expanded web access. These efforts ensure students have the tools they need for academic and professional success

The Career & Transfer Resource Center is located in the Tonkawa Pickens Learning Commons inside the Vineyard Library and attached to the Cultural Engagement Center.



Kathleen Swain

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HELP IS HERE!

Career Services offers a variety of resources to assist students with career exploration, resume writing, and interview tips. Several resources are available to help students choose a major including taking the Focus 2 assessment or meeting with the academic success coach to discuss goals and what careers align with them.

To schedule a one-on-one consultation for Career Services or Transfer Services, please contact Kathleen Swain

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BUILDING SUPPORT FOR ONLINE LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES

NOC INSTRUCTORS GAIN UDL CREDENTIALS & ENHANCE COURSE ACCESSIBILITY

Over the past few semesters, NOC faculty have been integrating Universal Design for Learning (UDL) strategies to create more inclusive and accessible courses.

As part of this effort, twelve faculty members from the Health and Agriculture departments recently earned 24 UDL Credentials, demonstrating their commitment to student-centered instruction. Additionally, four targeted online courses were revised to align with UDL principles, ensuring greater flexibility and engagement for all learners.

To further support accessibility, transcription services and assistive technology were purchased, providing students with additional tools to enhance their learning experience. These efforts reflect NOC's ongoing commitment to removing barriers, increasing access, and fostering success for all students.



Visit www.noc.edu to learn more!

RENEWABLE ENERGY & DATA ANALYTICS

Northern Oklahoma College has developed renewable energy courses to complement the existing Wind program. Thanks to the USDE, students now train with industry-standard operating equipment, gaining the skills needed to excel in the high-demand energy sector.

Students can also enroll in newly developed Data Analytics courses, preparing them for success in multiple fields. Whether transferring to another institution or entering the workforce, these courses provide a strong foundation for future opportunities.

NORTHERN RECEIVES U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL AWARD

In September, NOC was awarded approximately \$140,000 supplemental funding through the USDE's NASNTI program to strengthen student services and industry-standard instruction in Precision Agriculture.

The funds will support the adoption of a texting platform that improves student communication, as well as career and transfer coaching through keynote sessions and follow-up coaching for faculty and students. Additionally, Precision Agriculture programs will benefit from new scout and spray drones, faculty training, and iPads with instructional software, enhancing hands-on learning opportunities.



This funding reflects NOC's ongoing commitment to providing students with the tools and resources needed for success.



Image: Shiloh Martin, Northern Oklahoma College

EMPOWERING STUDENT SUCCESS: MARK PERNA SPEAKS AT NOC

Thanks to supplemental NASNTI funding, NOC recently welcomed Mark Perna, a nationally recognized speaker and author, to campus. His presentation equipped faculty, staff, and guests with strategies to better support student success and bridge the gap between education and the workforce.

A SPECIAL SECTION; HIGHLIGHTING NEWS, RESOURCES, AND STORIES THAT UPLIFT OUR STUDENTS

YATIKA STARR FIELDS MURALS IN THE CEC



The Cultural Engagement Center in Tonkawa proudly features vibrant murals by renowned Native American artist Yatika Starr Fields and made possible by donor Mr. Hugh Pickens. This stunning artwork above (created in 2021) celebrates the rich heritage and traditions of the region's Native tribes, blending dynamic imagery with cultural symbolism to create a powerful visual story. The mural stands as a testament to the College's commitment to honoring and preserving Indigenous culture. Another installment of murals (below) was unveiled to the public in December, 2024.



MEET THE ARTIST



Image: Cody Hammer, Osage News

YATIKA STARR-FIELDS

Yatika Starr Fields, a Tulsa-based Native American artist of Cherokee, Muscogee Creek, and Osage descent, creates vibrant murals and paintings inspired by his heritage and urban landscapes.

His work blends traditional symbolism with contemporary themes, reflecting family, community, and cultural diversity. A graduate of the Art Institute of Boston and a Tulsa Artist Fellow, Fields' art celebrates the dynamic interplay of tradition and modernity.