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## WELCOME

The NOC Alumni and Foundation department want to welcome you to our newsletter. We will share new information quarterly.

The goal of this newsletter is to nurture relationships with alumni, donors, and friends. We will keep you updated on exciting things happening within the Northern family.



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DAISY AWARD RECIPIENT,  
RACHEL KROEMER  
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*Congratulations  
Graduates!*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## *Julie Green*

2025 Alumna | NOC Enid

Associate of Arts  
Behavioral Science

### **What makes NOC life-changing?**

*The accessibility and flexibility it provides for students. I was able to work full time while studying for my associates degree here, which was incredibly helpful.*

### **What advice would you give new alumni and/or students?**

*Life is unpredictable, adaptation is key.  
And listen to “Vienna” by Billy Joel.*

### **In a few short sentences tell us about yourself.**

*I am a first-generation graduate here at NOC. I plan to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University next to receive a bachelor's degree in psychology. I'm not sure where I want to land exactly yet but NOC has helped me build a foundation for a successful career regardless. I would not be here without the support of my professors, advisors, and mentors and I am so grateful for them.*



*Julie with her elementary school teacher, Ms. Shonda.*



*Julie with her Mom*

# PLC ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW



A few of the NOC Stillwater President's Leadership Council (PLC) Alumni met on May 17 to celebrate the retirement of Tammy Davis. Tammy was the Language Arts and Social Sciences Division Chair in addition to serving as the President's Leadership Council (PLC) Sponsor for NOC Stillwater.

Jess Ritchie graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2024 and currently serves on the NOC Alumni Advisory Board.

Claye Hammock received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, Risk Management & Insurance from University of Central Oklahoma in 2016. He is an accountant, at Collins, Butler & Co and currently serves as an NOC Foundation Trustee. Claye stated "Moving away from home to attend college comes with a lot of transitions and personal growth. NOC, the PLC program and staff, including Mrs. Davis, provided me with much more than the normal college/professor dynamic. They had a major impact in shaping me into the person I've become. At a time in my life with so much change, they provided me with the direction I didn't know I needed."

Emily Edens Berry received a Bachelor in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University in 2016. She is a mother of 3 amazing girls.

Carly Woodring graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2018 with a Bachelor in Human Development & Family Sciences. Carly is a Child Welfare Specialist for Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Jarrett Cook received a Bachelor in Animal Care from Oklahoma State University.

Kenzi Flanagan graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2021 with a Bachelor in Natural Resource Ecology, Environmental Biology. Kenzi says "PLC gave me the confidence to enter college and know that I had the support of my professors behind me. Tammy was so encouraging and helpful throughout my PLC and NOC journey. I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to be a part of that amazing program with my wonderful leaders to guide me"

Glenna Osban graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2018 with a Bachelor in Natural Resource Ecology. Glenna stated "NOC was my first introduction into college life. I graduated from a really small school and the small class sizes NOC offered were a huge draw to the institution for me. Once I had decided to go to this university, I applied for a ton of scholarships, the President's Leadership Council being one of them. I was honored to be awarded that scholarship and to begin the life changing journey of being a member of that amazing group. I was able to experience more and have a richer college experience thanks to this group and made some friends that have lasted well past college graduation. Some of the friendships that I made were even with the faculty of NOC, with the two most memorable and meaningful ones being Diana Watkins and Tammy Davis. Both of these wonderful women had huge impacts in my life and were key to my continued success in life. Both women

were very supportive of me in everything and were always there to challenge me to grow as a person or to offer advice on any topic. I was able to take classes with both of them and thoroughly enjoyed their ways of personalizing the classes to make them have a more intimate setting while sharing the material with us in ways that caused us to think more critically. Tammy Davis was always a super warm person who treated me like I was her own child and was willing to listen to anything I wanted to talk about even if it was just a personal talk. She always had a smile and a warm hug to give me every day I saw her and would even check on me once I graduated from NOC and started attending OSU. I will be forever grateful for the experiences I gained through attending NOC, being a part of the PLC group of 2014-2016 and for meeting both Diana Watkins and Tammy Davis."

Lee Whitten received a Bachelor of Arts in English, Screen Studies in 2018 from Oklahoma State University and a Masters in Literature in 2020 from University of Central Oklahoma. Lee currently resides in Chicago and is the Writing and Reading Center Coordinator at Truman College. Lee said the following about Northern Oklahoma College, "NOC & PLC helped me build community and laid the foundation for the leadership skills and academic interests that I carried with me throughout college, grad school, and now into my career in higher education. Mrs. Davis in particular was instrumental in nurturing my interest and enthusiasm for writing and education. Along with Ms. Watkins, she was always exceedingly supportive of my creative writing, which helped me build the confidence to go on to professional writing opportunities in both screenwriting and entertainment journalism. Additionally, Mrs. Davis connected me with my first tutoring job as a peer writing tutor at NOC, and now I co-manage and coordinate one of the largest community college tutoring centers in Chicago. In short, there are many ways my life would have turned out differently if I didn't have Mrs. Davis in my life at such an important stage."

Tammy Davis has several plans for retirement. Outside of fishing, reading, and a bit of travel, Tammy will be volunteering for the National Archives. She will take handwritten documents and transcribe them in digital format to preserve their history. In addition, she is going to volunteer for an ALS Support group called "I AM ALS;" by writing thank you notes and correspondence as needed. Tammy would love to help capture stories for those fighting ALS if the opportunity arises. Lastly, she signed up for a program called Letters to Santa, which is a United Postal Service Operation. She will respond to letters written to the jolly old elf!



## *Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame*

**NOC Honored Distinguished Alums on March 29**



Northern Oklahoma College alumni Marcus Chapman (Class of 2002), Dineo Heilmann (Class of 1982), and Marshall Reigh (Class of 1999) were inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on March 29 at NOC Tonkawa.

The three inductees were 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.

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 Tonkawa and to later serve as Fine Arts Division Chair from 1990 to 2017.

Marcus Chapman 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 Marcus 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.

A few months after his college graduation, Marshall Reigh married his wife of 20 years whom he met at NOC and began his current career as an Oklahoma State Game Warden, his original duty assignment was in Kay and Grant counties and later on being stationed in Grant where he remains today.

To view more photos of the event, click on the following link:  
<https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery/>



Pictured Left to Right: NOC President, Diana Morris Watkins; Marcus Chapman; Dineo Heilmann; Marshall Reigh; Vice President for Development and Donor Relations, Sheri Snyder; and Director of Alumni and Community Relations, Kayla Wooderson

# Hope Bradford Receives the NOC Legacy Scholarship



Pictured Left to Right: Director of Development and Donor Relations, Candy Oller; Steve Varner; Hope Bradford; and Director of Alumni and Community Relations, Kayla Wooderson

The NOC Alumni Legacy Scholarship has been established through the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Through the generous support of alumni and donors, the endowed scholarship provides students the opportunity to pursue their educational goals at Northern Oklahoma College on the Tonkawa, Enid or Stillwater campus. This scholarship will benefit a current student who has a parent or grandparent that is a graduate of NOC.

NOC is thrilled to be able to award this year's scholarship to Hope Bradford. Hope is an incoming Freshman on the Tonkawa campus. She will be majoring in Biology (Pre-Medicine) to pursue a career as a psychiatrist. She is the daughter of Steve and Shannon Varner and Eric Bradford. Steve is a 1989 graduate of NOC Tonkawa earning an Arts and Science Associate Degree in Business Administration.



Life changing.

# ***NOC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SOCIAL***

The NOC Alumni & Friends Social was held at the Rusty Barrell Lounge in Ponca City on Thursday, March 13.



*Thank You for Attending!*

# NOC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS BALLPARK SOCIAL

The NOC Alumni & Friends Ballpark Social was held at O'Brate Stadium, Corral 21 in Stillwater on Tuesday, April 22nd.



*Thank you to all the Alumni & Friends who stopped by the NOC Corral!*

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation  
Donor Recognition Dinner

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

Renfro Center, NOC Tonkawa

Celebrating **60** Years



View More Photos at:

[www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery](http://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/photo-gallery)

# ***Diamond Rio performs at the NOC Renfro Lectureship Program on April 3***

The popular country and western group Diamond Rio performed at Northern Oklahoma College on Thursday, April 3, as part of the Spring 2025 Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

The event was sponsored by the Carl and Brenda Renfro with the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program, Northern Oklahoma College, and Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Dinner was held at the Renfro Center starting at 6 p.m., the concert was at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Originating as The Tennessee River Boys in the 80's, the band evolved into Diamond Rio in 1989. The following year, they signed with Arista Nashville, and in 1991, with the release of "Meet in The Middle," became the first country music group in history to reach No. 1 with a debut single. The band is also known for their multi-week chart-topper "How Your Love Makes Me Feel," crossover hit "One More Day," as well as timeless hits "Beautiful Mess," "Unbelievable," "I Believe," and many more.

Selling more than 6.8 million albums and surpassing over 1.05 billion global streams, Diamond Rio has charted 20 Top 10 singles, 15 Top 5 singles, and seven No. 1 singles. Known for playing every note on every album throughout their career, the band's unwavering commitment to their craft is evident in their instrumental tracks "Big," "Appalachian Dream," and "Poultry Promenade," all of which received Grammy nominations for Best Country Instrumental Performance. Following their Arista Nashville deal, the band released two albums with Word Records – their Christmas album, *The Star Still Shines*, and their Dove and Grammy-winning Christian Country album, *The Reason*.



Amassing numerous accolades throughout the years, the band is a member of the Grand Ole Opry, won six Vocal Group of the Year Awards (four CMA and two ACM), received fourteen Grammy nominations, and won a Grammy Award for their album, *The Reason*. Known for their charitable commitments, including long-time spokespersons for Big Brothers Big Sisters, the band has raised more than \$1 million for non-profits and received the Minnie Pearl Humanitarian Award.

For more information, visit [www.DiamondRio.com](http://www.DiamondRio.com).

Former Oklahoma State Regent for Higher Education Carl Renfro established the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program with a gift in 2006 to provide support for cultivating and enhancing the cultural and community enrichment offerings to northern Oklahoma on the Tonkawa campus and in the Ponca City area.





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**HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY  
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES**

## Rachel Kroemer earns NOC Nursing DAISY Award®



**Rachel Kroemer**

Northern Oklahoma College nursing faculty member Rachel Kroemer was honored with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurse Educators at the NOC 2025 Nurses' Pinning Ceremony Friday, May 2 at NOC Tonkawa.

The award is part of The DAISY Foundation's mission to express gratitude to nurses with programs that recognize them

for the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care they provide patients and families.

DAISY Award recognitions honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers – from Nursing Student through Lifetime Achievement in Nursing.

Rachel Kroemer received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Washburn University in 2011 and completed her Master of Science in Nursing Education from Fort Hays State University in 2023. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Theta Tau Honor Societies.

Kroemer started at NOC in January 2021 as a part-time clinical instructor moving into a full-time position in October 2021. She started Introduction to Nursing in Fall 2024, loves teaching students in Maternal Child and is the faculty advisor for Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. Her favorite part about bedside nursing was teaching new Moms and Dads about their newborn and now she enjoys watching and helping students expand their skills and knowledge base as they begin their nursing career.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "Rachel Kroemer leads by example and strives for excellence in herself and in those around her. According to her nomination story, she makes learning feel real, and is the kind of instructor who wants you to succeed and works hard to make sure the material makes sense for everyone. She connects with students on a personal level, treats everyone with dignity, and encourages students to do the right thing, not the easy thing. She models excellence, integrity, and resourcefulness."

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators was established by The DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 from Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), an auto-immune disease. The Barnes Family was awestruck by the clinical skills, caring and compassion of the nurses who cared for Patrick. They created this international award to demonstrate appreciation to faculty for their commitment and inspirational influence on their nursing students and to say thank you to nursing faculty everywhere.

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks said, "This year's nominations all came from nursing students who wrote about how each nominee has had a life-changing impact through their tenure in Northern Nursing. It is so meaningful when students take the time to share these stories and so important for faculty to know how they are making a difference in students' lives."

Blind nominations for the award were submitted with a designated committee reviewing and ranking the nominees based on their commitment to student learning and success, utilizing personal interaction, providing rigorous instruction and innovative technologies, striving to provide high quality, accessible nursing education, and modeling the values of excellence, integrity, resourcefulness,

impactful relationships, and compassionate service.

The winner was selected by the The DAISY Award® Selection Committee.

Semi-finalists include Kroemer, Elaine Briggs, and Brian Baird.

The winner in 2024 was NOC faculty member DAISY Award was Dr. Marie Head.

More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org.generation of nurses>.”

#### **Brian Baird, Nominee**

Brian received his B.S.N. from the University of Oklahoma in 1986 and his M.S. from Southern Nazarene University in 2008. The majority of his nursing career has been spent serving special needs children in their homes and serving within the ICU. His work in the ICU included a nearly 14-year period at Hillcrest Hospital Cushing when it was named Cushing Regional Hospital and a stint at Mercy Hospital in OKC. In 2006, he began teaching freshman nursing students at Northern Oklahoma College; a privilege he continues to enjoy to this day. Baird’s passion for teaching has been life-long and has



been evident to anyone who has known him. He loves to use creativity in his approach and is known for his use of multiple teaching/learning methods. He himself loves to learn and wants his learners to enjoy the process as well. His use of simulation and gaming has earned him a lead role in NOC Nursing’s simulation program. Brian is a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) and currently serves as the Nursing Simulation Coordinator. Baird and his wife, Robin, have been married almost 36 years. They have four children and two grandchildren. They reside in Perkins in a home they have been building.

#### **Elaine Briggs, Nominee**

After graduating high school in 1979, Briggs attended Central Vo-Tech in Sapulpa in a medical assistant program where she decided she wanted to be a nurse. She completed Oklahoma Baptist University’s nursing program and started her nursing career at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa where she worked in orthopedics and cardiac care. She then worked in Home Health Care before moving to Oklahoma City where she worked at University Hospital in newborn and special care nursery. Briggs then moved to Blackwell where her husband started a medical practice. She took time off from nursing to raise her children and then started at NOC as an adjunct instructor, joining NOC as a full-time faculty member in January 2016. She currently serves as the Nursing Success Specialist.



More information on the DAISY Award is available at: [DAISYfoundation.org](http://DAISYfoundation.org)

## **Nurses Pinning**



### **Class of Spring 2025**

(Faculty and Staff behind and beside graduates)



## THE GATHERING

The Gathering was held Friday, May 2, at the Osage Casino and Hotel in Ponca City. This event, in its third year, brings together alumni and friends of the NOC Agriculture Programs for an evening to reconnect with friends and to celebrate the successes of the Division of Agriculture that have taken place over the year. As part of this year's program, NOC Agriculture Division updates were given by Tricia Moore, Chair of the Division of Agriculture & Biological Science, NOC Sheep Center updates were given by Sheep Herdsman, Bart Cardwell, and updates on the NOC Livestock Judging Team by NOC Livestock Judging Coach, Jennifer Bedwell. Dr. Kurt Campbell, added comments about the growth of the agriculture program that has occurred over the 21 year span of his tenure at NOC. Dr. Campbell also reported on The Gathering Golf Scramble, held on Friday morning in conjunction with the event.

Livestock Judging Coach, Jennifer Bedwell recognized the 12 Sophomore Livestock Judging students for their accomplishments and gifted them each a canvass of the team. All twelve will be judging at 4-year universities and have received scholarship monies totaling \$320,000. The 17 members of the Freshman Livestock Judging team were also recognized.

Additionally, both a live and silent auction was held in an effort to raise money for support of the agriculture programs. The auctioneer for this year was Miss Logan Snider, The 2024 Oklahoma FFA State Champion Auctioneer. There were approximately 15 lots in the live auction, while the silent auction, hosted by SC Online Sales, sold multiple lots. Both auctions raised a combined total of just under \$30,000 for the programs. These funds will be used for scholarships, travel and personnel expenses, and general support of the agriculture programs at NOC.

Tricia Moore, Chair of the Division of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, commented, "We could not be more pleased with the support we have had for this event. What started as a vision several years ago, has become a reality and will continue to be one of the premier events hosted by NOC each year". She added that "we are truly thankful for all the donors and supporters of our programs here at NOC and are excited to continue this rich tradition of success." The date for next year's Gathering has been set for Friday, May 1, 2026, at Osage Casino and Hotel in Ponca City.

# NOC holds commencement exercises in Tonkawa, Enid



## NOC Tonkawa students during Saturday's graduation

Northern Oklahoma College Students at the Tonkawa campus went through graduation exercises at the 119th Annual Commencement Saturday at Foster-Piper Fieldhouse. Enid and Stillwater NOC graduates went through exercises at the Briggs Auditorium in Enid.

A total of 619 graduates were honored at the two ceremonies. NOC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Shelly Mencacci opened the ceremony, congratulating the students on reaching their goals for the academic year.

Dr. Mencacci also announced students that maintained a 4.0 GPA and those that earned two associate degrees. She also introduced the Flag Bearers for each academic division.

They include the following at NOC Tonkawa: Institutional-Kinzie Bell; Agriculture and Biological Science-Dylan Leed; Business-Lacy Rapp; Engineering, Physical Science and Process Technology-Aniya Berry; Fine Arts-Ariel Calvert; Health, Physical Education, and Recreation-Lyndey Wilda; Language Arts-Virginia Jones; Mathematics-Elyssa Kaniatobe; Nursing-Jessica Waller; and Social Science-Donna Bowers.

They include the following at NOC Enid: Institutional-Luella Mitchell; Agriculture and Biological Science-Kymbri Barber; Business-Zackary Henderson; Engineering, Physical Science and Process Technology-Ethan Fritz; Health, Physical Education, and Recreation-Haylee Gormley; Language Arts-Sophia Arnold; Mathematics-Richard Bernardo De Lima; Nursing-Chris Nace; and Social Science-Dylan Moser.

Mencacci then presented the class with President Diana Morris Watkins conferring the degrees.

The speaker for the commencement ceremony was former Oklahoma governor George Nigh.

In a message to students, the 97-year-old former governor gave a number of example of Oklahomans who came from small towns and community colleges to do great things.

He listed Sen. Robert S. Kerr (Ada), Rep. Carl Albert (Bugtussle), Reba McEntyre (Chockie), Gov. Henry Bellmon (Billings), and Will Rogers (Claremore) as Oklahomans who were born and educated in small communities and community colleges.

"You can do it from here," Nigh said. "You can do it from Oklahoma."

The highlight of Nigh's speech was the retelling of the story of how the song 'Oklahoma!' became the state song in 1953.

Nigh, an Oklahoma legislator at the time, said he sponsored a legislative bill to change the song but the change was facing legislative opposition. He asked for and was granted one more day before the vote on the new legislation to change the state song.

In a day's notice, Nigh recruited the USAO women's choir, an Oklahoman who had played 'Curly' in the state play 'Oklahoma' on Broadway, and then arranged a piano for the song to be performed to the legislative body the next day. After the song was concluded, Nigh offered the bill for passage and it passed.

The NOC Concert Band then performed 'Oklahoma!' for the graduates and guests to a standing ovation.

"You are at the beginning of your life's journey," Nigh told the graduates. "Just remember that anything is possible and you can do it from here, you can do it from Oklahoma."

The NOC Concert Band also performed the Armed Forces Salute and the college choir performed "For Good."

After the candidates for graduation were announced and their tassels turned, the college choir performed NOC's Alma Mater.

Northern Oklahoma College, the state's first public two-year community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services.

NOC serves nearly 4,000 students through the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, and NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater. Of these students about 80% receive financial aid and/or scholarships. 75% of NOC students complete their degree with zero debt.

The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers associate degrees in three general areas: Arts, Science and Applied Science; the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs; and the Accreditation Commission for Education and Nursing.

For more information about Northern Oklahoma College please call (580) 628-6200 or visit the NOC website at [www.noc.edu](http://www.noc.edu).



NOC 30-Year  
Service Award



NOC 1-Year Service Awards

Northern Oklahoma College faculty and staff received service pins Friday, May 9, at the In-Service at the Renfro Center in Tonkawa. Outstanding Faculty, Professional Staff, and Support Staff were honored and six retirees were recognized.

The following NOC employees earned a 1-Year Service Pin: Aron Bassoff, Men's Head and Women's Assistant Soccer Coach; Breanna Beaty, Language Arts Instructor; Trystan Berry, High School and College Relations Recruiter; Stacy Burns, Director of Physical Plant; Melisa Cottle, Administrative Assistant for Development & Community Relations; Lindsey Copley, Assistant Bookstore Manager; Michael Dominguez, Head Women's Basketball Coach in Enid; Lema Deyirmencian, Nursing Instructor Enid; Britani Faulk, Athletic Trainer Enid; Jamilyn Glidewell, IT Coordinator Stillwater; Mathew Gray, Financial Aid Counselor; Louis Griffith, Residence Life Director Boehme Hall; Hatim Hegab, Physics/Astronomy Instructor Enid; Michael Keeran, Head Baseball Coach Tonkawa; Bryan Kenney, Men's Wrestling and Assistant Women's Coach Tonkawa; Ciera Kirby, Gift Processor for NOC Foundation; Ashley Kruse, Child Development Instructor Stillwater; Samantha Lee, Scholarship Specialist; Ya (June) Lin, Business Instructor Stillwater; Heather Lott, Staff Assistant Physical Plant; Jayden Miller, Head Women's Wrestling and Assistant Men's Wrestling Coach Tonkawa; Nathan Oesterle, Theatre Manager; Malik Owdtallah, Network

System Assistant; Jeff Ray, Head Softball Coach Tonkawa; Teresa Reich, Staff Assistant for Financial Aid; Brodie Saylor, Maintenance Technician; Eric Taylor, Coordinator of Resident Life Enid; Sarah Taylor, Custodian; Sarah Vitale, Student Support Specialist Stillwater; Meredith Willis, Nursing Instructor Stillwater.

The following NOC employees earned a 5-Year Service Pin: Jennifer Bedwell, Assistant Sheep Center Manager/Livestock Judging Coach; Leeanna Bowling; Student Success Specialist; Lachelle Bryant, Retention Specialist/Enrollment Counselor; Alan Foster, Athletic Director; Nikole Hicks, Nursing Division Chair; Adrian Ibarra, IT Coordinator Enid.

The following NOC employees earned a 10-Year Service Pin: Denise Bay, Executive Assistant to the President; Renna Bowers, Coordinator Resident Student Life Tonkawa/Student Accessibility Coordinator; Lynn DeMuth, Math Instructor; Lori Erasmus, Staff Assistant IT/Help Desk; Janet Jarvis, Administrative Assistant for Stillwater Campus; Dina Kleinmann, Director of Printing Services; Rachel Love/Foundation Accountant; Summer McClure, Athletic Trainer Tonkawa; Mary Moody, Residence Life Director Threlkeld; Charmaine Munro, Science Instructor Enid; Kayla Wooderson, Director for Alumni & Community Relations;





The following NOC employees earned a 20-Year Service Pin: Bart Allen, Economics and Computer Application Instructor; Tamera Davis, Division Chair for Language Arts/Social Science; Cassie Firth/Division Chair for Mathematics; Todd Ging, Business/Computer Application Instructor Enid; Brad Gordon, Associate Registrar/Veteran's Affairs; Sherrie Martin, Science Instructor Stillwater; Steve McLaren, Psychology/Sociology Instructor Enid; Terri Percy, Bookstore Assistant; Jeff Tate, English Literature Instructor Enid.

The following NOC employees earned a 25-Year Service Pin: Shannon Cranford, Director of Human Resources; Jimilea Jansson, Bookstore Manager; Allan Paul Lester, Security Officer.

The following NOC employees earned a 30-Year Service Pin: Anita Simpson, Vice President for Financial Affairs.

President Watkins reviewed the year starting with the NOC Enid 25 Year Celebration and all the events that occurred during the year including the Cherokee Strip Festival Parade, 25th Anniversary of David Allen Memorial Ballpark with Jets Alumni Baseball Game; Cookout at NOC Enid and NOC Alumni Gathering and Jet's Soccer at the Advance Soccer Complex. Also, the Fine Arts Department held a holiday concert at the Bivins Chapel in the Marshall Building. The NOC Foundation celebrated their 60th year with a celebration at the annual Donor Recognition Banquet in March.

Oklahoma Association of Community College (OACC)

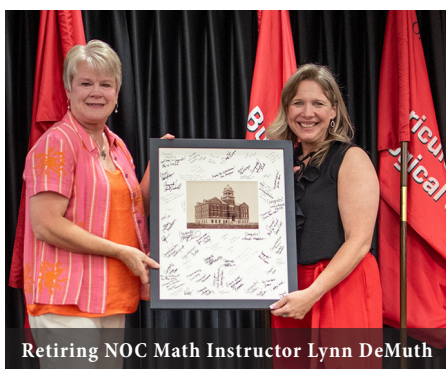


Awards winners were also recognized including Dean of Students Ryan Paul (Professional Staff) and Director of Alumni & Community Relations Kayla Wooderson (Outstanding Support Staff award).

The Outstanding Instructor Award was presented to Dr. Mary Ann McCoy, Agricultural & Life Science Instructor at Enid.

Vice President for Development & Community Relations Sheri Snyder recognized six NOC retirees. They include Dr. Paul Bowers, Tammy Davis, Lynn DeMuth, Jerry Hawkins, Janet Hartz, and Steve McLaren. These retirees have over 120 years of experience at NOC. Each received a framed photo of their respective campus.

President Watkins also provided a state of the college address to faculty and staff. The program is available for viewing at <https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>.



## NOC Alumni Association

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Joint

### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

- \$200 Individual
- \$300 Joint

By joining the NOC Alumni Association as a Lifetime Member, you will receive an NOC Customized Swag Box.



A portion of your dues will go to an Alumni Legacy Scholarship which will be available to those children and grandchildren of NOC graduates who are current members of the Association. The other portion of the money will go to fund our alumni events.

For more information on Membership Benefits or Online Payment click on the following link:

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Wherever your interests lie, there is a place for you to contribute and make a difference. We encourage you to check out our website at <http://www.noc.edu/foundation> to view the donor wish list. Development staff are available to assist you with information.

We look forward to another exciting year of being part of Northern's family as well as working together with you to promote NOC, its programs and students. We encourage you to get involved!

To Give: Go To [www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/](http://www.noc.edu/development/foundation/give-online/)

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