

Diana Hernandez speaks on “Carrying the Baton” for the future

Diana Hernandez, Garfield County Hispanic Coalition Chair spoke Oct. 29, as the first Northern Oklahoma College Speaker Series for 2025-26.

Hernandez spoke on “Carrying the Baton, Preserving Legacies, Building Futures: Empowering Communities Through Heritage,” at the Gantz Center at NOC Enid.

“This is a historic time in the Hispanic Community and I am experiencing a lot of joy in seeing the community come together,” Hernandez said. “Being able to partner with the Hispanic Community in carrying the baton in preserving legacies and building futures.”

“I titled this presentation, ‘Carrying the Baton,’ because I wanted to explain what the Hispanic heritage meant to me. One morning in May 1999, I was prepping for a big game at Garfield Elementary as a 5th grader. I love sports, I was very competitive so I was the 4th leg of my relay race and I remember tying my shoes and I could feel my heartbeat thinking about the pressure of those running before me and how I wanted to make them proud.”

“I received the baton and my teammates were saying, ‘Go, Diana, go!’ “I ran that race but I stand before you today still running the race,” she said. “I realized that I was one of many who in past generations who have run the race and I am proud to represent them as I stand before you today.”

Hernandez then explained her Mexican Heritage and Hispanic Heritage in general. She said there are 26 Latino and two Hispanic countries. She explained that all these countries have passed down their art and cultures from the past and continue to do that today.

She also talked about preserving legacies. Hernandez is from southwest Mexico and she said the main occupations are fishing, farming, and tourism. She added the land is beaches, mountains, and valleys with plenty of cultural festivals. She spoke of her mother and grandmother who passed on her legacy of resilience, sacrifice, and dedication.

“It was their legacy to run the race,” she said.

Hernandez was born and raised in the United States but as she said, “In some ways I am neither from here or there but in some ways both. I’ve lived in between. I love the land I was not born in but I also loved putting my hand over my heart and pledging allegiance to the flag at school.”

“Immigrant children born in the United States live in two worlds,” she said. “Mexico culture at home and American culture at school. I was the fourth runner in our family relay and past generational sacrifice of trying to live a better life and intentionally pass that heritage on for future runners.”

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Diana Hernandez and Dr. Mary Ann McCoy at the NOC Speakers Series on Oct. 29. Hernandez spoke on the Hispanic Communities sharing their legacy with future generations. (photo by Caroline Hillock/NOC)

Baton

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“My heritage is so valued because in order to pass that on to the next generation, we have to come and let go of family in order to have an opportunity at a better life, we do that for our grandchildren,” she said. “But we never lose track of our heritage.”

Hernandez said her family had a great opportunity to go back and see her grandmother who lived a simple but gratifying life,” she said.

“Her bathroom was a system that flushed into a stream which made us think when we used to swim in the stream,” she joked.

She spoke of hiking to a mountain with the most breathtaking view.

“It was hard to get there but the hard to get there was worth it,” she said.

“We are all about building legacies at the Hispanic Coalition,” she said. “We have over 9,000 Mexican/Hispanics in Garfield County. We realize how important it is to partner with local and state agencies to make a better life and more productive life for Hispanics everyone living in Garfield County. We are trying to empower communities through heritage.”

“We want an area where Hispanic communities belong,” she added.

“I hope we can continue to hold the baton

and run the race for our community, honoring those who came before us and passing that on to those who come after,” she said. “We are trying to strengthen community values again for those who come in the future.”

NOC President Diana Morris thanked Hernandez for speaking to NOC students.

“Thank you for telling us about those who started the race and who continue to carry the baton and intentionally pass it forward,” she said. “You are creating futures for so many and the work you are doing in Enid follows our tag line at NOC, ‘Life Changing’ and we are glad to witness that and hope to be a partner with you in the future.”

“The takeaway today is that each of us can carry that baton and pass it on to others,” she said.

The event was sponsored by the NOC Student Government Association.

Hernandez was introduced by Oryne Stewart, Co-President of the NOC SGA and Nancy Real, NOC Enid Hispanic Club member.

The next NOC Student Government sponsored event is the Veteran’s Day Program held in the Gantz Center on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11:30 a.m.

ley Schwarz, and Jaclynn Heitman.

Miss NOC is a free event and open to the public.

For the third year, the event is combined with contestants from Enid and Tonkawa competing for the title.

Adysen Thompson was crowned Miss NOC in November 2025.

Miss NOC set for Nov. 18

The 36th annual Miss NOC Scholarship Competition will be crowned Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center in Tonkawa.

The program starts at 7:30 p.m.

Twelve delegates have entered the contest.

They include Addison Kyler, Alia Dust, Carleona Katcher, Hailey-Jane Holder, Haley Ruth-erford, Emelia Clarke, Ella Bransletter, Stays- sha Cummins, Jordan De Leon, Zion Moore, Ash-

NOC SPEAKERS SERIES



MAYOR
DAVID MASON
MAYOR ENID

Service to Our Nation

TUE | NOV 11 | 11:30 am
Lunch will be served

NOC Enid, Montgomery Hall
Live-streaming to Tonkawa and Stillwater

Celebrating the Air Force 78th year anniversary,
with special recognition and presentations
to our local Air Force Veterans

Hosted by NOC SGA

Todd Glasgow Memorial Wrestling Scholarship presented Saturday

The Todd Glasgow Memorial Wrestling Scholarship will be presented Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Foster-Piper Fieldhouse.

The scholarship will be presented at 9 a.m. before the Maverick Open Wrestling Tournament.

Glasgow wrestled at NOC in 1982 before transferring to Oklahoma State University.

He spent most of his life pouring into the lives of both wrestlers and coaches. He loved the sport and did all he could to support its growth throughout his career as a coach, principal, athletic director and superintendent. In retirement, he made it his mission to bring the sport back to NOC so more young wrestlers would have the chance to continue on while furthering their education.

Through his tireless efforts, he not only rebuilt a strong foundation for the program but also

volunteered and worked to raise funds, ensuring opportunities for student-athletes to thrive. He embodied the spirit of a motivator, a mover, and a shaker – consistently encouraging those around him to appreciate life and to find humor in everyday moments.



Todd Glasgow

Enid mayor set to speak at NOC Enid Veteran's Day program Nov. 11

Enid Mayor David Mason will speak at a Veterans Day presentation Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Northern Oklahoma College Enid as part of the NOC Speaker Series.

Tuesday's program is titled, "Service to our Nation." The event celebrates the Air Force 78th year anniversary with special recognition and presentations of local Air Force Veterans.

The Veteran's Day event will be held in Montgomery Hall inside the Gantz Student Center at 11:30 a.m. The event will be livestreamed on the NOC website at www.noc.edu.

All veterans and the public are invited to the

event. The program is sponsored by the NOC Student Government Association.



Mayor David Mason

35th Annual

Miss NOC

Scholarship Competition

*Tuesday,
November 18,
2025*

Miss NOC 2025
Adysen Thompson



Photo by
Leigh Thompson

Kinzer Performing Arts Center, 7:30 pm

NOC Tonkawa

Free Event. Open to the Public.

Miss NOC Executive Director: Shannon Varner

580.628.6365 or email shannon.varner@noc.edu

Spring enrollment continues

From Dr. Rick Edgington
Vice President for Enrollment Management

NOC students who can graduate in December are encouraged to apply now, according to Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington.

“Now is the time to begin the process of applying for graduation,” Dr. Edgington said. “If you intend to finish your degree this semester, please complete the application. If you plan to complete in spring or next summer, please complete the application after you have met with your advisor and have enrolled.”

To apply for graduation:

1. Log into myNOC
2. Click on the Students tab
3. Look to the left for Graduation
4. Begin the application. If you are completing in December – choose 2025-2026 FA, in May – choose 2025-2026 SP, and in July – choose 2025-2026 SU
5. You do not have to participate in May graduation. Filling out the application only helps us bring your degree to a close at the proper time. There is no cost to applying for graduation, it simply helps us bring your degree to a timely close.

Summer enrollment will open in late February.

December graduation instructions

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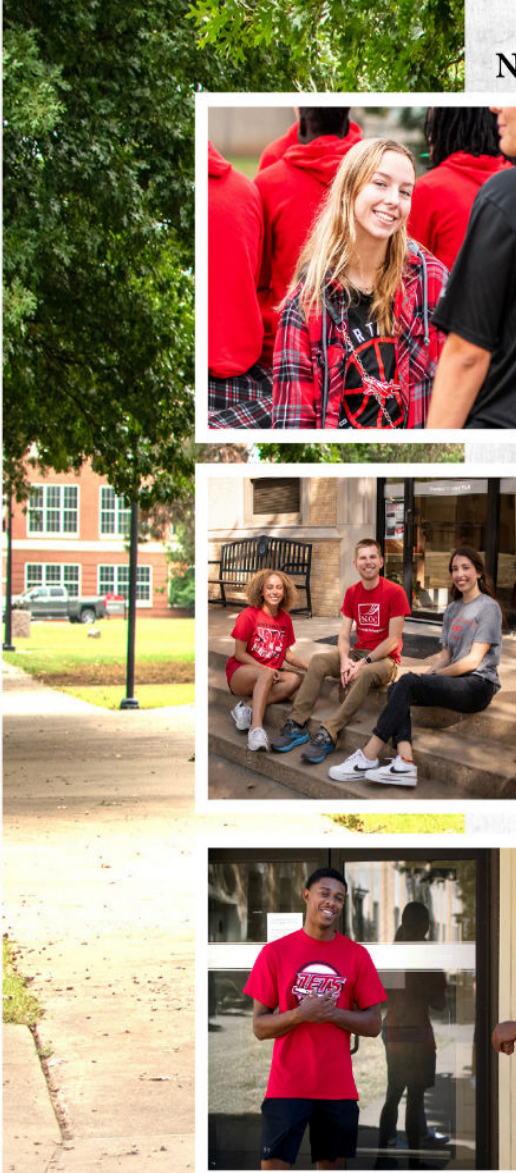
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November 18, 2025 | 2 pm
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For more information contact **Dr. Kathleen Swain**
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NOC Calendar

Nov. 8 Home Men's Wrestling at Maverick Open, 9 a.m. Home Jets Basketball vs. South Central Prep, 2 p.m.	Nov. 12 Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Student Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid Away Lady Jets Basketball vs. Labette (KS), 5:30 p.m. Away Mavs Wrestling vs. Cowley (KS), 6 p.m. The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Nov. 9 BCM Open House, BCM, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., Tonkawa	Nov. 13 BCM Bible Study, Gantz Student Lounge, 1 p.m., Enid Cornhole Tournament, Gantz Center, 7 p.m., Enid
Nov. 10 Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Tabor JV, 5:30 p.m. Home Jets Basketball vs. Independence (KS), 7 p.m. Karaoke, Walcher Conference Center, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa	Nov. 14 Away Lady Mavs Wrestling at Colby (KS) Duals Away Mavs Wrestling vs. Labette (KS), 5 p.m. Away Mavs Basketball vs. Colby (KS) at Barton (KS), 3 p.m. Away Jets Basketball vs. Barton (KS), 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11 Free Lunch, BCM, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tonkawa Veteran's Day Program, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m., Enid Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Cowley (KS), 5:30 p.m./7 p.m. The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid	

November Staculty Birthdays



Kim Burns	Nov. 11	Shannon Lorg	Nov. 20
Samantha Lee	Nov. 12	Ciera Kirby	Nov. 21
Julie Haney	Nov. 13	Elva Perales	Nov. 22
Kathi Shamburg	Nov. 13	Summer McClure	Nov. 24
Michael Heater	Nov. 20	Dee Cooper	Nov. 25

A day for high school juniors, seniors and their adult guests to get an up-close look at what Northern has to offer.

- FREE T-SHIRT
- PRIZE GIVEAWAYS
- CAMPUS TOURS
- MEET FACULTY AND STAFF
- PROGRAMS
- SERVICES
- CLUBS
- ORGANIZATIONS

Northern Encounter

Fall 2025



NOC STILLWATER
NOVEMBER 19
NOC STILLWATER BUILDING
9:00 am-Noon



SCAN CODE TO REGISTER



For More Information
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NOC ENID



NORTHERN
Oklahoma College

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES
FALL 2025

Week 2: Thursday, August 28

BLOCK PARTY 7 pm

EB Lawn
(Cornhole Tournament for TV)

Week 3: Thursday, Sept. 4

TRIVIA NIGHT 7 pm

Gantz Student Center
(Win a New TV!)

Week 4: Thursday, Sept. 11

COMETS BASEBALL GAME

7 pm, OKC (\$10 to reserve)

Week 5: Thursday Sept. 18

BOWLING NIGHT 7 pm

Oakwood Bowl

Week 6: Thursday, Sept. 25

KARAOKE NIGHT 7 pm

Gantz Student Center

Week 7:-Thursday, October 2

Murder Mystery Dinner

7 pm/ Gantz Student Center
(\$5 to reserve your spot)

Week 8: Thursday, October 9

**PING PONG TOURNAMENT
AND MOCKTAIL SOCIAL**

7 pm / Gantz Student Center
(Winner gets Prize)

Week 9: Thursday, October 16

GOLF SIMULATOR 7 pm

Gantz Student Center

Week 10: Thursday, October 23

BINGO FOR FOOD 7 pm

(Winners get food / Air Fryer)

Week 11: October 26- 31 TBA

PLANETARIUM SHOW 7 pm

Bert Mackie Planetarium

Week 12:- Thursday, Nov. 6

BOB ROSS PAINT NIGHT

7 pm / Gantz Student Center
(Paint, Easels, Brushes provided)

Week 13: Thursday, Nov. 13

**CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT** 7 pm

Gantz Student Center
(Cash and Prize Giveaways)

Week 14: Monday, Nov. 17

CUSTOM HAT NIGHT 7 pm

7 pm Gantz Student Center

Week 15: Monday, Dec. 1

**QUILT/BLANKET
MAKING** 7 pm

Gantz Student Center

Week 16: Monday, Dec. 8

FOOD FOR FINALS

10 pm-Midnight
Jets Café

Life changing.

NOC Tonkawa Fall 2025

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Tuesday, September 23

Pizza, Pool and Letters Home

Student Union | 7:30 pm

Monday, September 29

Dodgeball

Tennis Courts | 7:30 pm

Monday, October 6

Bingo for Food

Memorial Student Union | 7:30 pm

Monday, October 13

Inflatable Putt-Putt

4-8 pm | by Heilmann Gazebo

Tuesday, October 21

Bubble Soccer

Soccer Field | 6-8 pm

Monday, October 27

Halloween Movie Night

7:30 pm | Wilkin Auditorium

Friday, October 31

Trick or Treat Fair

on Circle | 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 4

Bingo for Food

Student Union | 7:30 pm

Monday, November 10

Karaoke

Walcher Conference Center | 7:30 pm
[across from bookstore]

Tuesday, November 11 | Veterans Day

Wall of Honor

Outside Student Affairs Office
8 am - Noon

Monday, November 17

Campus Wide Hide n Seek

Meet at Gazebo | 8 pm

Tuesday, November 18

Miss NOC Competition

KPAC | 7:30 pm

November 24 - 28

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 8

Food for Finals

Mavericks Café | 9 -11pm

Winter Break
Begins
December 12
Dorms close at 10 am