

What's Happening

August 21, 2026

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NOC Fall scholarship deadline August 25, scholarships still available

Northern Oklahoma College is continuing to accept scholarship applications for Fall 2026.

The Presidential Leadership Scholarship, the NOC/OSU Gateway Ambassadors Scholarship and the State Regents Oklahoma Rising Scholarship application deadline is closed but other fall scholarships are available.

To apply, simply apply for admission to NOC, apply for financial aid and then fill out the scholarship form online.

For the FY 2026-2027 academic year, the college will provide nearly \$3.5 million in waivers and scholarship support to our students, which is 13.3% of our operational budget. These waivers and scholarships continue to assist our students with academic accomplishments and participation in college activities.

Additionally, the NOC Foundation has invested \$1.5 million in private scholarships for this fiscal year. Some previously un-funded and under-funded programs will see an increase as a result of an infusion of funds. The Foundation has also been working with our private donors to increase not only the number of scholarship awards given but also increase the dollar amount awarded. The Founda-

tion's goal is to maximize the financial assistance provided to each student through private awards, thus reducing any out-of-pocket expenses.

According to Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development and Community Relations, "We are excited to provide a combined total of \$5 million in scholarship support this year. There are some institutional scholarships along with numerous private scholarships through the NOC Foundation still available. Scholarships will be awarded to qualified applicants on a first come, first serve basis through August 25 for the fall semester. We encourage everyone to apply."

To be considered for scholarships, applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov (Northern's Title IV Institutional Code is 003162) within 30 days of accepting a scholarship award.

For a complete listing of all scholarships available, please visit our website at www.noc.edu/scholarships. For more information contact the NOC Scholarship Office at 580-628-6760 or scholarships@noc.edu.

Foundation grant application deadline Sept. 15

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation is again offering grants through the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma Endowment and the Presidential Partners Program funds.

These funds are made available to Northern Oklahoma College programs, students, and employees whose pro-

posed projects support the Foundation's mission of providing quality educational experiences.

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Masonic Grants awarded totaled \$11,896.17 and were

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NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

If so, complete the following steps below

- 1 Apply to NOC**
www.noc.edu/apply
- 2 Complete FAFSA**
studentaid.gov
NOC School Code: 003162
- 3 Complete Scholarship Form**
www.noc.edu/scholarships



IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 25th
Deadline for all Fall scholarships, except PLC Scholarship.

OCTOBER 1st
FAFSA application opens for 2027-2028 school year

JANUARY 25th
Deadline to apply for scholarships for the Spring semester for new or transfer students.

FEBRUARY 20th
PLC Scholarship deadline and priority date (early acceptance) for all other scholarships for Fall.

Contact the Scholarship Office
580.628.6760
Email: scholarships@noc.edu

Need help or have questions?

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SCAN TO VISIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP WEBPAGE



www.noc.edu/scholarships

Deadline

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awarded to NOC Organizations/Divisions including: Criminal Justice Society, Digital Media Institute, Enid Athletic Training, Humanities/ Language Arts, Fine Arts/Art Dept./Musical Theatre, and Student Retention.

Presidential Partners Grants awarded totaled \$30,481.77 and were awarded to NOC Organizations/Divisions including: NOC Stillwater Staculty/Social Committee, President's Leadership Council, Staculty Conference Registration, NOC Advisory Board Meeting, Criminal Justice Society, Fine Arts/Musical Theatre/Art Dept./ DMI, and Athletics.

Please review the attached Foundation Grant Policy and Procedures and the NOC Foundation Grant Fund Request Form.

Grant Application and Award Process:

- 1. Masonic Endowment Grant: to be used exclusively for student support. Deadline is September 15 for Masonic Endowment Grant requests.
- 2. Presidential Partners Grant: may be used for student and/or employee support. Presidential Partners Grant requests may be submitted any time during the year and are reviewed and approved on a first-come first served basis until

budgeted funding is depleted. Priority deadline is September 15.

3. The request form: Complete and return to the Office of Development and Community Relations or email to candy.oller@noc.edu.

If applying for both Masonic and Presidential Partners funds, please separate the specific amounts you would like to request for each on the Requested Amount line. i.e., Total - \$ 3,000.00; Masonic (students only) - \$ 2000.00 and Presidential Partners (student and/or employee support) - \$1,000.00.

The NOC Foundation Treasurer annually determines fund availability. These funds are derived from endowment earnings and donations.

The number and dollar amount of the grants awarded are based on these figures.

Those submitting grants which are approved will be contacted by e-mail and receive an official approval letter with the amount approved, a copy of their approved grant application, and further instructions on how to utilize grant funds through Foundation processes.

Those submitting grants which are denied, will also be contacted by e-mail and receive an official denial letter.

NOC Calendar

Aug. 23

Home Lady Jets and Jets Soccer vs. Coffeyville (KS), 6 p.m./8 p.m.
BCM Open House, BCM, 7 p.m. – 9p.m., Tonkawa

Aug. 25

Scholarship Deadline
Free BCM Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Lady Jets Soccer Scrimmage vs. UCO,

TBA

The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

Aug. 26

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center Lounge, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid

The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Aug. 28

Final Day to Drop Courses with Full Refund

EXCITING NEWS FOR NOC STUDENTS!

\$1000 STUDENT HOUSING INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Beginning Fall 2026, all students living in our residence halls on the Enid and Tonkawa campuses will automatically receive an NOC Foundation Housing Incentive Scholarship.
[\$500 Fall / \$500 Spring]

TO RECEIVE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

1 ENROLL
at www.noc.edu

2 COMPLETE
your housing and meal plan application

3 SUBMIT
the \$75 room deposit through housing on the [myNOC](#) portal

DEADLINE

Scholarships will be automatically applied to the bursar accounts for all students meeting the requirements after the **ADD/DROP DATE**



U.S. Senator James Lankford met with freshman members of Northern Oklahoma College’s President’s Leadership Council in their Freshman Orientation Class. Student leaders on the Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater campuses are enrolled in an orientation section taught by President Morris.



Jeremy Hise, VP of NOC Enid and 1998 NOC alum, was nominated for the Spotlight Shaker award at the Enid Young Professionals’ 12th Annual 10 Under 40 Awards on Tuesday. This award recognizes an individual, group, organization, or business that serves as a community partner and champion of Enid by promoting quality of life, talent retention, and the recruitment of the next generations of leaders.



Northern Oklahoma College and
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Oslo, Copenhagen & Stockholm

SUMMER 2027
STUDY ABROAD
June 9 - June 17, 2027

Day 1 Overnight Flight to Norway [Oslo]

Day 2 Hallo Oslo

Day 3 Oslo to Copenhagen

Day 4 Copenhagen

Day 5 Copenhagen

Day 6 Copenhagen to Stockholm

Day 7 Stockholm

Day 8 Stockholm

Day 9 Flight home

Stockholm guided sightseeing tour
Gustav Adolfs Torg, Swedish
Parliament, Swedish House of Lords,
Stortorget Main Square
Nobel Museum visit

Stockholm city walk
Stockholm Stock Exchange,
Royal Palace
Vasa Museum visit

from Stockholm

Meet your tour director and
check into hotel
Oslo city walk
Royal Palace, Karl Johans gate,
National Theatre, Egertorget

Oslo guided sightseeing tour
Oslo Opera House, Akershus fortress,
Vigeland Sculpture Park visit
Norsk Folkemuseum visit
Overnight ferry to Copenhagen

Copenhagen guided sightseeing tour
Little Mermaid Statue, Gefion
Fountain, Christiansborg Palace,
Tivoli Gardens

Travel to Stockholm via the
Oresund Bridge
Granna peppermint candy shop visit



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2026 NOC Women's Soccer

Women's soccer opens Sunday

Northern Oklahoma College Enid opens the 2026 women's soccer season Sunday when the Lady Jets host Coffeyville (Kansas) at 6 p.m. at the Advance Soccer Complex.

The Lady Jets are under the tutelage of second-year coach Joe Jolly. Jolly led the Lady Jets to a 7-4-5 record and a berth in the NJCAA Region 2 Postseason Tournament.

Jolly is looking forward to the 2026 season.

"I am very excited for this year's group," Jolly said. "We brought in a lot of new players to the program this year. I think that this year's group has a lot of potential to have a very successful year."

The second-year coach said he learned a lot from his first season in Region 2.

"Last year I spent a lot of time getting to know the region and where the team can find success," he said. "We finished the season on a very strong note last year and we are looking to continue on with that trend to start this season."

NOC returns a number of key performers from last year's squad, including goalkeeper Alex Price and Haley Solis, who scored four goals as a freshman. Other returnees include Kloe Vunetich, Dulce Salas, McCalah Burkhart

and Maiya Das.

"Having all of the freshmen return from last season is a huge help," he added. "Each of them played significant minutes last season and are well prepared to go into their sophomore season."

He added that a number of freshmen are ready to contribute.

"I am expecting a number of the newcomers to make a significant impact in the group. One standout through the first two weeks has been Alexia McMullen. She has arrived ready to go and will help lead this group for the next two seasons."

Other freshmen include Kaylen Stephens, Laileana Hall, Ariana Romero, Sydelle Vaughn, Sophia Avalos, Elisa Franze, Ivette Infante, Rhiananna Gomez, Bailee Campbell, Tegan Mortier, Irelynd Shew, Valeria Gutierrez, Louise Larmark, Julie Hernandez, Milly Carmona and Whitney Zuniga.

Jolly said he likes the depth of the 2026 team.

"Our biggest strength is our depth. We have multiple options at every position, which not

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SUNDAY | AUGUST 30, 2026 | 7:00 PM

at Heart in the Park Pavillion

Tonkawa Centennial Park | 301 East Grand

FULL
MOON
CONCERT

Brandon Haynes
and NOC Roustabouts Alumni

RB



Women's Soccer

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only helps during games but creates a very competitive environment during training. The biggest emphasis this preseason was growing closer as a team and getting to know each other on and off the field. With 18 new faces, it is very important that we grow close prior to going into a tough season.”

The Jets coach said he thinks fans will enjoy the style of play this season.

“We will be looking to play with a brand that is exciting to watch,” he said. “We have a lot of talented attacking players that will be hunting for goals this year.”

Jolly added that he likes the chemistry of this year’s squad.

“The way these ladies bonded over the preseason makes me very excited. From day one, they have been working to understand each of their strengths and weaknesses to help make NOC a better team.”

The schedule includes nonconference games against Coffeyville (Kansas), Hutchinson (Kansas) and North Idaho. Conference games include matches with Seminole State, Rose State, Eastern, Redlands, NEO, Northwest Arkansas, Murray State and UA Rich Mountain.

The Jets are picked fifth in the preseason poll behind Seminole State, Rose State, UA Rich Mountain and Murray State and ahead of Northwest Arkansas, Eastern, NEO and Redlands.

“We have created a very difficult schedule for ourselves leading into conference play,” Jolly said. “I am excited to test ourselves early to find all the flaws prior to heading into conference play.”

A community Meet the Jets Night is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, from 5-7 p.m. at Enid Brewing Co.



NOC recruiters Sarah Jo Otto and Michael Donaldson at Lights on Stillwater on Wednesday. (photo by Mallory Kyler NOC)

Happy BIRTHDAY!

August Employee Birthdays

EMPLOYEE	BIRTHDAY	EMPLOYEE	BIRTHDAY
Joshua Harris	8/1	Erin McCoy	8/11
Jonathan Monk	8/2	Allan Lester	8/13
Alicia Larson	8/4	Scott Cloud	8/18
Paige Hutsell	8/5	Louis Griffith	8/18
Paul Stokesberry	8/5	Sarah-Felicia Vitale	8/20
Harli Dodge	8/6	Riley Barrick	8/22
Brad Matson	8/6	Bart Allen	8/23
Craig Esch	8/7	Jennifer Hammons	8/26
Todd Ging	8/8	Rachel Kroemer	8/27
Niesha Jones	8/8		
Eugene Young	8/8		
Curtis Parr	8/9		
Kenneth Black	8/10		
Emma Robinson	8/10		
Stephanie Runyon	8/10		





2026 NOC Men's Soccer

Jets' men open season Sunday night

Jets men's soccer will open the 2026 season Sunday night hosting Coffeyville (KS) at 8 p.m. at the Advance Soccer Complex.

Coach Joe Jolly is the interim men's coach replacing Aron Bassoff who left NOC for Southwest Baptist University in Missouri.

Jolly served as Bassoff's assistant in 2025 where the Jets finished 1-13-1.

"The boys have done a great job responding to a new coach on such short notice," Jolly said. "There is always a period of uncertainty when a coaching change occurs, and they have battled through that to come into this season with an open mind and ready to compete. They've bought into what I have been asking of them and have made my job much easier throughout the process."

"Being on the sideline for the men's games last season helped me learn a lot about the region," he added. "I am looking forward to leading the men into games this year with an improved mindset to bring success to the program."

The program has just five returnees including keepers Archie Briggs and Ricardo Guedez and field players Marlon Perez, Marco Segovia, and Anas Iman.

"Having leadership from returning goalkeeper Archie Briggs and Midfielder Marlon Perez have made a big impact though preseason," Jolly said. "I expect them to continue to add to the group on and off the field. We have a lot of new talent across the field this season on the men's side, I think there will be players in each area of the field that will make an impact from goalkeeper to forwards."

Freshmen include keeper Marlon Kerschbaum along with field players Mateus Perissinotto, Ryder Lenz, Santiago Giminez, Sam Ritchie, Ben Funken, Uros Milosavljevic, Andy Hernandez, David Rodriguez, Emerson Morrill, Danny Annis, Arturo Michelana, Yannis Larouf, Edwin Loza, Isaiah Ortiz, Yahir Montes, Athos Goncalves Silva, Luka Zoric, Orane Strawn, Carlose Limon, Dante Perez, and Austin Shope.

Jolly is excited for the upcoming season with all the new faces in the program.

"This year's team has many new faces that have added to the program on and off the field," he said. They are committed to achieving their goals throughout the season and are looking to

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Who We Are

Making A Difference, Inc. is a dedicated non-profit organization located on the northwest corner of the NOC campus, committed to supporting the well-being of the college community.

We provide free, high-quality counseling services to students and faculty at NOC, offering a safe and confidential space to address a wide range of mental health concerns.

Our team consists of six experienced and compassionate licensed mental health specialists, each committed to helping individuals navigate the challenges of college life and beyond.

Whether you're seeking support for stress, anxiety, relationship issues, or personal growth, Making A Difference is here to help you thrive.

How to Access Services



Do Not Hesitate to Reach Out!

- **Walk-In:** Visit our office on the northwest corner of the NOC campus during our business hours to sign up for services in person. 129 N. University Ave.
- **Call Us:** Reach out to our office by phone to schedule an appointment or get more information about our counseling services.

Our Services

Counseling

- **Stress Management:** Learn effective strategies to manage academic, social, and personal stress.
- **Mental Health Support:** Receive professional help for anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns.
- **Personal Growth:** Gain insights into your values, goals, and identity, helping you navigate college life and beyond.
- **Relationship Support:** Address challenges in friendships, romantic relationships, and family dynamics.
- **Coping Skills Development:** Build resilience and coping mechanisms for life's challenges.
- **Confidential and Non-judgmental Environment:** Speak openly about your thoughts and feelings in a safe space.
- **Crisis Intervention:** Access immediate support during difficult or overwhelming times.
- **Career and Life Planning:** Explore career options, set goals, and develop a plan for your future.

Contact Us

580-233-5900

www.enidmad.org

Men's Soccer

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have a breakout season. The biggest emphasis for the men's group has been supporting one another. Going through a coaching change one week before season begins is not an easy task for the program. It has been very important to have each other's back though the difficult times they've faced."

Jolly added that this group came in to the pre-season ready to work.

"The biggest strength this season will be the work rate from the boys. Each player wants to make an impact here at NOC and has been putting in the effort to do so. The amount of effort and willingness to try new things has made this a very exiting team to work with. Keeping this mindset throughout the season will benefit this

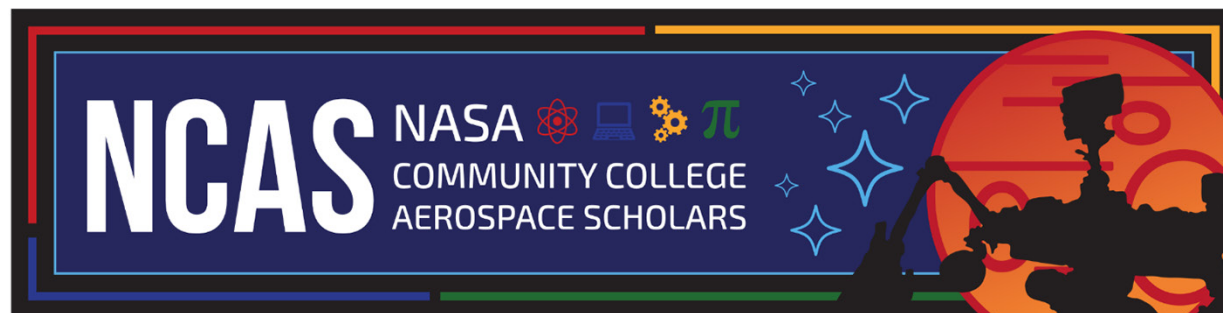
group tremendously."

The Jets conference schedule includes Rose State, Murray State, UA Rich Mountain, Connors State, Eastern, and Northwest Arkansas.

NOC Enid is picked 7th heading into the season behind Eastern, Murray State, Northwest Arkansas, NEO, Rose State, UA Rich Mountain and ahead of Connors State.

"We have a limited away schedule this season which means we get to defend our home turf more often than not," Jolly said. "We are very excited to make our field a difficult place to play."

A community "Meet the Jets Night" is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, from 5-7 p.m. at Enid Brewing Co.



Launch a space career with NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS). Across two phases, participate in live webinars, hear from NASA technical experts, explore NASA career pathways, and build your professional STEM career portfolio. Get career-focused training and hone valuable career skills and build in-demand technical skills that align with NASA workforce needs.

Whether looking to advance in a career or a faculty member/advisor supporting student success, all are encouraged to explore and share this opportunity!

Flexible Learning: Gain an educational experi-

ence designed to fit into your semester.

Apply Your Skills to NASA Careers: Learn how your technical skills connect to NASA careers and mission needs.

Direct Career Pathways: Connect directly with top employers, internships, and career training opportunities.

Earn up to \$750: Students have the opportunity to earn monetary awards upon completing the cohort and participating in the Virtual Career Fair.

Information Webinars will be held on Sept. 2 and Sept. 16, 2026.



Your college experience is your own — but that doesn't mean you have to go through it alone.

TimelyCare is here to support you: your health, your goals, and everything life throws your way. Whether you need to talk, ask a medical question, get sleep and nutrition tips, or just take a break, our care is built for you.

FEELING OFF?

Talk to a mental health professional 24/7. No waiting, no stress!

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Doctors are on call anytime. Even weekends!

SPIRALING?

Same. Your classmates are, too. Jump into the community right from your phone.

TRYING TO GET IT TOGETHER?

Self-care journeys are always just a tap away.

Having a backup plan...
ALWAYS SMART.



100% FREE * NO INSURANCE NEEDED * 100% FREE

SIGN IN NOW



The NOC Star-Gate A Weekly Portal to the North Oklahoma Sky

Brought to you by the Bert & Janice Mackie Planetarium at Northern Oklahoma College

This Week's Viewing Conditions:

The Moon: The Moon will be waxing over the next week, so it will become brighter. But early morning viewing should still be good. The next full Moon will be on August 27th, and it will be accompanied by a lunar eclipse.

Weather: Check the forecast! The forecast is promising for the next week, so take advantage! There may still be some particulate in the air, but the front this last week helped to clear things up a bit.

Highlights for the Week of Friday, August 21 to August 28, 2026

This Week – The Moon is going to be the star of the show this coming week. The night of August 27th, the full Sturgeon Moon will arrive. The Earth will get between the Moon and the Sun, resulting in a lunar eclipse. This is going to be a near-total eclipse with somewhere between 93% and 96% of the Moon in the shadow.

These astronomical events aren't instantaneous. The Moon will start to enter the Earth's

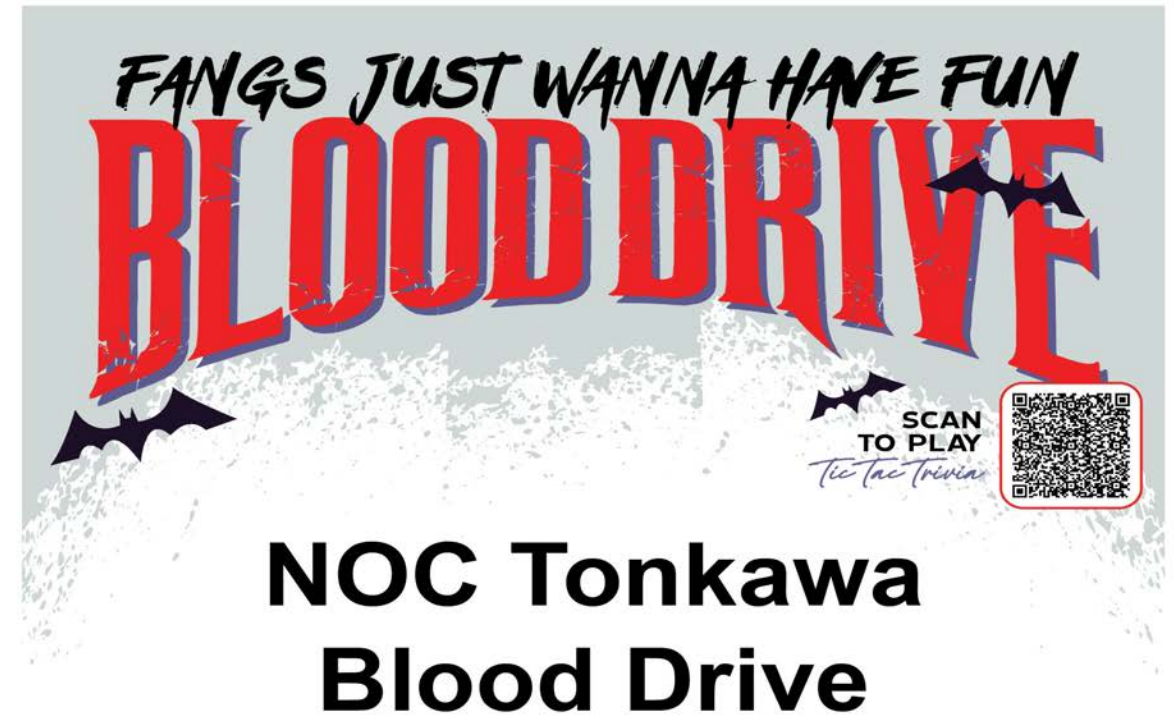
shadow at about 8:20 pm (8:23 pm to be exact) and will peak at 11:21 pm. The Moon will leave the Earth's shadow around 2:00 am on August 28. At its peak, the Moon will be a coppery or red color, sometimes referred to as a "Blood Moon."



Astronomical Notes

Watching a lunar eclipse does not require any special eye protection. It is safe to view with the naked eye, binoculars or a telescope. As the Moon, enters the Earth's shadow it is going to look like a bite has been taken out of the Moon. You want to look for the stark contrast between the bright areas, and the darker ones. The best viewing will be outside of the community lights. Look to the east/southeast to see the Moon. (If you want to catch a picture, check out NASA's Lunar Photography Guide <https://science.nasa.gov/moon/photography-guide/>)

Photo Credit: Slooh Canary Two Moon Image, by Dr. Frankie Wood-Black on Jul 21, 2024



Wednesday, September 16
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Student Union

**GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR
GIVING BLOOD**

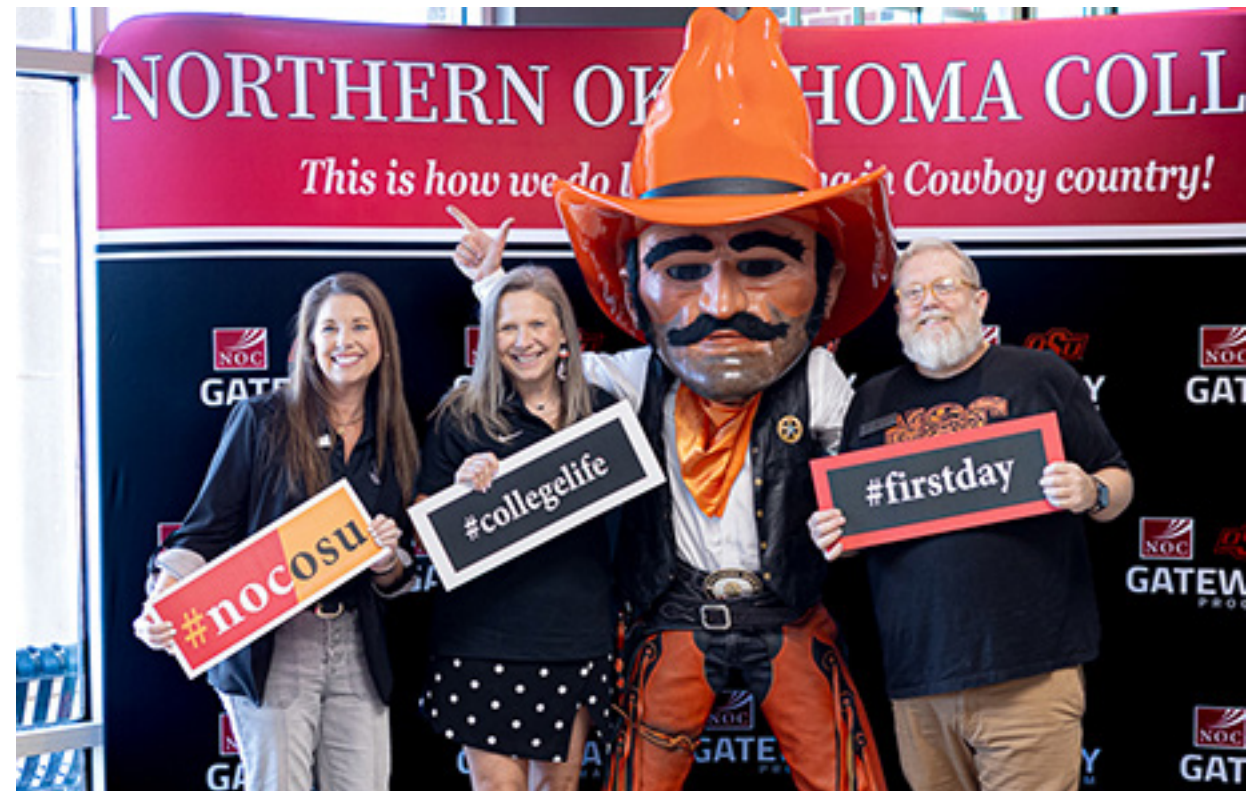


Get Going with Gateway



Gateway, First Day photos by Mallory Kyler/NOC

Get Going with Gateway



Enid/Tonkawa First Day Photos

