

What's Happening

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NOC Roustabout alums to appear at Sunday concert

Brandon Haynes featuring NOC Roustabout Alumni, will headline the Full Moon Concert on Sunday, August 30 in Tonkawa Centennial Park, 301 East Grand, Tonkawa.

The musically eclectic evening will feature sixteen NOC Roustabout alumni including Brandon Haynes (*keys/vocals*), Hunter Vogele (*drums/vocals*), Ally Owdetallah, (*bass*), Mason Childers, (*drums*), and Nathan Ready (*winds*). Guest musicians Jenna Wells (*violin*) and Cassidy Broome (*cello*) will also perform.

The audience will enjoy a broad selection of covers including pop, rock, and some good ole' oldies! Additional alumni performing vocally include Alyssa Baker, Caden Coffey, Faith Crum, Abby Davis, Donald Goldsmith, Kenneth Kage, Amberlynn Kelly, Olivia Mikiel, Tim Muniz Jr., Tarryn Pruitt and Logan Smith.

Haynes teaches music and is the vocal director and musical arranger for the Roustabouts at Northern Oklahoma College. He is also the director of music and worship arts at First United Methodist Church in Tonkawa and the artistic director for the Choral Arts Society of Northern Oklahoma (CASONO) Ponca City com-

munity choir.

The family-friendly outdoor concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Heart in the Park Pavilion and is free to all.

The NOC Foundation along with the Alumni and Community Relations are supporting this community event and will host an information booth with giveaways and bottled water.

Since bench seating in the park is limited, the public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Pets on leashes are welcome and restroom facilities are located across the street in the Santa Fe Depot. Throughout the evening, concertgoers may walk the world's only heart-shaped labyrinth, and the evening concludes with the traditional group howl at the full moon.

Northern Oklahoma College and NOC Foundation joins North Central Oklahoma Arts Council and Heart in the Park Committee to sponsor this event. In case of inclement weather or for more information, check for Full Moon Concert updates at <https://heartinthepark.org/> and on NCOAC Facebook: www.facebook.com/TonkawaArts/ or by messaging 580-628-0108.



Singer Tarryn Pruett returns to join Brandon Haynes & NOC Roustabout Alumni at the Heart in the Park Pavilion to perform pop and rock covers at the Sunday, August 30 Full Moon Concert in Tonkawa. Sixteen talented NOC Roustabout Alumni will be featured throughout the night. The unique full moon concert series is in its 12th year and is sponsored by North Central Oklahoma Arts Council and Heart in the Park committee. The August event is co-sponsored by Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Music begins at 7 p.m. with free admission in Tonkawa Centennial Park, 301 East Grand.

NOC Enid launches donor challenge for athletic training center

Northern Oklahoma College Enid is proud to announce the official launch of a Donor Matching Challenge Campaign with a \$750,000 fundraising goal to raise funds in support of a cutting-edge Athletic Training Education Center at Failing Field. This new facility will not only serve as a hub for student-athlete care and rehabilitation but will also provide advanced educational opportunities for students pursuing careers in sports medicine and athletic training.

Thanks to a generous commitment from the Allen Family Foundation, every dollar donated or pledged between now and midnight, December 31, will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$375,000, effectively doubling the impact of each contribution.

Mark Allen, representing the Allen Family Foundation, shared, "We are excited to support a project that benefits the Enid baseball community and our long-standing partnership with the David Allen Memorial Ballpark. Additionally, we are pleased to support Northern Oklahoma College, its students and the future career opportunities in the athletic healthcare fields." Allen further commented, "The Allen Family Foundation hopes that their matching challenge donation will inspire others to join in this project to insure it has the necessary funding needed to see it through completion."

With the combined support from numerous educational partners, the overall \$2.95 million comprehensive "All In Together" campaign is nearing the end with just \$750,000 remaining to complete this campaign goal. The "All In Together" comprehensive campaign encompasses three phases of this capital project with the completion of the new center as a crucial component.

"This is more than just a building project—it's

an investment in the health, safety, and future success of our students," said Diana Morris, President of Northern Oklahoma College. "Our student-athletes give their all on the field and in the classroom, and this facility will ensure they have access to the best care, training, and educational resources available. The matching challenge gives our alumni, fans, and community members a unique opportunity to make their support go twice as far."

Northern Oklahoma College approved the "All In Together" capital campaign as well as a Capital Project Agreement between NOC, Enid Public Schools, and the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. for the Athletic Training Education Center and Failing Field renovation in October 2025.

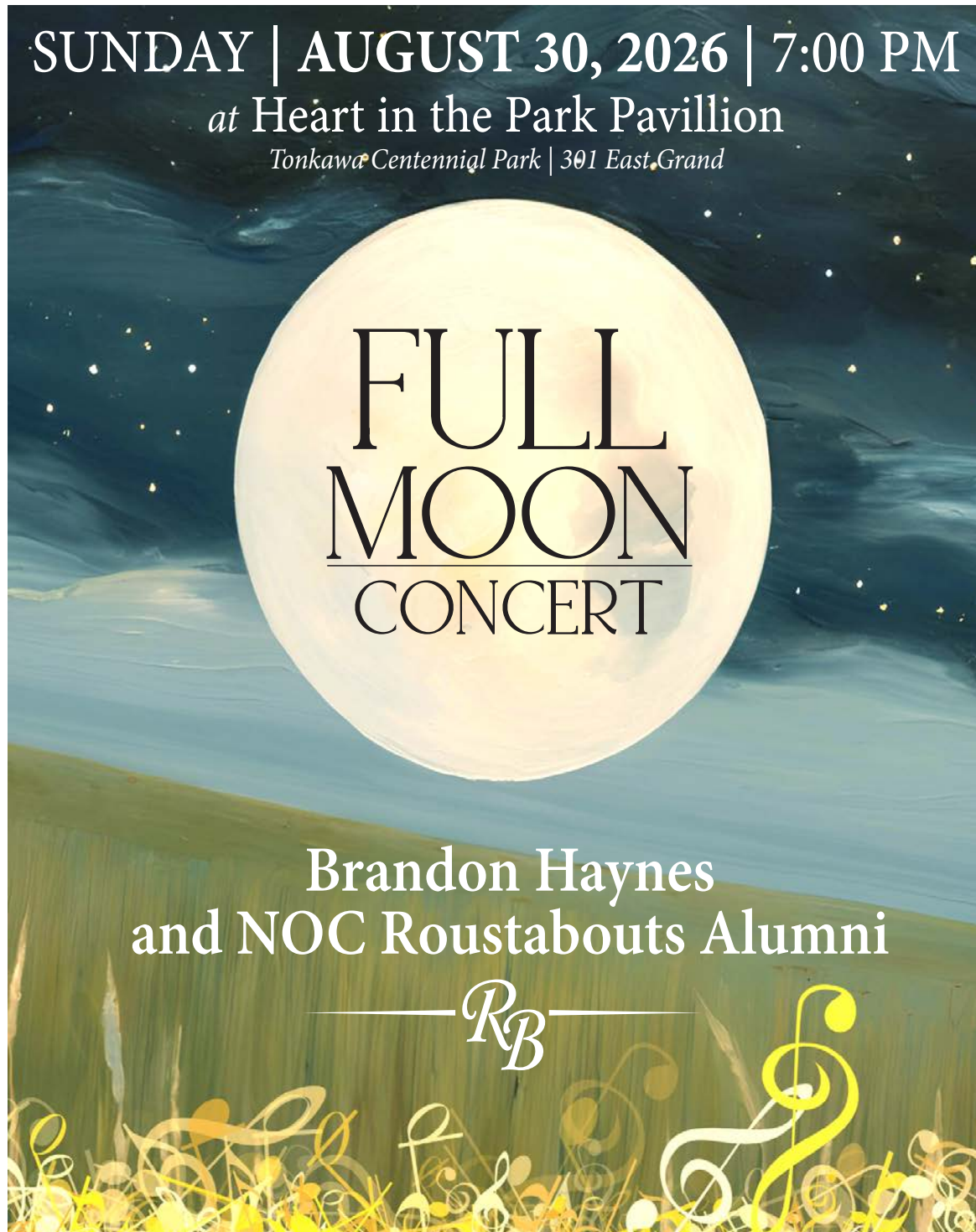
Jeremy Hise, Vice President for NOC Enid, said the new facility would not only provide opportunities for NOC Enid athletic training students but also meet the workforce needs for northwestern Oklahoma. He added that athletic trainers are challenging to find in rural areas but students in other health fields also would benefit from the education center. NOC was without an athletic trainer in 2023 due to a nationwide shortage in the athletic training field.

"This is definitely a workforce need," Hise said. "We will be providing better opportunities for good careers for our students. It will also have a broader impact by benefitting Enid Public Schools, David Allen Memorial Ballpark, and the City of Enid."

The 2000 square foot Athletic Training Education Center (ATEC) will feature:

- State-of-the-art training room with rehabilitation and therapy spaces designed for injury

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SUNDAY | AUGUST 30, 2026 | 7:00 PM
at Heart in the Park Pavillion
Tonkawa Centennial Park | 391 East Grand

**FULL
MOON
CONCERT**

**Brandon Haynes
and NOC Roustabouts Alumni**

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ATEC

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prevention, treatment, and recovery.

- Specialized sports medicine classroom and lab where students can gain hands-on experience with real-world equipment and techniques.
- Advanced diagnostic and performance technology to monitor and enhance athletic performance.
- Community outreach areas to host clinics, workshops, and programs for local athletes and coaches.

The project reflects NOC Enid's commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics. By integrating modern facilities with innovative teaching methods, the college aims to prepare students for successful careers in athletic training and other allied health degrees.

Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development

and Community Relations/Executive Director of the NOC Foundation, encourages community members, alumni, and supporters to participate in the matching challenge by making a gift before the deadline. Tax-deductible contributions can be made securely online at www.noc.edu/development/foundation/atec, by mail, or in person at the NOC Development Office. Snyder commented, "Every donation, no matter the size, will be matched and will directly contribute to the success of the project."

For more information about the project or matching challenge campaign, please contact Sheri Snyder, at 580.628.6208, sheri.snyder@noc.edu; Jeremy Hise at 580.548.2393, jhise@noc.edu; or Diana Morris, NOC President at 580.628.6275, diana.morris@noc.edu.



Guest history speaker

The Introduction to American Studies class on the NOC Stillwater campus recently welcomed guest speaker Ms. Kirsten Olds from the OSU Museum of Art. Ms. Olds helped students analyze artwork in a discussion about the creation and evolution of art of the American West. This guest lecture fits into the course's larger goal of exploring how place can shape American identity.



All In Together

ATHLETIC TRAINING
EDUCATION CENTER
AT FAILING FIELD
PROJECT

SCAN TO
DONATE
ONLINE



A comprehensive fundraising campaign aimed at raising capital funds for a new Athletic Training Education Center (ATEC) and to update the baseball/softball facilities at Failing Field / Northern Oklahoma College Enid.



All In Together

DONOR MATCHING CHALLENGE

\$375K

CAMPAIGN REMAINING GOAL

\$750K

made in support of the Athletic Training Education Center at Failing Field Project

Thanks to a generous family foundation with athletic ties to the Enid area, all donations made between now and midnight, **December 31, 2026** will be matched dollar for dollar on all monetary and pledge gifts up to \$375,000.

With the combined support from numerous educational partners, this \$2.95 million comprehensive campaign is nearing the end with just \$750,000 remaining to complete this campaign goal.

DONATE ONLINE: www.noc.edu/development/foundation/failing-field

Planetarium show set for Sept. 1

The September NOC Enid Planetarium show at the Mackie Planetarium will be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

The September show will present the night sky over Enid during autumn and point out where constellations, planets and other interesting objects may be found in the evening sky.

There is no charge for NOC Enid planetarium shows.

The planetarium is available for private and school groups. Contact Dr. Frankie Wood-Black at frankie.woodblack@noc.edu for additional information.



Life changing.

NOC Staculty September Birthdays



Candy Oller	Sept. 1	Wendy Spiva	Sept. 18
Crystal Smith	Sept. 1	Studd Morris	Sept. 19
Mary Morris	Sept. 3	Jeff Tate	Sept. 19
Suzy Wright	Sept. 4	Cara Beth Johnson	Sept. 20
Kenneth Headrick	Sept. 6	Jill Harmon	Sept. 21
Sarah Machia	Sept. 6	Chad Anderson	Sept. 26
Frankie Wood-Black	Sept. 6	Christi Hook	Sept. 26
Kathleen Swain	Sept. 8	Luke Kruse	Sept. 26
Stacey Frazier	Sept. 9	Kelley Larkin	Sept. 26
Rachel Janzen	Sept. 10	Taryn Pruett	Sept. 29

NOC ENID

PLANETARIUM SHOW

**Tuesday,
September 1, 2026 | 6 pm**

Mackie Planetarium

Free Admission

[Donated non-perishable food items accepted]

 **Life changing.**

Presidential Partner, Masonic grant applications 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 proposed projects support the Foundation's mission of providing quality educational experiences.

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Masonic Grants awarded totaled \$11,896.17 and were 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) - \$2,000.00 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.

Contact Candy Oller for additional information, candy.oller@noc.edu.






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

Day 3 Oslo to Copenhagen
Oslo guided sightseeing tour
Oslo Opera House, Akershus fortress, Vigeland Sculpture Park visit
Norsk Folkemuseum visit
Overnight ferry to Copenhagen

Day 4 Copenhagen
Copenhagen city walk
Church of Our Lady, Round Tower, Stroget, City Hall Square
Canal cruise

Day 5 Copenhagen
Copenhagen guided sightseeing tour
Little Mermaid Statue, Gefion Fountain, Christiansborg Palace, Tivoli Gardens

Day 6 Copenhagen to Stockholm
Travel to Stockholm via the Oresund Bridge
Granna peppermint candy shop visit

Day 7 Stockholm
Stockholm guided sightseeing tour
Gustav Adolfs Torg, Swedish Parliament, Swedish House of Lords, Stortorget Main Square
Nobel Museum visit

Day 8 Stockholm
Stockholm city walk
Stockholm Stock Exchange, Royal Palace
Vasa Museum visit

Day 9 Flight home
from Stockholm



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Pre-Engineering, Nursing Professional Day in Enid Sept. 4

Northern Oklahoma College Pre-Engineering and Nursing students will attend a Professional Day at the Gantz Center at NOC Enid on Friday, Sept. 4 at 9 a.m.

Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Division Chair for Engineering, Physical Science, and Process Technology and NOC Nursing Faculty will lead the program on Friday.

Students will take professional photographs and learn about the pre-engineering and nursing programs and how to prepare for the professional world.

NOC Calendar

Aug. 30

BCM Open House, BCM, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Tonkawa

NOC Foundation Full Moon Concert, HIP, 7 p.m., Tonkawa

Aug. 31

Home Jets Soccer vs. Mid-America Christian Reserves, 4 p.m.

Sept. 1

Free BCM Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

Planetarium Show, Mackie Planetarium, 6 p.m., Enid

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

Trivia Night, Student Union, 8 p.m., Tonkawa

Sept. 2

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

Home Lady Jets and Jets Soccer vs. Rose State, 5 p.m./7 p.m.

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

Sept. 4

Pre-Engineering/Nursing Professional Workshop, 9 a.m., Enid

Sept. 6

BCM Open House, BCM, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Tonkawa

Sept. 7

Labor Day, No Classes/Offices Closed

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



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:

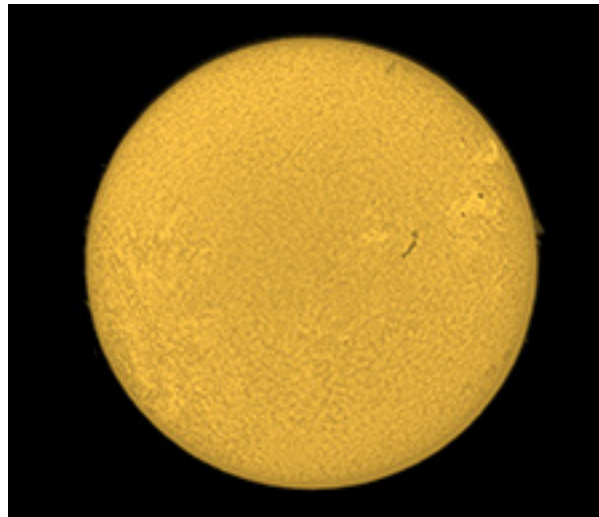
The Moon: The full Moon was on the evening of August 27, and thus will begin waning over the week as we move toward the New Moon on September 11, 2026. Thus, the Moon will obscure some of the dimmer stars, but as the week progresses, the viewing gets better.

Weather: Check the forecast! The forecast is promising for the next week, so take advantage!

Highlights for the Week of Friday, August 24 to September 4, 2026

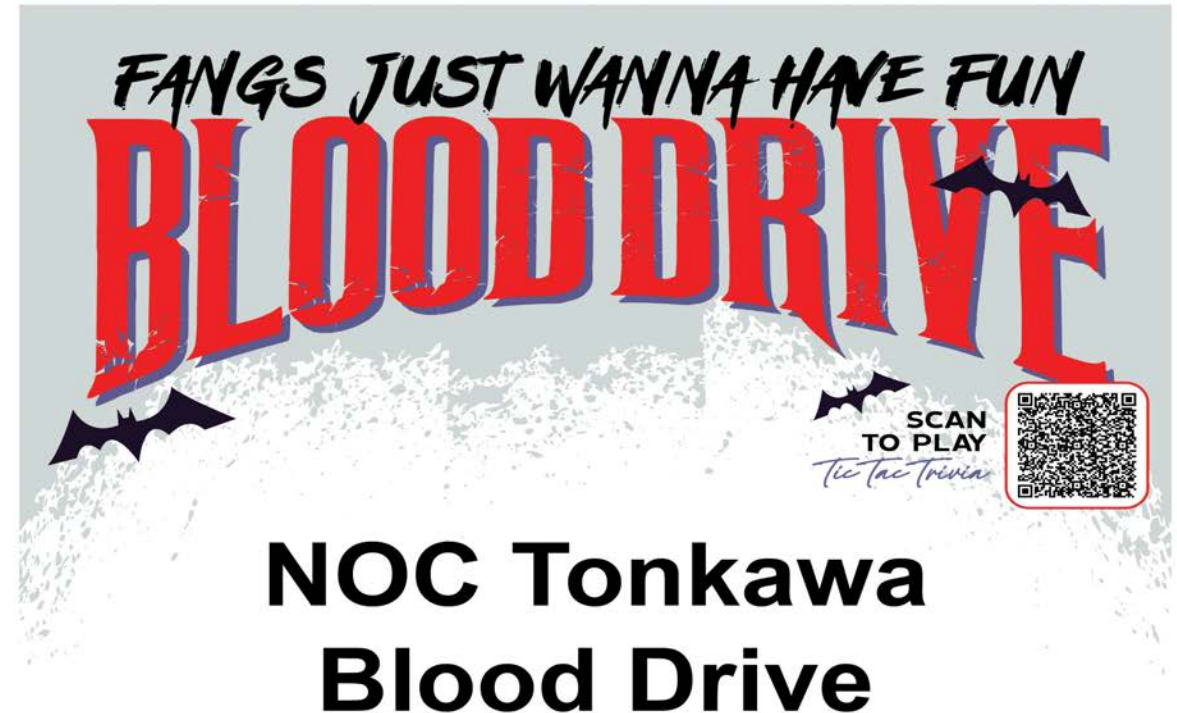
This Week – The annual Aurigid Meteor Shower is active during this week. The best rates will be around 6 to 10 meteors per hour. These meteors will appear to be radiating from the constellation Auriga, which will appear in the northeastern sky. Auriga is recognizable by its pentagon shape. It will rise in the late evening and will climb higher in the sky after midnight. Capella is the bright star of Auriga, which is a colorful star as it rises.

In the evenings, you should be able to see Venus to the west-southwest. In the mornings, Mars will be high with Jupiter lower in the eastern sky.



Astronomical Notes

The constellation Auriga is also called the Charioteer. The brightest star in the constellation is Capella. This is a “flashy star” when it is close to the horizon with a distinctly golden hue. While it looks like a bright single star, it is actually four stars, a pair of binary stars. Normal telescopes cannot separate the stars, but we know they are separate stars due to the differences in their spectroscopy, i.e. a method used to separate the different wavelengths of light. One set of binary stars are old yellow giants, while the other set are red dwarfs. You can learn more about these stars by going to <https://earthsky.org/brightest-stars/capella-is-the-stellar-beacon-of-auriga-the-charioteer/>. Photo Credit: Slooh Canary Five – The Sun - Image, by Dr. Frankie Wood-Black on August 18, 2026



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

GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR GIVING BLOOD





NOC Enid Soccer is underway, the Jets host MACU Reserves Monday at 4 p.m. and both teams are in action Wednesday against Rose State at 5 p.m./7 p.m. (photos by Mallory Kyler/NOC)



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE
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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

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