

What's Happening

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NOC student nurses receive white coats in Enid ceremony

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Nursing held its Fall White Coat Ceremony and Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society induction Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Montgomery Hall at NOC Enid.

Students receiving white coats included BreAnna Allen, Ponca City; Sonia Allen, Ponca City; Dena Arita, Ponca City; Crystal Backus (Oakes), Ponca City; Cadence Berkenbile, Enid; Ryleigh Bertschy, Fort Worth, Texas; Emma Blenden, Denton, Texas; Anna Bracken, Waukomis; Savannah Brown, Enid; Brooklynn Davis, Enid; Kaylee Gibson, Ponca City; Bridget Graham, Ralston; Rachael Grammer, Longdale; Clayton Harrison, Shady Point; McCage Hartling, Enid; Elizabeth Hopkins, Stillwater; Chelsea Humphrey, Stillwater; Kayla Hunt, Cushing; Vanessa Kerr, Lucien; Savanna Larson, Stillwater; Angela Lee, Eucha; Rita Lopez-Ramirez, Enid; Storm Million, Enid; Nevaeh Mock, Enid; Ashley Myers, Enid; Rebecca Napier, Antlers; Molly Oder, Braman; Oluwaseun Owolabi, Fairview; Bryton Paker, Tonkawa; Sophia Rogers, Stillwater; Jadyn Rother, Okarche; Ashlyn Schenck, Stillwater; Holli Smith, Ponca City; Katherine Stewart, Stillwater; Ruby Valles Pando, Meno; and Audrey White, Perry.

The first White Coat Ceremony was created by Dr. Arnold P. Gold in 1993 to emphasize human caring in the practice of medicine. The

ceremony has since expanded to other health care disciplines, including nursing.

During the ceremony, students receive their white coats and recite the Division of Nursing Professionalism Pledge, acknowledging the importance of compassionate, patient-centered care. The ceremony symbolizes the responsibility of future nurses to provide compassionate, evidence-based care throughout their careers.

"The white coat ceremony recognizes the students' willingness to begin a journey that requires courage, dedication, humility and compassion," said NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Vickie Crouch.

"The white coat represents the beginning of the students' professional identity. They are no longer just simply learners, they are the next generation of nurses who will make a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and the communities that they will serve," she added.

NOC Nursing Instructor Elaine Briggs addressed the students, emphasizing the responsibilities that come with wearing the white coat.

"This is a celebration but also an initiation," Briggs said. "By slipping on these coats today, you are stepping out of the classroom and onto hospital floors to care for real human lives."

Briggs reminded students that their nursing journey will include challenges, difficult exams and the responsibilities of patient care.



NOC student nurses received their white coats in a ceremony at NOC Enid on Tuesday. The white coat symbolizes the students' transition from the classroom to clinical work in the nursing program. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)

"The nursing faculty can guide you and support you but no longer protect you," she said. "It's important that you struggle a little to push through those hard days. The learning comes from the struggle and your strength will come from that struggle."

"You will learn to trust the process," Briggs added. "There will be times when the uniform

gets dirty and that means you are in the process. It means you are learning to be a nurse in the most beautiful way."

Northern Oklahoma College is home to the Theta Omicron chapter of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing's Alpha Delta Nu

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A large number of NOC nursing students were inducted into the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society at Tuesday’s white coat ceremony. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)

White Coat

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Nursing Honor Society.

Students are invited to provisional membership after successfully completing the first semester of the nursing program, earning a minimum grade of B in every nursing class and demonstrating high standards of professional behavior.

Full membership is granted during the final semester to students who have maintained high academic standards and demonstrated integrity and professionalism on campus and in clinical settings.

Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society inductees included Kristen Andrade, Enid; Alexis Babot, Newkirk; Megan Holt, Kremlin; Hail-ee Jackson, Poolville, Texas; Elayna Lancaster, Stillwater; Kirsten Maly, Enid; Daniella Ri-os-Ramirez, Dover; Isidoro Rojo Fuentes, Fair-

mont; Saira Rojo Fuentes, Enid; Megan Snyder, Ponca City; Emilie Thompson, Enid; Shaylyn Vogle, Kellyville; and Adrienne Young, Enid.

“Northern Nursing is proud to partner with the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. Alpha Delta Nu members demonstrate a commitment to advancing their knowledge, embracing evidence-based practice, and contributing to the nursing profession,” Crouch said.

“Their achievement reflects not only the countless hours spent studying and developing clinical skills, but also the determination to grow into safe, compassionate, and professional nurses.”



MEET THE MAVERICKS

Come meet all the Maverick Athletes and help celebrate NOC Athletics!

Bring family, friends, and anyone who wants to learn more about NOC Athletic Programs!

Free to Attend

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Come and Go 5:30 - 7:30 pm

at the Hub Tonkawa
I-35 and Highway 60



Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

Enid, Stillwater Northern Encounter events set for Oct. 20, Oct. 27

Northern Oklahoma College will give prospective students and their families an opportunity to experience NOC firsthand during two Northern Encounter recruiting events in October.

Northern Encounter will be held Oct. 20 at NOC Enid and Oct. 27 at NOC Stillwater.

Prospective students and their parents will have an opportunity to tour campus, meet NOC faculty and staff, and learn more about academic programs and services available to students. Information will also be available re-

garding admissions, scholarships and financial aid. Visitors can also learn about NOC clubs, organizations and other opportunities to become involved in campus life.

The events will also include door prizes and free NOC swag.

Registration will be held from 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at each location.

For more information, contact Sarah Jo Otto at 580.628.6668 or Recruiter1@noc.edu, or Michael Donaldson at 580.548.2353 or Recruiter2@noc.edu.

Interested in a Career in Dental Hygiene or Dentistry?

Northern Oklahoma College students interested in pursuing a career in dental hygiene or dentistry are invited to learn more about educational opportunities through the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry.

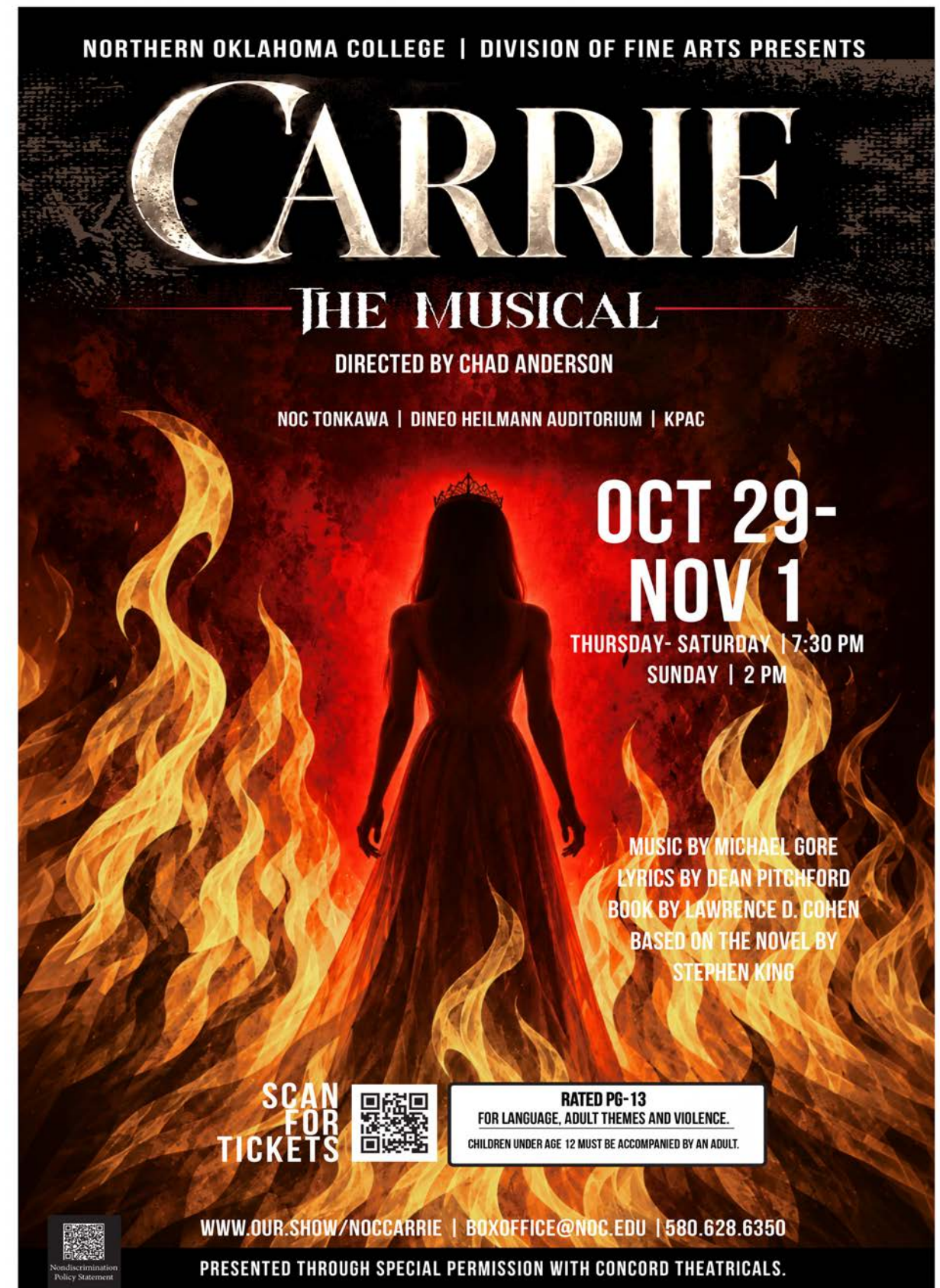
Representatives from the OU College of Dentistry will visit the NOC Enid and Tonkawa campuses Thursday, Oct. 22, to discuss the application process, provide program information and answer student questions.

NOC's new dental hygiene program is scheduled to begin in Fall 2027.

Campus Visit Schedule:

- NOC Enid: Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Zollars Library
- NOC Tonkawa: Thursday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Cultural Engagement Center, Vineyard Library/Administration Building

Students considering a career in the dental profession are encouraged to attend and learn more about the opportunities available to them.





Over 100 Enid High School students attended the Northern Encounter event at Enid on Oct. 7. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)

Tonkawa hosts Sexual Assault Awareness Resource Fair

NOC Tonkawa is hosting a Sexual Assault Awareness and Resource Fair at the Student Union on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Tonkawa Police Department and the Kay County Resource Network will be on hand at the resource fair.



WONDERING ABOUT THE NEW PATHWAY TO THE *CPA*?

Come learn more at our webinar!
October 22nd @ 11 AM
Scan to Register!



WEBINAR TOPICS:

- The Pathway to the CPA
- Experience Requirement
- Available Resources





NOC Tonkawa hosted a Northern Encounter on Tuesday. Recruiting events are scheduled for Oct. 20 in Enid and Oct. 27 in Stillwater. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC).

Nursing application deadline is Oct. 31

The Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program is currently accepting applications for Spring 2027.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 31 for traditional students.

Applicants must meet minimum program requirements for admission and be accepted to Northern Oklahoma College prior to ac-

ceptance in the Nursing Program. Applicants are selected based on qualifications and space availability.

NOC has nursing programs at Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater locations.

Please call 580.628.6679 for additional information.

Fine Arts to present ‘Carrie, the Musical’

NOC Tonkawa Fine Arts will present “Carrie, The Musical” with performances Oct. 29 – Nov. 1 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center’s Dineo Heilmann Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29-31 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1.

NOC faculty, staff, and students receive free admission.

NOC Resident Student Life is sponsoring a free Trick or Treat Fair in the College Circle on Friday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

125th ANNIVERSARY

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ENCOUNTER

For High School Juniors, Seniors and Their Guests

TONKAWA	ENID	STILLWATER
October 13, 2026 & January 28, 2027 Renfro Center	October 20, 2026 & February 4, 2027 Gantz Student Center	October 27, 2026 & February 11, 2027 NOC Stillwater Building

Learn more about NOC
and take a campus tour!

A Free Event!

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am
Event: 9:30-11:30 am

FREE T-Shirt
and Door Prizes
Including Tuition Waivers

SCAN CODE
TO REGISTER

Meet Staff, Faculty
and Students

Contact Information:
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NOC Calendar

Oct. 17

Away Lady Mavs Basketball at Lawrence (KS) Showcase
Mum/Pumpkin Sale, Ag Complex, 8:30 a.m. – noon, Tonkawa

Oct. 18

Mum/Pumpkin Sale, Ag Complex, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Tonkawa
BCM Open House, BCM, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 19

UCO College Day, Zollars Library, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Pumpkin Decorating, Gantz Center, 7 p.m., Enid
Ping Pong Night, Wellness Center, 8 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 20

Northern Encounter, Gantz Center, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Enid
Free BCM Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Meet the Mavs, The Hub, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

Oct. 21

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Southwestern, TBA
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center Lounge, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Board of Regents Meeting, President's Large Conference Room, 2 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Mavs Softball vs. Southern Nazarene, 2:30 p.m.
Home Lady Jets and Jets Soccer vs. NorthWest Arkansas, 5 p.m./7 p.m.
Home Mavs Basketball Scrimmage vs. Monarch Academy, 6 p.m.
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 22

Away Jets Softball vs. Tarleton State (TX), TBA
Dental Hygiene Program Q&A, Zollars Library, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Enid
Dental Hygiene Program Q&A, Cultural Engagement Center, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Sexual Assault Awareness Resource Fair, Student Union, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Jets Baseball vs. OBU, 4 p.m.

Oct. 23

Home Jets Basketball Scrimmage vs. Labette (KS), 4 p.m.
Home Lady Mavs Basketball Scrimmage vs. Neosho (KS), 5 p.m.

36th Annual

Miss NOC

Thursday,
November 19,
2026



Miss NOC 2026
Alia Dust

Photo by Leigh Thompson

Kinzer Performing Arts Center

7:30 pm

Dineo Heilmann Theatre, NOC Tonkawa

Free Event. Open to the Public.

Miss NOC Executive Director:
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