

What's Happening

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NOC ranked No. 1 in Oklahoma for LPN-to-RN bridge program

Northern Oklahoma College has been ranked No. 1 in Oklahoma in PracticalNursing.org's 2027 rankings of LPN-to-RN/BSN programs.

NOC earned the top position among 10 Oklahoma colleges and universities included on the website's list, which reported a 100% first-time NCLEX-RN pass rate for NOC based on a three-year weighted average. The National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses is the licensing examination for aspiring registered nurses.

"Advancing from LPN to RN is more than earning another credential for our students," said Nursing Division Chair Dr. Vickie Crouch. "It is an investment in their future, an opportunity to broaden their scope of practice, and a pathway to greater professional responsibility and career growth. At Northern Oklahoma College, we are proud to help experienced nurses build upon their accomplishments, achieve their potential, and make an even greater difference in the lives of patients, families, and the communities they serve. At NOC, we don't simply prepare LPNs to become RNs—we invest in the people, potential, and possibilities that will shape the future of nursing."

According to PracticalNursing.org, first-time NCLEX-RN pass rates carry the greatest weight in its rankings. Accreditation, program completion and retention also factor into the evaluation.



NOC President Diana Morris said, "As health-care systems continue to rely on a highly skilled workforce, LPN-to-RN pathways play an important role in helping experienced nurses advance into expanded clinical roles. By creating opportunities for nurses to build on their existing knowledge and patient care experience, these programs strengthen the profession while helping meet the evolving needs of patients and communities."

The website highlighted NOC's accessibility for working licensed practical nurses across northern Oklahoma and opportunities for qualified applicants to receive advanced standing toward completion of the nursing program.

NOC's LPN-to-RN bridge pathway allows licensed practical nurses to build on their previous education and experience as they work toward becoming registered nurses. Applicants

must meet nursing program admission requirements, hold an active, unencumbered Oklahoma LPN license and complete required coursework, including Transition to Registered Nursing, to receive advanced standing credit.

For more information about NOC's LPN-to-

RN pathway, visit [NOC's nursing application webpage](#), email nursing@noc.edu or call 580-628-6679.

The complete rankings are available at [PracticalNursing.org](https://practicalnursing.org).



NOC Enid Speaker Series: Enid human resources professional and community leader Cristal Pryor spoke to Northern Oklahoma College Enid students during the Student Government Association Speaker Series last Thursday. Pryor shared her personal journey and encouraged students to become involved in their communities during her presentation, "Unidos-Somos Más – Together We Are More." She is pictured with NOC Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)

Cristal Pryor speaks on, 'Unidos-Somos Mas – Together We Are More'

Enid human resource professional Cristal Pryor spoke at NOC Enid last Thursday as part of the Student Government Association Speaker Series.

Pryor spoke on the theme, "Unidos-Somos Mas – Together We Are More."

"When we settled on this theme, she said. "It felt personal because it reflected my family's journey and the community that helped shaped me."

Pryor described her journey as a first-generation Mexican American from Enid and although Spanish was spoken in her home, she was able to help her family due to being bilingual. She uses that experience to help her employees in the Enid community.

"My parents are from small communities in Mexico and came to the United States with their parents seeking a better life," she said. "My parents had the support of their families, a trait that I want to carry on with my family today."

After her parents separated, She then moved to Enid to be close to her grandparents. Her family received assistance for food and other necessities.

"I didn't understand where the help was coming from at the time only that it was provided by someone and was needed," she said. "Now, as an adult, I understand what that meant and how family, neighbors, schools, organizations in a community can step up when families need help. I may not know the answer to help but I can help them find someone who does. I want people to feel comfortable asking for help and respect those who provide it."

Now, as an HR professional, she helps people receive help and being bilingual helps. She helps people find work through the Garfield County Hispanic Coalition.

"There are people in this community with decades of experience who can answer the questions I cannot," Pryor said. "My growth started small by attending meetings and volunteering for tasks and then did it again. I challenge the students here today to do the same, attend a meeting, volunteer at an event, or be part of an organization. Use the skill you have to help others. You don't have to be called a leader to help others and work in your community."

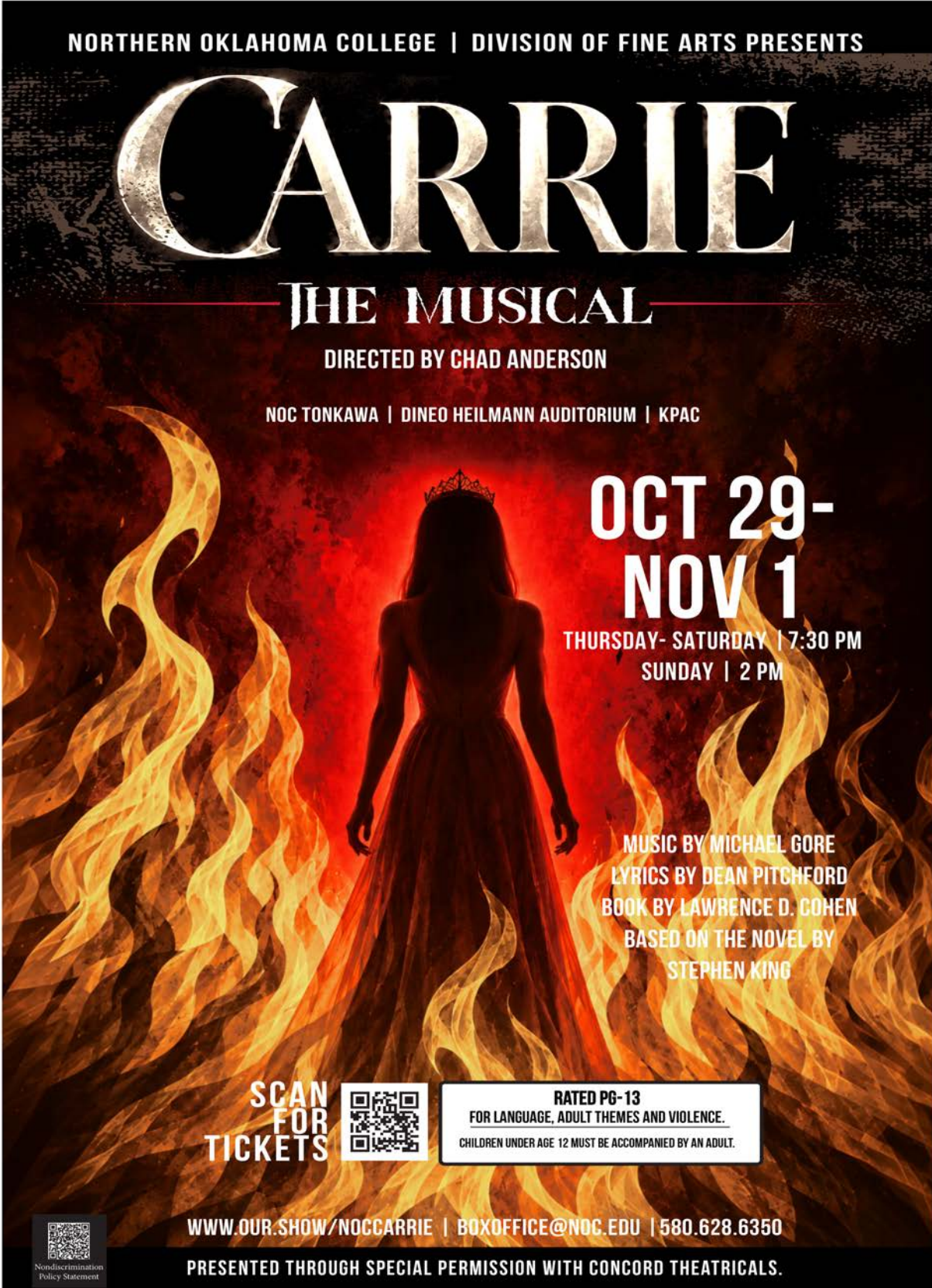
"Together we are more," she said. "I came to Enid because of families helping families. We received support from the community and that is true today in the Enid community."

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise thanked Pryor for her message to students as did NOC President Diana Morris.

"Thanks, Cristal for 'showing up' today," Morris joked. "For many who do not think they are in a position to lead, it just starts with 'showing up' and I appreciate you sharing that message with our students today."

NOC Enid Hispanic Heritage Club members Celene Sesma, Sehelene Gonzales, and Jaden Baez spoke at the program giving a history of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Pryor is a human resources professional and community leader in Enid. She was recognized as a 2026 Enid Young Professionals under 40 award winner. She serves as Secretary of the Garfield County Hispanic Coalition, serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Leadership Greater Enid Class XXXVI (36). She is also a graduate of the NextGen Fellowship through United Way, where she further developed her leadership skills and passion for community service.



NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE | DIVISION OF FINE ARTS PRESENTS

CARRIE

THE MUSICAL

DIRECTED BY CHAD ANDERSON

NOC TONKAWA | DINEO HEILMANN AUDITORIUM | KPAC

**OCT 29-
NOV 1**

THURSDAY- SATURDAY | 7:30 PM
SUNDAY | 2 PM

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LYRICS BY DEAN PITCHFORD
BOOK BY LAWRENCE D. COHEN
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY
STEPHEN KING

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NOC Enid Hispanic Heritage Club members with guest speaker Cristal Pryor. Sehelene Gonzales, Celene Sesma, Cristal Pryor, Jaden Baez, Marcos De La Torre (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)



Members of the Hispanic Heritage Club at NOC Enid created this poster with South American countries and their national flowers. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)

FALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 8 Cornhole and Volleyball Between Bush-Duvall and Boehme Halls 8:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 17 Voter Registration Day Dunk Tank by Clock Tower 9:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 21 Board Game Night Memorial Student Union 8:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 28 Singo Renfro Center 8:00 PM
OCTOBER 6 Inflatable Golf By Heilmann Gazebo 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 12 Casino Night Renfro Center 8:00 PM	OCTOBER 19 Ping Pong Night Wellness Center 8:00 PM	OCTOBER 27 Paint Night Wellness Center 8:00 PM
NOVEMBER 5 Pool Tourney Memorial Student Union 8:00 PM	NOVEMBER 8 Homecoming Sheet Decorating and Hot Chocolate By Heilmann Gazebo 7:00 PM	NOVEMBER 9 That's No Bull Review Skits That Will Make You Laugh! Wilkin Auditorium 7:30 PM	NOVEMBER 10 Homecoming Tailgate In The Circle Drive 4:00 PM
NOVEMBER 11 Cupcakes and Flags Clock Tower 9:00 AM	NOVEMBER 19 Miss NOC Competition Kinzer Performing Arts Center 7:30 PM	DECEMBER 3 Smores Night and Hot Chocolate Bar Heilmann Gazebo 7:30 PM	DECEMBER 7 Food for Finals Memorial Student Union 9:00 PM

Contact Student Affairs Office for More Information 580.628.6240

NOC seeking nominations for 2027 Distinguished Alumni Award

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2027 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor the college bestows upon its alumni.

Nominations are due Nov. 1, according to Ciera Kirby, Director of Alumni & Community Relations.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes former NOC students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their professional careers, personal lives and service to their communities. Honorees are individuals whose accomplishments and contributions reflect the values and mission of Northern Oklahoma College.

Selected recipients will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during the Alumni and Friends Reunion next spring. The upcoming ceremony will mark the 25th anniversary of the Hall of Fame, which celebrates the accomplishments and lasting im-

pact of NOC alumni.

Last year's Distinguished Alumni inductees were Rick Scott, Adam Leaming and Wilma Harman.

NOC encourages alumni, friends and community members to nominate deserving former students who have made a positive difference in their professions and communities.

Selected honorees will be inducted into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during the Alumni and Friends Reunion in spring 2027. The date for the ceremony will be Thursday, April 1, 2027.

For nomination information and a list of previous honorees, visit [NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame](#).

For additional information, contact Kirby at 580-628-6292 or ciera.kirby@noc.edu. Information is also available at www.noc.edu/alumni.

Stillwater Northern Encounter Tuesday

Northern Oklahoma College will give prospective students and their families an opportunity to experience NOC firsthand during a Northern Encounter recruiting event in Stillwater on Oct. 27.

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 regarding 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.

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.

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:
Shannon Varner

580.628.6365 or email
shannon.varner@noc.edu



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Tonkawa Homecoming activities set

Homecoming voting begins Wednesday, Oct. 28 on the NOC Tonkawa campus.

Homecoming is set for Tuesday, Nov. 10 during the Lady Mavs/Mavs games against Cowley College.

The following is the list of homecoming events.

Oct. 28: Homecoming voting, semi-finals from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Student Affairs Office.

Oct. 29: Homecoming voting, semi-finals from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Student Affairs Office.

Nov. 2: Homecoming voting finals, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Student Affairs Office.

Nov. 3: Homecoming voting finals, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Student Affairs Office.

Nov. 8: Sheet Decorations/S'mores, 7:30 p.m., tennis courts

Nov. 9: That's No Bull Review Skits, 7:30 p.m., Wilkin Auditorium

Nov. 10: Tailgate on the Circle, 4 p.m.; Lady Mavs vs. Cowley, 5:30 p.m.; Mavs vs. Cowley, 7:30 p.m.; Homecoming Royalty at halftime of the men's game.

'Carrie, The Musical,' Trick-or-Treat fair set for next week

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.

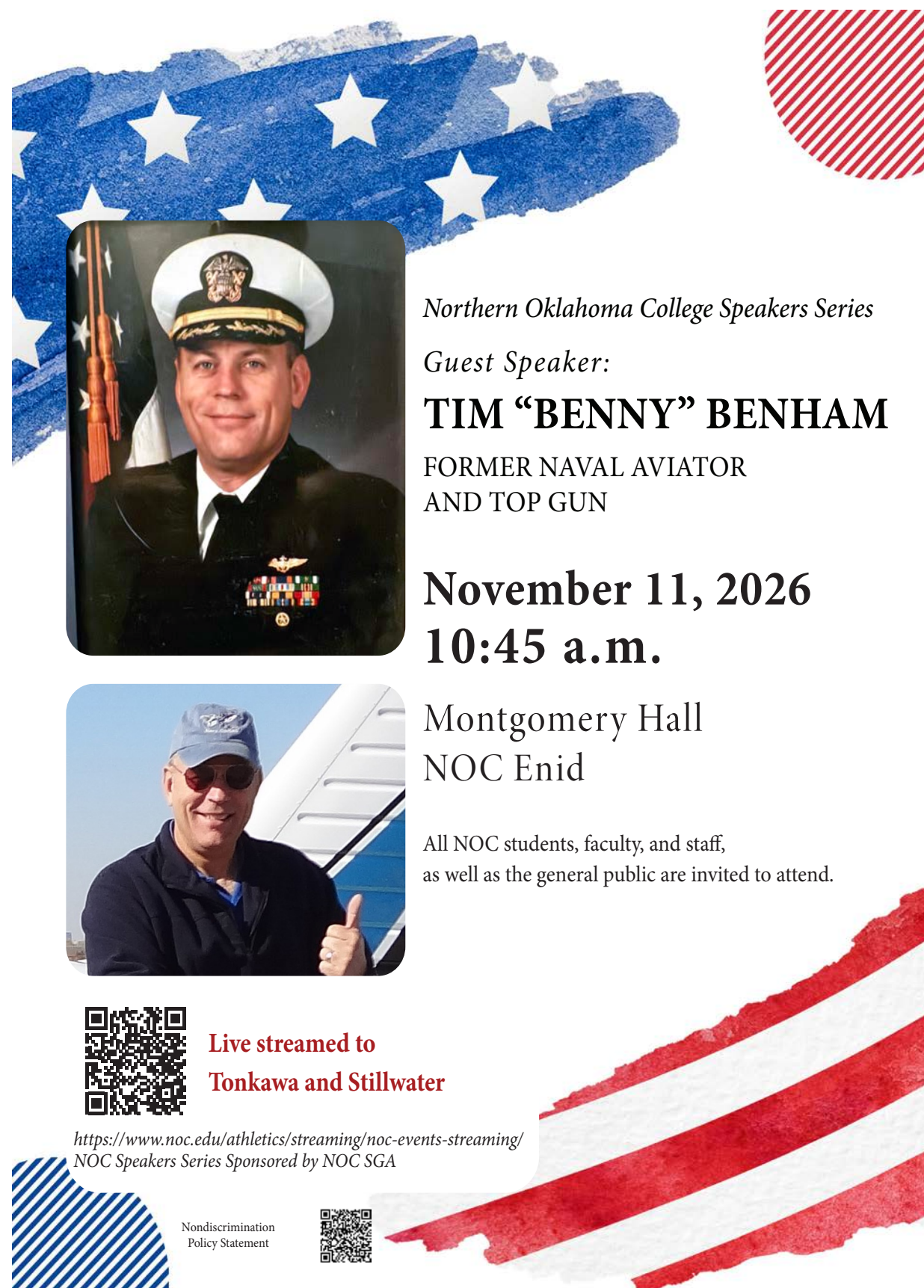
Stamp out Starvation set for Sunday at Tonkawa Methodist Church

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa students have the opportunity to participate in the Stamp Out Starvation program Oct. 25 at the First United Methodist Church Family Center in Tonkawa.

The project is from noon – 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Stamp Out Starvation Director Monte Stewart will provide a mission update during the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Students will help package meals that are shipped all across the world.



Northern Oklahoma College Speakers Series

Guest Speaker:

TIM "BENNY" BENHAM

FORMER NAVAL AVIATOR
AND TOP GUN

**November 11, 2026
10:45 a.m.**

Montgomery Hall
NOC Enid

All NOC students, faculty, and staff,
as well as the general public are invited to attend.

**Live streamed to
Tonkawa and Stillwater**

<https://www.noc.edu/athletics/streaming/noc-events-streaming/>
NOC Speakers Series Sponsored by NOC SGA

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NOC Tonkawa hosted a Sexual Assault Awareness and Resource Fair on Thursday, Oct. 22. The Tonkawa Police Department and the Kay County Resource Network (above) handed out materials to NOC students. Flags made a state of Oklahoma design for the resource fair.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES



NOC ENID FALL '26

OCTOBER 5 - 7 PM
MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Raffles, win prizes through fun interactive games on the court, food and drinks

Mabee Center Main Gym



OCTOBER 12- 6:30 PM
MAGICIAN
JONATHAN MEYER

Gantz Student Center

OCTOBER 19- 7 PM
PUMPKIN DECORATING
HALLOWEEN MOVIE

Gantz Student Center



OCTOBER 27 - 7 PM
DODGEBALL

Mabee Center Aux Gym



NOVEMBER 4 - 7 PM
KARAOKE

Food and drinks

Gantz Student Center



NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY



NOVEMBER 12 - 7 PM
GOLF SIMULATOR

plus other outdoor games (giant jenga, cornhole, spikeball)

Mabee Center Aux Gym - Racquetball Courts

NOVEMBER 16 - 7:30 PM
BINGO FOR FOOD

Gantz Student Center



NOVEMBER 23-27
THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER 7
FOOD FOR FINALS
10-MIDNIGHT

Cafeteria



NOC Foundation establishes JoAnn M. Westphalen Endowed Memorial Scholarship

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the establishment of the JoAnn M. Westphalen (JMW) Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship was established in memory of JoAnn Westphalen, a Northern Oklahoma College alumna and longtime educator, with the goal of empowering women through higher education.

Westphalen attended NOC in 1970 before earning her degree from Oklahoma State University in 1972. She went on to a career in education, teaching science and physical education at Ponca City East Middle School, formerly

East Junior High, until her retirement.

The endowed scholarship reflects Westphalen's commitment to education while providing opportunities for students who may be returning to college later in life.

"Whether enrolling in college for the first time or returning to college after some time in the workforce, this scholarship will truly provide non-traditional students with life-changing opportunities for education they might not otherwise be able to afford as it is renewable for up to four semesters," said NOC President Di-

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NOC representatives join Shannon and Larry Andrews to recognize the establishment of the JoAnn M. Westphalen Endowed Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from left are Candy Oller, director of development and planned giving; Sheri Snyder, vice president for development and community relations; Shannon Andrews; Larry Andrews; and NOC President Diana Morris. (Photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)



HOMECOMING KING & QUEEN VOTING

VOTING BEGINS

October 28
Homecoming Voting Semi-Finals
 9am-1pm | Student Affairs Office

October 29
Homecoming Voting Semi-Finals
 9am-1pm | Student Affairs Office

November 2
Homecoming Voting Finals
 9am-1pm | Student Affairs Office

November 3
Homecoming Voting Finals
 9am-1pm | Student Affairs Office

HOMECOMING WEEK

November 8
Sheet Decoration/S'mores
 7:30pm | Tennis Courts

November 9
That's-No-Bull Revue Skits
 7:30pm | Wilkin Auditorium
 [Prizes for 1st-3rd Place]
 Homecoming T-shirt handout after
 No-Bull Revue Skits [must be present]

November 10
Tailgate on the Circle | 4pm
Women's Basketball vs. Cowley | 5pm
Men's Basketball vs. Cowley | 7pm
Homecoming Royalty | Halftime

Scholarship

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ana Morris. NOC is grateful for the chance to honor JoAnn Westphalen’s legacy in this way.”

Preference for the scholarship will be given to a non-traditional female student age 25 or older. Preference will also be given to applicants who have not received another scholarship that would provide funds exceeding their additional expenses for the academic year.

The scholarship is open to students in any major. Applicants demonstrating financial need, scholarship aptitude and achievement will receive preference. Recipients may attend NOC full time or part time and must maintain a cumulative 2.25 grade-point average or higher. The NOC Tonkawa Scholarship Committee will select the recipient.

The fund will provide a minimum scholarship award of \$1,500 annually beginning in fall 2027.

The scholarship is intended to be awarded to one recipient for up to four consecutive academic semesters, provided the student remains in good academic and conduct standing. One-half of the award will be applied toward the recipient’s NOC expenses during the fall semester, with the remaining half applied during the spring semester provided the recipient maintains a cumulative 2.25 grade-point average.

Those wishing to make a gift to the JoAnn M. Westphalen Endowed Memorial Scholarship or other NOC Foundation funds may contact the Foundation office at 580-628-6292 or give online through the NOC Foundation.

For more information about NOC scholarships, call Scholarship Coordinator Kerri Gray at 580.628.6763 or kerri.gray@noc.edu.

Nursing application deadline extended

The Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program is extending the application deadline for Spring 2027.

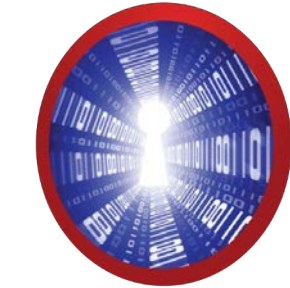
The deadline for applications is now Nov. 11 for traditional students.

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.



2026 Theme: Don't Make It Easy For Them

Awareness is rising, but behaviors have not kept up. Awareness of multi-factor authentication (MFA) rose from 52% in 2021 to 77% in 2025. Yet, regular MFA use fell to just 53% after peaking in 2022.

Human constraints are the primary barrier. Worry about cybercrime has climbed from 57% of respondents in 2022 to 68% in 2025. 31% of participants now believe losing money online is unavoidable, up from 25% in 2022.



AI Basics: Most account break-ins do not start with a clever hack. They start with a list of usernames and passwords stolen from other websites, sold or leaked online. AI tools now sort those leaked lists in seconds, guess the variations people actually use and test them against thousands of logins at once. The attacker does not need to know your password. **They just need you to have reused one.**

Deepfakes & Impersonation: All an attacker needs is three seconds of your voice and a \$5 subscription in order to clone you.

Why is it so easy?

1. There is more public information about you online than ever. Photo's videos, and voice clips scattered across social media.
2. The technology has gotten good enough that it is hard to tell the difference.
3. The tools that make deepfakes are cheaper than ever and available to everyone.

Protect Yourself

Verify anything urgent through a 2nd channel
Don't let authority rush you
Report it, even if it turned out fine

AGENTIC AI...

Agentic AI, AI that acts on its own toward a goal rather than just answering questions, is already showing up in ordinary business tools: email assistants, scheduling bots, customer service agents, coding helpers. **Security researchers now rank this kind of AI as the top attack vector of 2026.**

Protect Yourself

Never reuse credentials across tools; Question any AI tool asking for more access than it needs; Report anything an AI agent did that surprises you.

Helpful Links

- [Download Danger: How to Outwit Malicious Mobile Apps](#)
- [Scareware: A Story](#)
- [AI Best Practices](#)



NOC Foundation establishes Allison's Legacy Music Scholarship

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. has established Allison's Legacy Music Scholarship to honor Allison E. Pults, a former NOC student whose lifelong love of music led to a career teaching and encouraging young musicians.

Pults was born April 3, 1972, in Pauls Valley to Phyllis and Troy Pults. The youngest of three children, she developed a love of music at an early age. With a \$39 red guitar and what her family described as her trademark "can-do" attitude, Pults taught herself to play by picking out Elvis Presley songs in her bedroom. She eventually learned to play piano, bass, drums and other instruments.

The daughter of a Methodist preacher, Pults lived in several Oklahoma communities as her family moved, but music remained a constant wherever they called home.

At NOC, Pults was among the college's first peer counselors and was active in the music department. She later attended Oklahoma State University, where she continued her involvement in music and performed with fellow musicians. She completed her degree at Oklahoma City University.

Friendships with fellow musicians helped lead her to Georgia, where she spent 25 years building another family through the North Georgia Dance & Music Factory. Her students became one of the great joys of her life. Pults served as their teacher, cheerleader and mentor, encouraging them to reach their potential.

Pults died Oct. 10, 2025. Her family and friends

established the scholarship to carry her love of music and young people forward through future generations of students.

"Northern is so grateful that Allison's family and friends have chosen to honor her legacy by financially assisting NOC's Music Education majors with their education," said NOC President Diana Morris. "I hope individuals who have a passion for music will see this as an opportunity to contribute to a scholarship fund that will help prioritize music education for future Oklahoma students."

Scholarship applicants must attend NOC Tonkawa and major in music education or music. Preference will be given to applicants who reside in Kay County and/or are the child of a clergy member and who demonstrate financial need, scholarship aptitude and achievement. Recipients must be full-time students with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0.

The scholarship will provide a minimum annual award of \$500. Half will be applied to the recipient's bursar account for the fall semester, with the remaining half applied for the spring semester, provided the recipient maintains a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

Those wishing to contribute to Allison's Legacy Music Scholarship or other NOC Foundation funds may contact the Foundation office at 580.628.6292 or give online through the NOC Foundation.

For more information about NOC scholarships, contact Scholarship Coordinator Kerri Gray at 580.628.6763 or kerri.gray@noc.edu.



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NOC Regents approve concurrent enrollment attendance policy revision

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents approved a revision to the college's class attendance policy that provides greater flexibility for concurrent enrollment students participating in high school activities during its October meeting.

The revised policy allows concurrent students additional flexibility when missing college classes due to high school-related activities such as athletics, FFA, band, or other activities.

Regents also approved the monthly financial report presented by Brian Roberts, along with monthly purchases and allocations.

Major allocations included furniture, equipment, computers and networking needs at NOC Tonkawa, along with facility repairs at the Enid and Tonkawa campuses. Additional projects include roof repairs at the Marshall Building in Enid and drainage improvements at NOC Stillwater.

The board also declared a list of items as surplus property to be sold at a later date.

In administrative reports, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Ashley Moore continues to analyze institutional data gathered during her first 90 days at NOC. Moore plans to work with division chairs and faculty to use the information to improve student outcomes.

Vice President for Development and Community Relations Sheri Snyder reported that the Greater Gifts and Presidential Partners campaigns are underway. She also provided an update on fundraising efforts for the Athletic Training Education Center (ATEC) at NOC Enid, which is working toward a \$375,000 goal by Dec. 31.

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise reported that the Enid campus hosted two Northern Encounter recruiting events, including one spe-

cifically for Enid High School students. He also noted strong attendance at a recent ACT Prep Workshop on the Enid campus.

Dr. Rick Edgington, Vice President for Enrollment Management, reported that fall enrollment is nearly complete, with one remaining session beginning Dec. 7. Edgington also discussed the declining number of Oklahoma high school graduates and the continuing impact on college enrollment across the state.

Vice President for Stillwater Dr. Marsh Howard reported that he is pursuing several grant opportunities for NOC, including a Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) grant in collaboration with Hise.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jason Johnson provided an athletics update, noting that the soccer season is winding down at NOC Enid while basketball and wrestling seasons begin next week.

In her president's report, Dr. Diana Morris updated regents on several ongoing college initiatives, including working with Vice President Sheri Snyder to do a comprehensive review of the NOC scholarship programs and thanked Assistant Vice Presidents Audra Biggs and Rachel Love for their assistance with that process.

Dr. Kathleen Swain also provided an update on NOC's Higher Learning Commission accreditation process. The college's next HLC site visit is scheduled for fall 2027.

Members of the Tonkawa President's Leadership Council attended the meeting as special guests. Students introduced themselves to regents and shared their reasons for choosing NOC.

The next NOC Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. in the Brown Room at NOC Stillwater.



NOC Enid held a Northern Encounter event Tuesday with prospective students gaining information about NOC's programs such as criminal justice (above) and athletic training (below) (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)



NOC Calendar

Oct. 24

Away Mavs Softball vs. Bethany (KS), 1 p.m.
Mum/Pumpkin Sale, Ag Complex, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 25

Stamp Out Starvation, Methodist Church, noon, Tonkawa
BCM Open House, BCM, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 26

OU College Day, Vineyard Library, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 27

Northern Encounter, Classroom Building, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Stillwater
Free BCM Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Dodgeball, Mabee Center Aux. Gym, 7 p.m., Enid
Paint Night, Wellness Center, 8 p.m., Tonkawa
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

Oct. 28

Homecoming Voting Semi-Finals, Student Affairs Office, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
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

Oct. 29

Lady Jets Soccer, NJCAA Playoffs, TBA
Homecoming Voting Semi-Finals, Student Affairs Office, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Carrie, The Musical, Heilmann Auditorium (KPAC), 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 30

Away Lady Mavs Wrestling at Friends (KS) Open, 9 a.m.
Away Lady Jets Basketball vs. McPherson (KS), 5 p.m.
Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Haskell JV, 5:30 p.m.
Trick-or-Treat Fair, College Circle, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Home Jets Basketball vs. Cowley (KS), 6 p.m.
Home Mavs Basketball vs. South Central Prep, 7:30 p.m.
Carrie, The Musical, Heilmann Auditorium (KPAC), 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

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