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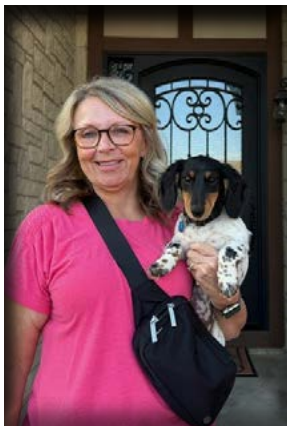




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Alumni Events

Catch up on events and new things happening at Northern as well as what to expect in the up-coming months.

Go to: https://www.noc.edu/development/alumni/





WELCOME

The NOC Alumni and Foundation department want to welcome you to our newsletter. We will share new information quarterly.

The goal of this newsletter is to nurture relationships with alumni, donors, and friends. We will keep you updated on exciting things happening within the Northern family.



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NOC Life changing.





Alumni Spotlight

Tyler Rude

NOC Alumni Advisory Board Member June 2026- Present

NOC Enid Almuni 2012

Activities/Clubs/Organizations involved in while attending NOC: Jets Baseball

In a few short sentences tell us about yourself.

I'm a State Farm Agent and involved with Enid AM AMBUCS, Chamber of Commerce, Enid Public Schools. I also serve on several boards for organizations in town. I have family farms in Garber and Alva, and I enjoy volunteering here in Enid, hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time with my family.

What advice would you give NOC students?:

Get involved with as many things as you can and try new stuff. Join a club, go to the basketball games, meet a stranger, and be a part of the community.

Alumni Spotlight





Foundation Board Member

Jackie Conrady

Associates of Arts 1989

& Associates of Science 1990

NOCF August 2023-Present, 26-27 NOCF Chair

Tonkawa Campus

Activities: Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Roustabout 1987-1990, Choir, cast as Annie in "Annie Get Your Gun".

What makes NOC Lifechanging?

Lifechanging is exactly what NOC was to me. My experience coming in as a first-generation student, along with the guidance of my professors, directors and mentors, projected my life in a direction no one could have imagined. NOC gave me the knowledge, experience and confidence to continue my college experience and complete my college degree. Had it not been for those around me, encouraging me and guiding me along my way, I would not be where I am today. I am most grateful for my NOC adventure. When asked to become a foundation member, I jumped at the chance to give back to NOC and honor my mentors by doing so. It is such a joy and pleasure to be part of the Foundation and being a part of assisting students at NOC. It's exciting to see the NOC faculty and staff continue to make the NOC student experience Lifechanging.

What advice would you give new alumni and/or students?

Get involved! Whether you are a new student or alumni, get involved. As a student, enjoy every moment at NOC, join a club, learn as much as you can and volunteer as much as possible. As alumni, stay involved! There is a stigma that making a difference is only about donating money. Being involved isn't always about money, there are many ways to give back that don't involve a dime. There is a real feeling of exhilaration to volunteer. Share your talents that you are blessed with and put them to work. It also looks really good on a resume!



In a few short sentences tell us about yourself.

I am a blessed wife of Marc and mom to Grant and Corbin. I love animals and have a special little Dachshund named Ralphie. Some of my hobbies are taking pictures and preserving memories by scrapbooking, along with other crafty things. I also enjoy traveling, especially overseas. Spending time with family and friends is very important to me. Most of all I love to laugh, usually at myself!

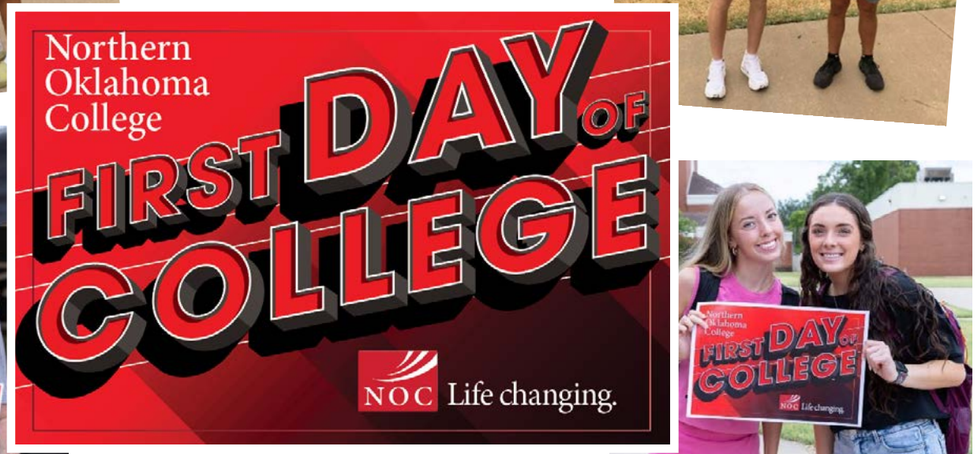
How has NOC helped guide your career path?

The connections and people I knew or met through NOC helped guide my career. The connections made have been invaluable, they are always there to bounce ideas off of or assist with strategies and advice.

First Day
FALL SEMESTER
2026



















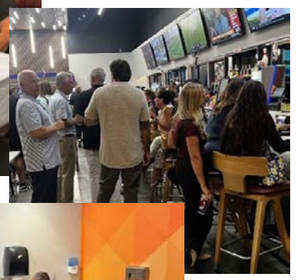
Alumni, Friends & Family Social
AT THE HUB













Northern Oklahoma College alumni and friends gathered at The Hub in Tonkawa for an evening of great food, conversation, and connection during the Alumni & Friends Social.

The event brought together a wonderful turnout of NOC alumni, supporters, and friends for an opportunity to catch up, reconnect with familiar faces, and make new connections. While the food was a highlight, the best part of the evening was the company and the opportunity to spend time together.

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation and Alumni Association extends its sincere thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success. Events like these celebrate the lasting relationships that make the NOC community special.

NOC alumni and friends are encouraged to watch for upcoming events and join the next gathering for another opportunity to connect with the Northern family.



Full Moon Concert featuring NOC Roustabout Alumni

photos by Mallory Kyler/NOC Photography

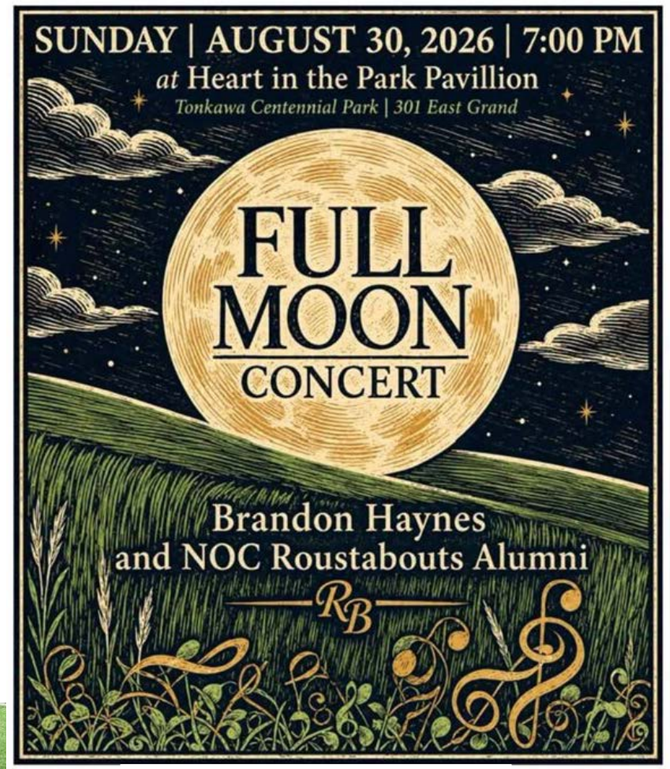






















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Legacy Birth ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eli Carson Graham

Born January 20, 2026
in Denton, Texas

Parents:
Sadie and Cody Graham
(Sadie is a 2015 NOC Alumna)



"As an NOC basketball alumn, a lot of my memories come from away game trips and the training room. I loved having such a great college in my hometown to attend during my senior year of high school and my first 2 years of college." - Sadie

7 lbs. 10 oz.
20" Long

Bryson Jrue McDonald

Born February 25, 2026
in Oklahoma City, OK



Parents:
Byron and Jordan McDonald
Byron - 2012 NOC Alumnus
Jordan 2011 NOC Alumna

"Byron and I both attended NOC in 2010. He played basketball and I was a cheerleader. We were besties throughout. I left after 2 semesters and went to NOC Stillwater. We reconnected 8 years later and got married October 12, 2018." - Jordan

9 lbs. 14 oz.
22" Long

Marren Marie Seabridge

Born September 3, 2025
in Stillwater, OK
Sibling: Callen Gene Seabridge



Parents:
Scott and Brittany Seabridge
(Brittany is a 2013 NOC Alumna)

"My favorite memories at NOC stem from the incredible and meaningful friendships I formed. Those relationships provided encouragement, laughter, support, and a sense of belonging as we navigated classes, college life and milestones together. This made NOC feel like home and gave me lifelong friends." - Brittany

7 lbs. 15 oz.
21" Long

Cooper Lee Scism

Born December 30, 2025
Integris Health - Ponca City



Parents:
Matt and Natalie (Snyder) Scism
Grandparents:
Coby and Sheri (Wood) Snyder
1991 Alumnas

"As I celebrate my 33rd year at NOC, I'm proud that my daughter, Natalie, has spent her entire life involved with the College. She grew up attending and helping with many NOC events, always looking forward to Arts Adventure and FFA judging. In high school, she worked summers with Bart Cardwell at the Sheep Center, and she later took concurrent classes at NOC—continuing a family tradition of connection and commitment to the College." ~Sheri

9 lbs. 10 oz.
21" Long

If you are an NOC Alum and would like to share the news of your new bundle of joy, simply send the birth announcement form located on the NOC Alumni website and all photos to Ciera Kirby, Director of Alumni and Community Relations.

Once form is complete and submitted, an NOC Alumni Legacy onesie will be sent to your address. Please take a picture of your precious bundle of joy in the onesie to include in the announcement.

Email: alumni@noc.edu

Enid Young Professionals



Enid Young Professionals held its 12th Annual 10 Under 40 Awards in August and Northern Oklahoma College was proud to be there to support our very own 2026 Social Shaker nominee, Jeremy Hise!

Jeremy, Vice President of NOC Enid and 1998 NOC alum, was nominated for the Spotlight Shaker award. 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.

We are proud to see Jeremy recognized for the impact he continues to make in the Enid community and grateful for the way he represents NOC both on campus and throughout the community!





NOC Historical Art Exhibition Celebrates 125 Years

In celebration of Northern Oklahoma College's 125th anniversary, Eleanor Hays Art Gallery will open its doors for an Historical Exhibition, September 22 – December 8, 2026, in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center on the Tonkawa campus.

Gallery Director Audrey Schmitz has curated a diverse collection of artifacts dating from 1901 when Central Hall was constructed as a landmark building. Objects on view in the lobby area include a stone mason's mallet used in the construction of Central Hall, ashes from Wilkin Hall's destructive 1914 fire, 1930s era typewriter and drafting set Dineo Heilmann's original clarinet and personal sheet music, vintage Roustabouts costumes, Maurice Brewer's 1931 Football Jersey and cleats, historic sports trophies, 1916 book of student art work and the official Presidential Medallion. A selection of college yearbooks, The Maverick student newspapers, performing arts programs and art exhibition posters are also on display.

The East Gallery features a large collage of historical photographs along with sixty framed Faces of NOC, a spotlight of alumni success and testimony of the college's impact on the lives and careers of former students.

Historic photographs of campus buildings are featured in the West Gallery along with photographs of the college's founding father, James H. Wilkin, 15 presidents, and 3 acting/interim presidents. Early diplomas chronicle the institution's name changes since its inception as University Preparatory School.

In addition to the six most recent NOC Distinguished Alumni, a selection of original paintings of campus scenes by Art Professor Emeritus Gene V. Dougherty are on view.

The gallery is open Monday-Friday from 1-5 PM and during performances in the center. For further information, contact Audrey Schmitz at Audrey.schmitz@noc.edu.

The Jets worked hard cleaning up and beautifying the Enid campus on NOC Clean-Up Day. Big shoutout to all of those that participated in improving the NOC campus!











Campus CLEAN UP DAY

The Mavs worked hard cleaning up and beautifying the Tonkawa campus on NOC Clean-Up Day. Big shoutout to all of those that participated in improving the NOC campus!













MAVS

NOC Enid Launches Donor Challenge for Athletic Training Center

August 28, 2026

Enid, OK — 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 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, Jeremy.hise@noc.edu; or Diana Morris, NOC President at 580.628.6275, diana.morris@noc.edu.

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.

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

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All In Together — Donor Matching Challenge $375K

125th Anniversary 1901 2026

Name _____ My (our) gift of $_____ is enclosed.

❑ NOC Alumni, Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (___) _____ - _____ Email _____

This gift is in honor/memory of: _____

❑ I would like information on planned giving.

❑ I wish my gift to remain anonymous.

❑ My employer will match my gift.

Employer name: _____

Form enclosed ❑ Form pending ❑

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125 *Life-Changing* Years

A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON · 1901 — 2026



125 YEARS OF NORTHERN

A Legacy That Lives On

1901 — 2026 | QUASQUICENTENNIAL

THE BEGINNING OF A LEGACY

1901 · A School Is Born

The University Preparatory School is established in Tonkawa, opening a new chapter in educational opportunity for northern Oklahoma.

1902 · Central Hall Opens

The first classes welcome 217 students, laying the foundation for an institution that would grow for generations.

1904 · First Graduation & Football

Seventeen students graduate at the school's first commencement celebration. Football also becomes part of campus life, beginning a lasting tradition of competition and school pride.

A CHAPTER OF UNCERTAINTY

1914–1917 · The Darkest Chapter

Wilkin Hall burns in 1914. Just three years later, the school closes after its state appropriation is not approved. Northern's future hangs in the balance.

1919–1921 · A Fresh Start

State funding restores the school in 1919. In 1921, it becomes the University Preparatory and Junior Vocational College, marking an important step toward its future in higher education.

The first chapter was only the beginning.

GROWING BEYOND THE BEGINNING

A Century of Change, Achievement & Opportunity

1941 · A New Identity
The institution becomes Northern Oklahoma Junior College, continuing its evolution from a preparatory school into a college.

1965 · Northern Oklahoma College
The institution officially adopts the name Northern Oklahoma College, marking a defining milestone in its modern history.

1978 · National Champions
The Lady Mavericks basketball team wins a national championship, adding a celebrated achievement to Northern's athletic legacy.

1990s · Expansion to Enid
NOC acquires the former Phillips University campus, establishing a permanent second campus and extending its reach to more students.

2000s · New Opportunities in Stillwater
The NOC/OSU Gateway Program, developed in cooperation with Oklahoma State University, extends educational opportunities in Stillwater.

2011–2024 · Leadership & Learning
Cheryl Evans becomes NOC's first female president in 2011. The Pickens Learning Commons opens in 2022, and Diana Morris becomes the college's 15th president in 2024.

2025 · A Transformational Gift
NOC receives a $17 million unrestricted gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott—the largest gift in the college's history.

THE NEXT CHAPTER BEGINS

2026 · 125 Years of Northern
From 217 students in one building to a multi-campus institution, NOC celebrates 125 years of opening doors, creating opportunities and shaping futures.

A History of Resilience. A Future of Opportunity.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

1900-1920



In 1901, Central Hall was the first building to be constructed at Northen Oklahoma College (University Preparatory School, U.P.S., back then). The tower was removed in 1948 and in 2016 the interior was renovated and the exterior restored to commemorate the 115th anniversary of the institutions very first building.



1920's Class



The school's second building—Wilkin Hall with its original dome, finished in 1905



1910 Girls Basketball Team



Wilkin Hall when it burnt in 1914

NOC History Trivia: How many students enrolled when the school first opened in 1902?

A Walk Down Memory Lane

1930-1950



Looking over the 1950 school calendar



1940 Razzettes



1930 Maverick Football Team



1930 Tree Shaded Circle



1929 Graduating class

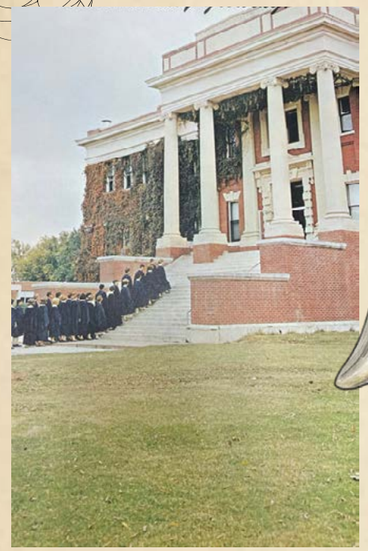


1940 NOJC graduate, Robert Markley, was killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor, making him not only NOJC's first loss of the war, but tragically the first Oklahoma college graduate to be killed in WWII.
To honor his sacrifice, the men's dormitory completed in 1939 was later renamed Markley Hall—a small gesture to honor his service and remember a life lost too soon.

NOC History Trivia: What year did the college's first radio broadcasting station go on the air?

A Walk Down Memory Lane

1960-1980



1967 Graduation



In the mid 1980s, Dr. Vineyard commissioned two talented artist brothers, Farshad and Farnoosh Lanjani, to create the four statues that now stand as landmarks around the NOC Tonkawa campus. They sculpted the "Graduate" that stands outside of Central Hall, "The Scholar" in front of the administration building, "The Muse" right next to Wilkin, and the "Athlete" right outside of the fieldhouse. All were crafted in clay and cast in cement.







in 1976, Gene Dougherty and a group of NOC art students created the Official Bicentennial Mural that was proudly displayed in the Administrative Building. Remarkably, it still hangs there today in 2026, honoring their work and the moment in history that is represents.
1976 marked a double celebration - the nations Bicentennial and NOC's own 75th anniversary.





1970's Roustabouts

NOC History Trivia: What year did the school officially become Northern Oklahoma College?

A Walk Down Memory Lane

1990-2010

Established in 1999, in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the City of Enid, the Enid NOC campus has grown in offering multiple two-year liberal arts degree programs to some 800 students annually. NOC Enid continues to expand its faculty.





Opening of the Kinzer Performing Arts Center



2000 Commencement



A couple of the many galas hosted at NOC through the collaborative efforts of alumnus Gerald Steichen and the Music Department.



NOC History Trivia: What were the names of the two residence halls that opened in 2015?

A Walk Down Memory Lane

2020-Today



The new NOC Stillwater Classroom Building was completed in 2018 . The Stillwater Chamber of Commerce provided a ribbon cutting for the $20 million facility



Yatika Starr Fields murals in the Northern Oklahoma College Cultural Engagement Center





Enid's 25 year anniversary





Investiture for Diana Morris, the 15th president for Northern Oklahoma College, held on January 14, 2025

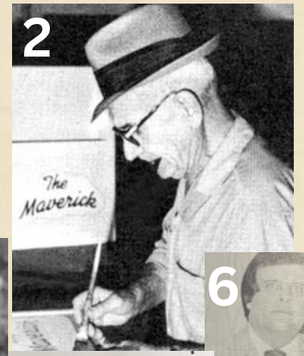
Stillwater NOC's 20 year anniversary

NOC History Trivia: What year did NOC's new Pickens Learning Commons open?

125 Years, Countless Contributions

Recognizing a Few Faces in NOC's History


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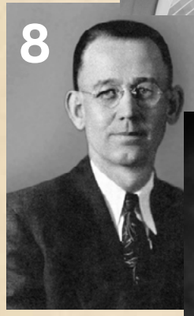

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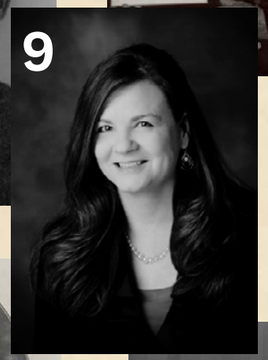

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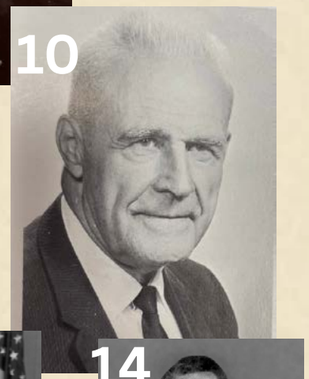

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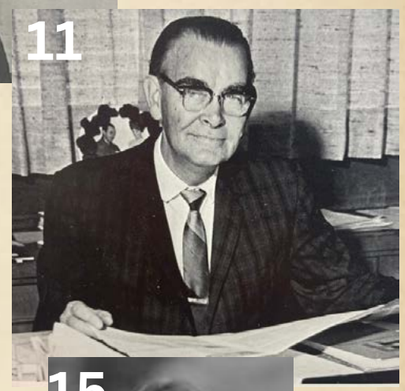

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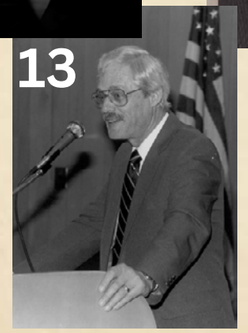

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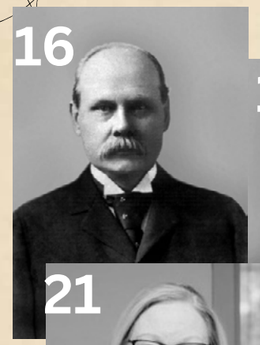

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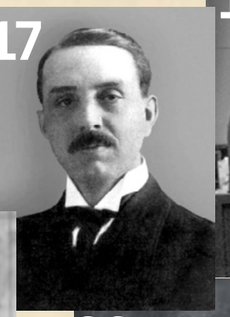

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Recognizing a Few Faces in NOC's History


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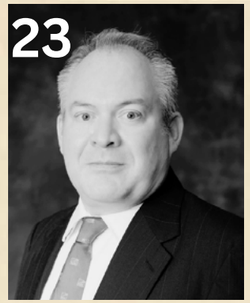

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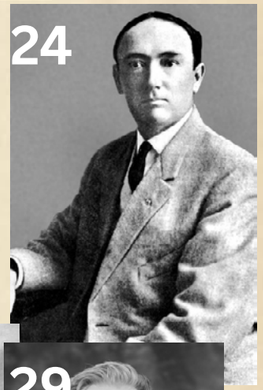

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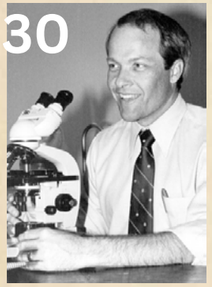

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Curious Chronicles

THIRTEEN FACTS FROM A CENTURY AND A QUARTER

The first football team began playing in 1904, and the school won the Oklahoma state championship in 1909.

Northern established its third campus in Stillwater through the NOC/OSU Gateway Program with Oklahoma State University.

In 1979, NOC's enrollment reached 1,635 students.

The discovery of the Three Sands Oil Field helped Tonkawa's population grow from about 1,800 in 1921 to more than 10,000 by 1923.

The college's annual interscholastic contests attracted 3,170 high school contestants in 1939.

In November 2025, Northern received a $17 million unrestricted gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, the largest gift in the college's history.



NOC expanded its athletic programs during the 1990s by adding men's and women's soccer, women's softball, and men's baseball.

In 1982, more than 1,000 people enrolled in NOC's non-credit community enrichment courses.

In 1967, the college regained full accreditation after being placed on private probation in 1965.

Wilkin Hall burned down in 1914, and the school remained closed until it was reestablished after the war.

In spring 1946, 107 returning servicemen attended the college using benefits from the GI Bill.

In 1958, the Mavettes, an all-girl drill team, began performing at football games and the Kay County Fair.

In 2018, NOC celebrated 20 years at its Enid campus after paying off the campus's 20-year bond early.

NOC History Trivia: What year did the NOC Enid Jets baseball team first qualify for the NJCAA Division II National Tournament?

Through the Ages: A Campus Transformed

1940'S



1950'S



1970'S



1990'S



NOC History Trivia: What new training program helped prepare students for aviation during World War II?

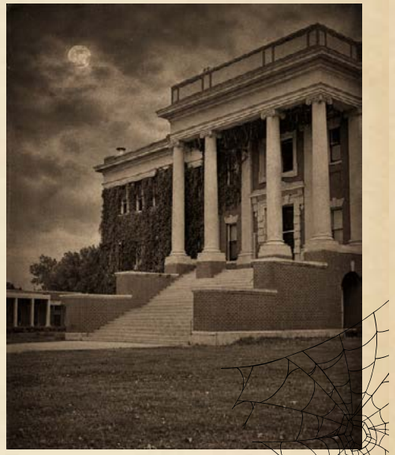
CAMPUS SIGHTINGS OVER THE DECADES

Director/Instructor DMI Institute at NOC - Brad Matson

“Wilkin Hall has a way of turning ordinary lab sounds into something deeply unsettling. Some of my DMI students have reported an array of creepy, unexplainable noises throughout the vacant building from time to time. But the campus legend of George, the custodian ghost, took form during a recent student film shoot. While recording upstairs, the students caught sight of something moving with unusual speed through the low-lit hallways. After reviewing the footage produced no visual evidence was seen but the audio track captured what the camera couldn't, a faint, distinct swooshing of rapid movement. Barely visible on the audio waveform, the subtle sound seemed innocent enough at first—until the chilling afterthought set in that they were never actually alone. Still to this day we hear unexplained noises throughout the building. It seems all friendly, yet we will never know until we meet George.”

Former Custodian-Connie, relating a story told to her by Suzy

“It was the summer after they remodeled, one day Suzy came to me and said ‘Oh my Gosh! Connie you won’t believe what happened to me.’ I said ‘What?’ And she said, ‘I went to the restroom and all of the sudden someone came in to the stall next to me, closed the door and locked it. I looked down underneath and there was nobody in there. Before I could get out my door this wind went like somebody went right in front of her and slammed their door. And so she hurried up, and she’s walking out in the hall and she said it was like a Victorian lady, had a beautiful dress from the 1800’s, she was just floating in the hallway on the second floor.”



Former Security Guard-Russell

“…After time past, I quit carrying the flashlight and walked into Wilkin Hall, probably 2 weeks after I started by myself, and I locked the doors, we lock them with an Allen wrench from the inside, I pushed on ‘em and make sure they’re closed. And they were locked so I started up the stairs not thinking anything and I heard something so I turned around to look at the doors and I got to watch both the doors open all the way then slam shut. I was up the stairs, all the way across the building, down the other stairs and out the building. I kinda made the other guard mad ‘cause I didn’t lock anything. That’s the first time, and I knew it wasn’t the guys, ‘cause when I was messing with the doors there wasn’t a string or anything on it, it was just the doors. It was different.”

NOC History Trivia: What popular academic competition did NOC begin hosting in 1980?

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Former Security Guard - Jim

“I guess another one of these silly stories happened over at Threlkeld Hall one night. There were some students in a room and I can’t remember the room number, but it was upstairs. If I remember right, it was 2 girls and a boy in this room, and they heard a knock at the door and one of them said come in. Whenever the person came in, the door shut and all three of those kids started screaming because there was a figure or an apparition of some sort that they saw on the door. They all went screaming downstairs and woke everyone in the dormitory up. They stayed down there in another girls room until everything calmed down. It was a pretty exciting night for a change!”



Former Custodian – Kathy

“During the summer when Connie was out, I was in Mr. Chaney’s office. I was hurrying around cleaning and he has a shredder behind his desk. There is quite a bit of distance between the desk and the shredder and I was bent over the shredder getting the paper out, emptying it into the trash. There was a stack of papers on Mr. Chaney’s desk, and remember, there is quite a bit of distance from where I am at emptying the shredder and his desk. Out of nowhere, that stack of papers on his desk just flew off into the floor! Well, its scared me of course, but I reached down and I picked up the papers, put them back on his desk, started praying and hurried out of there! I didn’t catch up with Mr. Cheney until about a month or two after that, but I wanted to know if I had really messed his papers up, but he said he never even noticed.”

Former Security Guard - Russell

“I was sitting outside in the patrol car, around Harold Hall, sitting there doing our check sheet, and it was raining pretty good. I glanced over to Central Hall and to the right side, where that little sitting area is, it looked like a little boy was sitting there. It looked like he had his elbows on his knees and his forehead down. Just looked like he was crying or something, so I drove the patrol car up the sidewalk and got out to go check on him, but when I got out there was nothing there. So, I didn’t think much about it, I just thought it must have been some kids out playing and he had ran off. I got back in the car and left, well when I was backing out, I glanced back up and there he was again! But I just drove off, I wasn’t going back up there. I went about my business, did my rounds and about an hour or two later I went back by and there he was. So, I turned off my lights and drove up the sidewalk again. I went the opposite way this time, and again, there wasn’t anyone there. I don’t know if I was the only one that saw him or not, but I know Jim Spicer says this building is a little bit different too.”

A special thank you to Dean Pearcy at KAYE 90.7 for sharing these campus ghost stories, collected from college employees over the years. We’re grateful for his help in preserving these spooky stories and keeping a unique piece of our campus history alive!

NOC History Trivia: What new campus did Northern acquire in partnership with the City of Enid and the Oklahoma State Regents?

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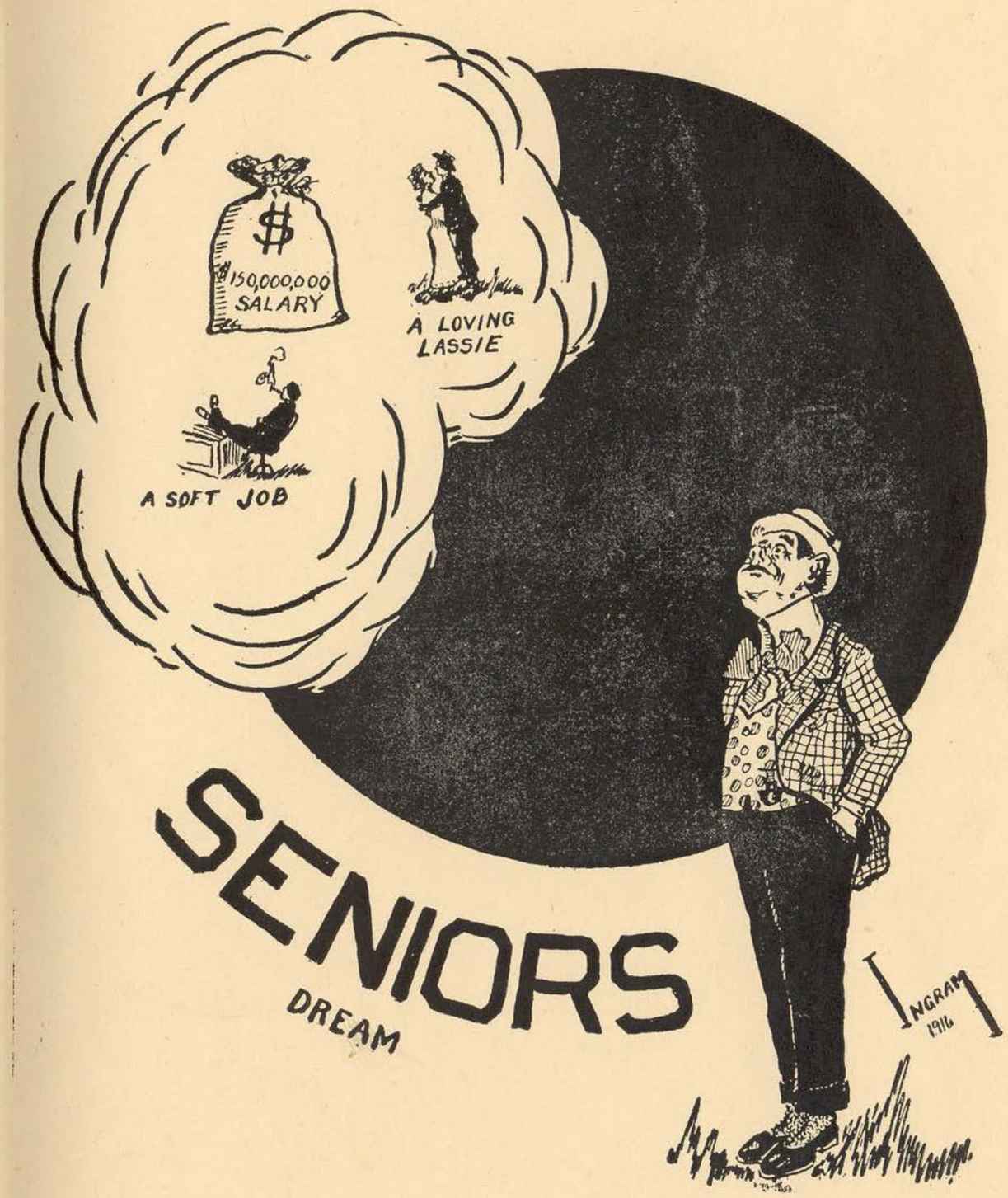
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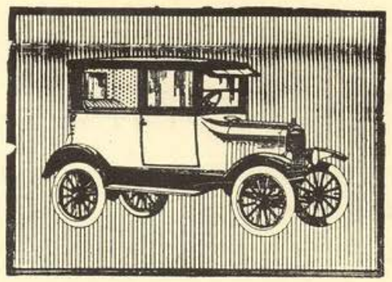


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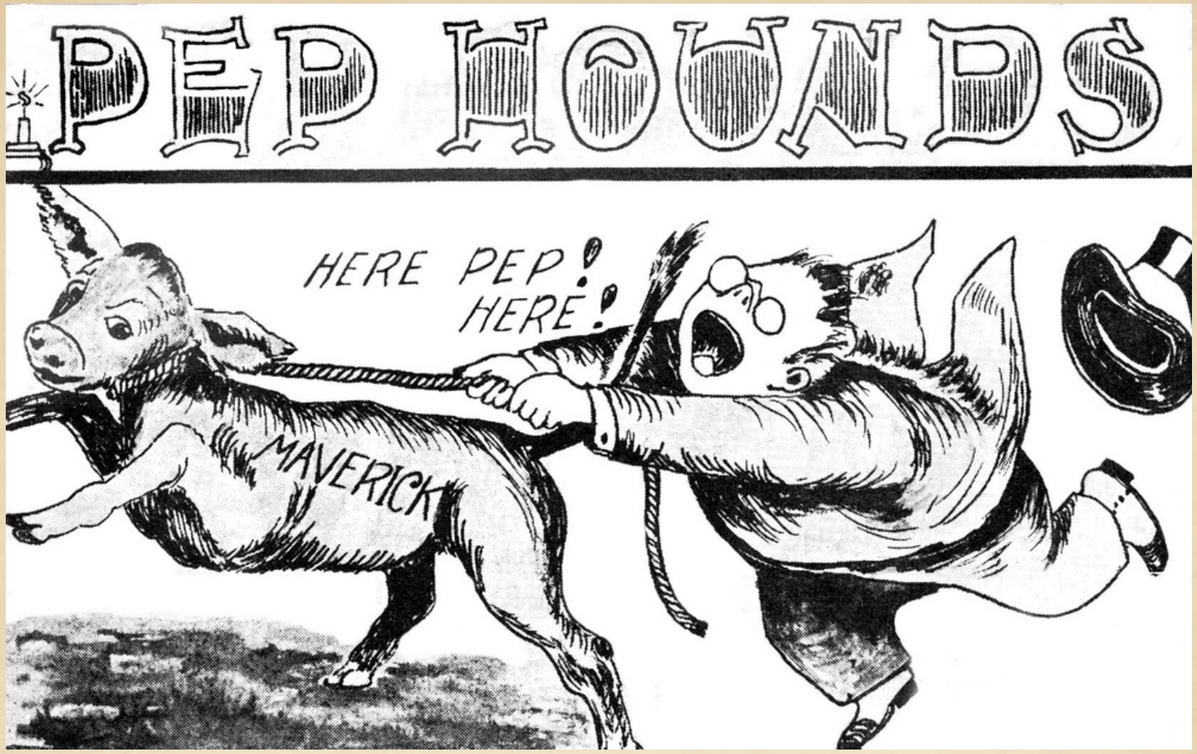


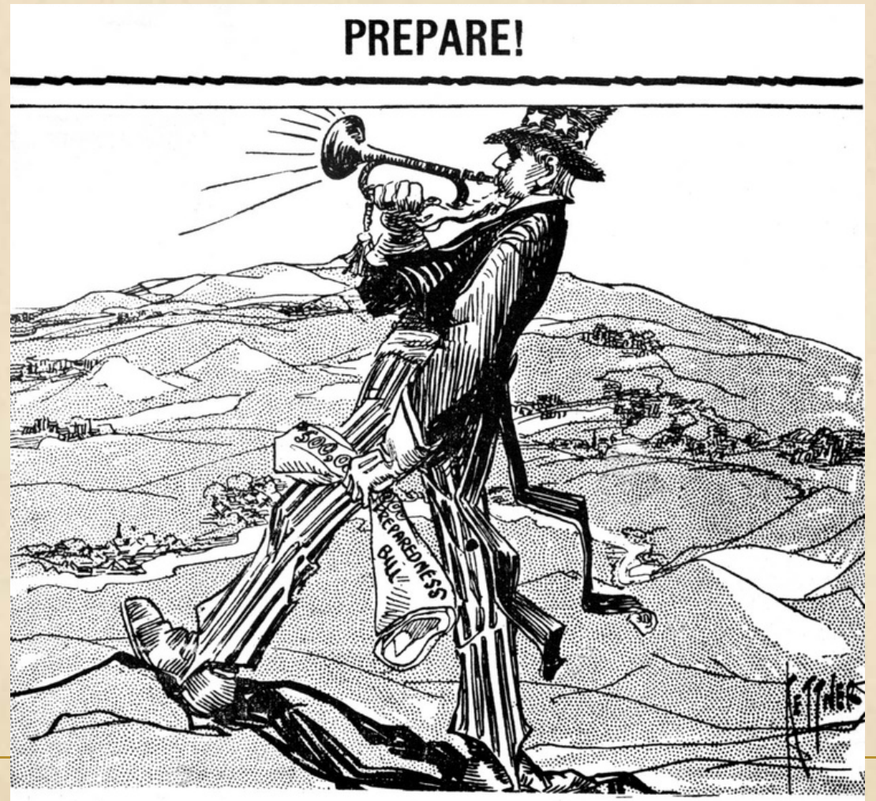
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Answers to Trivia



NOC History Trivia: How many students enrolled when the school first opened in 1902?

Answer: 217

NOC History Trivia: What year did the college's first radio broadcasting station go on the air?

Answer: 1956

NOC History Trivia: What year did the school officially become Northern Oklahoma College?

Answer: 1965

NOC History Trivia: What were the names of the two residence halls that opened in 2015?

Answer: Mavericks Hall in Tonkawa and Jets Hall in Enid

NOC History Trivia: What year did NOC's new Pickens Learning Commons open?

Answer: 2022

NOC History Trivia: What was the college's name during most of the 1930's?

Answer: University Junior College

NOC History Trivia: In what year did NOC's Lady Mavericks basketball team win a national championship?

Answer: 1978

NOC History Trivia: What year did the NOC Enid Jets baseball team first qualify for the NJCAA Division II National Tournament?

Answer: 2003

NOC History Trivia: What new training program helped prepare students for aviation during World War II?

Answer: The civilian aviation training program

NOC History Trivia: What popular academic competition did NOC begin hosting in 1980?

Answer: Quiz bowls

NOC History Trivia: What new campus did Northern acquire in partnership with the City of Enid and the Oklahoma State Regents?

Answer: Enid



125 Years, Countless Contributions

Recognizing a Few Faces in NOC's History



1. Dr. Joe Kinzer – 11th President of NOC 1990–2008; led major campus expansion and development of the Enid and Stillwater locations.

2. George Boehme - Retired Grounds Superintendent at Northern Oklahoma College; namesake of Boehme Hall.

3. Dr. Ed Vineyard – 10th President of NOC (1965–1990); led campus expansion and helped revitalize the college.

4. Jeremy Hise – NOC alumnus and former athletic director, baseball coach, and social sciences instructor; became Vice President for NOC Enid in 2021, position he continues to hold.

5. Leo Canaday - Athletic Director, Coach, and Physical Education Department Chairman 1963–1993

6. Gary Perks - Assistant Dean of Students at Northern Oklahoma College in 1979.

Nevona Bossert Kegans - NOC alumna and 2017 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductee. She served Northern Oklahoma College for 40 years in athletic and student affairs, helping establish the athletic training program.

Dr. Clane Kirtley - NOC faculty member, counselor, and student-athlete organization sponsor.

7. **Sheri Snyder** - NOC alumna and longtime administrator who has served as Vice President for Development and Community Relations since 1993. Her work includes fundraising, scholarships, alumni relations, and community partnerships.

8. **Horace Thelkheld** - Dean of Administration at Northern Oklahoma College for 22 years; namesake of Threlkeld Hall.

9. Dr. Cheryl Evans - 13th President of Northern Oklahoma College 2011–2021; the college's first female president.

10. A.D. Buck - Science Instructor and longtime Director of NOC's museum, 1930s–1966; namesake of the A. D. Buck History Museum and Welcome Center.

11. Howard Harold - Dean of Northern Oklahoma Junior College and acting president-dean in the early 1950s; namesake of Harold Hall.

12. The Honorable James Wilkin - Oklahoma territorial legislator and founding father of Northern Oklahoma College; helped establish the University Preparatory School in Tonkawa in 1901; namesake of Wilkin Hall.

13. Dr. Ron Appleman - Former Northern Oklahoma College Science and Mathematics faculty member who later served in academic leadership, including Vice President for Academic Affairs.

14. Dr. Verlin Robert Easterling - 9th President of Northern Oklahoma Junior College 1953–1965; namesake of Easterling Hall on NOC's Tonkawa campus.

15. Ashley Moore – Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs at Northern Oklahoma College, beginning July 2026.



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Recognizing a Few Faces in NOC's History

16. Jeremiah Johnson - One of the original members of the Board of Regents who helped establish the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa, the predecessor of Northern Oklahoma College.

17. Herbert Kelley - First president of the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa 1902–1909, the institution that became Northern Oklahoma College.

18. Gene Dougherty - NOC artist-in-residence and longtime art instructor 1965–1989, known for his contributions to the college's art program and collection.

19. Diana Morris – 15th President of Northern Oklahoma College, taking office June 1, 2024. She previously served as Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for the NOC Stillwater campus, and a Language Arts instructor.

20. Bob Zweiacher - Founder and longtime coach of NOC's wrestling program 1968–1983; NJCAA Coach of the Year in 1972.

21. Pat Hullet - Longtime NOC Social Science instructor (35+ years), former faculty president and scholarship chair, and NOC Foundation trustee.

22. Dineo Heilmann - NOC Distinguished Roustabouts alumnus, longtime NOC music instructor, Fine Arts Division Chair, and Roustabouts Director; namesake of the Dineo Heilmann Auditorium.

23. Dr. Rick Edgington - NOC Roustabouts alumnus and longtime administrator; current Vice President for Enrollment Management and Registrar.

24. Lynn Glover - Third president of the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa 1911–1916, predecessor of Northern Oklahoma College.

25. Richard Caldwell – 5th President of the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa from 1919 to 1928, following its reopening after World War I.

26. Jason Johnson - NOC alumnus and longtime administrator; Vice President for Student Affairs since serving the college beginning in 1997.

27. Dr. Bob Steichen - NOC counseling director and music and psychology instructor 1969–1990; longtime supporter of the college's fine arts program.

28. Loren Brown - President of Northern Oklahoma Junior College 1939–1951; led the college through World War II and helped secure accreditation in 1948.

29. Dr. Marsh Howard - NOC social sciences instructor who became Vice President for NOC Stillwater and Grant Development in 2023, a position he continues to hold.

30. Dr. Rex Ackerson - NOC science instructor and division chair; longtime director of the A. D. Buck History Museum and contributor to preserving NOC history.

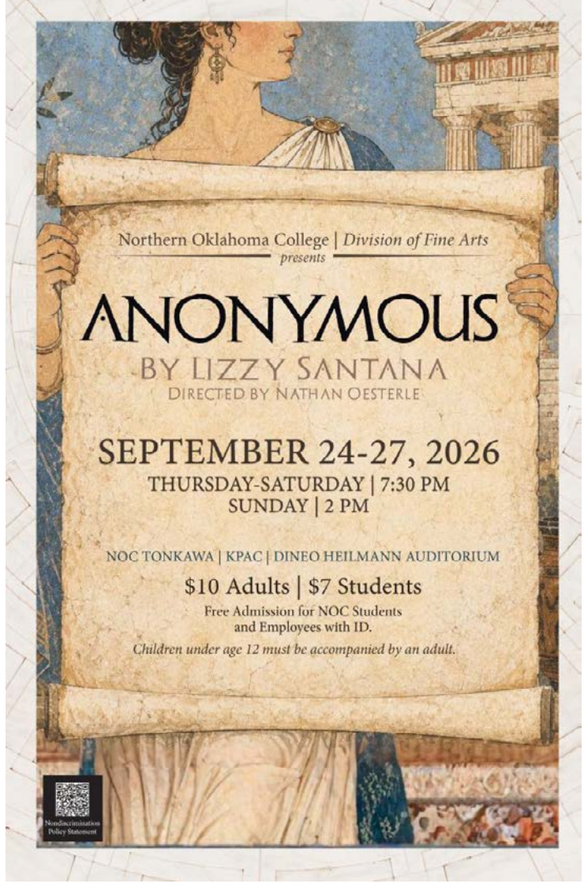
31. Harold Piper - Former head coach of football and basketball, Dean of Men, and Chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education in the early 1950's; one of the namesakes of Foster-Piper Fieldhouse

32. Anita Simpson - NOC alumna and Former Vice President for Financial Affairs at NOC; served the college for 31 years and as treasurer of the NOC Foundation.



U.S. Senator James Lankford Visit

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



Fall Play "Anonymous"

The Northern Oklahoma Division of Fine Arts presented "Anonymous" in the Dineo Heilmann Auditorium inside the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at NOC Tonkawa.

'Anonymous' by Lizzy Santana was directed by NOC Technical Theatre Instructor Nathan Oesterle.

Cast included Emelia Clarke, Penny Grove, Jason Mervyn, Emily Kleinmann, Robert Leonard, Hank Hanrahan, Timber Mikelburg, and Alia Dust.

Crew included Director and Designer – Nathan Oesterle, Stage Manager – Tobias Schmidt, Assistant Stage Manager – Gabby Young, Costume Designer – Melodie Parman, Light Board Operator – Danikka Hardy, Sound Board Operator – Emily Parker, Run Crew – Sarah Douglass, and Build Team – Chloe Anderson, Isabella Barnes, Brendan Danks, Isabelle Danks, Sarah Douglass, Danikka Hardy, Sarya Kleinmann, Emily Parker, Tobias Schmidt, and Romano Strebel.

NOC pre-engineering, nursing students attend professional development day



NOC Pre-Engineering and Nursing students attended a Professional Development Day in Enid on Sept. 4. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC).

Northern Oklahoma College pre-engineering and nursing students attended a professional development day Sept. 4 on the NOC Enid campus.

The professional day was led by NOC Division Chair for Engineering, Physical Science and Process Technology Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, along with Rachel Kroemer and Lerna Deyirmencian from the NOC Nursing Division.

During the workshop, students learned how to build a success plan and prepare for their future careers. Students participated in interactive sessions focused on how reflection, communication and understanding personal learning styles can help them along their career pathways.

Other topics included lifelong learning, resume writing and opportunities available to students at Northern Oklahoma College, in surrounding communities and through NOC's community partners.

"Northern Oklahoma College provides this workshop annually at the beginning of the year to help students prioritize extra- and co-curricular activities," Wood-Black said. "This allows them to identify critical workplace skills that they can obtain by participating in clubs and organizations and taking advantage of opportunities announced by faculty and staff.

"What helps our students stand out is that they take advantage of these types of opportunities to build workplace skills in addition to the knowledge they obtain through their normal coursework."

NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Vickie Crouch said the workshop is part of the nursing program's commitment to student success and professional development.

"As part of the Northern Oklahoma College nursing program's commitment to supporting student achievement, professional development and transition to practice, nursing students participated in this professional workshop focused on career readiness and preparation for entry into the health care workforce," Crouch said.

"Through this hands-on experience, students strengthened their professional identity, increased their confidence and gained valuable skills to effectively market themselves as beginning professional nurses in the competitive health care field."

Crouch said the workshop also supports several outcomes of NOC's nursing programs.

"The professional workshop supported the NOC Nursing program's outcomes related to effective communication, professional role development, leadership and transition to the role of the beginning registered nurse," Crouch said. "Students developed and refined professional resumes and cover letters that effectively communicated their educational preparation, clinical experiences, competencies and accomplishments.

"Through structured interview preparation and mock interview experiences, students practiced professional communication, responding to behavioral and clinical interview questions, appropriate professional attire and strategies for confidently articulating their strengths and readiness for practice.

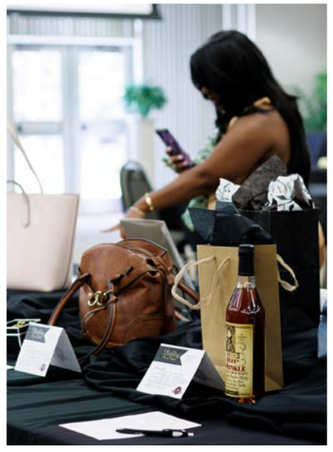
"The workshop also provides evidence of the program's ongoing efforts to promote career readiness, student success and achievement of program outcomes."





















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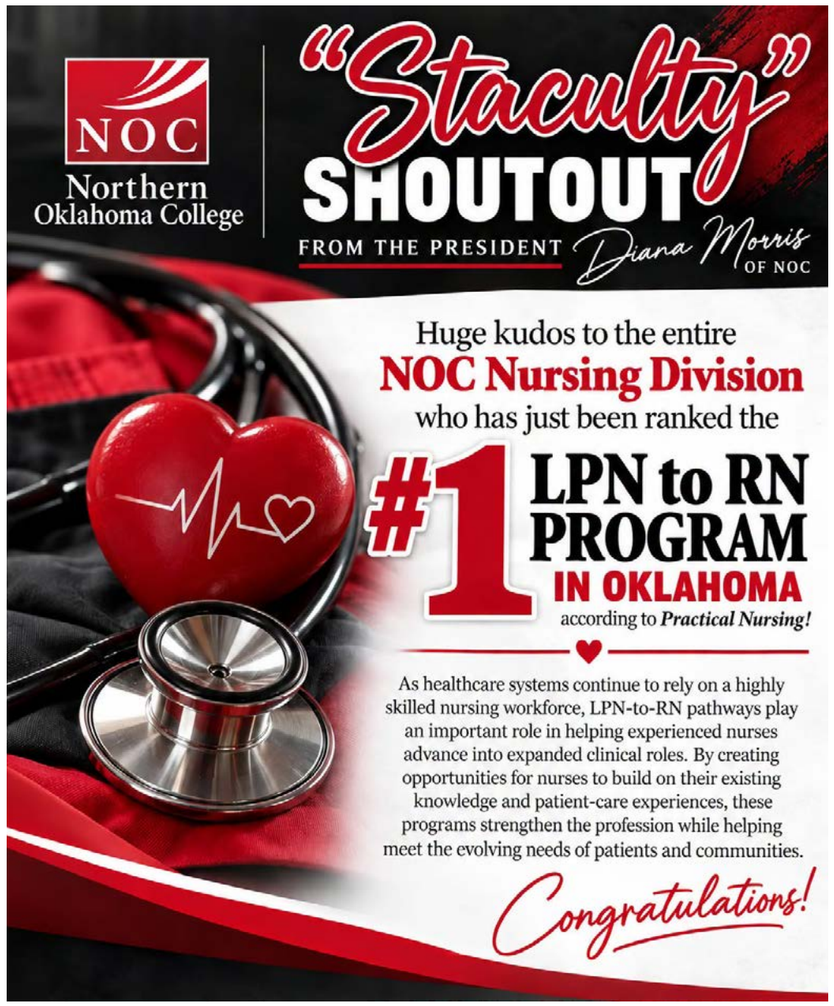








The Northern Oklahoma College Division of Nursing held its Fall White Coat Ceremony and Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society induction Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Montgomery Hall at NOC Enid.





The Honorable Tom J. Dugger

In Loving Memory

Northern Oklahoma College is grateful for the life of The Honorable Tom J. Dugger, who among his many accomplishments served on the NOC Board of Regents. During his time in the Oklahoma State Senate, Dugger always welcomed students to his office and would take time to show them around the Capitol. Senator Dugger continued to support NOC student initiatives at the NOC Stillwater campus far beyond his time as a Regent.

Tom J. Dugger: https://obituaries.stwnewspress.com/obituary/tom-dugger-1094080646











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