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Abigail Garrison crowned Miss NOC 2027



Abigail Garrison was named Miss NOC 2027 Thursday night in Tonkawa. The new Miss NOC is pictured with the other seven delegates and Miss NOC Executive Director Shannon Varner. Pictured (L-R): Emelia Clarke, Ramsey King, Ansleigh Barnes, Jenny Morales, Shannon Varner, Miss NOC Abigail Garrison, Addison Kyler, Valeria Ochoa, Peyton Banister. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)

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Abigail Garrison of Ponca City was crowned Miss NOC Thursday night inside the Dineo Heilmann Auditorium at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

She was crowned by Miss NOC 2026 Alia Dust and Miss Oklahoma 2026 Jaselyn Rossman.

Garrison, a freshman at NOC Tonkawa, received a $2,000 scholarship award, Miss NOC crown and pin, sash and a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses. Garrison will advance to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant in Tulsa next June.

Her talent was performing the song, "On My Own." Her Social Impact Initiative was "A Safe Childhood."

First runner-up was Addison Kyler from Ponca City. She received a $600 scholarship award.

Second runner-up was Peyton Banister from Newkirk, who received a $400 scholarship award. The third runner-up was Valeria Ochoa of Tonkawa who received a $300 scholarship award.

Kyler received the People's Choice Award.

Other delegates in the Miss NOC Scholarship Competition were Jenny Morales, Blackwell; Ansleigh Barnes, Enid; Emelia Clarke, Tulsa; and Ramsey King, Cordell.

Each received a $250 tuition waiver participation award.

All scholarship awards are funded by Northern Oklahoma College.

Candidates were judged in the talent competition as well as presence and poise in evening and active wear, and an on-stage question. Earlier in the day they were individually interviewed by five judges.

Dr. Edward Dixon, NOC Fine Arts Division chair, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

NOC President Diana Morris and Miss NOC Executive Director Shannon Varner, presented the official Miss NOC portrait to Alia Dust.



Abigail Garrison is crowned Miss NOC 2027 by Miss NOC 2026 Alia Dust. (photo by Mallory Kyler/NOC)



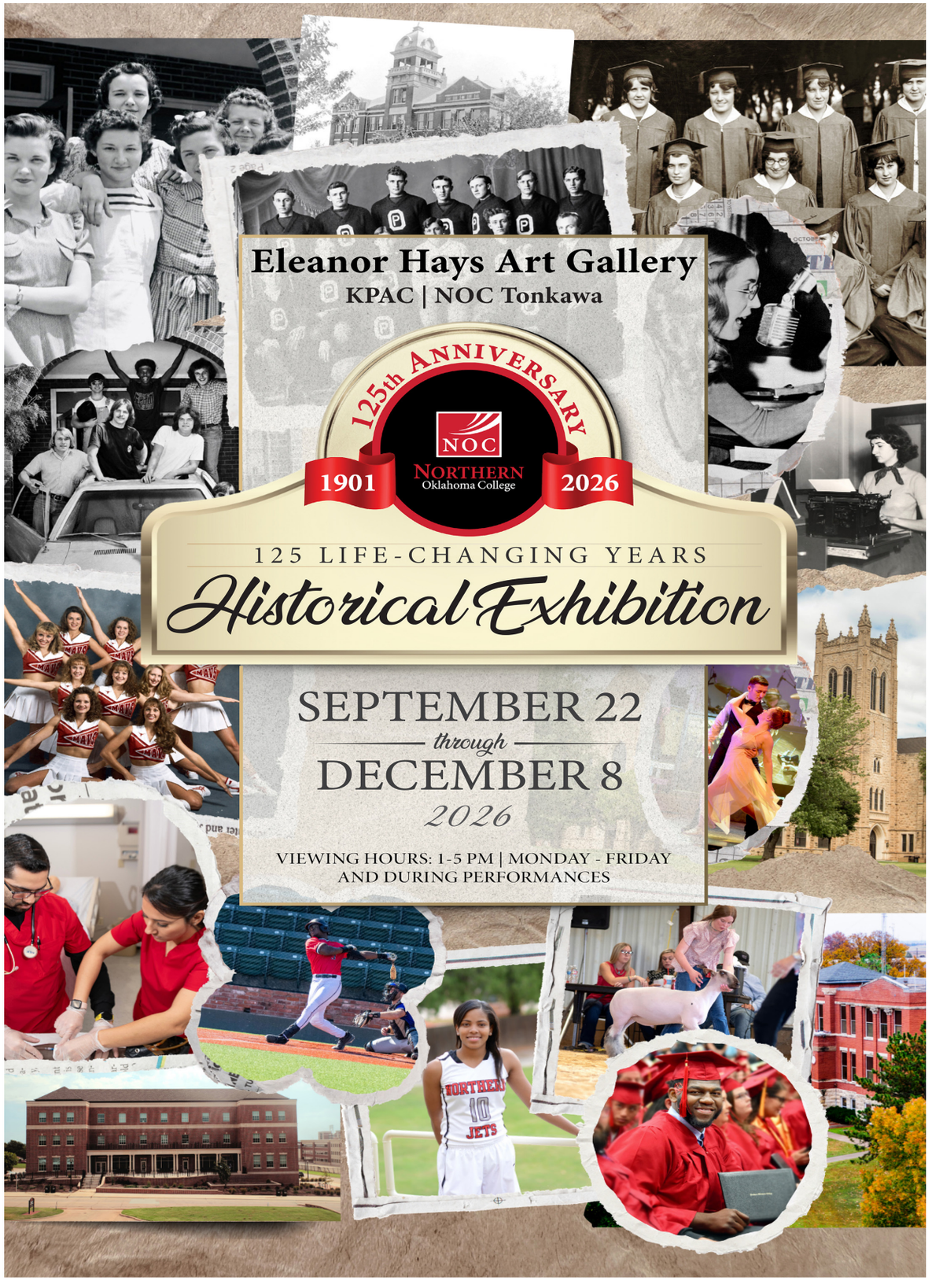


On Thursday, Nov. 19, scholarship students from Northern Oklahoma College and Northwestern attended the Enid Higher Education Council's 2026 Donor Appreciation Luncheon at the Commons on the NWOSU Enid campus. The luncheon honored donors to EHEC's scholarship campaign and featured remarks from higher education leaders. Jeremy Hise, VP NOC Enid, gave opening remarks, and Sheri Snyder, VP for Development and Community Relations, introduced the EHEC Scholarship Students.

November Staculty Birthdays



Shannon Lorg	Nov. 20	Summer McClure	Nov. 24
Ciera Kirby	Nov. 21	Ashley Moore	Nov. 24
Elva Perales	Nov. 22	Dee Cooper	Nov. 25





NOC received a $5,244.02 grant from Enid's Park Avenue Thrift last week.

NOC receives community grant from Enid's Park Avenue Thrift

Northern Oklahoma College has been named a recipient of a 2026 Fall Community Grant from Park Avenue Thrift in Enid.

NOC was among 27 nonprofit organizations, public institutions and schools receiving grants totaling $165,564.18 during the fall grant cycle.

NOC received a $5244.02 award.

The funds will be used to purchase equipment for NOC's Allied Health program.

Park Avenue Thrift has awarded $5.9 million in community grants since 2007, supporting programs and projects that enhance the quality of life in Enid and the surrounding area.

Other grant recipients include Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Enid Public Schools, the Enid Symphony Orchestra, Leonardo's Children's Museum and the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center.

According to Park Avenue Thrift, the grants are made possible through the support of shoppers, donors, employees and the Enid community.

The organization said the grants recognize the work of local institutions and nonprofits that continue to make Enid a better place to live.

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Life changing.

Make a Glass Holiday Tree!



Students: $15 / Staculty: $20

Sessions are "Come & Go"

Wednesday
Dec. 2
4:30-6:30 pm

and

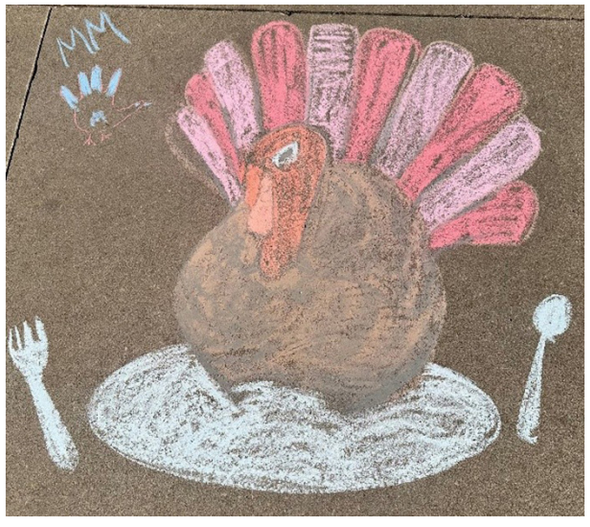
Friday
Dec. 4
11:00-1:30 pm

Sponsored by **NOC ArtForum Club**
Creative Arts Building, Room 110



Phi Theta Kappa, NOC honor society, hosted a Thanksgiving "Chalk the Walk" on Wednesday, November 18. Students were encouraged to chalk a square at the Bell Tower. PTK also offered cookies and water to wish all students, faculty, and staff a Happy Thanksgiving. Pictured (l-r): Matison McConnell, Caitlin Cooper, Dee Cooper, Audry Varner, Breanna Beaty, Addyson Harmon, Danikka Hardy, and Daryn Burke.







Enid Soccer helps with 'Day of Kindness'

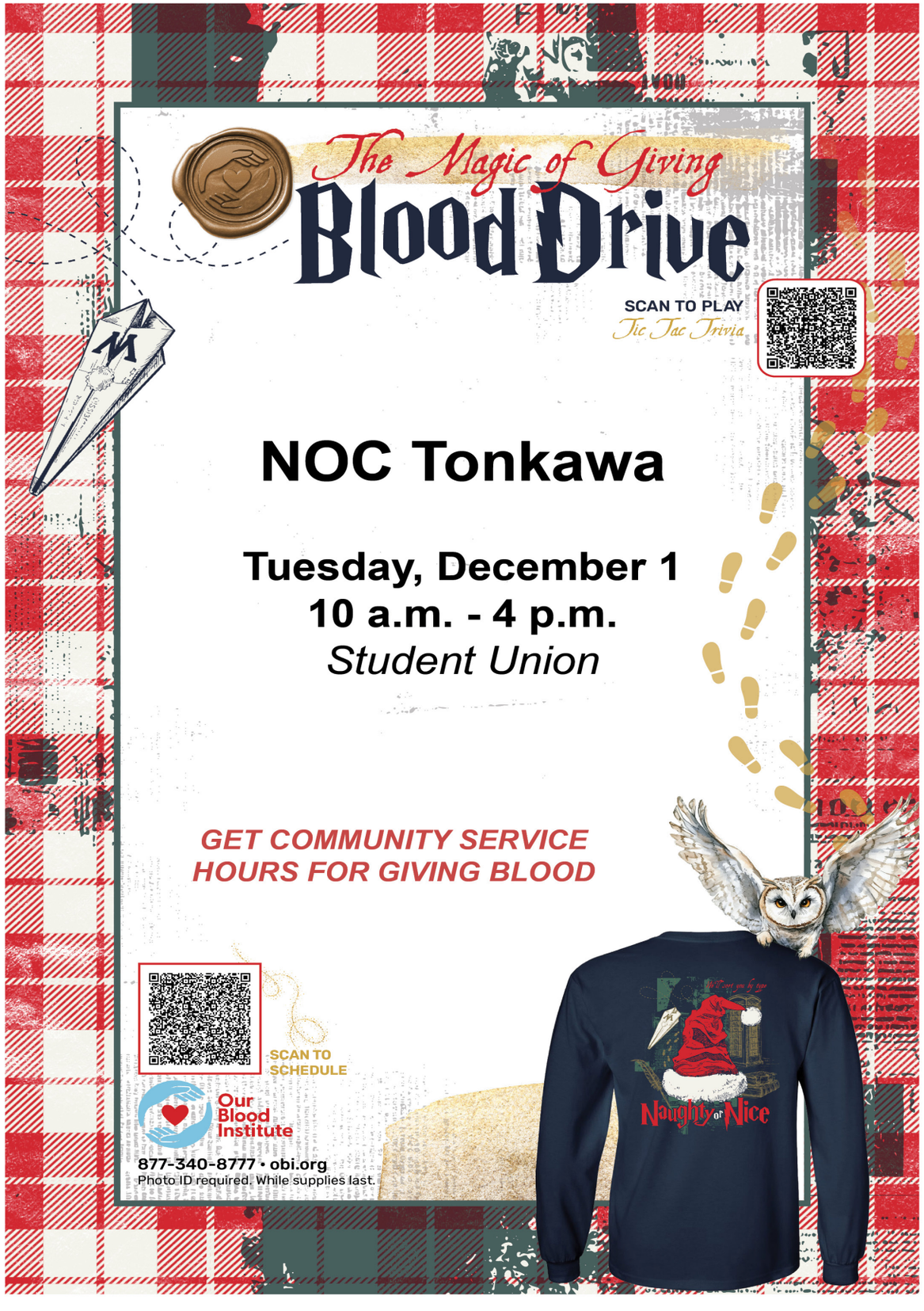


NOC Enid Soccer players installed Christmas lights at Meadowlake Park in Enid for their part of 'Day of Kindness' in Enid. (photos by Mallory Kyler/NOC)









NOC Calendar

Nov. 21
Away Mavs Basketball vs. Dallas County North Lake at NOC Enid, 1 p.m.
Away Lady Jets Basketball vs. Tabor, 2 p.m.
Home Jets Basketball vs. Allen (KS), 3 p.m.

Nov. 29
BCM Open House, BCM, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Tonkawa

Nov. 30
OSU College Day, Zollars Library, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Away Jets Basketball vs. Mid-America Christian, 6 p.m.

Dec. 1
OBI Blood Drive, Student Union, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Home Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Kansas Wesleyan JV, 5:30 p.m.
Home Mavs Basketball vs. Labette (KS), 7:30 p.m.
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

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

Dec. 3
Away Mavs Wrestling vs. Cowley (KS), 7 p.m.
Hot Chocolate Bar/S'mores, Heilmann Gazebo, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Dec. 4
Late 8-Week, Late 12-Week, and Late 16-Week Courses End
Final Day to Withdraw from All Courses
Nurses Pinning, Heilmann Auditorium, 2 p.m., Tonkawa
Home Lady Jets/Jets Basketball vs. Grayson (TX), 5 p.m./7 p.m.

