

## Regents extend Dr. Harris' contract

Northern Oklahoma College President Dr. Clark Harris' contract was extended Wednesday at the June Board of Regents' meeting in Tonkawa.

Dr. Harris came to NOC in July 2021.

"My first year at Northern has been a tremendous experience," Dr. Harris said. "The faculty and staff at Northern have a strong commitment for helping our students achieve success. Northern Oklahoma College has a bright future and it is wonderful as we work together as we build a better NOC."

The regents also elected officers for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Jami Groendyke, Enid, will be the chairperson while Brad Fox, Ponca City, will be the Vice-Chair. Jason Turnbow, Enid, will be the secretary while Jodi Cline, Ponca City, and Michael Martin, Stillwater, are members on the board.

In administrator updates, Vice President for Community Relations & Development reported \$274,000 in recent donations to the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Those donations include a \$200,000 donation to the Vineyard Library project.

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise reported a \$146,000 NASA grant on the Enid campus for astronomy research.

Dr. Rick Edgington, Vice President for Enrollment Management, reported that Summer

2022 enrollment increased from Summer 2021. Dr. Edgington also said he is cautiously optimistic for Fall 2022 enrollment due to targeted enrollment ongoing this summer at NOC.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Diana Watkins reported that NOC Global Education has completed overseas trips to New Zealand and Cuba and is currently on a third trip in Bali.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson provided the monthly financial report as well as information on residential housing rates, rental property, facility rental, and campus master plan information.

Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported that NOC had no COVID-19 cases at the present time.

The regents approved tenure for three faculty members, Mary Gard (Agriculture/Biological Science), Karri Morrill (Mathematics), and Stephanie Spurlock (Mathematics). Diana Watkins said the tenure request was recommended by the Division Chair from their teaching area.

The regents also approved Cheer as a competitive sport at NOC Tonkawa and NOC Enid. Both campuses currently have a cheer program, the new distinction allows them to participate in NJCAA sanctioned events starting in Jan. 2023.

Regents approved a food service contract with Aladdin Food Services. Aladdin started the

food service with NOC in August 2022.

The regents also approved the declaration of numerous books from the Tonkawa library as surplus property. The books will be sold at auction at a later date. The

books were moved from the library as part of the library's transformation into a contempo-



**Dr. Clark Harris**

rary NOC Student Learning Commons.

NOC's regents also approved the rates for residential properties, facility rentals and facility usage fees.

The room and board rates for residential housing were approved for the 2022-23 school year. Rates did not change from this past year.

Regents also approved the Master Plan, a requirement from the Oklahoma State Regents that lays out potential capital projects. Those projects include campus renovations, transportation, and facility upgrades.

Regents also approved the meeting schedule for 2022-23.

The next regents' meeting is set for July 20 in Tonkawa at 1 p.m.

## Tonkawa library transformation underway

The Vineyard Library at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is undergoing a transformation into a contemporary NOC Student Learning Commons.

The library remodel is the first significant project emerging from the Building a Better NOC initiative. NOC President Dr. Clark Harris explained the plan for the transformation of the

library at the April 27th Board of Regents meeting in Tonkawa.

Harris added, "This will all happen from the efforts of the NOC Foundation and a generous donation from a NOC supporter as well as funding from a government grant."

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# Library

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In regard to the donation, the NOC board of regents approved naming the space the Pickens Learning Commons in recognition of the substantial gift and continued collaborative partnership of Hugh and Dr. S. J. Pickens. Work began in May in the hopes of the remodel completion for the fall semester.

“The library at NOC Tonkawa is at a pivotal crossroads with rows and rows of outdated books not being used by today’s students and the need for individual and small group study areas in a dynamic environment,” said Dr. Clark Harris. “The library could greatly benefit from a fresh look. This project is a perfect example of connecting NOC’s core values of personalized education, continuous improvement and community and civic engagement into one transforming project.”

“The new NOC Student Learning Commons will improve the student and employee quality of life by bringing more access to current technology and increase distributed study areas. The Student Learning Commons will possess the “Wow” factor in student recruitment as well as prospective students and families tour the campus, while the new access to learning spaces will aid in retention and improved graduation rates. The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC)

and current library will be blended into one space while retaining the glass dividing walls,” he added.

The project will include new technology, study tables and chairs, soft loveseats and chairs, new reception area, shelving, and carpet.

It will also include the addition of two new permanent murals totaling 100’x20’ by artist Yatika Starr Fields along with a constant collection of various art works from the Doctor Pickens Museum, Inc. to be on long-term display. Fields has already created two existing murals in the Cultural Engagement Center, commissioned by the Doctor Pickens Museum in November 2020 and completed in June 2021.

“We are so excited to continue to partner with Hugh Pickens and the Doctor Pickens Museum, said NOC Vice President for Development and Executive Director to the NOC Foundation Sheri Snyder. “We are grateful for friends such as the Pickens who have chosen to share their gifts with us.”

When completed, the Pickens Learning Commons will include the Cultural Engagement Center, Testing Center, career and transfer services, library services, enhanced technology, tutoring services, and an art gallery.





**Northern Oklahoma College**  
July 18th - 21st | 12:30 - 5:30 pm  
Grades 6th-12th



**CLASSES OFFERED:**

- > Beginning Photography
- > Board Game Design
- > Cartooning
- > Computer Graphics 101
- > Dance Technique
- > Digital Escape Room
- > Graphic Storytelling
- > Intro to Linocut Printmaking
- > Jewelry & Ornament Making
- > Musical Theatre
- > Oil Painting
- > Painting w/ Watercolor & Gouache
- > Stage Combat
- > Vocal Exploration

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## Miss NOC's at Miss Oklahoma

Four Northern Oklahoma College students participated in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in Tulsa June 7-11.

Miss NOC Tonkawa Emma Valgora received a \$500 non-finalist talent award, a \$500 dreamer award (given by the judges for a young lady that stood out in interview and impressed the judges), and a \$1,000 non-finalist award. Valgora is from Ponca City.

Miss NOC Enid Mia-Claire Jones received a \$500 community service achievement award and a non-finalist award of \$1,000. Jones is from Morrison.

Miss Heartland Chandler Brown received a \$1,000 non-finalist award. Brown was the runner-up Miss NOC Tonkawa in 2021. She is from Ponca City.

Miss NOC Enid 2017 Lexi Neahring received a \$500 Miss America empowerment award and a \$10,000 scholarship to Oral Robert's University and a \$1,000 non-finalist award. Leahring is the current Miss Ponca City and is from Enid.

Miss NOC Directors Shannon Varner, Tonkawa, and Terri Sutherland received Miss Oklahoma 2022 local directors of the year.



Life changing.



## SHEEP FIELD DAY JULY 18, 2022

NOC AGRICULTURE COMPLEX  
1651 E. NOC DRIVE • NOC TONKAWA  
Monday before the Big 3 Field Days at OSU

**\$10 team / \$3 individuals**

### TIMES

9:00 am – Registration Begins

9:45 am – Contest Starts with  
Round 1 [4 Classes]

10:45 am – Round 2 [4 Classes]

12:00 pm – Awards Presentation

### AGE DIVISIONS

Junior: Ages 12 and under

Intermediate: Ages 13-15

Senior: Ages 16 and up to 2022 graduated seniors

**Top 5 individuals and top 3 teams  
will receive awards.**

**NOC Judging Scholarship awarded to  
the top Senior Division winner.**

For more information visit [www.noc.edu/agriculture-science1](http://www.noc.edu/agriculture-science1)



# Library book sale set for Aug. 4-7

An enormous book sale filling the Foster-Piper Fieldhouse and book drive are in the works at NOC Tonkawa. NOC needs your assistance through donations, attending the sale and volunteering.

The library at Northern Oklahoma is undergoing a great transformation to meet the needs of today's college students. The library staff and volunteers have weeded out over 20,000 books from the NOC library that will be sold Aug. 4-7 at a massive book sale.

The new-found library space will provide enhanced student study areas, new technology, and will be transformed into the Pickens Learning Commons. This will become a focus area for students at NOC.

NOC will be accepting donations of books and media to benefit the library project. Donations will serve two purposes. Some newer, well-kept books, DVDs and CDs will be added to the library's collection if there is a need and if they meet the same standards as those required of purchased materials. The collection will be greatly enhanced by the addition of newer, donated books.

Many of the donations will not be added to the collection, but will be sold at a large book sale to fund purchasing needed books and digital library resources for students. The digital resources will be used by students, faculty and employees on all campuses. Donations judged not suitable for the collection or the sale will be discarded. Books need to be provided in boxes

or tubs to allow easy transporting to the library/sale. Once accepted, donations are property of NOC and cannot be returned to the donor.

Books and other appropriate materials will be accepted in locations in Ponca City, Tonkawa, Blackwell, Enid, and Stillwater. Drop off locations will be provided at a later date. Donations will be accepted July 28-Aug. 4.

Check NOC's website for detailed guidelines for donations and any restrictions with the sale at <https://www.noc.edu/library/booksale>. NOC will be able to accept hardcover and paperback books for adults (Books for teens and children will be put in the sale), contemporary and classic fiction, popular & research-oriented nonfiction such as science, social science, biographies, history, and self-improvement and DVDs, Blue Ray discs, music and audio books on CD.

NOC will not be able to accept books in poor condition (stained, broken spines, yellowed, moldy, torn), encyclopedias, dictionaries, outdated textbooks, reference or research books (older than 2012), Readers Digest condensed books, magazines and journals, audio cassettes and VHS tapes, computer games or computer equipment or books discarded by other libraries. NOC asks that you take some time to evaluate your donation, as there will be many books that need to be sorted for the sale.

Volunteers will be gladly welcomed to assist with the donations and the sale. Please contact the NOC Library at 580.628.6250 for additional information.



NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE 2022-2023

Important Housing Dates

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 6	Labor Day No Classes	Fall Room and Board Charges are Due <b>Sept. 15, 2022</b>
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 16	Constitution Day: Voter Registration Drive By Clock Tower 9 am-1 pm	
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 18	Residence Halls Close for Thanksgiving Break 3 pm	
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 21-25	Thanksgiving Break No Classes	
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 27	Residence Halls Open 12 pm	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 16	Residence Halls Close for Winter Break 10 am	
FOUR WEEKS	DEC 19-13 JAN	Winter Break No Classes	
SUNDAY	JANUARY 15	Residence Halls Open for Spring Semester 12 pm	
MONDAY	JANUARY 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day No Classes	Spring Room and Board Charges are Due <b>Feb. 15, 2023</b>
FRIDAY	MARCH 10	Residence Halls Close for Spring Break 3 pm	
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY	MARCH 13-17	Spring Break No Classes	
SUNDAY	MARCH 19	Residence Halls Open 12 pm	
FRIDAY	MAY 12	Residence Halls Close for Summer 10 am	Life changing.





## Chautauqua Teachers' Institute

Northern Oklahoma College Enid hosted the Chautauqua Teachers' Institute June 13-18.

The summer teaching institute is in its 14 year.

The institute is led by Dr. DeLisa Ging, NOC Enid Language Arts Instructor, Instructional Designer and Coordinator of Professional Development.

This summer's workshop was "Surviving the Sixties: Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll."

"The Chautauqua Teachers' Institute allows teachers and students to learn about a given time period in an interactive fashion and provides them opportunities to see some of Oklahoma's historical landmarks," Ging stated.

During the six-day workshop, teachers and

students' earning college credit hear lectures from five nationally recognized scholars who are sponsored by the Enid Chautauqua Board LLC and other participating sponsors.

Each evening, class members saw a character portrayal of historical figures including John Lennon, Allen Ginsberg, Cass Elliot, Timothy Leary, and Christopher Isherwood.

The class also traveled to Oklahoma City visiting the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum and the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

This year's institute had 19 students and instructors seeking college credit or professional development credit.

## Stillwater nursing applications

The Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program will accept applications for spring semester 2023 start on the Stillwater campus through Oct. 1.

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. Apply by March 1 for admission on all three campuses for fall semester 2023.



### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Everest Administration Building, Room 105



- Student Employment Application
- Disability Services
- Counseling Services

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Everest Administration Building, Room 106A

- Scholarship Information
- Campus Tours
- High School and College Relations

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Zollars Memorial Library, Room 402

- Internet and NOC Computer Technical Support
- My NOC Questions
- Student Email and Blackboard Questions

### REGISTRATION

Everest Administration Building, Room 108

- Parking Decal
- Residence Hall Card
- Student I.D. Card
- Class Schedule/Transcripts
- Add/Drop Courses
- Meal Plan Activation
- Pay Tuition and Fees
- NOC Card Questions

### FINANCE OFFICE

Everest Administration Building, Room 107

- Acceptance of Financial Aid
- Questions Regarding Financial Aid
- FAFSA Questions

### TESTING

Everest Administration Building Room 101G

- Test Scheduling

### ADVISEMENT

Everest Administration Building Room 106B

- Academic Advisement
- Enrollment Assistance

### ZOLLARS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Zollars Memorial Library Building, Second Floor

- Tutoring
- Group and Individual Study Areas
- Computer Access



For More Information, Contact Student Affairs 580.548.2327

# NOC Calendar

<b>July 8</b> No Classes/Offices Closed	<b>July 18</b> Arts and Adventure Camp (July 18-21)
<b>July 15</b> No Classes/Offices Closed	<b>July 20</b> Board of Regents Meeting, Tonkawa
<b>July 16</b> ACT Prep	<b>July 22</b> No Classes/Offices

## NOC July Birthdays



Kimberly Beegle	July 4	Heather Swain	July 22
Chris Gerber	July 5	Ryan Paul	July 22
Eric Riddle	July 6	Deryl Guilford	July 23
Leslie Johns	July 7	Patrick Nee	July 23
Brandon Haynes	July 7	Jackie Melson	July 25
Jill Schultz	July 9	Kathy Riley	July 25
Terry Cartier	July 9	Bryon Lewis	July 25
Dean Percy	July 16	Stephen Vassar	July 26
Stephani Spurlock	July 17	Kayla Wooderson	July 27
Mary Ann McCoy	July 20	Sherryl Nelson	July 29
Mary Moody	July 21	Ray Weidman	July 30



**WHERE TO GO  
FOR WHAT?**

**NOC TONKAWA**

### REGISTRATION

Vineyard  
Library-Administration  
Building, Room 113

- Student I.D. Card
- Class Schedule/Transcripts
- Add/Drop Courses
- High School & College Relations

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 101



- Parking Decal
- Residence Hall Card Activation
- Student Employment Application
- Disability Services
- Counseling Services

### FINANCIAL AID

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 105

- Acceptance of Financial Aid
- Questions Regarding Financial Aid
- Assistance with FAFSA Completion

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Vineyard  
Library-Administration  
Building, Room 102

- Scholarship Information
- Short-Term Loans

### FINANCE OFFICE

Vineyard  
Library-Administration  
Building, Room 109

- Meal Plan Activation
- Pay Tuition and Fees
- NOC Card Questions

### CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 100F  
Inside the Vineyard Library

- Tutoring/Mentoring
- Group and Individual Study Areas
- Native American Cultural Activities
- Laptops Available for Checkout

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Wilkin Hall, Room 206

- Internet and NOC Computer Technical Support
- My NOC Questions
- Student Email and Blackboard Questions

### COLLEGE SUCCESS CENTER

Vineyard Library-Administration Building, Room 111

- Retention Specialist
- Academic Advisement



**For More Information, Contact Student Affairs 580.628.6240**



# Enid nursing scholarship established

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation acknowledges the establishment of the Judith L. Whitmore Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Whitmore began her nursing career after graduating from Northern Oklahoma College in 1990. After receiving her bachelors and Master's in nursing, Judith began teaching future nurses where her nursing journey began at Northern Oklahoma College on the Enid Campus.

She started her RN career at Bass Baptist Hospital. She worked as a surgery RN at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid.

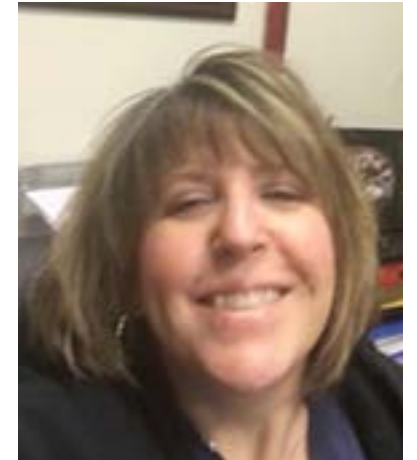
In 2011, she became a Nursing Instructor at NOC where she educated the next generation of nurses. She then moved to Tulsa, OK, in 2016 and worked as a Legal Nurse Consultant at Richardson, Richardson, Boudreaux, PLLC, until 2020. She then returned to Enid and began working at Integris Meadowlake Behavioral Health Center as an RN until the time of her passing.

"We are so blessed to work with the family to establish a memorial scholarship in Judith's name," said Sheri Snyder, Vice President for Development and Executive Director of the NOC Foundation. "Not

only are they keeping her memory alive, her legacy will continue to live on in future generations of nurses in healthcare."

Candidates must apply through the NOC Scholarship office and must be a full-time student in the NOC Enid Nursing Program. Preference will be given to applicants with the most financial need. Recipients must maintain a 3.00 grade point average.

The scholarship application is available at <https://www.noc.edu/students/current-students/scholarships/>.



Judith Whitmore

## Patrick Nee named Mavs' men's coach *Former Mav pitches in MCWS*

Northern Oklahoma College has named Patrick Nee as the new Mavs' men's basketball coach, athletic director Alan Foster announced Thursday.

Nee comes to NOC from Allen County Community College in Iola, Kansas, where he was an assistant for a team that finished 28-7 and reached the NJCAA Division 2 National Tournament.

"I am extremely excited to join the Maverick family and all the rich tradition at NOC of not only winning but winning with great integrity," Nee said. "My goal is to continue the program the Weiberg family worked so hard to build. I'm ready to get started."

NOC Athletic Director Alan Foster is excited for what Nee brings to the Maverick program.

"We had a very deep and talented pool of candidates to pick from but after matching our teaching requirements with the coaching position we felt like Patrick is the right choice to lead the program now," Foster said. "We believe he will continue the string of success we have had

in the men's program. I look forward to working with someone of Patrick's experience and professionalism."

Before going to Allen County Community College, he served one season at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in the WAC Conference. Nee has a total of 19 years coaching experience at the collegiate level including 16 years in the Jayhawk Conference.



Patrick Nee

Northern Oklahoma College Maverick baseball alum Trevin Michael pitched for the Oklahoma Sooners in the 2022 Men's College World Series leading the Sooners to a runner-up finish.

Michael attended NOC from 2017-19 pitching two years for the Mavs.

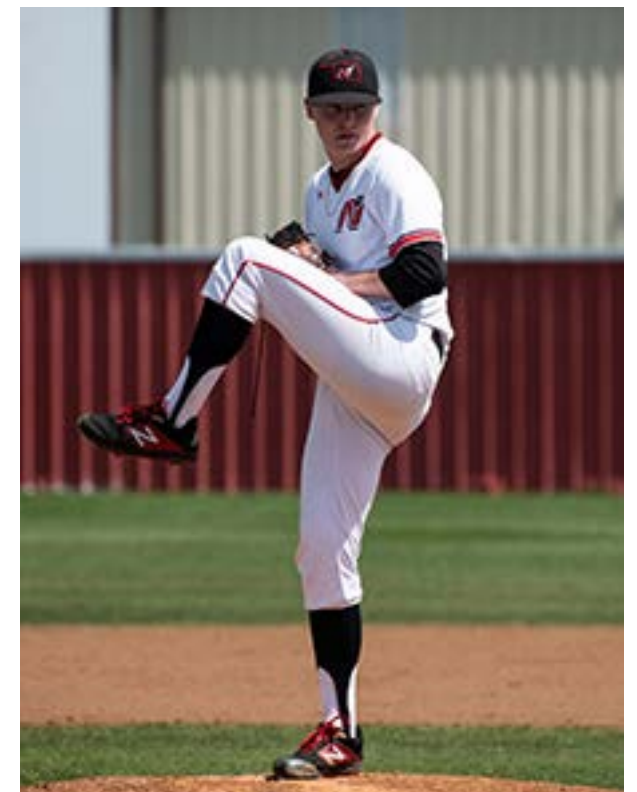
After graduating from NOC, Michael pitched two years at Lamar University before attending OU this year as a graduate student.

Michael has worked as a starter and reliever for the Sooners in 2022 posting a 4-2 record with a 2.89 ERA. Michael has struck out 95 hitters in 75 innings while walking just 21.

During the world series, Michael pitched in four games earning one save.

The 6-2 right hander recorded the final out for the Sooners in the Big 12 Championship Tournament final against Texas and the Super Regional Championship game against Virginia Tech. He earned a victory in the Regional Final against Florida.

Michael went to Piedmont High School.



Trevin Michael





# NOC Tonkawa hosts Judging Camp

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa hosted two livestock judging camps in June.

The camp for Grades 3-6 was June 13-15 and the camp for grades 7-12 was June 16-18.

The camp had over 100 students and group leaders from Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kentucky.

NOC Livestock Judging Coach Jennifer Bedwell is in her third.

“Our goals for this camp are to highlight our program and students by inviting campers from all over the country to spend three days on our Tonkawa campus,” Bedwell said.

“These campers learn from NOC’s best to learn about note taking, placing and oral rea-

sons,” she added.

Group leaders included Anna Hannon (IN), Blake Peterson (IN), Sydney Alsip (KY), Emma Carley (ID), Kash Butler (OK), Kord Butler (OK), Cooper Thompson (OK), Stetson LeForce (OK), Jackson Terrance (OK), Kyler Miller (OK), Kelsey Theis (KS), Doug Hewitt (OK), Kylee Cannon (MO), Olivia Gerloff

(MO), Brylee Williams (MO), Sidnie Saville (VA), Hannah McElrath (GA), Parker Fleming (GA), Makayla Nation (OK), Kate Trammel (OK), Blake Long (OK), Hattie Steichen (OK), Aaron Mahan (AR), and Octavia Hassen (OH).



## Girls' Basketball Camps underway

Nine players from the Tonkawa area attended the Northern Oklahoma College Girls' Basketball Camp for Grades 1-3 June 27-29.

Attending the camp from players from Tonkawa, Blackwell, Braman, Ponca City, Frontier, Morison, Medford, Mulhall-Orlando, Midwest City, Caldwell (KS), Siloam Springs (AR), and DCLA.

NOC Lady Mavs Head Coach Greg Krause, assisted by NOC players Keely Hussey, Landri Hussey, Maddy Wehrenberg, and Nevaeh Taylor ran the three-day event.

According to Krause, the focus was on introducing basic skills such as dribbling, passing, defensive and varied offensive skills. Lowered goals were used to teach shooting fundamentals.

On the final day, campers demonstrated their skills for their parents. Each girl received a T-shirt, a regulation size basketball and a certificate of completion.

Two more girls' camps are set for July.