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# What's Happening

## April 7, 2023

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## NOC students earn All-Academic Team honors

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma – Six Northern Oklahoma College students were recognized at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges All-Oklahoma Academic Team and OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award Ceremony in Oklahoma City March 28.

Recognized from NOC for the All-Academic Team were Mia Claire Jones and Bobbie Benz from NOC Enid, Devin Barnett, Samantha Smith, and Emma Valgora from NOC Tonkawa, and from NOC Stillwater Hang Dinh and Emilee Rhymer.

Reik Barrack was recognized for the OACC Tuition Waiver Award.

The All- Oklahoma Academic Team Program provides statewide recognition to outstanding two-year college students.

To be eligible, students must be nominated by their college president to the All-USA Academic Team. Nominees must be eligible to graduate during the 2023 academic year and hold a minimum of a 3.50 cumulative grade point

average out of a possible 4.0 on all college-level coursework completed in the past five years.

Oklahoma is one of 39 states participating in the All-USA Academic Team Program. The State Academic Teams were introduced in 1994 to provide scholastic recognition to community college students, while promoting excellence at two-year colleges.

Also, each year Presidents of Oklahoma Community Colleges select deserving students from across the State of Oklahoma to receive a \$1,000 tuition waiver, which may be applied to tuition for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic school year at \$500 per semester.

The President's nominees are selected for their outstanding academic achievement, their record in the classroom and their leadership ability. Nominees must be a graduating high school senior or attend a community college. Certificates will be presented to all of the tuition waiver students.



NOC students were recognized at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges All-Academic Team on March 28. Pictured (L-R): Devin Barnett, Bobbie Benz, Samantha Smith, NOC President Dr. Clark Harris, Mia Claire Jones, Emma Valgora, and Hang Dinh.

## *Ryan Bay earns 300th win at NOC*

NOC Tonkawa head baseball coach Ryan Bay won his 300<sup>th</sup> game at NOC Sunday as the Mavs beat SAU Tech 7-5.

Bay has now won 302 games for the Mavs in

his eighth season at NOC.

He previously coached at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Bacone College, and William Woods College.

## Bedlam softball, baseball next week

NOC Enid and NOC Tonkawa will face each other in softball and baseball next week.

The Jets and Mavs face off in softball on Thursday, April 13 at 2 p.m. The Mavs and Jets split two games in Enid last month.

The Jets are at Tonkawa in baseball on Friday,

April 14, at 1 p.m. and then the Mavs are at Enid on Sunday, April 16, for two more conference games.

Visit [www.nocmavs.com](http://www.nocmavs.com) and [www.nocjets.com](http://www.nocjets.com) for information about Mavs and Jets sports.

## Holman, Thompson named All-Americans

Lady Mav sophomore Jordan Holman was named NJCAA Second Team All-American on Tuesday.



**Jordan Holman**

The 5-10 forward from Hugo, Oklahoma, averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Mavs in 2022-23.

Holman was also named the Region 2 Player of the Year.

Jet sophomore guard Jordan Thompson was named 3rd Team All-American on Tuesday by the NJCAA.



**Jordan Thompson**

Thompson, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, averaged 18 points and seven assists for the Jets in 2022-23.

Thompson was also named NJCAA Region 2 Player of the Year.

## NOC April Birthdays



Calvin Hoelting	April 7	Denise Bay	April 20
Ashlyn Ewy	April 9	Shannon Varner	April 22
Renna Bowers	April 12	Rachel Kirk	April 22
Lonnie Rhea	April 15	Jenifer Lancaster	April 23
Cassie Firth	April 15	Anita Simpson	April 27
Mary Ann Harris	April 18	Ross Buchanan	April 27

## Walk with Jesus on Good Friday this Lenten season.



The NOC Mackie Planetarium will present a 20 minute walk along the Via Dolorosa in the old city of Jerusalem at 12:30 on Good Friday April 7.

Join the Franciscan friars on their Friday walk and prayer along Jesus' last journey from the site of His trial to the site of His crucifixion at Golgotha and later on, His resurrection – this practice in Old Jerusalem goes back 7 centuries.



Jeff Medders, Willie Street MPAS, PA-C, and Dr. Jim Appleman were inducted into the Northern Oklahoma College Alumni Hall of Fame Saturday in Tonkawa.

## Trio inducted into NOC Hall of Fame

Northern Oklahoma College inducted Dr. Jim Appleman, Jeff Medders, and Willie Street MPAS, PA-C into the NOC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Appleman, Class of 1975, Medders, Class of 1981, and Street, Class of 1982, were inducted during the Alumni & Friends Reunion at the Renfro Center. Rex Ackerson presented Appleman, Dr. Cathryn Jones introduced Medders, and Dr. Rick Edgington introduced Street.

Members of the Class of 1973 were recognized and Kelsey Mitchell of Perry was awarded the Legacy Scholarship.

NOC President Dr. Clark Harris formally inducted each member of the Class of 2023 saying, "All of you have made a significant impact at Northern Oklahoma College and the community," he said. "We are so proud you are part of NOC's legacy and are great ambassadors for

Northern Oklahoma College."

Appleman thanked Nevona Kegans-Bossert (Distinguished Alumni 2017) for the nomination.

"I appreciate Nevona for the nomination," he said. "I am thankful to have attended NOC and all the great people associated with it."

Medders thanked Dr. Kathryn Jones (Distinguished Alumni 2007) who gave him his initial tour of NOC.

"A few minutes into the tour, I was hooked," he said. "NOC gave me the foundation I needed that helped me at Oklahoma State University and then in my professional life. NOC set me up for success."

Street summed up his life in one word, "resiliency." In fact, the song "Eye of the Tiger"

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A Partnership with Northern Oklahoma College and Northwestern Oklahoma State University



### NOC/NWOSU PARA TO DEGREE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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# Alums

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played during the slide show introducing Street. “NOC was great for me because it gave me the support system,” he said. “NOC taught me to adapt to any given situation and more forward. I’m a living example of resiliency and I hope I can be an example for others.”

Saturday’s three inductions make 55 total members in the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

Inductees are selected by a nominating committee each year based on contribution of service to NOC, community involvement, leadership positions, citations and awards, and education.

The event is organized by Kayla Wooderson, NOC Director of Alumni and Community Relations.



Kelsey Mitchell was awarded the Northern Oklahoma College Legacy Scholarship at the Friends & Alumni Reunion Saturday night at the Renfro Center in Tonkawa. Mitchell is an incoming freshman from Perry. Mitchell’s ultimate goal is to pursue a career in Radiography as a Technician. She is the daughter of Sherry Stout, a 2017 graduate of Northern earning a Nursing-RN degree plus an Associate Degree of Arts and Science. Pictured (L-R): Candy Oller, NOC Director of Donor Relations, Kelsey Mitchell, Kayla Wooderson, NOC Director of Alumni and Community Relations.

**LIVE MUSIC!**

**NOC TONKAWA  
FREE STUDENT ACTIVITY**

**JASE HOLTOM BAND**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023**  
Circle Drive, Outside Science Building  
**7 PM**



United States Marshal Clayton Johnson

## United States Marshal Clayton Johnson speaks to criminal justice students

United States Marshal for Northern District of Oklahoma Clayton Johnson spoke to NOC Criminal Justice students Wednesday, March 29.

Johnson, an NOC graduate, has served law enforcement over 30 years as a police officer, police chief, and United States Marshal.

He spoke to three criminal justice classes, the first he spoke about his journey to police chief and how NOC helped him achieve his goals.

For the second class, he talked in depth about the function of the United States Marshal Service and tackles some myths about the marshal service.

In the last class, he talked about the investigative processes of finding fugitives and the other types of marshal investigations.

“We are so thankful that Clayton spoke to our

students,” said NOC Criminal Justice Instructor Troy Cochran. “It gives them first-hand knowledge of all facets of law enforcement. He is a proud NOC alum and I am always excited when he speaks to our students.”

After attending NOC, Johnson graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a bachelor and master’s degree in Criminal Justice Management. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

He has served 12 years as a US Marshal.

Johnson was inducted into the NOC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2014 and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in 2014.


For those interested in NOC’s Criminal Justice Department, contact Troy Cochran at 580.628.6663 or troy.cochran@noc.edu .




PUBLIC HEALTH “ON THE GO”

## Mobile Wellness Unit Coming Soon to a Location Near You

Insurance accepted but not required.

 April 13, 2023  
9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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In The Circle Drive

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| Sexual Health Testing and Treatment | SNAP Enrollment                |                                |  |

#### Questions?

Call 405-372-8200 or view the full calendar at [Oklahoma.gov/health/mobilewellness](https://Oklahoma.gov/health/mobilewellness)



**District 3**  
**NE Central Oklahoma**  
**Mobile Wellness Unit**



NOC History Club members traveled to New Mexico over spring break to study Pueblo history. Pictured (L-R): Truman Hague, Malachi Biby, Mark Hodgson, Maddy Jones, NOC Social Science Instructor Dr. Alyce Webb, Laura Hernandez.

## History Club students travel to New Mexico for Pueblo culture study

Five Northern Oklahoma College History Club members traveled to New Mexico over Spring Break to study Pueblo history and culture.

Students will make presentations from their trip Thursday, April 20, in Harold Hall 202 at NOC Tonkawa, from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. The presentations are open to the public.

Students who attended the trip included Malachi Biby, Blackwell; Truman Hague, Blackwell; Mark Hodgson, Ponca City; Laura Hernandez, Stillwater; and Maddy Jones, Blackwell. The trip was sponsored by social science instructor

Dr. Alyce Webb.

Webb said students will discuss their individual research and tour experiences in a variety of formats, including lectures, exhibits, and documentaries.

“The NOC Social Sciences department offered a special supervised study course for the Spring 2023 semester to study Pueblo history, culture, and art, with an emphasis on Pueblo pottery,” she said.

“Five NOC History Club students spent class

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The Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce  
presents

# 4TH ANNUAL TONKAWA FILM FESTIVAL

- Short Films
- Music Videos
- Parade
- Door Prizes

**APR  
14th  
15th**

[www.TonkawaFilmFestival.com](http://www.TonkawaFilmFestival.com)

*Wilkin Hall  
Theater  
Northern  
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# Pueblo

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time reading and researching the history of New Mexico and then participated in a study tour to Zuni, San Ildefonso, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Students travelled in parallel with faculty and students from the University of Central

Oklahoma (Edmond, OK) and Collin College (Frisco, TX), so that students had ample opportunity to network with and benefit from other students' and professors' varied expertise."

## Tonkawa Film Festival April 14-15

The Tonkawa Film Festival is preparing for the arrival of a record number of filmmakers from around the world, including as far away as Australia.

The festival is April 14-15 at Wilkin Hall in NOC Tonkawa.

Film screenings are Friday starting at 6 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased through the website ([www.tonkawafilmfestival.com](http://www.tonkawafilmfestival.com)) or in-person. Tickets are \$10/night or \$15 for both nights.

There is also a parade in downtown Tonkawa starting April 15, at 11 a.m.

The parade this year will have film themed floats and costumes all vying for part of the \$1000 in cash prizes generously donated by First National Bank of Oklahoma.

The parade will also include a special appearance by Lt Gov Matt Pinnell as well our visiting filmmakers in horse drawn. This year's parade

will be followed by the announcement of winners of the costume and float contests as well as games and food trucks.

All film blocks will be followed by a Q&A with filmmakers. Saturday night will also include a booth displaying original props from the film "Twister" starring Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt.

This year's 35 selected short films, include seven international films and represent filmmaking across six genres (Drama, Comedy, Horror, Documentary, Animation and Music Videos).

The festival will culminate with an awards ceremony on Apr 15 where custom made plaques will be presented to the winners of each genre as well best Oklahoma film, Native American film, Family film and Student film. Also, a \$500 cash prize given to one film selected as the Best of the Fest.

A list of the selected films is available to view at the festival's website.

## Tonkawa job fair set for April 18

NOC Tonkawa is hosting a Job Fair Tuesday, April 18 in the Cultural Engagement Center. The event is set for 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The event is for students who are graduating and for those interested in internships.

A number of area local employers will be represented.

For more information, contact Kathleen Swain at 580.628.6258 or [Kathleen.swain@noc.edu](mailto:Kathleen.swain@noc.edu).

**NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE**  
Tonkawa

# JOB FAIR

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

**APR 18TH**  
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Come check out internship opportunities!  
Graduating soon? Come meet with potential employers.

**In the CEC located in the Library-Administration Building**  
For more information, contact  
**Kathleen Swain**  
Coordinator of Student Academic Success Services  
580.628.6258  
[kathleen.swain@noc.edu](mailto:kathleen.swain@noc.edu)

# Phil Chalmers hosting criminal profile seminar at NOC April 25

Noted criminal profiler and true crime writer Phil Chalmers will host a seminar at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa April 25.

The event, organized by NOC Criminal Justice Instructor Troy Cochran, will be held at the Renfro Center from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. with lunch provided. Lunch will be provided by the NOC Student Organization Criminal Justice Society.

Tickets to the event are \$149 each, \$40 for NOC students.

Chalmers, who specializes in profiling dangerous people, is the author of the Teen Killer Whisperer and hosts the Where the Bodies are Buried Podcast.

The seminar will include extremely graphic content including images of sex, violence, torture, and death. Attendees must be 18 years and older.

Training topics include causes, warning signs, and triggers of today's dangerous killers. Also covered are school shooting trends, school safety plans, and many others.

The seminar will go live on Zoom with school shooters and serial killers.

The seminar is designed for law enforcement, school resource officers, dispatchers, counselors, probation officers, social workers, and victim's advocates.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.nocedu/cjevents](http://www.nocedu/cjevents).

The program is brought by the Northern Oklahoma Foundation and Joe Lewis, Lectureship Chair in Criminal Justice.

## April 13 final day for income tax prep

Thursday, April 13 is the final day for Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents.

Singles or families making less than \$60,000 per year qualify for the free service.

The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC) is hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The CEC is located in the library in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to bring a photo ID for all filers; Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents; W-2 forms; 1099 forms; receipts for childcare costs, education expenses, and other deductions; checking account and routing number for refund; and

1095-A, -B, or -C healthcare coverage or exemption.

Tax preparation is done by appointment only. Please contact Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or [carolyn.johnson@noc.edu](mailto:carolyn.johnson@noc.edu). Tax preparers are available from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. No drop off's will be accepted, individuals must be present during tax preparation.

Barbara Nickles is the VITA site coordinator and NOC students Haley Merhoff, Graeme Rios, and Rhylan Wright will assist her in preparing the tax returns. All have taken and passed all the required IRS tax preparer coursework.

Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.



**Interested in Pueblo History and Culture?**



The NOC History Club will host a public presentation about their recent study tour to Zuni, San Ildefonso, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. We invite you to come learn about their life-changing experience!

Lecture, Documentary, and Exhibit formats.

**Join us Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**4:00-5:00 pm, Harold Hall, Room 202, NOC Tonkawa**

For more information contact Dr. Alyce Webb at [alyce.webb@noc.edu](mailto:alyce.webb@noc.edu)



# NOC Calendar

**April 7**

Planetarium Show, Mackie Planetarium, 12:30 p.m., Enid

**April 10**

YouTube Yoga, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa  
Easter Egg Hunt, Gazebo, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

**April 11**

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa  
YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, noon, Tonkawa

**April 12**

Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
Free Lunch, Gantz Center Student Lounge, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid  
NOC Enid Academic Awards Reception, Gantz Center, 5:30 p.m.  
YouTube Yoga, Wellness Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa  
BCM The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid  
Jase Holtom Band, Circle Drive near Crowder

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

**April 13**

Kay County Mobile Health Clinic, College Circle, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tonkawa  
VITA Income Tax Preparation, CEC, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. by appointment only, Tonkawa  
YouTube Power Pilates, Wellness Center Aerobics Room, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

**April 14**

Final Week to Withdraw from 16-Week Courses Without Evaluation  
Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkin Hall, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**April 15**

Remember the Ten Run, Stillwater  
Tonkawa Film Festival, Wilkins Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

For additional information, visit the following links: [NOC Calendar](#)



**April 8**

Away Jets Baseball vs. Western, 1 p.m.

**April 13**

Away Jets Softball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 2 p.m.

**April 14**

Away Jets Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1 p.m.

**April 16**

Home Jets Baseball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 1 p.m.



**April 8**

Away Mavs Baseball vs. National Park (AR), 1 p.m.

**April 11**

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Hutchinson (KS), 2 p.m.

**April 13**

Home Mavs Softball vs. NOC Enid, 2 p.m.

**April 14**

Home Mavs Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m.

**April 16**

Away Mavs Baseball vs. NOC Enid, 1 p.m.

Life changing.

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE, TONKAWA

**April 18-May 9** KPAC | Eleanor Hays Art Gallery

**MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION**  
Saturday, April 29  
5-6 pm

Drew Dollarhide  
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Mariah Roebuck  
Jayden Ryan  
Amy Smith

**EXHIBITIONS**  
**ELEPHANTS**

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION 2023

## NOC Tonkawa Exotic Animals



## Tonkawa Livestock Judging Contest

