

## Four new paintings added to the NOC Pickens Learning Commons

Hugh Pickens recently added four paintings to the Northern Oklahoma College Pickens Learning Commons collection on the Tonkawa campus.

The art work is part of the Pickens Learning Commons in the Vineyard Library/Administration Building.

The new additions are the work of Yatika Starr Fields.

"I am grateful to Yatika Starr Fields for continuing to inspire young minds," Pickens said. "I am pleased to have contributed to that goal."

NOC President Diana Morris added, "I am so excited about the addition of Yatika's paintings in the Pickens Learning Commons. Our Vision Statement at Northern says we will be a model institution and leader in academic quality and cultural enrichment. We remain grateful to Hugh Pickens for partnering with us to offer our students cultural enrichment opportunities."

Yatika Starr Fields is an Osage Painter and Muralist.

According to Yatikafields.com and the Book, "Fluent Generations, The Art of Anita, Tom, and Yatika Fields" while attending the Art Institute of Boston from 2000 to 2004, Fields became interested in Graffiti aesthetics, which

has been integral to his knowledge and process along with Landscape painting and continues to influence his large-scale and studio works. His compositions are often spontaneous and left open for interpretation so that multiple stories can be drawn from them. His kaleidoscopic imagery, with its dynamic pop, symbolism and culture aesthetic, reference both historical and contemporary themes- tied together with traditional affinity but provoked by general concerns of world differences. His canvasses and Murals are alive with movement and filled with images that rely on vibrant colors and swirling patterns to build narratives that carry the eye.

Fields is from Oklahoma and currently living and working in Tulsa in conjunction with the Tulsa Artist Fellowship. Fields has spent the last decade on the East Coast, New York City and most recently Seattle where the energy of urban life inspires and feeds the creative force in his artwork. He seeks to influence his viewers to rethink and reshape their relationships to the world around them.

Three sets of murals, created by Fields, were dedicated at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa's Cultural Engagement Center in De-

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**Four new pieces of art created by Yatika Starr Fields have added to the NOC Pickens Learning Commons at NOC Tonkawa. The pieces were commissioned by Hugh Pickens. Pictured (L-R): Sheri Snyder, NOC Vice President for Development and Community Relations, Hugh Pickens, NOC President Diana Morris.**



# Pickens

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ember of 2024, making a total of six murals in the Cultural Engagement Center and Pickens Learning Common at NOC Tonkawa. The murals encompass over 5,000 square feet.

Fields was commissioned by Hugh Pickens to create the murals as part of the existing art collection in the Pickens Learning Commons in the Vineyard Library Administration Building.

## Minor league baseball trip Sept. 11

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa and Enid resident life students may attend the Oklahoma City Comets Minor League Baseball Game Thursday, Sept. 11. The cost is \$10 per tickets which includes seats behind the dugout, OKC Dodgers hat, and

transportation to the event. Please contact Student Affairs for more information. The NOC Roustabouts will sing the National Anthem before the Comets game.

## September Faculty/Staff Birthdays



Candy Oller	Sept. 1	Jennifer Valdez	Sept. 13
Crystal Smith	Sept. 1	Wendy Spiva	Sept. 18
Mary Morris	Sept. 3	Jeff Tate	Sept. 19
Suzy Wright	Sept. 4	Cara Beth Johnson	Sept. 20
Shannon Cranford	Sept. 5	Jill Harmon	Sept. 21
Kenneth Headrick	Sept. 6	Alondra Becerra	Sept. 25
Sarah Machia	Sept. 6	Christi Hook	Sept. 26
Frankie Wood-Black	Sept. 6	Kelley Larkin	Sept. 26
Kathleen Swain	Sept. 8	Luke Kruse	Sept. 26
Stacey Frazier	Sept. 9	Chad Anderson	Sept. 26
Gene Long	Sept. 11	Shelly Mencacci	Sept. 29
Jennifer Bedwell	Sept. 11		



**OKC Comets Baseball Game For  
Tonkawa and Enid NOC Students**

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11**  
SEATS RIGHT ABOVE THE DUGOUT

**\$10 per ticket**  
Ticket includes an OKC Comets hat.  
Transportation will be provided by  
NOC Student Activities

For more information, contact Student Affairs  
**580.628.6240**



# Timelycare available for students

Completing a degree in higher education is an incredible accomplishment that, in most cases, is not met without challenges – academically, socially and emotionally. While every student's collegiate journey is different, Northern Oklahoma College is committed to providing a wide breadth of services that meets the needs of each and every student on campus.

As part of that commitment, Northern Oklahoma College has partnered with TimelyCare, higher education's most trusted virtual health and well-being provider, to offer students free and equitable access to mental health support, medical care and basic needs assistance. The partnership is an extension of campus health and counseling center resources, with a goal of improving student well-being, engagement and retention.

Through TimelyCare on their phone or other device, Northern Oklahoma College students can now select from a wide-ranging menu of virtual care options from licensed physicians and counselors in all 50 states – at no cost and without the barrier of traditional insurance – including:

- On-demand and appointment-based medical care
- On-demand mental health and emotional support (TalkNow)
- Appointment-based mental health counseling (up to 6 sessions each academic year)
- Health coaching
- Basic Needs assistance
- Care navigation
- Peer support community
- Digital self-care content

Additionally, faculty and staff have access to support that empowers them to guide students to TimelyCare resources to help students

achieve a sense of well-being, live healthier lifestyles and improve their mental health.

The partnership with TimelyCare allows Northern Oklahoma College to deliver a hybrid model of care in collaboration with on-campus resources. Benefits to students include:

- Convenient 24/7 care – Physical and mental health issues often present themselves outside regular business hours, and TimelyCare makes seeking support or treatment as easy and convenient as making a video or phone call. Nationally, half of mental health care visits through TimelyCare occur after regular business hours or on weekends.
- Reduced wait times – Many campus counseling centers often have a 2-3 week wait time for appointments, whereas students can typically connect with a TimelyCare provider in less than 5 minutes.
- Diverse provider network – TimelyCare's diverse and culturally responsive provider network reflects and is proud to serve students who embody diversity in race, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, age, religion and worldview, language, health, ability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic and immigration status, and more. More than half of mental health providers identify as people of color. The platform also offers professionals who identify as LGBTQIA+, speak multiple languages, and translation services to support more than 240 languages. Students scheduling services can choose to meet with a specific provider or select the first available.

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# *NOC soccer hosts games Sunday night*

NOC hosts soccer games Sunday night at the Advance Soccer Complex.  
The women (0-0-1) host Hutchinson (KS) at 5 p.m. while the men (0-2-0) open conference play against UA Rich Mountain (AR) at 7 p.m.  
Soccer games are free of charge with an NOC ID card.



# GOLF

## FUNDRAISER

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Blackwell Country Club Golf Course | 8:00 am

### 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$100 *per* Person  
\$300 *per* Team

*Deadline to Register: September 1*

To Register or to Donate to the  
Northern Oklahoma College  
Women's Wrestling Program  
Contact Coach Jayden Miller  
580.628.6762  
Jayden.Miller@noc.edu

www.nocmavs.com







NOC is hosting a Professional Day at NOC Tonkawa for Engineering and Nursing students on Sept. 5.

## *Engineering, Nursing Professional Day Sept. 5*

Northern Oklahoma College Pre-Engineering and Nursing students will attend a Professional Day at the Renfro Center at NOC Tonkawa on Friday, Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Frankie Wood-Black, Division Chair for Engineering, Physical Science, and Process Technology and Dr. Nikole Hicks, Division Chair for Nursing will lead the program on Friday.

Students will take professional photographs and learn about the pre-engineering and nursing programs.

*Labor Day, Sept. 1  
No Classes/Offices Closed*



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# NOC Calendar

## Aug. 31

Home Women's Soccer vs. Hutchinson (KS), 5 p.m.  
Home Men's Soccer vs. UA Rich Mountain (AR), 7 p.m.

## Sept. 1

Labor Day, No Classes/Offices Closed

## Sept. 2

Free Lunch, BCM, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

## Sept. 3

Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Student Lounge, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid  
Home Men's and Women's Soccer vs. NEO, 5 p.m./7 p.m.  
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

## Sept. 4

Bible Study, Gantz Student Lounge, 1 p.m., Enid  
Away Jets Baseball Scrimmage at Pratt (KS), 4 p.m.  
Mavs Softball Intersquad, Softball Field, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa

## Sept. 5

Pre-Engineering/Nursing Professional Day, Renfro Center, 9:30 a.m., Tonkawa

## Sept. 6

Away Mavs Softball Scrimmage at Southwest Christian

## Sept. 7

Stamp Out Starvation, Methodist Church, noon - 3 p.m., Tonkawa  
Away Men's and Women's Soccer vs. Connors, 6 p.m./8 p.m.

## Sept. 9

Free Lunch, BCM, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

## Sept. 10

Home Women's Soccer vs. Redlands, 5 p.m.  
Home Men's Soccer vs. Murray, 7 p.m.

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Information for You and Your Parents.

**2 Create FSA ID**  
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**3 Complete FAFSA**  
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NOC School Code: 003162

**Contact Financial Aid**  
**Tonkawa** 580.628.6500  
**Enid** 580.548.2261  
**Stillwater** 580.628.6500  
**Email:** Financial.aid@noc.edu



# Presidential Partner, Masonic Fraternity grants due Sept. 15

The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation is offering grants through the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma Endowment and the Presidential Partners Program funds.

These funds are made available to Northern Oklahoma College programs, students, and employees whose proposed projects support the Foundation's mission of providing quality educational experiences.

The NOCF annually determines fund availability and will award grants based on annual earnings of the endowments.

Grant request forms are to be completed and returned to the Office of Development and Community Relations.

The Masonic Endowment request is to be used

exclusively for student support. Deadline for Masonic Endowment Grant consideration is September 15.

Presidential Partners funds may be used for student or employee support. Presidential Partners Grant request priority deadline is September 15, but may be submitted any time during the year and will be reviewed on a first come first served basis.

The Foundation will do its best to provide full or partial funding for all requests; however, submission does not guarantee any funding will be granted.

If further information is needed, please call Candy Oller in the NOC the Development Office at 580.628.6789 or [candy.oller@noc.edu](mailto:candy.oller@noc.edu).

# Stamp Out Starvation set for Sept. 7

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa students have the opportunity to participate in the Stamp Out Starvation program on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the First United Methodist Church Family Center in Tonkawa.


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

be provided.

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


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







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*Kayla Wooderson*  
Kayla Wooderson, Director of Alumni and Community Relations

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