

the Spotlight

Newsletter

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Changing roles, enhancing service

When I moved into the position of dean of arts and sciences seven years ago, I had a goal of highlighting the accomplishments of the school's faculty through our Spotlight newsletter. Much has changed since that time. My position morphed into a dean of faculty position in July 2016, and the Spotlight has swelled significantly as a result. The first issue (fall 2015) had a total of eleven pages. The spring 2022 edition, our twelfth, has over 90 pages. As much as anything, the change in length reflects an expanding sense of purpose for the newsletter.

Beyond being a tool for publicizing faculty and departmental accomplishments, the Spotlight now serves as a record of academic events and news that faculty may make use of when preparing portfolios or seeking specific details of a semester's activities. The PDF is easily searchable by using the Control + f shortcut, and all newsletters are archived on the university's website and accessible under "Spotlight Newsletter" on the A to Z index.

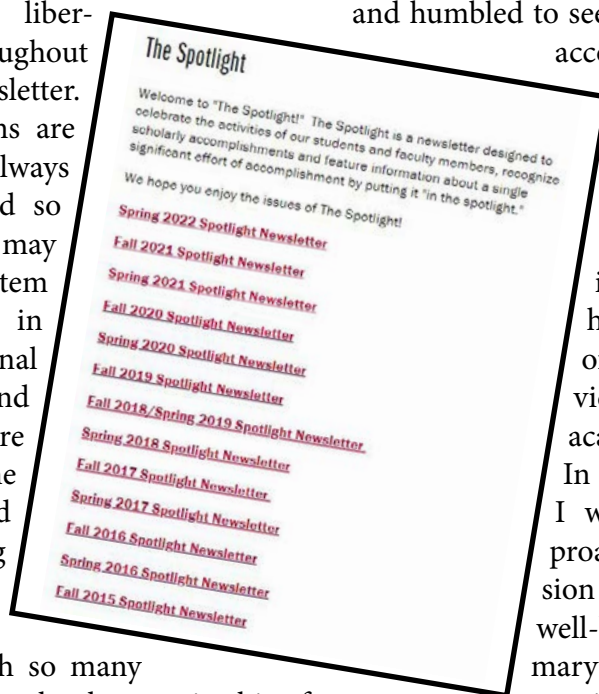
Additionally, Angelia Case combs through social media accounts of departments and organizations for material of interest and includes her finds liberally throughout the newsletter. These items are almost always hyperlinked so that users may access an item of interest in its original context and learn more about the event and posting organization.

As with so many other things that happen in this office, Angelia is critical to the success of the Spotlight. She organizes the stories, images, and social media grabs chronologically and lays them out using sophisticated software. My primary task is overediting and

muddling the APA style with my engrained MLA habits.

And always, at the end of the editing process, I find myself amazed and humbled to see how much you accomplish as a faculty. It is a true honor to have served as your dean.

And starting July 1, I will have the privilege of serving you as vice president for academic affairs. In that position, I will seek to approach every decision with students' well-being as the primary consideration. I trust in the good faith of the administration and faculty of Northwestern, knowing that the vast majority of its employees share this as their primary consideration. I look forward to seeing what we accomplish next!



Dr. Cunningham announces retirement plans

Dr. Janet Cunningham, Northwestern's 19th president and first woman to hold the position, has announced her plans to retire on June 30, 2022, after nearly 50 years of service in higher education.

"I have loved serving Northwestern in many capacities," Cunningham said. "But, I am excited for the future of Northwestern with new leadership and the opportunity to spend more time with my family."

The Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) announced Cunningham as president in 2006. With 16 successful years as president, she becomes the second longest-serving president in institutional history.

President Cunningham began her service at Northwestern as a student worker in 1973, continuing to advance as she earned her bachelor's, master's and then doctoral degree. Cunningham held various positions as a staff member, then taught for 11 years in the business department at both Northwestern and the University of Oklahoma. Prior to being named president, she transitioned from the classroom into an administrative role, initially as vice president for business affairs, then vice president for administration and later as executive vice president.

"RUSO extends our sincere thanks to President Cunningham for her leadership of Northwestern over the past 16 years," Regent Connie Reilly, chair of RUSO board, said. "Her vision and dedication have driven the last two decades of the university's growth. Not only has President Cunningham led Northwestern with integrity, but she has been an asset to higher education at the state level as well."

Through Cunningham's leader-

ship, Northwestern was approved for its first doctoral program, which is a highlight of her career, she said. Since the program accepted its first cohort of students in 2017, the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice (DNP) has graduated 20 students committed to improving healthcare access in rural Oklahoma and beyond.

Cunningham has led many other significant initiatives as well, most recently the implementation of a new campus-wide information technology system that will serve the institution well into the future. During her presidency, the university has experienced an expansion of the number of nationally accredited academic programs and the successful effort to join the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Joining the NCAA prompted her to develop the Vision for Victory campaign that has provided new athletic facilities for student-athletes and Ranger fans.

During Cunningham's tenure, private giving to Northwestern has soared, including the establishment of 55 endowed faculty chairs and numerous scholarships. More than \$28 million was raised through the Imagine capital campaign. Cunningham has also placed a continuing emphasis on securing grants from both the public and private sectors.

"President Cunningham has had an indelible impact on Northwestern, Alva and all of northwestern Oklahoma," Regent Jane McDermott, RUSO board member, said. "Her commit-

ment to providing our community with access to high-quality, affordable higher education is commendable and evident in the accreditations, partnerships and endowed chairs she has facilitated during her tenure. She will be greatly missed."

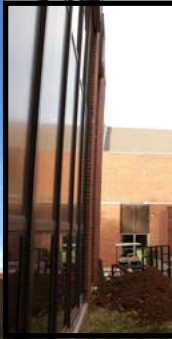
During the past 16 years, the university has also undertaken many improvements to its campus facilities. The university constructed a new campus building in Woodward in 2008, and major renovations have been made to several classroom buildings and residential halls in Alva. Other major construction projects include the Wisdom Agriculture Education Center, the Front Door entrance projects on the north side of campus, the replacement of windows in Ryerson Hall and the commissioning of "The Ranger" statues at the Alva and Enid campuses.

"I am honored to have been a part of higher education for so long," Cunningham said. "Northwestern is a special place, and the people make it so."

"I will miss the student body greatly. One of my greatest pleasures is welcoming a new class of freshmen onto campus each year and watching them grow into the best they can be. The students at Northwestern are incredible and give back to the community in so many ways. I have sought opportunities to get to know students on a personal level. My greatest joy in my job is seeing students develop into leaders and community builders."



Dr. Janet Cunningham



Moving Forward

On Dec. 28, 2021, a demolition crew came and took down the building known as the Boiler Room. In its place, an outdoor classroom is being planned. A campus committee is in place and is discussing needs, ideas and possibilities.



Hardaway reviews McGraw-Hill history textbook

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history at Northwestern, participated in a scholarly activity that few of his peers ever experience. He was asked by textbook publisher the McGraw-Hill Company to review, evaluate and suggest revisions to the U.S. History textbook that Northwestern and hundreds of other colleges in the country have used for decades.

Hardaway said “The Unfinished Nation” is used for Northwestern’s freshman-level U.S. survey courses. In one form or another, the book has been around since the 1960s and is revised and updated every few years. Hardaway said he has taught more than 200 class sections of the U.S. survey to 5,000 students using that text beginning with the first college history class he taught in 1980.

Only a few historians are invited to recommend revisions, Hardaway said. He was one of 16 reviewers for the new edition of the textbook that will be available in fall 2022. Hardaway was asked to review two of the 31 chapters in the book. Those sections cover the Reconstruction Era after the Civil War and the Progressive Era of the early 20th century.

“What I did was look for factual errors and suggest revisions that amend and improve the narrative,” Hardaway said.

Hardaway made recommendations on updating Civil War casualty numbers based on recent analysis of those statistics. He also helped revise several other topics such as the discussion of the work settlement house workers did in the Progressive Era to help poor (often immigrant) Americans adjust to life in the country’s cities.

One mistake that he was able to get changed is that the current text states that Secretary of State William Seward was wounded by a would-be assassin’s bullet the same night that President Abraham Lincoln was fatally attacked. But Seward, who survived, was stabbed—not shot.

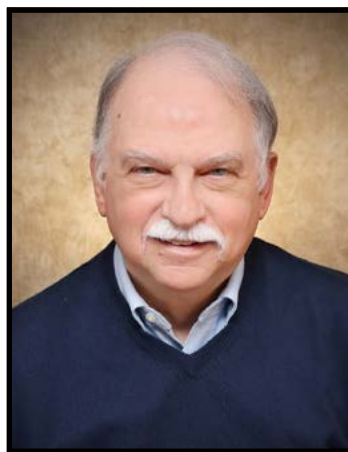
“That error has been in the various editions of the textbook for decades,” Hardaway said. “Hopefully, because I convinced the book authors to revise that portion of the narrative, thousands of college students will no longer be learning an erroneous ‘fact’ when they take their U.S. History courses. I’m especially proud to be able to say that I got that change made to the book.”

Hardaway said he was really surprised that the authors incorporated most of his suggestions into their book.

“I was truly honored to be part of the process of improving this important text,” Hardaway said. “Historians are

trained to get the stories they tell as factually accurate as possible. I am glad that I had the opportunity to work on revising this volume. The changes that I helped make will be incorporated into future editions of the book that will be published long after I am retired from teaching.”

For more information on Northwestern’s history program contact Hardaway at rdhardaway@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8520. Additional information may be found at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences/history-and-global-studies.



Roger Hardaway





Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 3 · 🌐

Northwestern will be inducting five former standout #NWOSU Rangers into the Hall of Fame Class. This will be the 30th Hall of Fame Class induction for Northwestern. The induction ceremony banquet will be held on Saturday, February 5.

The Hall of Fame luncheon is open to the public and tickets are still available. Reservations for the banquet are required by noon on Jan. 28. Tickets are \$20 per person and include entrance into the basketball games.

Reservations can be made by contacting Wendi Stonehocker at 580-327-8593 or at westonehocker@nwosu.edu



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

December 23, 2021 · 🌐

Northwestern Hall of Fame Inductee Banquet Set for February 5, 2022
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December 21, 2021 · 🌐

Congrats to our 2021 #NWOSU fall honor roll students! RIDE RANGERS RIDE!

Full honor roll list 📄 <https://bit.ly/3mqUFTA>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus

January 4 · 🌐

The geese are excited for classes to begin again, are YOU?!
Classes for the Spring 2022 semester begin next Monday, January 10th!



NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

January 5 · Alva · ⚙️

"1883 has been a life changing experience for sure." Seen here, Sara Acosta, 2014 Northwestern Alum -Speech/Theatre Major, Studio Art Minor, poses in cast production stills for "1883" on Paramount+.

The Paramount+ premiere of "1883", (the prequel to the popular drama series "Yellowstone") has drawn more than 4.9 million viewers to platform in recent weeks.

"Acting on the show, there were extremes of both hot and then cold with days that went beyond sun up to sun down, and sometimes winds that would nearly knock me off my feet.

The challenges stretched further when it came to acting as an ensemble. Even though we were background performers, that in itself is an art. To be present in the world of the character and reacting to everything going on around me, but not steal focus from the main action was a fun line to find. Also, to be able to watch the principal actors get into character and work was eye opening as well.

It's hard to put nearly five months of daily experiences into one paragraph. I learned so much about television production and what goes on behind the camera, interpersonal relationships, and how they affect your working life." What a fantastic experience Sara, we are so proud of you!



Choir debuts 3 commissioned works at OkMEA

Spring brought many opportunities to all three choirs at NWOSU. The Singers represented NWOSU as one of a few selected Honor Choirs to perform at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association Convention

in Tulsa, and premiered three commissioned works at the concert on Jan. 20 at the First Baptist Church in downtown Tulsa.

“We have three pieces commissioned for us for this performance, and they’re absolutely beautiful,” said Gentry Mortensen, senior vocal music education major from Woodward. “Because they were commissioned just for us, they’ve never been done by anyone else, meaning we don’t have anything to go off of.”

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music, said the Singers’ rehearsals have

been strenuous since the first week of the fall semester. The group also has received feedback on their performance from three guest conductors: Belinda Flynn, president of the Oklahoma American Choral Director’s Association; Alisha Beleele, former choral director of Alva High School; and Dr. Dee Wilkins, former director of choral music at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

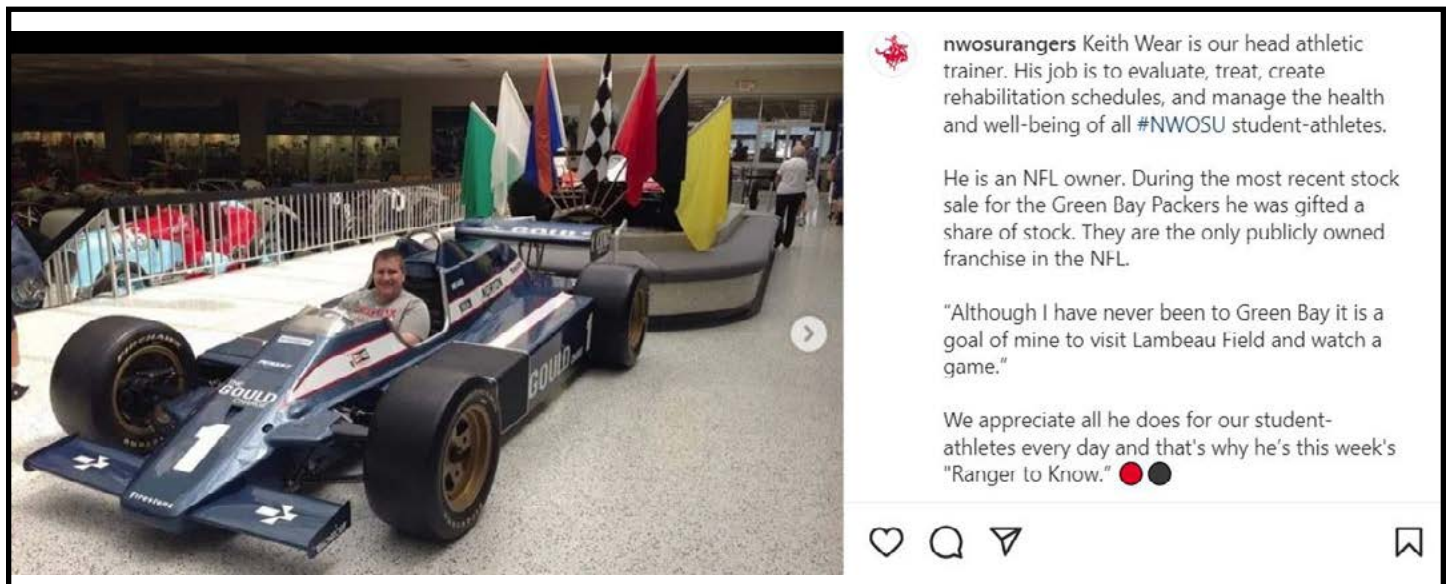
“Our rehearsals have been rich in growth with deep emotion as well as fun experiences,” Longhurst said.

The three commissioned pieces are “Beneath These Alien Stars,” “To the Wonder” and “Take My Hand.”

Longhurst explained that “Beneath These Alien Stars” is a poem by Mormon pioneer poet Vesta Pierce Crawford, and the music was composed by Dr. Matthew D. Nielsen, with whom Longhurst shares heritage in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The pair also went to school together at the University of Southern California.

“I know how incredible of a musician [Matthew] is,” Longhurst

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said. "I knew he would understand the type of group the NWOSU Singers is and be able to write a piece that would allow us to really excel at expressing the text with beauty.

"Ves-ta's words were so evocative of dealing with hardship, akin to COVID during the time of our discussion, we thought it

would be a great text to bring to life in music. Our students really enjoy expressing the deep emotions of this darker text."

The second commissioned piece comes from the poem "Nicht müde werden" by famous German poet and WW II refugee, Hilda Domin. Dr. Kira Zeeman Rugen, who is a member of the choral and musical theatre faculty at Scottsdale Community College, composed the music for this piece. Longhurst said Rugen renamed the work "To the Wonder" to make it more recognizable to an English-speaking public.

Longhurst is fluent in German and Rugen is inspired by nature, so it was only fitting to combine both of those ideas.

"The irony of Hilda Domin's poem is that it's so short, but Kira

has made a sort of sonic-poem, or poem of soundscapes, around the text to capture the essence of the poem," Longhurst said. "We love

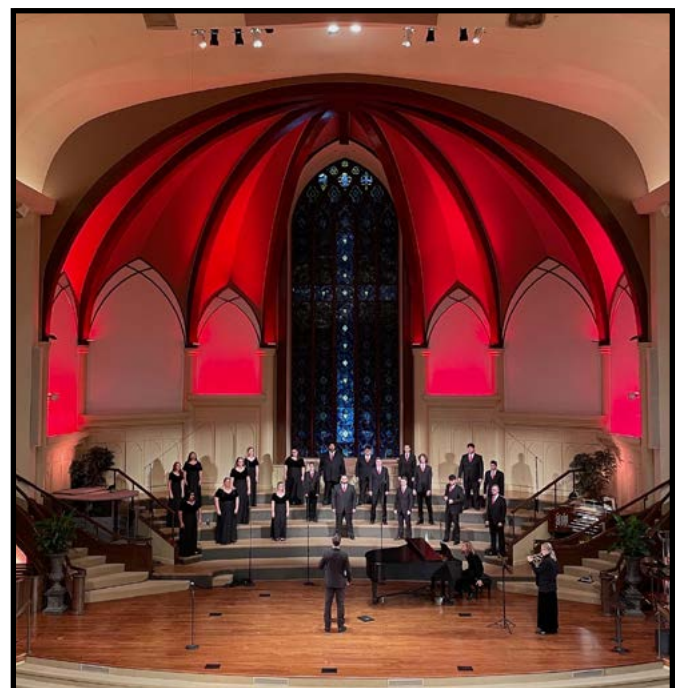
that he has sung the hymn for funerals and at other times when hope was needed during difficult times.

"The students and I have discussed the works and found personal connections with each of them," Longhurst said. "Some students can hardly sing some of the works without getting emotional

because they have found such deep connection to the messages within the text and because of the beauty of the music."

singing this work even though it was one of our most challenging."

The third work commissioned is an arrangement from Stacey V. Gibbs, a prolific gospel arranger and composer with more than 100 compositions published. "Take My Hand" comes from a discussion between Longhurst and Gibbs about arranging a childhood favorite gospel hymn of his called "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas Dorsey, the Father of Black Gospel Music. Longhurst explained





Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
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We offer excellent education to prepare you for the #2 and #12 best jobs in the United States as listed in the 2022 US News and World Reports Best Jobs list!

1. Information Security Analyst
2. Nurse Practitioner
3. Physician Assistant
4. Medical and Health Services Manager
5. Software Developer
6. Data Scientist
7. Financial Manager
8. Statistician
9. Lawyer
10. Speech-Language Pathologist
11. Physician
12. Registered Nurse
13. IT Manager
14. Market Research Analyst
15. Operations Research Analyst
16. Respiratory Therapist
17. Management Analyst
18. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
19. Nurse Anesthetist
20. Actuary



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
January 20

Join our own Dr Lowery for this event!

MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES

Professional Mentorship: A Pathway to Success

GUEST LECTURER
Dr. Yvette Lowery
DNP, MSN/Ed., FNP-c, CCRN, CEN, PCCN
Founder, Specialty Certifications By Yvette

Wednesday
January 26, 2022
NG 2:00 PM WAT
US 8:00 AM ET

PARTICIPANTS WOULD LEARN ABOUT:

- Expressing ones vision and setting goals
- Identifying a suitable mentor
- The mentor & mentee relationship
- Accountability
- Making the most of your mentorship
- and so much more

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 14

Tiffany Misak is the #NWOSU Enid campus coordinator and VA coordinator. She assists with admissions, enrollment, student activities, and serves as the Single Parent Support Network coordinator for the Enid Campus.

Tiffany married her husband, Trent, in 2016. They have two children; Kasen who is 2 years old and McKinsey who will be 4 months old soon, and an Aussiedoodle named Baker.

"I would like to say we were college sweethearts but we started dating while he was attending college at our biggest rival."

While on bed rest with her daughter, Tiffany learned to arm knit and made three blankets, crocheted two baby blankets, a twin-sized blanket, and created a latch hook project. She has been participating in the Northwestern Art Society Art show for the past two years and has entered several photographs in the Art Show. Tiffany plans to submit her latch hook project this year and can't wait to see all of the other entries.

Tiffany also loves to travel with her family and experience new places. Some of her favorite past trips include visits to Pawhuska; seeing the Backstreet Boys in Las Vegas; shopping at the Silos in Waco, TX; and cruising in the Bahamas.

We appreciate all she does for our Enid campus every day and that's why she's this week's "Ranger to Know."

Discover more interesting facts about Tiffany on our other social media channels: 📍



21 student teachers begin assignments in area schools

Students leave Northwestern with the knowledge to succeed in a particular field. In their final semester, 21 senior education students have received their student teaching assignments and have entered area schools to gain hands-on experience.

The students returned to campus for seminars in March and their portfolio exit interviews in May. Listed below are the students, their majors, hometowns and teaching assignments.

Agriculture Education – Cassidy Bronson of Chelsea, Ketchum High School; Britni Stewart of Chandler, Drummond High School

Early Childhood Education – Katrina Crossland of Ponca City, Garfield Elementary School (Ponca City); Maria Jimenez of Kingfisher, Hennessey Elementary School; Stine Kristensen of Silkeborg, Denmark, Washington Early

Childhood Center (Alva); Julie Levings of Tonkawa, Blackwell Elementary School (Levings is a double major in elementary education as well); Hunter Row of Enid, Timberlake Elementary School; Morgan Villarreal of Burns Flat, Canton Elementary School; Codi Walker of Pond Creek, Pond Creek Hunter Elementary

Elementary Education – Abbigael Ford of Ulysses, Kansas, Canton Elementary School; Andrea Jimenez of Kingfisher, Hennessey Elementary School; Katelyn Schieber of Newkirk, Lincoln Elementary School (Alva); Carissa Streck of Hillsdale, Garfield Elementary School (Enid); Kimber Taylor of Shidler, Irving Elementary School (Winfield, Kansas)

English Education – Yamil Ortega of Woodward, Woodward High School; Ian Rand of Ponca City, Tonkawa Middle School

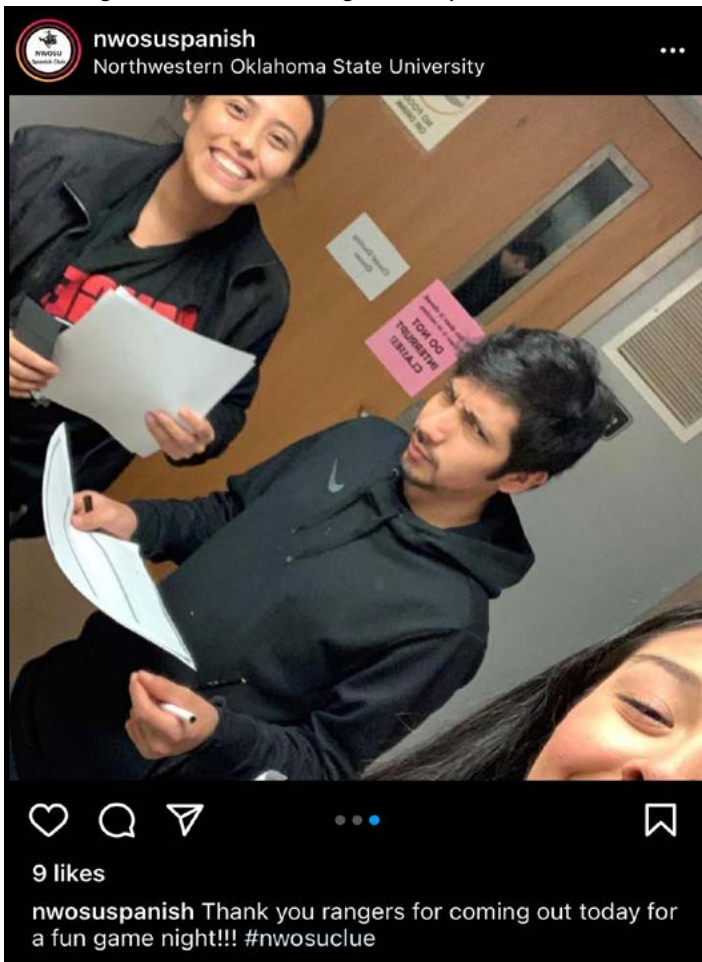
Health and Sports Science Education – Canon Arnold of Alvarado, Texas, Lincoln Elementary

School (Alva); Lashon Chew of Elgin, Central Middle School (Lawton)

History Education – Mary Bentsen of Conway Springs, Kansas, Medicine Lodge Middle School (Kansas); Noble Buckhaults of Buffalo, Burlington High School; Cody Slater of Fairview, Ringwood High School

Teacher candidates were able to take part in the Teacher’s Closet that helps each student get free and “new” professional outfits to help transition their wardrobe to professional dress. For more information or to donate gently used or new clothing to benefit young professionals, contact Dr. Jen Oswald, assistant professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwsu.edu. Find “The Teacher’s Closet” on Facebook for updates.

For more information on Northwestern’s teacher education program, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-education/education> or contact Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education and associate dean of the School of Education, at (580) 327-8450 or cljenlink@nwsu.edu.



YWCA benefits from SWAT service project

SWAT is a student-run organization that seeks to enhance the social work learning experience. One of SWAT's purposes is to employ community service projects while supporting community partners and their consumers.

The Compassion in Action Dignity Drive is one of the community service projects SWAT students host to give back to the community. This year SWAT was able to gather donations for the YWCA in Enid, filling their personal hygiene product needs. YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. YWCA-Enid provides emergency crisis-intervention services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

"Items needed for personal hygiene and everyday care are often not thought of as we give to others," Julie Mayer, SWAT vice president and Enid senior, said. "It can be very

uncomfortable having to ask for personal care items; even worse is going without them. Northwestern students and employees are fortunate to be able to recognize the need and respond accordingly." SWAT members would like to thank everyone who assisted with putting this event together and those who were able to donate from all three Northwestern locations.

"The Dignity Drive is an amazing opportunity for Northwestern students and employees to come together and give back to our community," Perla Fonseca Torres, SWAT secretary and Enid senior, said. "On behalf of SWAT, thank you to all who participate and continue to make the Dignity Drive possible each year."

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ern's SWAT members and social work majors, with their hometowns, classification and SWAT involvement include Ty Albers, Woodward senior, member; Natalie Haskins, Woodward junior, member; Camryn Beaner-Howard, Woodward junior, member; Kori Leech, Kiowa, Kansas, senior, member; Patricia Lugo, Enid senior, member; Barbara McPherson, Enid senior, president; April Schultz, Alva junior, member; Jewel Shepherd, Mooreland senior, member; Fonseca Torres and Mayer.



NWOSU English @NWOSU_Engli... · 8m

The time has come to apply for scholarships! Turn in your application to Dr. Roxie James by February 15th.

CALLING ALL EFLH MAJORS AND MINORS! TIME TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

- 1 Gladys Bingham-Dotter Scholarship**
This scholarship is awarded to a full-time junior or senior majoring in English with a 3.00 GPA. Preference will be given to applicants from the Northwestern service area.
- 2 Agnes Lebeda Writing Award**
The Lebeda Award is granted to a full-time senior or graduate student majoring in English with a 3.50 GPA.
- 3 Fran Wadley Slack Scholarship**
This scholarship is awarded to a full-time junior or senior English major or minor with a CGPA of 3.00.
- 4 Gloria Piersall Scholarship**
This scholarship is awarded to a full-time English major with a CGPA of 2.50.
- 5 The Garadine Burns Award for Excellence in English Studies**
This award is given to one undergraduate student who shows great promise in areas of English studies. Preference will be given to applicants who are majoring in English Education or who intend to teach. This award does not include a monetary payment.

ALL DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 15TH.

TURN PAPER COPIES IN TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR, DR. ROXIE JAMES. EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



YWCA-Enid receives donations from the Northwestern Oklahoma State University SWAT Compassion in Action Dignity Drive. (Left to right) Courtney Strzinek, YWCA Enid executive director, with senior social work major Julie Mayer, SWAT vice president, and Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work.

Spring Showcase welcomes future Rangers

Northwestern played host to the Spring Showcase event Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Student Center in Alva.

Students interested in transferring to Northwestern's Alva campus, as well as any high school juniors or seniors, were welcome to attend.

Every student in attendance was awarded a \$500 scholarship to Northwestern-Alva should they attend the university in the fall and live in Alva. In addition, students had the opportunity to tour the campus, meet faculty and student organization representatives and get all questions answered first-hand.

High school juniors must attend the event in their senior year of high school to be eligible for the \$500 scholarship. Seniors who attend Ranger Preview in the fall cannot stack the \$500 Spring Showcase Scholarship on top of the \$600

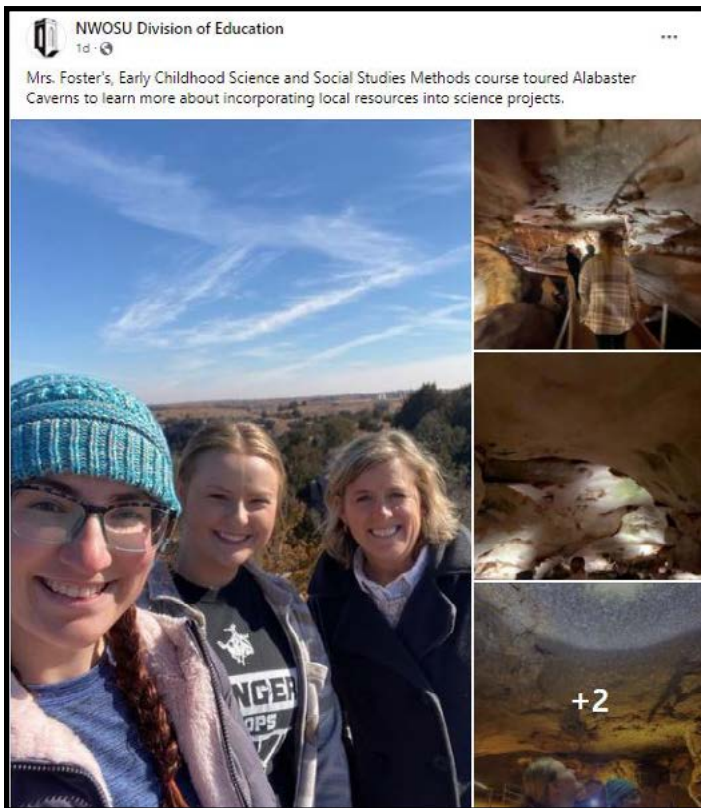
Ranger Preview Scholarship. Students also must meet all scholarship eligibility requirements.

Those attending also received a free Northwestern T-shirt.

For more information please contact Ethan Sacket, Student Success Coordinator and Transfer Recruiter, at (580) 327-8606 or by email at egsacket@nwosu.edu.



Students attending Spring Showcase register. Those attending are eligible for a \$500 scholarship should they attend Northwestern's Alva campus and live in Alva.



14 Social Work students enter the field

Bachelor-level social work students completed their field practicums at agencies throughout Oklahoma. These 14 seniors entered practicum agencies to complete 420 contact hours, demonstrate 31 behaviors and master the program's nine core competencies as outlined by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

"Field education is a key component for the Bachelor of Social Work program at Northwestern and is needed to establish and expand skills within the practice," Codi Harding, assistant professor of social work and director of social work field education, said. "The field component serves as the signature pedagogy for the Bachelor of Social Work program at Northwestern and allows students to immerse themselves

in practice and apply skills and knowledge they have attained."

Social work students in their field practicum were assigned to a field instructor, someone with specific credentials in the agency to reinforce social work ideas, behaviors and competencies.

"Field Instructors volunteer their time to educate bachelor-level social workers, and without them, professional social workers would not be competently prepared to practice," Harding said.

Listed below are the students in their field practicums, hometowns, and their

practicum agency placements:

Rachel Beaver of Longdale, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Alva; Alissa Carlson of Bentonville, Arkansas, Northwest Arkansas Center for Sexual Assault in Springdale, Arkansas; Lizzy Dennett of Enid, Charles E. "Bill" Johnson Correctional Center in Alva; Perla Fonseca Torres of Enid, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Enid; Ariel Forsyth of Quinlan,

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RACHEL BEAVER

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Twitch: <https://twitch.tv/nwtv7>

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Day	Show	Time
Monday	In The Spotlight	3:00 PM
	The Ranger Room	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Newscaat	2:00 PM
	The Guys Who Stare at Stats	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Jara Reeder w/ Photography	5:30 PM
	Laney Cook w/ Travel	6:00 PM
Thursday	Dylan Whitely w/ Winners of The World	10:00 AM
	Caitlin Hofen w/ Book Critiques with Cait	1:30 PM
	Newscaat	2:00 PM
Friday	Joshua Hinton w/ The Vault	4:00 PM
	Jordan Green w/ On Track	11:00 AM
	Spotlight Series	3:00 PM
	Benjamin Kiewer w/ Dungeon and Dragons	4:00 PM
	The Bottom of the Barrel	5:30 PM

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Texas, Hunt County Children's Advocacy Center in Greenville, Texas; Katie Gardner of Laverne, Northwest Center for Behavioral Health of Woodward; Kori Leech of Kiowa, Kansas, Charles E. "Bill" Johnson Correctional Center in Alva; Kailie Martin of Protection, Kansas, Charles E. "Bill" Johnson Correctional Center in Alva; Krissie May of Garden Plains, Kansas, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Julie Mayer of Enid, Young Women's Christian Association in Enid; Barbara McPherson of Enid, Liberty of Oklahoma/ Robert M. Greer Center in Enid; Jewel Shepherd of Mooreland, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Brandy Lucas of Enid, Oklahoma Department of Adult Protective Services in Enid; and Brianna Wisby of Glenpool, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Alva.

For more information about Northwestern's social work program, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work> or contact Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department and professor of social work, at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu, or Harding at (580) 213-3148 or clharding@nwsu.edu.



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KATIE GARDNER



JEWEL SHEPHERD



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KORI LEECH



BRANDY LUCAS



Library staff offers workshops

J.W. Martin Library staff offered several workshops – all of which were free and open to the public. All Northwestern students and employees were welcome to attend.

“Students may not realize they have access to a wealth of academic scholarship through the university library,” Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science, said. “By learning how to search library resources effectively, they can get more high-quality resources in a shorter amount of time.”

“These workshops approach basic academic needs from three directions: locating quality sources, citing those sources correctly, and expertly

constructing term papers with minimal hassle,” Davidson

“Style” and “Master Microsoft Word.”

He said learning the ins and outs of research, APA style and Microsoft Word can be frustrating and time-consuming. Participants who attend the workshops gained tips to eliminate those frustrations.

Individuals unable to attend in person were able to contact Davidson at (580) 327-8572 or dgdavidson@nwsu.edu for the Zoom room information.

said. “These workshops can save students time and take some of the stress out of higher education.”

Davidson conducted three different workshops titled, “Research Beyond Google,” “Secrets of APA

Scholarship noting Northwestern's first faculty members developed

For nearly 125 years, Northwestern Oklahoma State University has been educating future teachers and looking for ways to help students defray higher education costs.

And, because of the recent establishment of the Unsung Heroes Committee at the university, Northwestern's first two faculty members will have a scholarship named after them that will help to continue these endeavors.

The scholarship will be named for Sara L. Bosworth and Mary DeLisle, who began teaching the school's first 58 students on Sept. 20, 1897, in the old Congregational Church for a salary of \$900 each for the school term along with the first president, James E. Ament, who garnered a salary of \$2,400 a year.

"Bosworth and DeLisle were certainly pioneers and unsung heroes in higher education as not only the first women faculty members but the first faculty members for Northwestern," said Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, who earned a degree in education from Northwestern and became the first female president of Northwestern on July 1, 2006. "These two ladies will now be remembered by their names on this scholarship that will help future teachers."

Tuition was free in 1897; however, a fee of \$1.25 to attend the school was assessed to students from Oklahoma Territory while students from outside the territory paid a fee of \$5, according to a September 1897 Woodward newspaper, "The Livestock Inspector," provided by the Oklahoma Historical Society to Dr. Christee Jenlink, associate dean of education/professor of education, and chair of the Bosworth-DeLisle Unsung Heroes Subcommittee that was tasked with finding a way to honor these first two faculty members.

Bosworth, who is listed as teaching Latin at Northwestern, served as super-

intendent of the Logan County Schools before coming to Northwestern, and according to the "The Daily Oklahoma State Capital" from Sept. 20, 1893, she accepted a position at Oklahoma University in Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory

students with 73 students being turned away because of lack of room.

By the time the first classes were held on Sept. 11, 1899, in the Castle on the Hill, the university's first building that was completed in April 1899,



The first class of Northwestern Normal School met at the Congregational Church (current Friends Church) until the Castle on the Hill was completed. This photograph was taken on Sept. 23, 1897. (Courtesy of Cherokee Strip Museum, Alva.)

in 1893.

Bosworth moved to Kansas in 1900 and died in Wichita in August 1931 at the age of 92. According to her obituary, "Miss Bosworth taught at Northwestern when it was but a normal school, when the administration building had been conceived but not built and when classes met in the old Congregational Church, where the First Friends Church now is."

Bosworth's brother William was the minister for the Alva church where Northwestern paid \$150 in rent.

According to "Northwestern Oklahoma State University: A Centennial History" written by longtime public relations director at Northwestern Wayne Lane, by the end of Northwestern's first year of existence, 166 students were enrolled. In its second year, there was a need to acquire space at the Baptist Church because enrollment grew to 211

413 students were enrolled, making the Northwestern Normal School larger than Oklahoma Territory's other four institutions of higher education -- Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical College, 367; the Territorial Normal School in Edmond, 322; the University of Oklahoma, 295; and Langston University, 187. Ten teachers and a president's secretary were now employed.

Jenlink said that it was interesting to learn of Bosworth's actions to fight for funding for the schools for which she was responsible as she filed suit in 1895 against the Commissioners of Logan County because they refused to levy a tax to support public schools in the county.

"So that is not a new thing," Jenlink said. "In the 1890s she was already fighting for equitable funding for public

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schools.

“Reading about her, I get the sense that she didn’t stand still. She was willing to take charge and willing to do what was right for education. That’s interesting on two fronts – one because of the times, and two, being a female. That had to be difficult.”

DeLisle was serving as principal of the Alva Public Schools before becoming faculty at Northwestern. She earned a teaching certificate in Oklahoma in 1895.

In the recording of the ninth annual meeting of the Territorial Teachers’ Association in 1899, DeLisle was listed in the faculty section for Northwestern as “Principal of Practice School.”

She was married to John M. DeLisle, a newspaper editor and teacher, and had a foster son, Robert DeLisle. She died in Woodward in March 1930 at the age of 78.

According to her obituary, “She was well-known and had many friends hav-

ing taught in Woodward and surrounding towns for several years. She was a graduate of the University of California and has taught 53 terms of school during her lifetime.”

“The fact that these two women would leave what they were doing and come to a brand new institution that did not even have its own facility is remarkable,” Jenlink said. “They epitomize the ‘can do’ attitude that is integral to being an educator.”

Hundreds of one-room schoolhouses were being put up in this area at that time, and the need for properly trained teachers was recognized early on.

“You hear that and you think, nothing has changed,” Jenlink said. “We have programs to train effective educators because there is such a need, and after 125 years, it’s still there.”

Jenlink noted that the state’s six regional institutions all began out of a necessity to train teachers, and the mission

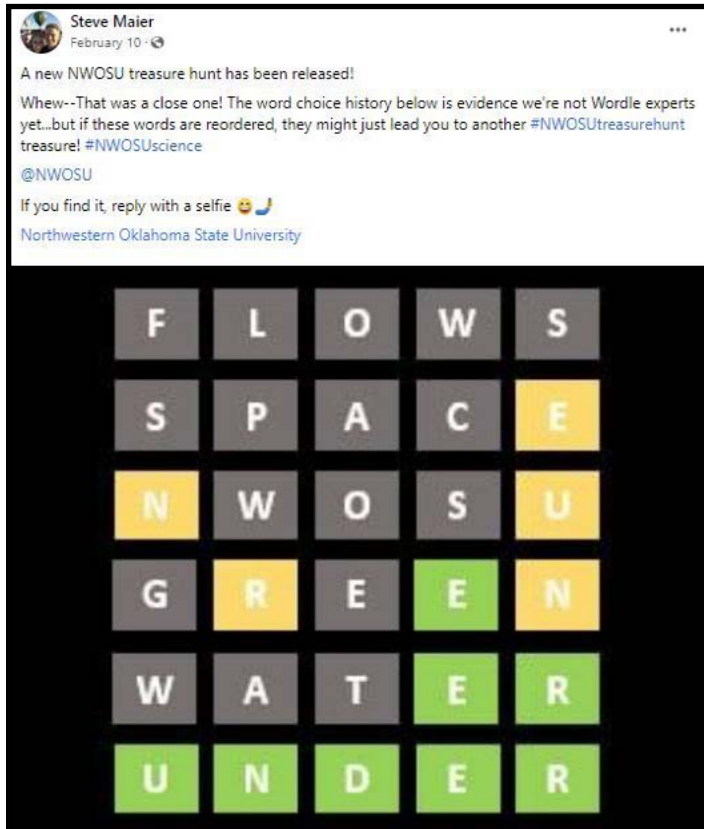
has not changed, especially now that the need for teachers is greater than it’s ever been because the youngsters who attend school today have so many needs.

She explained that it’s been known for more than 15 years that there was going to be a teacher shortage because the number of teachers eligible to retire has been greater than the number coming into programs.

“Every child needs and deserves a well-trained, day-one-ready educator – and I use the term educator because there’s a difference between educator and teacher. A teacher teaches subjects, and an educator helps children learn, and that’s something I really try to emphasize with our student teachers – are you a teacher of subjects, or are you an educator whose purpose is to help children learn?”

The Bosworth and DeLisle Scholarship along with other scholarships specifically for those going into teacher

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education are some of the ways Northwestern continues to try to ease the students' financial burdens.

As students enter into their student teaching semester, which Jenlink noted is so valuable, many of the students have to give up their jobs because student teaching is a full-time job.

"Like all of us they have expenses they have to meet," Jenlink said. "This scholarship will help with those living expenses."

However, it may take a little while before the first scholarships can help with those expenses as \$20,000 will need to be raised to fully establish the award.

Jenlink said that the initial donation to the scholarship fund comes from the family of Northwestern's own Dr. Martie Young, professor of education. A memorial fund in the name of Young's son, Lawrence Yunker, was established at Northwestern upon his death, and those monies will be transferred to this scholarship.

"Our family has the privilege to be the first donors to this prestigious new scholarship honoring the first educators at Northwestern," Young said. "In memory of our son, brother, dad and nephew, Lawrence Yunker, we value this opportunity to show our support for Northwestern, as well as the teaching profession. Teachers have always played a huge role in all our lives, and although he was not a teacher, Lawrence would be proud to be connected in this way."

Jenlink said that this first donation in honor of Young's son also is significant because of all that Young has done regarding teacher preparation at Northwestern.

Young has worked at Northwestern for 29 years and has served as the director of student teaching for 20 of those years.

"I commend the family of Lawrence Yunker for choosing to donate funds from his memorial to this scholarship," Cunningham said. "I taught Lawrence when he attended Northwestern, and he was an excellent student. He would be proud to be honored in this way."

Jenlink said that they are now actively accepting tax-deductible donations to completely fund this scholarship. Monies may be given to the Northwestern Foundation directly, or Jenlink will accept donations on their behalf.

"We are hoping that all of the educators that Northwestern has trained over the last 125 years will value this and help with it," Jenlink said. "Any donation, no matter the size, is welcome. The more money we raise, the more student teachers we can help."

Once the scholarship is fully funded, monetary support to help offset living expenses incurred during the student teaching semester will be presented to the selected student(s) each year at the annual spring reunion ceremonies. Students must meet designated criteria for the scholarship and apply by March 15.

"I think it's appropriate that this scholarship will be given to teacher education students while honoring these

teachers of teachers," said John Barton, associate professor of speech emeritus/dean emeritus of Northwestern and long-time Alva resident who organized the overall Unsung Heroes committee. "Bosworth's and DeLisle's leadership will not be forgotten."

Other members of the Bosworth-DeLisle Unsung Heroes subcommittee include Shannon Leaper, library services director/assistant professor of library and information science; and Ethan Sacket, student success coordinator/transfer student recruiter, who replaced original member Donna Anderson, former superintendent of the Cherokee Public Schools.

"I'm encouraged by the other four subcommittees working toward finding ways to honor Northwestern's other unsung heroes, and hope that plans to do so will continue to be developed this semester," Barton said.

If interested in donating to this scholarship, please contact Jenlink at (580) 327-8450 or cjenlink@nwosu.edu or the Northwestern Foundation at (580) 327-8593 or aebird@nwosu.edu. To learn more about Northwestern's education program, visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education.



25th anniversary of Woodward classes celebrated

The 25th anniversary of Northwestern having classes available in Woodward was celebrated with an evening of live music Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Woodward Conference Center, which is just across the street from the university's Woodward campus building.

Red Tie Jazz, sponsored by the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association, featured music by Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music, as

well as the University Singers under the direction of Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral studies.

A buffet of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages was available during the evening.

Although Northwestern has been offering higher education classes in Alva since 1897, it wasn't until 1996 when House Bill 2164 was approved to establish branch campuses in Enid and Woodward. Once Gov. Frank Keating signed the measure into law on May 30, 1996, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education followed with its approval.

Classes in Woodward were first housed at the High Plains Technology Center and Woodward High School through in-person classes and interactive television classes (ITV). Classes were then moved into the First American Bank Building (now Great Plains Bank) in 2002. While most classes were held at the bank location, the nursing classes took place via ITV at the local Woodward hospital.

A groundbreaking ceremony to

create a new state-of-the-art campus facility in Woodward took place on Nov. 8, 2006. The first classes in the building were taught in fall 2008 with a formal dedication ceremony for the structure taking place on Sept. 25, 2008.

The 19,905 square foot building houses 11 classrooms, a nursing laboratory, a science laboratory, computer laboratory, commons area, conference room, areas for of-

fices, as well as library and bookstore resources. It also leaves room for possible future expansion. Each classroom is set up with technology to support the student and faculty needs.

The campus provides undergraduate courses in a wide variety of bachelor's degree programs, as well as serving high school students in the area through concurrent enrollment options. The campus also offers master's degree programs in American Studies, Education, Counseling Psychology, General Psy-

chology, and Heritage Tourism and Conservation. An online doctoral program in nursing practice was added in 2016.

Classes are taught via a variety of platforms, including traditional, ITV and online. Additionally, the campus serves as a community educational resource for training, certifications and a wide array of special events.

Dr. Deena Fisher became the director of the Woodward campus in 1996 and retired as the dean of the campus in June 2020. Dr. Jonathan Thomason became the current dean of the Woodward campus in July 2020.

A 25th-anniversary event took place on the Northwestern-Enid campus on Nov. 18, 2021.

Questions about the Red Tie Jazz event should be directed to John Allen, director of alumni relations, at (580) 327-8593 or jwallen@nwosu.edu.

More information about the Woodward

campus may be found at www.nwosu.edu/woodward.



In 2002, Northwestern began offering classes at the First American Bank Building (now Great Plains Bank) in Woodward. The first classes began in 1996 at the High Plains Technology Center and Woodward High School.



The grass has filled in nicely and trees have grown well at Northwestern-Woodward since it was finished in 2008.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
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Only students can win the \$50 and \$25 NWOSU Bookstore gift cards but anyone on campus can play! Sign up today!

Corn Hole Tournament

Champion - \$50
Runner-up - \$25

The tournament will be held during the month of March with flexible playtimes.

Must sign up at enidcampus@nwosu.edu by Friday, February 25th, with your name and phone number. The bracket will be announced March 1st.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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Did you know:
Dr. Roger Hardaway has taught an "African American History" course at #NWOSU for the past 30 years?? He was in the process of finishing his dissertation on the topic of "Blacks in the West" when he was hired in 1990. The first semester he was on campus, he proposed creating a "Black History" course. For years after the course was approved, it was offered only sporadically because of other History classes needing to be fit into the schedule. For the past decade, however, the course has been offered once each academic year. To date, Hardaway has taught the class 20 times, & approximately 170 students have successfully completed it. #BlackHistoryMonth #OklahomaHistory

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
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SENIOR NURSING STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY CENTER
—at—
PONCA CITY

University Center at Ponca City
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We would like to recognize our senior nursing students. These five students will graduate in May from Northwestern with their BSN, Bachelor of Science, and Nursing. Awesome job!

Social work department receives \$1,000 foundation gift

Northwestern's department of social work has received a \$1,000 gift from the Potts Family Foundation out of Oklahoma City.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and pro-

fessor of social work, said that the funds from this gift will provide continued support for a focus on infant health in the curriculum. The department also will be able to use the funds to

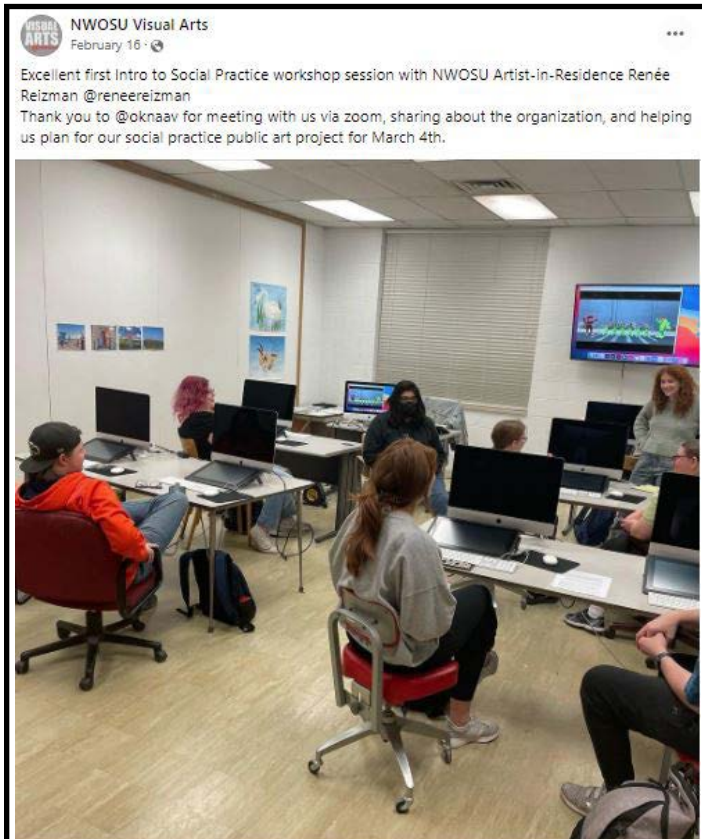
Rehder added that the department is honored to be supported by the Potts Family Foundation, whose mission is to provide support for sustainable early childhood initiatives and nonprofit capacity building.

Rehder said the social work program is focused on developing professionals able to support the healthy social-emotional development of infants, toddlers and their families.

Kevin Evans, a board member of the Potts Family Foundation and executive director of Western Plains Youth & Family Services, presented the gift to Rehder.

For more information about Northwestern's social work program, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work> or contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdreher@nwsu.edu.

join the Oklahoma Association for Infant Mental Health, which promotes awareness, understanding and excellence in infant and early childhood mental health through education, workforce development, multi-disciplinary collaboration and advocacy for best practices.



Kevin Evans (left), a board member of the Potts Family Foundation and executive director of Western Plains Youth & Family Services, presented the gift to Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work.

Masterwork concert presented by vocal music program

The vocal music program presented its Masterwork Concert “Faure Requiem” in February at the First Presbyterian Church in Alva.

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music, said the majority of the concert featured the University Concert Choir performing the “Requiem Mass” by French composer Gabriel Faure accompanied by brass, strings, harp, organ and percussion. The Chorale and Singers also performed during the concert.

This was a magnificent concert featuring the incredible artistry of our choirs in collaboration with a professional instrumentalist, Longhurst said. “Faure’s Requiem’ is one of the most beautiful and often performed choral/orchestrated works of the last 100 years.” We brought in a small chamber orchestra and organist to perform

with us.”

“Faure Requiem’ sounds beautiful with the organ and orchestral players in the First Presbyterian Church,” said Caitlin Hofen, a junior mass communication major from Alva. “I’m excited to perform in such a space and for a live audience.”

Longhurst noted that thanks to the Donovan Reichenberger Endowment and private donations, they were able to keep such a quality musical concert free to the community.

For more

information regarding the choirs and vocal music program, contact Longhurst at krlonghurst@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8692. For more information on Northwestern’s Fine Arts Department, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts>.



The Northwestern vocal music program presented its Masterwork Concert “Faure Requiem” on Feb. 22 at the First Presbyterian Church in Alva.

Angelia Case shared a post.
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Happening on Monday!!

Color Stress Away

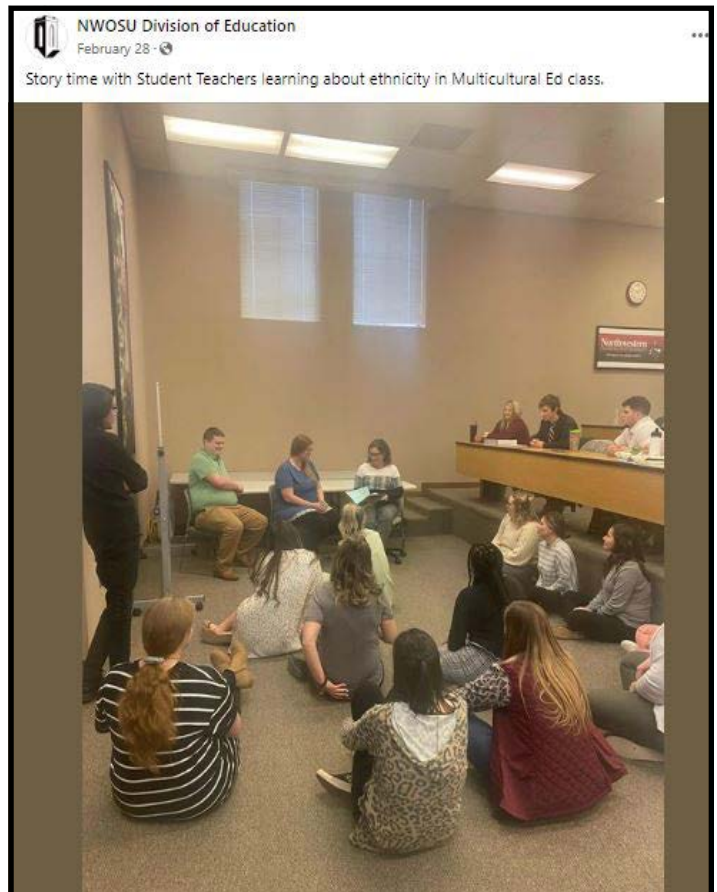
Monday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Crayons, colored pencils and coloring pages available, but you can bring your own!

Free for NWOSU Students & Employees

The NWOSU Art Society has added a special category to this year’s art show named **Coloring**. Please consider entering your finished artwork from this event or one you have completed into the upcoming art show. Entry forms are due by Feb. 23. There are 33 categories to enter in this year’s show. Two items per category may be entered. More info at www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show.

Co-sponsored by Counseling/Art Society/SGA
tawilson@nwosu.edu, arcase@nwosu.edu



Campus Cabinet

Northwestern Food Pantry

We're here when needed.

We are always in need of financial support.

If you'd like to make a tax deductible donation, contact [Angelia Case](#), RH 211.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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The Oklahoma's Promise college tuition scholarship is widely recognized as one of the top promise scholarship programs in the nation.

#NWOSU has many students helped by this program so preserving it is crucial.

For more info: www.okhighered.org/okpromise.
High school students: Ask recruit@nwsu.edu how it can help you at Northwestern.
Today's students, tomorrow's workforce.
#OKHigherEdWorks #BeARanger

OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE

- Since its inception, nearly 98,000 Oklahoma students eligible
- Approximately 15,000 students funded by this
- Named as a top promise scholarship program in the nation

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Northwestern OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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U.S. News & World Report ranks #okhighered tuition/fees as well as student debt at graduation as 11th lowest in nation.

More than 50% of students who start their freshman year at #NWOSU & graduate from here have 0 debt.

<https://tinyurl.com/2any5exc>
#OKHigherEdWorks #BeARanger

WAVE GOODBYE TO HIGH STUDENT DEBT

Northwestern OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
February 18 · Alva · 🌐

Picture it, Texas, 1985, a family affair. 🤝

Only two performances left to see SYDNEY ENDSLEY'S senior capstone production of **CLOCKWORK** by Pat Cook!

TONIGHT February 18, 7:00 P.M. ... See more

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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Shawna Gilbert is the access services librarian and an assistant professor of library science. In addition to teaching, she also supervises the library student assistants and handles interlibrary loans.

She attended #NWOSU for her undergraduate degree. She was active in the University Ranger Band. Shawna served as president of the NWOSU Art Society and spent time as a Resident Assistant at South Hall. She also worked as a student assistant in the J.W. Martin Library.

"Northwestern was an easy choice to make, as my older brother attended along with many other family members. Out of six other immediate cousins, four have graduated from NWOSU."

We appreciate all she does for our J.W. Martin Library every day and that's why she's this week's "Ranger to Know." 📖📚

Discover more interesting facts about Shawna on our other social media channels.

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwsurang

Mass comm students meet with KWCH 12 representatives

The Communication Department offered a successful networking event for mass communication students in February.

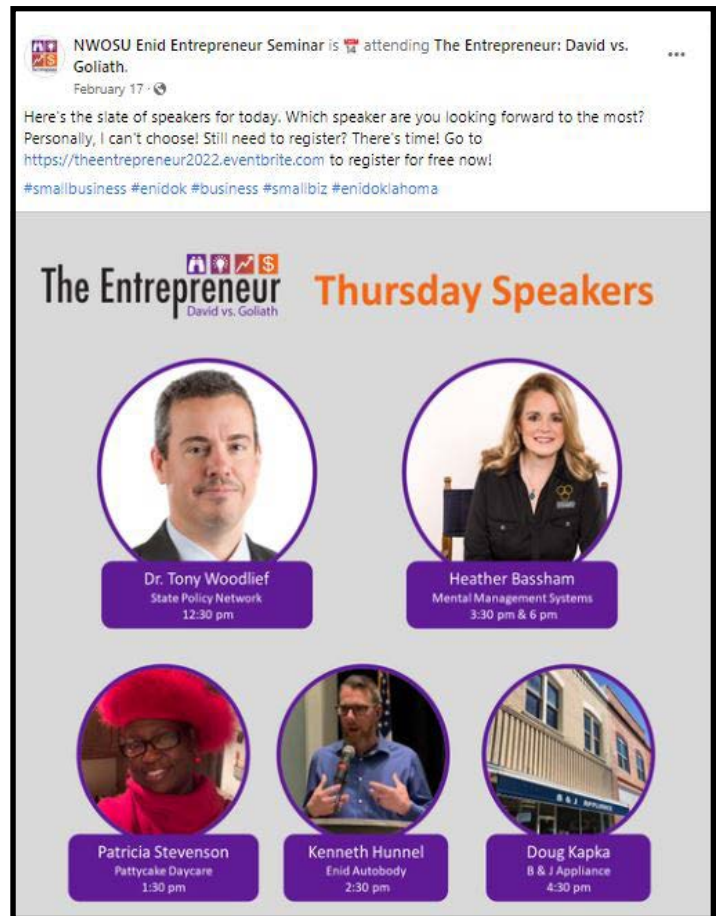
Jennifer Searle, Assignment Manager, and Alex Flippin, Investigative Reporter, with CBS affiliate KWCH Channel 12, Wichita, visited the Alva campus to present to the class Senior Seminar and to meet with other mass communication students and program faculty.

They shared information about their roles and responsibilities at KWCH 12 as well as information about other types of positions in the field of broadcast and the types of job opportunities that are available at their station and with their organization, Gray Television.

Students were able to make important contacts which have already led to internship and other professional opportunities in the broadcast field.



Students attending the mass communication networking event in February are pictured behind guests Jennifer Searle and Alex Flippin of KWCH Channel 12, Wichita, KS. Students pictured left to right are Austin Morton, Sydney Endsley, Nick Dill, Kolton Fishback, Kaylea Brown, Devyn Lansden, Jara Reeder, Laney Cook, Cade Kennedy, and Allison Schieber.



Gribsby gains exposure, education through winternship

Northwestern freshman agriculture business major Reese Grigsby of Ashland, Kansas, recently completed an internship with Seaboard Foods in Guymon.

Twenty-two students from 16 different universities explored Seaboard Foods' integrated business to learn about careers in agriculture during the annual Winternship. The Winternship provides an opportunity for students to explore the inner workings of a connected pork production company, network with subject matter experts, better define career paths and gain exposure and education about how pork is produced.

This opportunity was not one that Grigsby originally planned to apply for, explaining that she had never known anything but the beef industry growing up on a ranch that is a cow/calf and stocker operation.

"I had never been around pigs," Grigsby said. "I attended the career and internship fair in the fall and stopped to talk with their (Seaboard Foods) recruiters. I was so interested in the opportunity after just a brief conversation that I set up an interview later that day."

Candidates are specially selected based on goals, academic achievements, interests, and presence and influence. Seaboard Foods said every person they talk to at a career fair during college recruiting is a potential Wintern. The pool is more than 200 students from many different colleges across the country. The Winternship is extremely popular and receiving a placement is an honor.

Alaina Sill, recruiting and talent acquisition manager at Seaboard Foods, said Grigsby was a wonderful addition to their Winternship this year.

"She was eager to learn and was very engaged all week," Sill said. "As the first student from Northwestern Oklahoma State University to join our Winternship, she represented her school very well and enhanced our overall program with her presence."

Seaboard Foods' Winternship started in 2010, and since its beginnings, 235 students have experienced this unique educational opportunity. Students complement their formal education with a real-life look at the pork industry through tours and presentations, connect with professionals and subject matter experts, and better define their career goals through a real-life look at career paths.

"This was a great opportunity and experience," Grigs-

by said. "I was very thankful to attend the winternship for Seaboard Foods this year. It was a packed week getting to see all the aspects of a pork company from touring the farms and feed mills to witnessing firsthand how pork is processed. It was a great way to network and make connections in the industry."

With future generations having less exposure to agriculture, farming, and rural life than those before them, experiential opportunities like the Seaboard Foods' Winternship are more important than ever before.

"If I could give any advice to other Northwestern students interested in agriculture, it would be to experience different parts of the industry," Grigsby said. "Even if you do not plan to go into that specific part, experiencing as much as possible is only going to make you that much more knowledgeable about the agriculture industry as a whole."

Due to Seaboard Foods' unique integrated business, the Winternship can highlight many different sectors, all at one company. Students learn about all of the company's departments that help produce high-quality pork, from operations of farms, feed mills, and a pork processing plant, to transportation, environmental resource management, food safety, supply chain, finance, human resources, marketing, sales, and more.

"We started the Winternship to provide a very transparent look at how pork is produced and the many opportunities our sector of agriculture has to offer," says Craig Maloney, senior director of operational support at Seaboard Foods. "As an industry, we have a responsibility to expose young people to what we do, getting them excited about how the pork they eat is produced and showing them that we are innovative, business savvy, and have many great opportunities for fulfilling careers."

For more information about Seaboard Foods, visit <https://www.seaboardfoods.com/>.

For more information about Northwestern's agriculture department, contact Dr. Dean Scarbrough, agriculture department chair and professor of agriculture, at dascarbrough@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8487. Additional information about Northwestern's agriculture department may be found at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/agriculture>.



Reese Grigsby

Presidential Search Committee set

In February, the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) officials announced the presidential search screening committee members tasked with advising the Regents in the process for finding a replacement for Dr. Janet Cunningham, who will retire as the university's president at the end of June.

These members held their first committee meetings on Feb. 18 to discuss the process with the Higher Education Leadership Search firm.

Committee members appointed by RUSO included the following:

Regents

- Eric Fisher (committee chair)
- Jane McDermott
- Chris Van Denhende

Faculty

• Dr. Roxie James, chair of the Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities

• Dr. Dean Scarbrough, chair of the Department of Agriculture

Student

• Erika Hernandez, senior education major from Laverne

Administrators

• Dr. David Pecha, vice president for administration

Staff

• Kevin Fields, health and safety officer

Community Leaders

• Jim Dunning, owner of ICT-CPA

• Tom Evans, corporate valuation at Encompass Financial Services

• Todd Holder, Alva State Bank and Holder Drug

• Dwight Hughes, superintendent and CEO at Autry Technology Center

• Alexa Humphries, financial adviser at Edward Jones

• Connor Martin, councilman with City of Alva, owner of Peak Environment

• Janice Melton, past warden at Bill Johnson Correctional Center

• L.D. Rapp, Northwestern Foundation chair

• Kyle Reynolds, superintendent of Woodward Public Schools

• John Ryerson, owner of Starr Lumber Company

Bands present 'Sounds of Nature' concert

Members of the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble presented their spring band concert, "Sounds of Nature," on Saturday, March 5 in Herod Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music, said the concert featured compositions by a diverse group of modern composers.

The Wind Ensemble played "Flourish for Wind Band" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "On a Hymn Song of Philip Bliss" by David Holsinger, "Chasing Sunlight" by Cait Nishimura, "Shenandoah" arranged by Omar Thomas, and "Snakes!" by Thomas Duffy.

"We worked on a lot of awesome pieces for this concert," said April Schultz, a junior social work major from Cinnaminson, New Jersey. "They were super fun to play, which makes rehearsal go by quick. Dr. Black did an excellent job of growing the band's

sound and perfecting it."

The Jazz Ensemble presented "Emancipation Blues" by Oliver Nelson.

"Taking part in the Northwestern Ranger Band has shown me how greatly diverse the group is," said Caleb Kaiser, a freshman instrumental music education major from Enid. "With that being said, we all came together to produce this beautiful, warm sound of harmony that can move people in ways that nothing else can. I couldn't wait to share what beauty we've achieved and share it to the world."

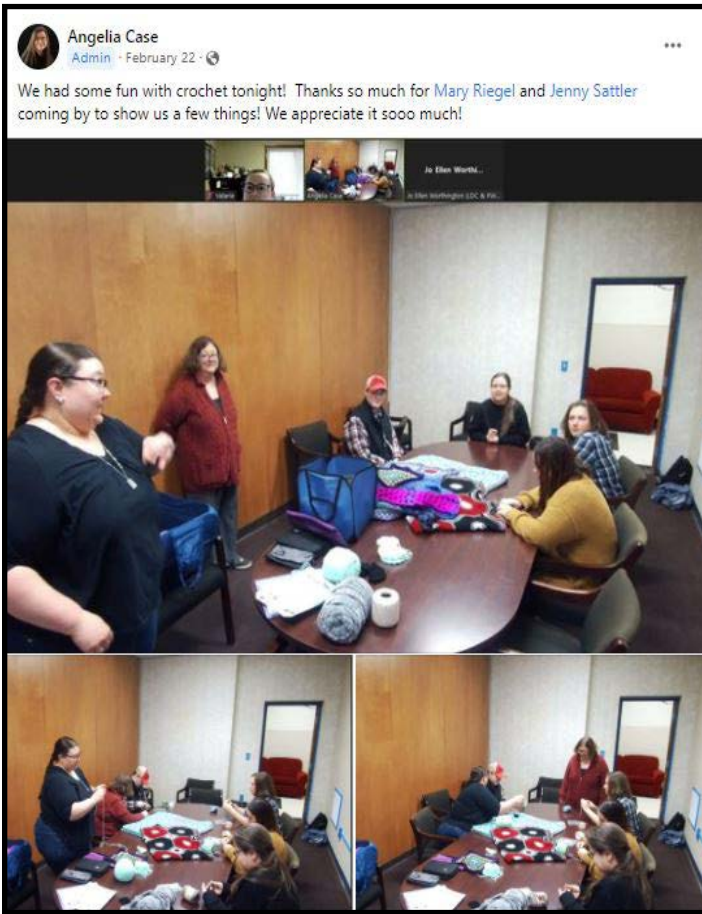
Black noted that the students rehearsed for many hours each week to prepare for this performance and were excited to show the community the progress the band has been making.

Before the university students took the stage for their concert, nearly 300 middle and high school students performed in the 2022 Red Carpet Honor Band in the afternoon.

For more information about the band program at Northwestern, contact Black at (580) 327 - 8191 or email mcblack@nwsu.edu. Additional information may be found at www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/bands-and-instrumental-music



Spring 2022 Wind Ensemble



CITIZENS CHOICE AWARDS

Gala

2022 Top 3 Nominees

<p>ARTS, MUSIC, & THEATRE AWARD</p> <p>Adam Stewart Kimberly Weast Alycen Yoder</p>	<p>EXCEPTIONAL SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR</p> <p>The Bull Smokehouse & Saloon The Vanilla Bean Whittet's Country Store</p>
<p>COMMUNITY POSITIVE IMPACT AWARD</p> <p>BankIt Karen Koehn R.A.C.E.</p>	<p>OUTSTANDING LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR</p> <p>Northwest Technology Center Value Added Products Windy Ford</p>
<p>EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR</p> <p>Sharon Corder Dr. Janet Cunningham</p>	



Woodward Boomer Band

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Thank you very much to Dr. Michael Black from Northwestern Oklahoma State University for coming over and working with the band today. We all learned a lot and enjoyed our time in rehearsal.



NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

February 25 · 🌐

Congratulations to Professor Kimberly Weast for receiving the 2022 Alva Citizens Choice Award for Arts, Music, & Theatre! 🎉
A well-deserved accolade to be sure!

We would also like to extend congratulations to the other outstanding nominees and award winners. 🎉🎉
Thank you Alva Chamber of Commerce and Community for your continued support of the Arts in Northwest Oklahoma.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus

February 25 · 🌐

We want to thank all of those who were able to make it out to celebrate with us at our recent Red Tie Jazz event! It was a great night to celebrate 25 years in Woodward, filled with wonderful music, delicious food, and good company! It doesn't get much better than that!
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 25 · 🌐

Sarah Fletcher is a project advisor with our Student Support Services grant. She supports students that are eligible for the program through many services including but not limited to goal planning, paper writing, exam prep, cultural enrichment events, and helping students get involved on campus.

She enjoys traveling. Some of her favorites have been visiting Pagosa Springs in Colorado, riding the Chama Train in New Mexico, and attending the Renaissance Festival in Kansas City. She has also traveled to Galveston Beach, Kaw Lake, Disneyland, and the Marland Mansion.

"I love enjoying good food and new sites with my family. I like to experience and learn new things."

We appreciate all she does for [#NWOSU](#) every day and that's why she's this week's "Ranger to Know." 📍

Discover more interesting facts about Sarah on our other social media channels. 📱

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Northwestern sees increases in graduate, concurrent numbers

Northwestern officials have announced enrollment numbers for the spring 2022 semester.

A total of 1,709 students are enrolled in spring classes, which is less than 1 percent fewer than last year.

Northwestern is currently experiencing positive growth regarding the concurrent enrollment and graduate enrollment numbers. Northwestern's graduate school experienced an 11.4 percent increase in enrollment while the number of students enrolled in concurrent classes, which are classes for qualifying high school juniors and seniors, continues to increase with 18.8 percent.

At the main campus in Alva, 1,007 students are enrolled. Enrollment at the Enid location decreased by 2.6 percent with a total of 187, while enrollment at the Woodward site is 142, a decrease of 8.9 percent.

Northwestern's outreach sites, including the University Center of Ponca City, reported enrollment of 78 students. As for online courses, 989 students are enrolled in at least one online course, which is a 2.1 percent increase.

"Enrollment continues to be an area of concern, not only at Northwestern, but throughout the state and nation," said Dr. Janet Cunningham, president of Northwestern. "We commend our recruitment office, along with faculty and staff, for their continuous efforts. We have strong strategies in place to show students the impact of a degree, and their experiences at Northwestern will truly change their lives."

Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, noted that although the initial shock has subsided, COV-

ID-19 is still affecting Northwestern's enrollment.

"We see students not coming back to finish their degree and stopping out," Mosburg said. "When this happens, we do everything we can to make sure the student knows they're valued at Northwestern. We are committed to our strategies and continue to encourage students

throughout the enrollment process."

Although Northwestern saw a small decrease in enrollment numbers, the university continues to be recognized for outstanding educational opportunities on a national level, while also providing lower costs compared to many schools in the state.

Three earn Scottish Rites scholarships

Three Northwestern Oklahoma State University seniors were awarded the 2022 Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Those awarded this semester are Andrea Jimenez of Kingfisher, elementary education; Maria Jimenez of Kingfisher, early childhood education; and Hunter Row of Enid, early childhood education.

Each semester the scholarships are awarded to teacher candidates who are completing their professional semester.

Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president, and Dr. Martie Young, professor of education, presented the students their scholarships.

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation works primarily with children with language and/or reading disorders. Recipients are chosen by the Teacher Education faculty members who have reviewed all applications and voted for the candidate they felt was the best choice.

For more information on the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship or the Division of Education contact Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education and associate dean for the School of Education, at (580) 327-8450 or email cljenlink@nwsu.edu; or go to <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-education/education>.



Three Northwestern senior education majors recently received the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship from Northwestern administrators and faculty members. (Back row, left to right) Dr. Bo Hannaford, Hunter Row, Dr. James Bell, (front row, left to right) Andrea Jimenez, Maria Jimenez, and Martie Young.

Myles' Dyrk1a Journey
Amy Melton · 2d · 🌐

Thank you for my wonderful [Northwestern Oklahoma State University](#) family!

NWOSU Division of Education
2d · 🌐

NWOSU Division of Education goes orange for Myles Melton on rare disease day! ❤️❤️

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
March 1 · 🌐

Congratulations!

Community Health Foundation of Kay County
March 1 · 🌐

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Community Health Foundation's \$1000 University Center Nursing Scholarships. Nursing students at the University Center are Registered Nurses completing coursework to earn their Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing. Nurses with a Bachelor's degree often work in management or leadership positions at a facility or go on to pursue advanced nursing degrees.

This year's recipients include (from left to right): Kailei Settle, Amber Hernandez, Cassie Chavez, Cassandra Mead, and Mitzi Pemberton.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 28 · 🌐

Last week the [Alva Chamber of Commerce](#) held its annual Citizens Choice Awards Gala.

#NWOSU President Dr. Janet Cunningham was named Educator of the Year and Department of Fine Arts Chair Kimberly Weast received the Arts, Music & Theatre Award!

Congratulations to all the award winners and nominees!

J.R. Holder Wellness Center is at J.R. Holder Wellness Center.
February 28 · Alva · 🌐

Today is the **LAST DAY** to donate for the food drive!! Your donations help stock the NWOSU Campus Cabinet to supply students with food items, grocery essentials, bedding and winter coats. Our goal is to collect 200 items. The count currently stands at 107. For each item donated, the Wellness Center staff will perform 1 sit-up! Help us finish out our last day with a bang!! 🍌

LAST DAY!
FOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY

FOOD ITEMS, MEN'S & WOMEN'S COATS, & TWIN XL SHEET SETS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE WELLNESS CENTER TODAY!

We have 107 items, our goal is 200

Department celebrates Social Work Month

The Department of Social Work celebrated Social Work month in March.

The theme “The Time is Right for Social Work” highlights how social workers have enriched our society for more than a century and how their services continue to be

needed today. There are nearly 720,000 social workers in our nation. That number is expected to grow by 12 percent by the end of the decade, making social work one of the fastest growing professions in the nation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

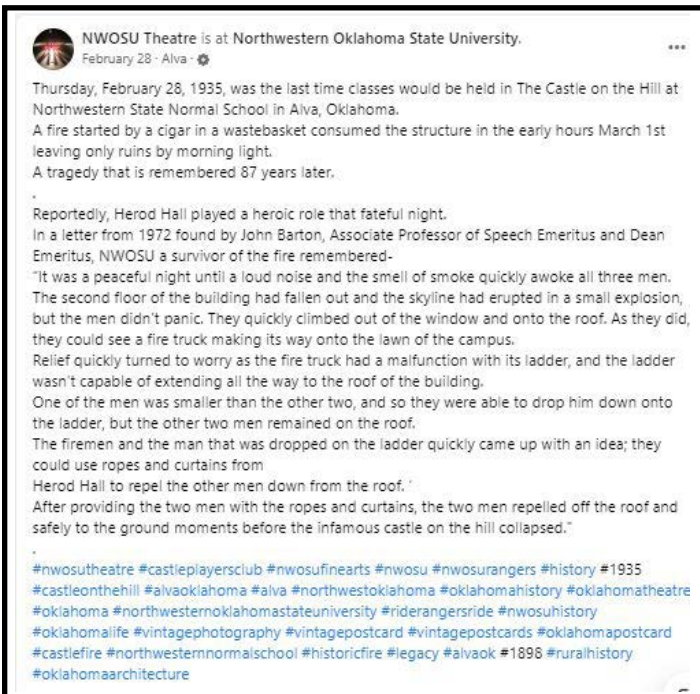
wage, a 40-hour workweek, Social Security and Medicare.

The time is always right for social work. However, more people are entering the field because the life-affirming services that social workers provide are needed more than ever. This is especially true as our nation continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic racism, economic inequality, global warming, and other crises.

The social work profession attracts people who have a strong desire to help individuals, families, communities, and our nation overcome issues that prevent them from reaching their full potential.

That is why the theme for Social Work Month 2022 is “The Time is Right for Social Work.” (Adapted from the National Association of Social Workers, 2022)

S o c i a l workers have been an integral part of our nation for decades. Social workers played key roles in the Civil Rights and Women’s Rights movements and pushed for social programs we now take for granted, including the m i n i m u m



Northwestern plays host to virtual regional science fair

Students from four different schools earned top awards during the Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair held virtually by Northwestern.

Since 1957, Northwestern has played host to this science fair. This program has evolved over the years to become one of outreach and service learning, and has served as a springboard for aspiring students to pursue STEM fields. The fair services the northwest counties of Oklahoma and was a feeder fair for the Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair (OSSEF) held March 25-26 in Stillwater at Oklahoma State University (OSU). At the regional fair, judges have the capability of advancing a project to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Atlanta, Georgia.

Participants are divided into two categories: Division I grades 9-12 and Division II grades 6-8.

Overall Winners listed below:

Broadcom Masters Nominees 7th-8th grades – Mia Cole from Vici Public Schools, A Faster More Efficient Way to Grow

Division II - Reserve Champion, BrayLeigh Capps and Hannah Nance from Vici Public Schools, Stress Sucks!; Grand Champion, Mia Cole from Vici Public Schools, A Faster and More Efficient Way to Grow

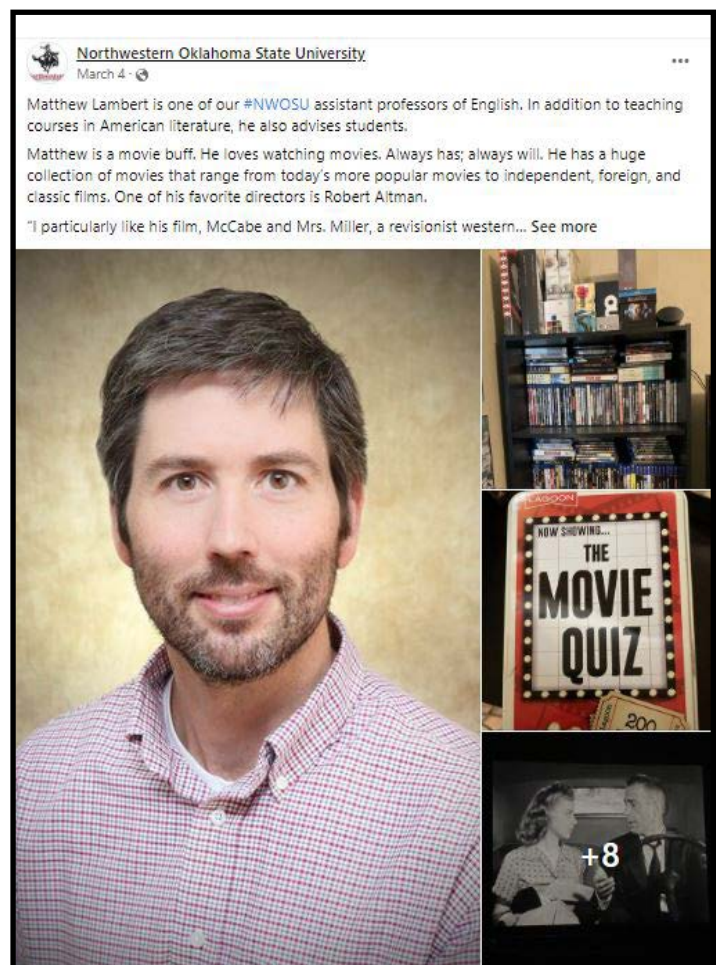
Division I - Reserve Champion, Elizabeth Wallace from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Faster Than the Wind; Grand Champion, Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center

(Fairview), Bounce Off the Wall

Northwestern Senior Scholarships – \$500, McKenzie Olson from Burlington Public Schools, Stain Fighters!; \$1,000 Joshua Meyer from Ringwood Public Schools, Aquaponics vs. Traditional Growing; \$1,500, Elizabeth Wallace from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Faster Than the Wind

International Science and Engineering Fair Qualifiers – Elizabeth Wallace from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Faster Than the Wind; Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Bounce Off the Wall

To see a complete list of entries, [click this link](#).



Campus Cabinet-NWOSU
 Published by Angella Case · March 6 ·

We'd like to send a huge shout-out to **Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics** for organizing an amazing food drive for us at our last home basketball games! Our incredible Ranger fans brought in 271 pounds of kindness in the form of food, hygiene and bedding products!

We are grateful! Thank you.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 March 7 ·

Today our education majors had the opportunity to meet with over 40 education organizations offering employment. #NWOSU produces quality graduates who will make a positive impact wherever they choose to start their teaching careers.

For more information on the **NWOSU Division of Education** visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education>



J.R. Holder Wellness Center is at **J.R. Holder Wellness Center.**
 March 8 · Alva ·

You did it !!! you helped us reach our goal of 200+ donations! Thank you so much to everyone who brought in items! The Campus Cabinet will always be thankful for your generosity!

FOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY WAS A SUCCESS!

EACH WELLNESS CENTER STAFF MEMBER DID 15 SIT UPS FOR OUR 240 ITEMS RECEIVED!

7 NWTV
 March 8 ·

NWTV7 Newscast, 03/08/2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0o6WIB7EQP4>



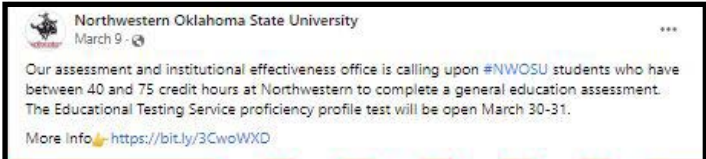
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 March 4 ·

Around 300 junior high and high school students will be on the Alva #NWOSU campus for the Red Carpet Honor Band today and tomorrow!

The students arrived today for rehearsals and will perform tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in the Herod Hall auditorium!

For more information on this event, click here <https://bit.ly/3trFhch>





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STUDENTS WITH 40-75 CREDIT HOURS IN THE SPRING SEMESTER

DATE: MARCH 30-31

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Enid & Woodward - Front desk
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TEST: Assesses: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, & Critical Thinking
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Taylor, Fillmore focus of Presidential Lecture Series

Two of America's lesser-known presidents, Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore, were the focus of this year's Presidential Lecture Series sponsored by the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Institute for Citizenship Studies and Social Sciences Department held in March.

Dr. Michael Cohen, research professor in the Department of Government and a faculty fellow in the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, was the program's feature speaker.

He discussed the lives of Taylor and Fillmore, as well as career opportunities in the field of public history.

A historian of 19th century America, Cohen serves as editor and project director of the Correspondence of Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore. This project at CCPS aims to locate and publish letters of the 12th and 13th U.S. presidents.

As the final editor of the James K. Polk Project at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Cohen in 2019 completed a decades-long endeavor to publish the 11th president's letters. Earlier he worked at Rutgers University in New Brunswick on the Papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

In addition to three volumes of the Correspondence of James K. Polk, Cohen has published articles on the history of U.S. politics, education and society, as well as on the editing of historical documents in journals including *The New England Quarterly* and *The Good Society*. His book "Reconstructing the Campus: Higher Education and the American Civil War" won the Critics' Choice Book Award from the American Educational Studies Association and the Linda Eisenmann Prize from the History of Edu-

cation Society.

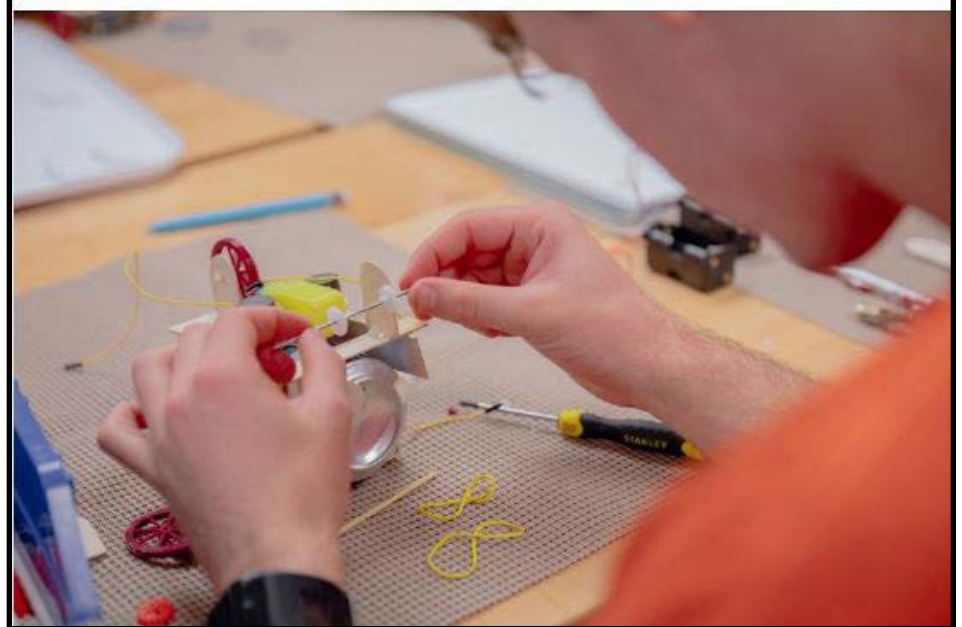
He has appeared on the "Voice of America," delivered the 2016 Presidential Lecture at Northwestern, and in 2019, organized the conference James K. Polk and His Time.

For more information on the event

contact Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science, at mason@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8522. For more information about the NWSU Institute for Citizenship Studies visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences/nwics>.



Dr. Michael Cohen (right), research professor in the Department of Government and a faculty fellow in the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, and Dr. Aaron Mason discussed two of America's lesser-known presidents during the Presidential Lecture Series event on campus.



Steve Maier shared a link. March 17 · 🌐

Check out this media post by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education? Anyone look familiar??



TWITTER.COM
OK Higher Ed on Twitter
*In 2019-20, the largest portion of #okhighered bachelor's degrees conferred – more than 26...

Steve Maier shared a link. March 13 · 🌐

Did you know that NWOSU has a rocketry team? Well they do, and here is their team video!! The competition is in April!
<http://www.argoniacup.com/teams/>
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=uHL2Ep2g4XU>

Converted to 9' 6" by
Trimming down booster and adding 48" payload



Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 15 · 🌐

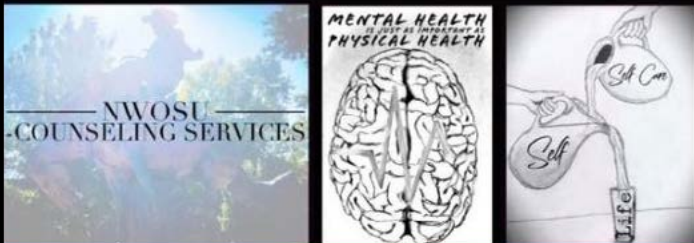


TwisTed Rodeo March 15 · 🌐

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Samantha Chambers scored points in multiple events this past weekend at the #FortScottRodeo and moved to fourth in the Nat... See more

Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 18 · 🌐

Three helpful Facebook pages are available from our NWOSU Counseling Services office:
 Suicide Prevention- <https://www.facebook.com/NWOSU-Suicide-Prevention-107915781780938>
 Stimulant Prevention- <https://www.facebook.com/NWOSU-Stimulant-Prevention-100450295874829>
 Opioid Prevention- <https://www.facebook.com/NWOSUOpioidPrevention>



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 Opioid Prevention- <https://www.facebook.com/NWOSUOpioidPrevention>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 10 · 🌐

Roger Brown is one of our #NWOSU associate professors of business. In addition to teaching courses in management, entrepreneurship, and leadership, he also serves as chair of the Diversity Committee.

He enjoys reading and exploring the history of airplanes and flight in general. We appreciate all he does for our Division of Business every day and that's why he's this week's "Ranger to Know." 🟠🟡

Discover more interesting facts about Roger on our other social media channels. 😊

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 Facebook @nwosu.rangers



Needle-felted piece, quilt win top honors at 19th annual art show

A needle-felted piece and needle-turned hand applied quilt are the Best of Show winners in the 19th annual Northwestern Art Society Art Show in the J.W. Martin Library in Alva.

“Curly-Q,” a needle-felted piece made by Jillian Bouse, Woodward sophomore majoring in biology, earned top honors this year in the student division along with a purple

ribbon and \$50, while “Vintage Valentines Needle-turn Hand Applique,” a quilt created by alumnus Pauline Kassik of Carmen, won in the non-student division that is open to all Northwestern alumni and current/retired employees.

“The diversity of the work from our entrants is amazing,” Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said. “There are so many wonderful things. I hope everyone could attend the show in the library.

All winning art pieces were on display April 1 for a Winners’ Only Show during the annual First Friday Art Walk event at the Runnymede in downtown Alva.

For a com-

plete list of winners from this year’s show, visit www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show. To visit a photo gallery of all works, visit <https://nwosuartsociety-photos.shutterstock.com/7402>.

Case encourages everyone to start now on working toward next year’s show as the group will celebrate its 20th year.



A needle-felted piece named “Curly-Q” by Jillian Bouse of Woodward is the Best of Show winner in the student division of the 2022 NWOSU Art Society Art Show.



A quilt named “Vintage Valentines Needle-turn Hand Applique” by Pauline Kassik of Carmen is the Best of Show winner in the non-student division of the 2022 NWOSU Art Society Art Show.



Band welcomes public for rehearsals

Members of the public were welcomed to join the Northwestern band in rehearsals on Monday evenings through March and April in Ryerson Hall to form a Community Band.

Rehearsals for the group began on March 21, and a culminating concert in

Herod Hall Auditorium took place on April 29.

“Having the community band is a great way for community members to have a chance to play their instrument in an ensemble again,” said Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music. “It’s

also a way for the students in the Ranger Bands to connect with community members and build relationships with alumni and other promi-

nent community members.” In addition, high school students were invited to participate in the community band, which gives them a chance to see the campus as a band member and to get acquainted with how the Ranger Band program operates.

“These opportunities don’t come around very often after you finish your schooling,” Black said.

More information on the Northwestern instrumental music program and bands may be found at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/bands-and-instrumental-music>.

NWOSU Department of English
March 21 · 🌐

When you enroll, consider taking Dr. Lambert's Environmental Science Fiction class!

FALL 2022
T/TH 2:00-3:15

PRE-REQS:
ENGL. 1113 & 1213

CONTACT DR. LAMBERT

ENGL. 3303/5413
POPULAR LITERATURE: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FICTION

**VIDEO GAMES
MOVIES
SHORT STORIES
NOVELS**

The image features a character from the video game Fallout 4, wearing a blue power armor suit, holding a rifle and a pistol, with a dog in the foreground. The background is a desert landscape.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 21 · 🌐

Northwestern's Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities will play host to author and Northwestern alumnus Sheldon Russell for the Visiting Writer Series on Wednesday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the #NWOSU Joe J. Struckle Education Center, room 109, in Alva.

This event is free, and familiarity with his work is not required to attend—or enjoy—the event.
NWOSU Department of English

Full story <https://bit.ly/3JyXCuH>

NWOSU Department of English
March 21 · 🌐

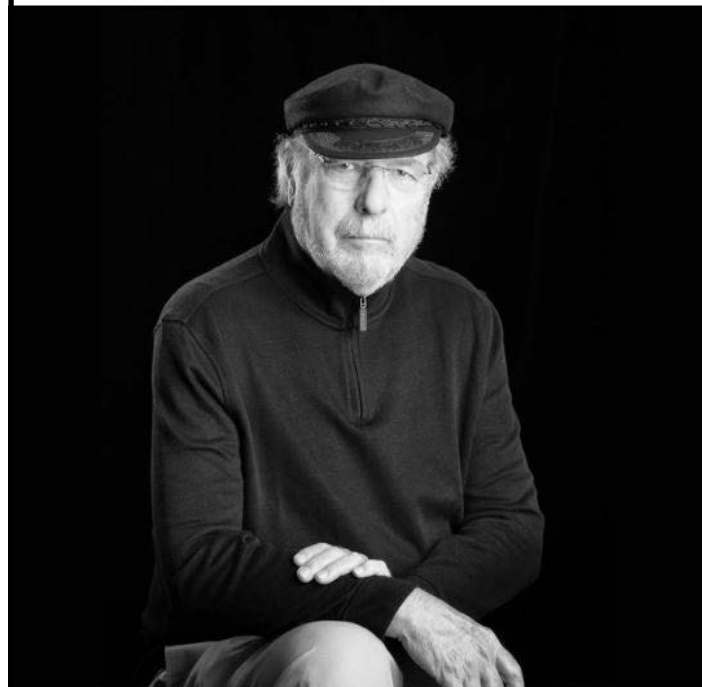
Fall enrollment opens tomorrow! Talk to your advisor about taking Elementary Spanish I with Dr. Vest.

**SPAN 1114:
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Tuesdays at 6:55 pm - 9:45 pm
or
Mondays/Wednesdays at 12:00 pm - 1:50 pm

Questions?
Contact
Dr. Vest
rvest@nwosu.edu

The image features a green cactus with red flowers and a colorful Mexican sombrero with a red and white pattern.



Students from 17 schools attend Primp for Prom

More than 300 dresses were given away to students from 17 high schools in three states during the 2022 Primp for Prom event held in the Woodward High School Practice Gym.

This year more than 400 dresses and nearly 100 pairs of shoes were donated to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University department of social work that co-sponsors the event with members of the Woodward High School Key Club.

“Primp for Prom is an event



that always highlights the generosity in northwest Oklahoma and celebrates the goodness of humanity,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair, said.

This event is something that Key Club members look forward to helping with each year.

“It’s always fun to see groups of girls come in and have the prom dress shopping experience,” said Key Club sponsor Stefanie Alexander. “My favorite part of the event is seeing the look on the girls’ faces when they find the perfect dress for them.”

Lizzy Dennett, a Northwestern senior from Enid, sees Primp for Prom as being an important

community event for high school students unable to attend prom due to the expense.

Several students attending the event noted that it can be expensive to purchase a prom dress so they were thankful for those who donated dresses and accessories.



Kailie

Martin, a Northwestern senior social work major from Protection, Kansas, loves her volunteer experiences with Primp for Prom. Her favorite part is assisting girls in finding the perfect dress and watching their self-confidence soar.

Rehder expressed appreciation on behalf of the department of social work to those who helped with the event’s success including her co-director, Stefanie Alexander; Woodward High School administration, students and staff; Northwestern-Woodward campus dean Dr. Jonathan Thomason; Northwestern social work student volunteers; Tres Jolie of Edmond;

Carlie Gallegos, Chantal Martin and all the generous dress and accessory donors from across northwest Oklahoma. She noted a special thanks to the administration of Woodward High School for playing host to the event.

“I think it is important to note that this event is about more than dresses; we see it as a means to embody our university commitment to serve,” Rehder said. “This community event provides finan-



cial support to families, builds a sense of community, role models service, and promotes positive self-images, confidence and empowerment to young people.”

For more information about this event or the department, please contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8135. For additional information on Northwestern’s social work department, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work>.



Northwestern, NOC partner on fast-track education degree

There continues to be a teacher shortage in the State of Oklahoma, so the Enid campuses for Northwestern and Northern Oklahoma College are partnering to do some-



thing about it.

A fast-track course of study for completion of the elementary education degree has been developed for the students at these two institutions of higher learning to meet the specific needs of our Enid area community. This program will allow Enid campus students to earn an associate's degree and a bachelor's degree in three and a half years, enabling them to be in the classroom and teach more quickly than they could through traditional programs.

"A student needs to enter this program at the very beginning of the coursework to benefit from the fast-track initiative," said Dr. Christee Jenlink, associate dean of education and professor of education at Northwestern, adding that students will be taking courses simultaneously at Northwestern-

Enid and NOC Enid.

"As Oklahoma is facing a teacher shortage, this program allows students to obtain their degrees faster while still receiving the same great quality education for which Northern and Northwestern are known," said Tiffany Meacham, Enid academic adviser for elementary education at NOC.

The fast-track program will

meet current standards for educator preparation so that completers have the knowledge and skills necessary to become highly effective educators who are ready to support the learning needs of Oklahoma's students.

Jenlink noted that as a state requirement, the students will continue to complete their student teaching assignments in their final semester of school.

"We are very

excited about this partnership," said Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president at Northwestern. "We feel this gives opportunities in Enid for teacher candidates to participate in innovative programs while meeting the education needs in northwest Oklahoma and the state."

Northwestern and NOC held advisement sessions regarding this fast-track program at the NOC Enid campus in Montgomery Hall and in the lobby of the Zollars Building from 8 a.m. to noon on March 28-29 and April 18-19.

To learn more about this program, contact Mr. Jeremy Hise, vice president at NOC Enid, at (580) 548-2393 or jeremy.hise@noc.edu; or Dr. Josh Hawkins, assistant professor of education at Northwestern-Enid, at (580) 213-3182 or jlhawkins@nwosu.edu.

NWOSU Department of English
March 22
Fall enrollment opens today! Sign up for World Mythology with Dr. James.

ENGL 3503/5503
World Mythology

Gods, Heroes, Creatures,
and more!

Monday/Wednesday @ 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Prereqs: ENGL 113, 123, & 2123 -or-
permission from instructor

Contact Dr. James at rjames@nwosuedu

Grimsley selected as Campus Kudos winner

Leeta Grimsley, assistant director and systems specialist in the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Information Technology office, has been selected by the Staff Council as the recipient of the 2021 fall semester Campus Kudos Award.

Erin Davis, university relations specialist and Staff Council chair; Amy Melton, Division of Education secretary and Staff Council member; and Ashley Fischer, institutional research specialist and Staff Council member, presented Grimsley with her Campus Kudos award.

The person nominating Grimsley for this award said, "Leeta is my 'go to' IT person--honestly, because her extension was easy to memorize--but she is always patient when I call. With there being THREE computer labs housed in Vinson Hall, there have been some days I have called her a great deal. Honestly, I throw a lot at her, and she is always ready to catch it. It's not one 'specific' thing as much as it is a million little things that make me know she is someone I can count on to problem-solve.

"Plus, when she comes into the building, she's cheerful and pleasant, versus sullen. Trust me, when your computer is not working, you're in a bad mood. You don't need an unhappy co-worker coming in to fix it. Her smile has brightened numerous dark moments over the years."

Campus Kudos is a public acknowledgment created by the Northwestern Staff Council that applauds the efforts of eligible staff members who have displayed an act of kindness above their job responsibilities. This award is presented each semester, including the summer term.

"I'm honestly quite shocked

that I received the Campus Kudos award," Grimsley said. "It really is special to receive it and know that you have made a difference in some way to others on campus. For someone to take the time to write such kind words really does mean a lot to me."



Ashley Fischer (left) and Amy Melton (right) present Leeta Grimsley with her fall Campus Kudos Award.



Rankin named as 2022 Newman Civic Fellow

Austin Rankin, sophomore political science major, has been named a 2022 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow.

Campus Compact is a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education. The organization's 2022 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows is comprised of 173 students, including Rankin.



Austin Rankin

"The Newman Civic Fellowship award is about using the strengths of a diverse community to battle political polarization and promote social change," Rankin said. "This is one thing that I hope to do through events involving the various cultural clubs on the Northwestern campus.

"It is through these activities that I plan to open up a dialogue about political polarization, differing cultural attitudes and the importance of appreciating differing opinions."

The Waynoka native is heavily involved with the Northwestern Student Government Association and had a resolution passed unanimously through the SGA Senate recently.

He is also the founder and president of the Collegiate 4-H Club on campus.

"Austin Rankin is emblematic of the kind of student the University is proud to put forth for this type of honor," Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science, said. "His commitment in and out of the classroom demonstrates his scholastic abilities as well as his leadership potential. We are confident that his participation as

a Newman Civic Fellow Award winner will serve to further express his abilities and talents."

Rankin said he sees the Newman Civic Fellowship as a great opportunity to open a dialogue between different cultural clubs such as the Black Student Union, the Spanish Club and the Native American Student Association. He added that his primary goal is to start a conversation at Northwestern that enables students from all backgrounds to begin understanding and appreciating the different circumstances that unite each other.

"Simply put, progress dies in silence," Rankin said. "My primary objective is to create an atmosphere of honest reflection and open-mindedness at Northwestern."

The Newman Civic Fellowship,

named for the late Campus Compact co-founder Frank Newman, is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional and civic growth. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference in Boston, Massachusetts, of Newman Civic Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The fellowship also provides fellows with access to apply for exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.


"We are proud to name such an outstanding and diverse group of students Newman Civic Fellows," Bobbie Laur, Campus Compact president, said. "Their passion and resolve to take action on the wide range of issues challenging our neighborhoods and communities is inspiring and deeply needed. We cannot wait to engage with them through this transformative experience."



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
March 30 · 🌐

The Enid Leadership Council is sponsoring a Headshot Day on the NWOSU Enid Campus for current students. The cost is \$5 in cash or checks made to NWOSU. Schedule today at <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/mepMj0ya>.


NWOSU Enid Headshot Day



WHO: NWOSU Students
WHAT: Professional Headshots
WHEN: Monday, April 4th & 11th
WHERE: NWOSU Enid Campus, Room 119
COST: \$5 (Check or exact Cash ONLY)

Includes:

- 20 minute headshot minisession
- Single outfit
- 1 Background from 3 options: (textured brown and grey or solid white)
- Proof images
- 1 Final Retouched image delivered electronically in high and low resolution.
- Additional retouched images available for \$5 each.


 Email enidcampus@nwosu.edu to schedule your session today!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
March 28 · 🌐

It's time for another round of Trivia! Follow the directions below to play or click on this link. <https://kahoot.it/challenge/06143160...>

TRIVIA COMPETITION



TOPIC: Women of Music

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE WISE!

DEADLINE: Friday, April 1st at 11:59 PM

Prize: \$30 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card for the student with the highest score!

Instructions:

- 1) Go to www.kahoot.it or open the Kahoot! app
- 2) Enter the Game PIN: 06143160
- 3) Enter your first and last name

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 28 · 🌐

More than 60 people have been in rehearsals, building set, getting costumes and stage props ready as the #NWOSU Fine Arts Department prepares for "The Music Man" scheduled for April 7-8 at 7 p.m. and April 9 at 2 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium on the Alva campus.

Tickets are available to purchase online for \$12 general admission, \$10 for senior citizens and Northwestern employees with a current Northwestern employee ID, and \$5 for students with a current student ID.


To purchase tickets online visit <https://nwosufinearts.ludus.com/index.php>
 Full story 📖 <https://bit.ly/3DgJcx7>

NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

~PRESENTS~

MEREDITH WILLSON'S

"THE MUSIC MAN"



DIRECTOR: KIMBERLY WEAST CHOREOGRAPHY: ERIN DAVIS & MICKEY JORDAN MUSIC DIRECTOR: KARSTEN LONGHURST

HEROD HALL ~ ALVA ~ 2022

APRIL 7~8 AT 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 9 AT 2:00 P.M.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 28 · 🌐

The Oklahoma State Regents presented Dr. Janet Cunningham with a resolution honoring her years at #NWOSU last week during their special meeting on campus. Riley Westhaver from Canada told the Regents about his experiences on the rodeo team and as a student. Regents also toured campus seeing the Nursing SIM Lab where students Brenner Clark and Allison Huffmaster gave a presentation, the press box at Ranger Field, the Wellness Center, & Percefull Fieldhouse.



Cook earns Campus deSERVING Ranger Award

Chambrea Cook, a graduate counseling psychology student, has been honored with this year's deSERVING Ranger Award from the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (SL/CE) program.

Kaylyn Hansen, director of assessment and institutional effectiveness who also leads the service-learning and civic engagement program, said each spring the award recognizes an outstanding Northwestern student who demonstrates the following:

- Dedication to service and a sense of responsibility to the Northwestern service-learning and civic engagement vision
- Serves as a community service model for other students
- Exceptional leadership and organizational skills and
- Consistent work ethic and availability

The Enid native has completed more than 75 service hours in volunteer opportunities. A few of these activ-

ities include her involvement with the Garfield County Mental Health Coalition, Alcohol and Drug Coalition Enid chapter, YWCA-Enid, the Bridge BBQ event with Northern Oklahoma College, a supply drive for families coming from Afghanistan and others.

Cook started as a cosmetologist after high school and enjoyed the relationships she made with her clients. She found herself being the person her clients would tell anything to, and Cook realized she could do more. She says she felt the need and desire to find new ways to help people in her community.

"I sought out a new career to become a licensed counselor to help those who needed to discuss deeper thoughts and feelings," Cook said. "There was also a curiosity about why people behave, think and feel the way they do."

Cook donates her time to numerous causes on the Enid campus. She organized the fall trunk or treat, a t-shirt fundraiser for the Enid Psychology Club and participated in the United Way Fundraiser wreath decorating contest earning money for the Garfield County United Way. She also serves as the Psy-

chology Club Enid Campus president. Cook also completed service-learning projects in her coursework.

"She was the only student who actually helped organize and host a community continuing education event for Enid mental health professionals," Taylor

Randolph, instructor of psychology, said. "Her assistance was invaluable with this event, which would not have been successful without her."

"She goes above and beyond what is expected of her ensuring her work is very high quality. She cares deeply about helping others and about doing a good job. She represents North-

western very well. I am very proud that she is associated with the psychology department."

The deSERVING Ranger Award is awarded once a year to a qualified Northwestern student who is nominated by a Northwestern faculty or staff member. The award started in 2015 and has been awarded to students from a variety of majors.

Cook said serving individuals in the community is what gives her purpose.

"Sometimes all someone needs in their life is for someone to be genuine and kind," Cook said. "Playing a part in what brings peace, joy or relief in an individual's life pushes me to continue to do my best for others."

Cook added that she does not see serving others as a task but as a pleasure.

"I take pride in the fact that I have the ability to help those around me, and I am glad to continue this journey towards helping make our community a better place," Cook said.



Chambrea Cook

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 28

#NWOSU Reach Higher: RECONNECT Week begins today! We have extended our hours this week to make it more convenient for adults to come by our campus and talk to faculty and staff to get back on course to graduate!

For more information, click here nwosu.edu/reach-higher.

REACH HIGHER RECONNECT
March 26-April 1

NWOSU RECONNECT AFTER-HOURS:

- March 28-30: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- March 31: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- April 1: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Nicole Schacher and Heather Wilkinson, graduates of BSW program, presented to the Child Abuse and Neglect class this spring.



SOCIAL WORK FACULTY ATTEND SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Social Work Faculty attended The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors- 39th Annual Conference; the National Association of Social Workers- Oklahoma Annual State Conference; Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Faculty Institute; and the 14th Annual Oklahoma Service -Learning Conference, Building Trust and Bridges One Project At A Time

NWOSU Division of Education
April 5 · 🌐

NWOSU candidates spoke to the Alva High School Teach Oklahoma class on April 5. Candidates are Susannah Welty, Natasha Stocks, Arlene Ayala, Jerika Coon, Summer Whitted.




NWOSU Division of Education
April 1 · 🌐

Lori Nance Palmer (NWOSU 96) and Dusty Hugaboom (NWOSU 83) welcome Dr. Christee Jenlink to speak to Enid High School Teach Oklahoma students.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 1 · 🌐

Martie Young is an #NWOSU professor of education. She is the director of student teaching and program chair for the early childhood education program.

As a long time tenured professor in the Division of Education, Martie has worked through many job opportunities and positions at Northwestern. Her journey began when she received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in the 80s as a non-traditional commuting student. She drove 50 miles each way every day of classes, Monday through Friday.

"There were no branch campuses or online courses at the time. Actually, there weren't many non-traditional students either, but it was important to me to be a stay-at-home mom until my children were in school."

She became very active on campus in spite of the commute. She was president of the Student Education Association, Cardinal Key, and Red & Black Scroll.

"Probably the most memorable activities were my sons being with me on campus and taking part in many of the sports activities, especially basketball and football. We were huge Ranger fans even earlier than that as they had three uncles who played football and an aunt who played basketball, track, softball, and volleyball. My kids grew up on NWOSU's campus, and we all have many fond memories of being there."

We appreciate all she does for our Division of Education every day and that's why she's this week's "Ranger to Know." 🟠🟡

Discover more interesting facts about Martie on our other social media channels. 📱

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwsourangers





Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 4 · 🌐

George Lee will give his presentation, "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" on April 5 at noon in the #NWOSU Student Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the campus and community.

Lee is a self-described "Edutainer" who seamlessly mixes education and entertainment to be purposefully provocative. He has spent over 10 years being invited to engage in public speaking events for community groups, academic institutions, and corporate organizational leadership seminars. He also has over five years of experience teaching in educational institutions.

Full story 📖 <https://t.co/69InW3JqNZ>



GEORGE LEE SPEAKS
Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Professional Development, Diversity & Inclusion Training for all NWOSU Students & Employees

Tuesday, April 5 -- Noon

Alva Campus - Ballroom - In person
Alva Campus Overflow - IE 131
Enid Campus - Rm 218
Woodward Campus - Rm 145
Ponca City - UC 131

"George is dynamic and engaging. His authenticity and 'tell it like it is' style sets the tone for every session he leads. He creates a safe place to share your opinions and express yourself freely. He welcomes everyone and challenges you with simple directness that stays with you long after the training is complete."
- Ellen Shroyer

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Gonzales, Moore take top honors at Guitar Festival

Enid High School senior Alexander Gonzales and junior Thomas Moore took first and second, respectively, at the Northwestern Guitar Festival. The event was held for the fourth time on the Alva campus on Friday, April 1.

Northwestern alumnus Drew Faulkner, who earned a Bachelor of Music in vocal music in 2016, is the students' guitar teacher.

Other students attending from Enid High included Liberty Ful-

mer, Janie Martinez-Gonzales, Jace Haines, Jacob Hassler, Gabriel Lopez, Sean Taylor and Mason Williams.

"This is our first festival in two years because of COVID," Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music at Northwestern and director of the festival, said. "We are grateful to Drew for bringing his students over."

For addition-

al information about the festival, contact Ridgway at maridgway@nwosu.edu.

For more information on the instrumental music program, contact Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music, at (580) 327-8191 or mcblack@nwosu.edu.



Thomas Moore (left) and Alexander Gonzales were the top winners at the Guitar Festival at Northwestern-Alva held in April.



Enid High School freshman Liberty Fulmer (far right) is joined by (from left) Thomas Moore, Alexander Gonzales, Janie Martinez-Gonzales and Gabriel Lopez in playing their guitars at the Guitar Festival April 1 in Alva.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 6

#NWOSU is partnering with TAO Connect on providing employees and students free supplemental mental and behavioral health therapy accessible through a digital platform. Any employee or student can register by visiting our counseling webpage and clicking on helpful NWOSU resources. https://www.nwosu.edu/student_services/counseling

WORKING TOGETHER FOR YOUR HEALTH

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TAO
Optimizing Mental Health for All

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 4

Learn about Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge with Melissa Robell!
Tuesday, April 5 from 6-7 p.m. in the #NWOSU Science Amphitheatre
This event is free and open to the public.

This 32,197-acre refuge is designated as an Important Bird Area, a site on the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior, and a critical habitat for endangered Whooping Cranes.

She will present about her career path, the refuge, and job opportunities with USFWS. She will also highlight unique opportunities on the refuge like crystal digging and becoming a volunteer.

LEARN ABOUT SALT PLAINS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WITH MELISSA ROBELL!

Tuesday, April 5 | 6 - 7 p.m.
Science Amphitheatre

Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge
Office Visitor's Center

FREE and Open to Public

Northwestern shares Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award

Western Plains and Youth Family Services (WPYFS), in partnership with Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has received the 2022 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award (RBPEA).

This award is designed to highlight successful partnerships and to further cultivate a higher learning environment through the State Regents' Economic Development Grants.

"Our colleges and universities continue to collaborate successfully with public, private and nonprofit partners to strengthen economic and workforce development across our state," said Chancellor Allison D. Garrett. "The State Regents and I are proud to celebrate the positive impact of these partnerships as we all work together to build the skilled workforce required to make Oklahoma competitive on a global stage."

WPYFS has a long history of supporting Northwestern students. The non-profit organization has played host to seven social work practicum students in the last four years, along with other practicums for students with different degree focuses. As part of a field experience at WPYFS, students are exposed to multiple social services, including housing stability, outpatient

counseling, infant mental health and early childhood consultation, emergency youth sheltering, and juvenile detention treatment. Students develop technical skills, learn to research areas of intervention and select practices effective for working with children and families within rural Oklahoma.

"Western Plains Youth and Family Services has been a great partnership for our department," Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair, said. "Our students are exposed to situations they will encounter after graduation and have the resources they need to be prepared."

WPYFS reaches youth and families in Cimarron, Beaver, Texas, Harper, Ellis, Dewey and Woodward counties. They have offices in Woodward, Guymon and Laverne, along with juvenile detention centers in Elk City and Woodward. The Woodward facility has an emergency temporary youth shelter and a mo-

bile crisis unit to respond to emergencies.

For more information about RBPEA and this year's partnerships, visit www.okhighered.org/econ-dev/partner-excellence.

For more information about WPYFS, visit <https://wpyfs.org/>, or call (580) 256-3157. And, to learn more about Northwestern's social work program, visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work.



Members of WPYFS and NWOSU receive the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award. Pictured are Kevin Evans, executive director of WPYFS; Chancellor Allison Garrett; Dr. Kylene Rehder, Northwestern's social work department chair; and Dr. Jonathan Thomason, dean of Woodward campus.



Other members of WPYFS and NWOSU were able to attend the event honoring the partnership. Pictured are Kelsey Martin, Northwestern director of marketing and public relations; Brooke Havel, WPYFS; Denise Lively, WPYFS; Kari Hensley, WPYFS; Don Gaston, WPYFS; Kevin Evans; Dr. Bo Hannaford, Northwestern's executive vice president; Dr. Rehder and Dr. Thomason.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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🎵🎶🎭 TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO SEE "THE MUSIC MAN!" 🎵🎶🎭
Don't miss this bang-beat, bell ringin', big haul, great go, neck-or-nothin', rip-roarin', ever-time-a-bulls-eye MUSICAL!

Lobby doors open at 1 p.m.
FINAL PERFORMANCE 2 p.m. in our #NWOSU Herod Hall Theatre

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE (Skip the line!)
👉 <https://nwosufinearts.ludus.com/index.php>
Or tickets also available at the door.





Northwestern News (NWOSU)

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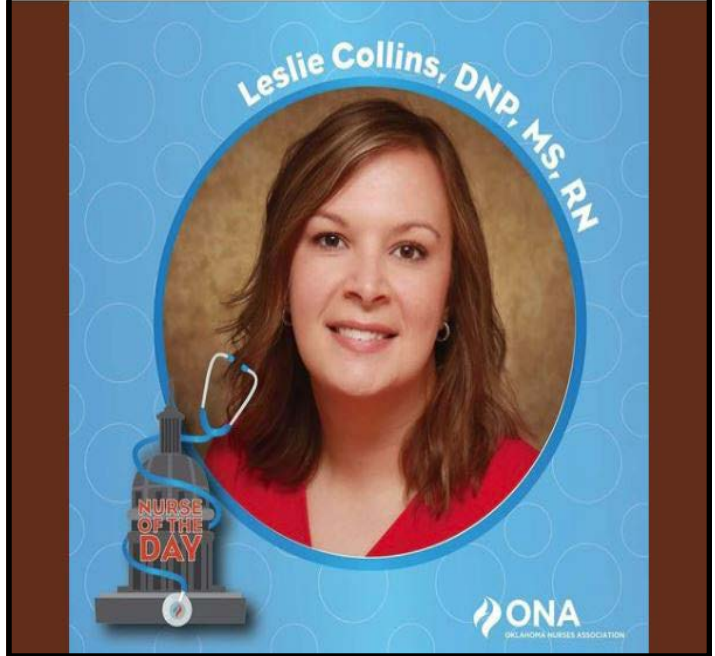
The Northwestern News won 34 awards today at the Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association awards banquet in Stillwater, including Best Overall Newspaper in the division. Check out the April 14 edition for a complete list. Congratulations to all of our student journalists!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

April 7 · 🌐

Our very own Dr Leslie Collins is advocating for nurses and their patients as she serves as Nurse of the Day at the State Capitol.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 7 · 🌐

Carys Delaplaine, senior #NWOSU nursing major of Enid, presented "Reducing the Diagnosis of Postpartum Depression in Adolescent Mothers" by Delaplaine, Adria Lujan, and Makenna Montgomery recently at the 27th annual Oklahoma Research Day at the Capitol held in OKC.

"I really enjoyed getting to present my research at the Capitol to the many legislators and guests. It was incredible to see my group's work in the Capitol, as well as see all the great research in the state of Oklahoma. It was such an honor to represent Northwestern in this way." - Delaplaine



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 8 · 🌐

Vinay Patel is our #NWOSU head men's basketball coach. He started at Northwestern in August 2019 and finished this season with a 20-9 overall record and 15-8 conference record.

Vinay's parents grew up in Africa and immigrated to the United States in 1981. Both Vinay and his older sister, Deepa, were born and raised in Shamrock, TX, and are very close. His sister lives in San Angelo, TX with her family. Vinay primarily played basketball and ran cross country/track growing up in Shamrock. He went to school at Texas Tech, where he graduated early and began his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at the age of 21 at West Texas A&M University. He has been coaching for 17 years.

We appreciate all he does for our men's basketball team every day and that's why he's this week's "Ranger to Know." 🇮🇳

Discover more interesting facts about Vinay on our other social media channels. 🤗

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RUSO Regents explain next steps for presidential search

The Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Board of Regents, along with Higher Education Leadership Search (HELs) consultants and Northwestern's presidential search screening committee, met to recommend candidates for Northwestern's 20th president.

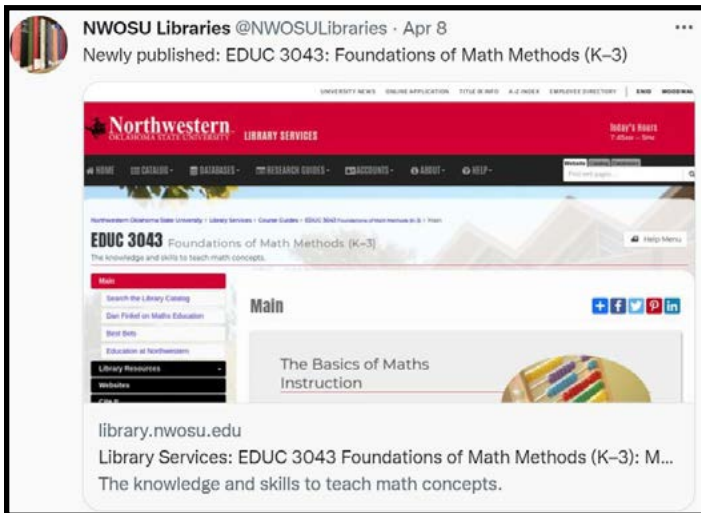
A total of 31 candidates applied for the top position, and eight candidates were recommended to

RUSO for further consideration. Virtual interviews were held with those eight candidates on April 18. In-person interviews, as well as campus tours, were held in May.

The regents were committed to finding the right candidate to succeed President Janet Cunningham, who has masterfully led NWOSU for the past 16 years, RUSO Regent Eric Fisher said. "Hiring a university president is

the Regents' most important responsibility, and we have put in place a thorough and deliberate search process.

"I want to thank the members of the NWOSU presidential search screening committee for their careful and detailed review of the massive volume of the candidates' application materials and for their dedication to NWOSU and its mission, culture and values."





Musical family group photos were even taken following the final performance.



Following the final performance of "The Music Man," cast, crew and audience had to get outside and talk about the musical (top left, right and far right).



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 12 · 🌐

Great opportunity to learn more about Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition - OVAC April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Jesse Dunn Annex 324. Open to everyone including members of the community.

Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition
 Information Meeting
 for NWSU Students and Campus Community

With guest speaker
Aunj Braggs
 OVAC Grants & Outreach Manager

When: Thursday, April 14 @ 12:30 PM
Where: Jesse Dunn 324

OVAC Grants & Outreach Manager, Aunj Braggs will speak about OVAC and its programs, the upcoming OVAC Student Fellowship Awards, in addition to internships, volunteer opportunities, being an artist in Oklahoma, and much more!

→ This presentation is free and open to all students, faculty, staff and community members. For questions, contact Prof. Larson at klarlson@nwsu.edu

NWSU Visual Arts
 April 11 · 🌐

We are excited for Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition Grants & Outreach Manager, Aunj Braggs' visit to NWSU! On Thursday, April 14th at 12:30 PM in JD 324, Aunj will speak about OVAC and its programs, the upcoming OVAC Student Fellowship Awards, in addition to internships, volunteer opportunities, being an artist in Oklahoma, and much more! This presentation is free and open to all students, faculty, staff and community members. For questions, contact Prof. Larson at klarlson@nwsu.edu

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition - OVAC



NASA holds first ever powwow on campus

Northwestern's Native American Student Association sponsored its first powwow in April, from 2 to 10 p.m. inside Percell Fieldhouse.

Savannah Francis, president of NASA and senior political science major of Tahlequah, said that community members enjoyed the event

in many ways, including learning about the educational aspect of powwows.

Northwestern's NASA chapter was established in 2019 to form a community for indigenous students.

"This event has been the Native American Student Association's biggest goal since it was established," Francis said. "When we were first starting the club, it seemed like it was a pipe dream. However, with the support of the staff and students here at Northwestern, we are achieving this milestone.

"Most people in the Alva area have never seen an event like this in their lifetime, and we wanted to bring more Native culture to the area. Our goal was to facilitate an open exhibition of Indigenous culture for the Northwestern campus and community to see firsthand. The event served to bring people together and educate at the same time."

Powwow Schedule

2-5 p.m. Gourd Dance

5-6:30 p.m. Dinner Break (food

and beverages were available to purchase at the event)

7-10 p.m. Grand Entry/Intertribal Dance

Head Staff

Head Singer – Fred Mosqueda (Cheyenne & Arapaho)

Drum Group - Howling Buffalo

Master of Ceremonies – Ruben Watan (Cheyenne & Arapaho)

Honor Guard – Mvs-koke Nation Honor Guard

Head Man Dancer –

Michael Bullet Watan (Cheyenne & Arapaho)

Head Lady Dancer – Robyn Chanate (Kiowa & Cherokee)

Head Gourd Dancer – Daniel Roberts (Mvs-koke Creek & Aleut)

Stomp Dance Leader – David Francis (Mvsksoke Creek)

Arena Director – Jerika Coon (Mvsksoke Creek)

The event featured culturally knowledgeable people who spoke about Native American powwows. This included the importance of regalia and beadwork,

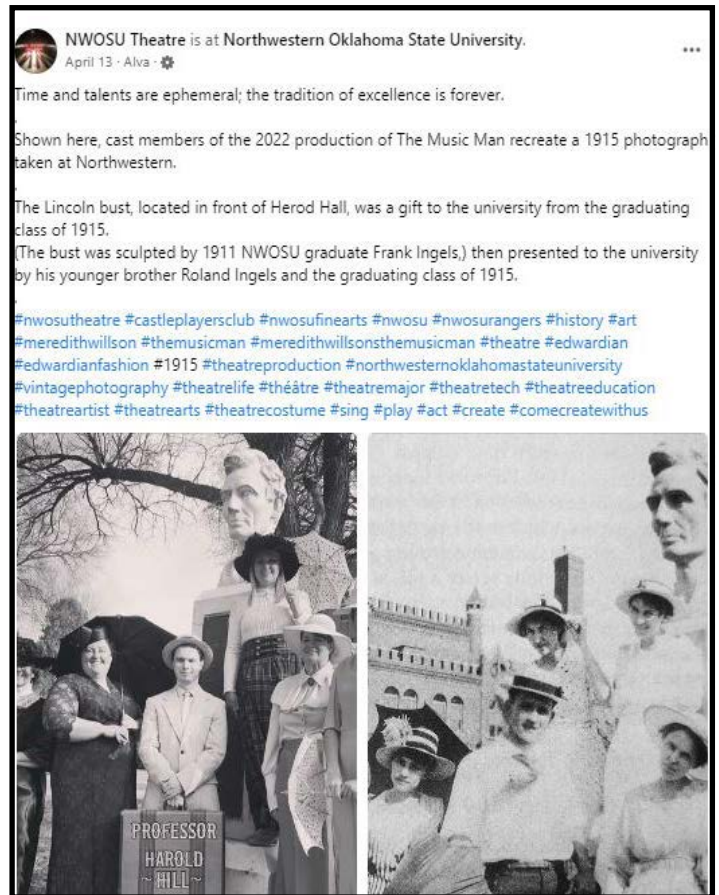
proper etiquette when attending a powwow and how social media has allowed the spread of culture.

Francis noted that this event helped to educate the community about what a powwow is and why it is important.

NASA student leadership included Angel Marshall, vice president, senior English major of Proctor; K.D. McCleary, treasurer, senior biology-health science option and chemistry major of Blackwell; and Jerika Coon, secretary, senior early childhood education major of Sapulpa.

Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science, served as the NASA club adviser.

If students want to get involved with the organization or future NASA events on campus, follow the Instagram account @nwosunasa for updates.



Ponca City students visit Northwestern-Alva for 'Teach Oklahoma'

Northwestern-Alva played host to three Ponca City High School students recently for the high school's "Teach Oklahoma" course.

Teach Oklahoma was designed to mentor high school students about teaching and provide fundamental knowledge about the teaching profession in Oklahoma. The course is supported by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Northwestern teacher candidates who assisted

included Woodward senior Arlene Ayala, Alva senior Tanner Clarkson, Beaver senior Hannah Mosburg, Blackwell senior Simeon Shepherd, Enid junior Natasha Stocks, Hutchinson, Kansas, junior Matthew Voth, Alva senior Susannah Welty and Alva senior Summer Whitted.

PCHS students attending included Alexis Ivers, Alecia Merriman and Sadie Stewart, along with teacher Ashley Campbell and assistant principal Krystina Muralt.

The day's activities included the PCHS students playing a Kahoots game that consisted of questions about Northwestern, the teacher preparation program and teacher certification requirements. The PCHS students partnered with Northwestern teacher candidates to play the game.

The high school students also toured the campus and had lunch in the Coronado Café. They were welcomed by Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president, and Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty. Specific information about Northwestern was presented by Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management.

Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education, chair of the Division of Education and associate dean of the School of Education, understands and believes in the importance of students actively learning and get-

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Participants in Ponca City High School's visit to Northwestern to learn more about the teacher education program include (left to right, front row) Northwestern education students Hannah Mosburg, Susannah Welty, PCHS teacher Ashley Campbell, PCHS students Alexis Ivers, Alecia Merriman, Sadie Stewart, PCHS assistant principal Krystina Muralt, Dr. Christee Jenlink, Northwestern student Arlene Ayala, (back row) Northwestern students Summer Whitted, Matthew Voth, Tanner Clarkson, Simeon Shepherd and Natasha Stocks.



Ponca City students visit...

ting hands-on experience, especially in the teaching field.

“Northwestern is pleased that Ponca City High School has implemented the Teach Oklahoma program this spring semester,” Jenlink said. “The intent is for Ponca City Public Schools to ‘grow their own’ teachers in this time when there is a critical shortage of well-qualified individuals to be in classrooms. Dr. Dalana Hawkins, assistant director of secondary curriculum for Ponca City Public Schools and member of the Northwestern Division of Education advisory board, deserves much credit for the establishment of the program at Ponca City High School.

“The collaboration between Northwestern and the Ponca City High School Teach Oklahoma program is another strategy in having ‘day one ready’ educators in classrooms across Oklahoma.”

Northwestern’s teacher education program, which is housed in the Division of Education, is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and approved by the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (CEOA).


For more information about Northwestern’s teaching programs contact Jenlink at (580) 327-8450 or cljenlink@nwsu.edu or visit their web page at www.nwsu.edu/school-of-education/education.

CAMPUS EDITORIAL OPINION

Let's appreciate our support staff workers

APR 14, 2022

By JORDAN GREEN, Editor-in-Chief



Northwestern maintenance worker Chuck Korff mows a pile of leaves in November.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 18 · 🌐

It's Campus Beautification Day at #NWOSU-Alva. Several students and staff members have volunteered their time to help plant flowers, spread some mulch and make the campus even more beautiful.



Deena K. Fisher
4h · 🌐

I was excited to hear from OETA this morning. Dr Alvin O. Turner and I produced (Dust To Eat) is showing once again at 9 a.m. on OETA their main channel. She said they have received requests for this third showing. I am so proud of this film and all involved in its production. A huge thank you to Oklahoma Historical Society Staff for their help and support in the making and marketing of this production.

Northwestern News (NWOSU)
April 14 · 🌐

Rangers prep meals for people in need



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Rangers prep meals for people in need
Dozens of Northwestern students volunteered on April 14 to help package meals...

Division of Nursing announces leadership change

Northwestern will have new leadership in the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing as Dr. Leslie Collins will assume the role as its new chair beginning July 1.

Collins replaces Dr. Shelly Wells, professor of nursing, who will retain her role as a faculty member.

"I am excited that Dr. Collins will lead our Division of Nursing," said Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president. "Dr. Collins is well prepared for this role, and I look forward to working with her as she continues to lead our outstanding faculty, staff and students in providing a critical workforce for Oklahoma for our healthcare needs. Dr. Collins has a wonderful rapport with our students, our faculty, and our community and will continue to provide the leadership we are accustomed to for this wonderful program."

Hannaford also said he is very proud and appreciative of Wells' accomplishments as chair.

"Dr. Shelly Wells has been an excellent chair for our Division of Nursing," Hannaford said. "She accepted the job when we needed her expertise, and she did not let us down. Her ability to navigate Northwestern through our first doctoral program and gain initial accreditation is something to be very proud of. She has added excellent faculty to our program and is a leader throughout the state in the area of nursing and healthcare.

"I am glad that she will continue to be a part of our faculty, further benefitting Northwestern by returning to her initial focus on expanding our RN-to-BSN program while enhancing our partnerships across the state. This program can be a potential growth area for our university and

the state of Oklahoma by increasing the number of bachelor-prepared nurses."

Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, also said he's confident in Collins' abilities to lead the program and is appreciative of Wells' work as the chair for the last nine years.

"Working with Dr. Wells in her role as chair of the Division of Nursing has been a pleasure," said Dr. James Bell. "She has a comprehensive knowledge of the nursing landscape both in Oklahoma and nationally, and her expertise has benefitted the university in all of its nursing programs: the traditional BSN, the RN-to-BSN program, and the DNP. She is a respected member of the medical profession in the state, active in leadership roles in statewide organizations and sought out by the media and her colleagues to be a voice of wisdom and reason in her profession.

"I feel confident that the nursing division will continue to thrive under Dr. Leslie Collins, whose strong leadership and organizational skills will serve the division, its students, and its faculty well. I look forward to working more closely with her in the future."

Collins, who serves the university as an associate professor of nursing, joined the Northwestern faculty in the summer of 2010. She teaches Introduction to Nursing Care and Skills, Skills Laboratory for Adult Health I, Nursing Care of the Family, Research Utilization and Professional Issues in Nursing. She is the co-adviser of

the Student Nurses Association and serves on the University Faculty Development and Advisory Board, the Academic Affairs Appeal Committee, the Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness Committee, the Grievance Committee and the Study Abroad Committee.

"I am excited about this change as I am confident that under Dr. Collins' leadership, Northwestern Nursing will continue to forge new opportunities to promote and provide education opportunities for the profession of nursing – not only in Oklahoma, but across the nation," Wells said.

Collins said she is ready to grow each program within the division and to continue with the success of all three of the programs' students, events and faculty/staff. She is looking forward to ensuring students are learning in the ways that best meet their needs and helping to meet the nursing needs of northwest Oklahoma and surrounding areas.

"I love helping students learn to care for others and witnessing the moment they realize what path they want to take in nursing and why it is special to them," Collins said. "Those instants are life-changing for them, and it is great to be a part of!"

The Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing under the School of Professional Studies offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

For more information about the department, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing> or contact Wells at (580) 327-8489 or scwells@nwosu.edu.



Leslie Collins

Northwestern band to present 'Music Speaks'

The Northwestern Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Community Band presented their second spring concert, "Music Speaks," in April inside Herod Hall Auditorium.

"Rehearsals went great," said Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music. "I am really proud of the progress made while preparing and performing some very emotional and impactful music."

The Jazz Ensemble performed "Well You Needn't" and "Bone Talk." The Community Band performed the "March" from "Third Suite" and "Tripwire."

The Wind Ensemble performed "Moscow 1941," which is a tribute to Russia defeating the Nazi invasion in 1941, followed by "Kyiv 2022," which honors the resilience of the Ukrainian people during the current Russian invasion. Both songs were composed by Brian Bal-

magames. their lives in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on Dec. 14, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut. Steve Danyew, the composer of this piece, attended Sandy Hook Elementary as a child.

"Into the Silent Land' is one of the most remarkable pieces of music in the wind band repertoire," Black said. "It is raw, emotional, and very moving. Bring a tissue, because this music speaks in ways that words never could."

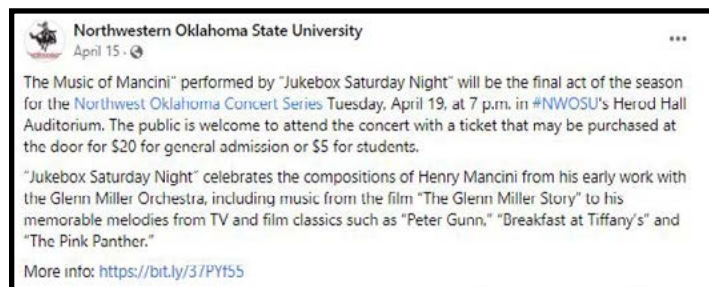


Caleb Kaiser of Enid, freshman vocal music education major, performs with the Northwestern Wind Ensemble during their Holiday Gala 2021 concert. The Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Community Band presented their second spring concert, "Music Speaks," on April 29.

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The Wind Ensemble then closed the concert with "Into the Silent Land," which is a tribute to the children who lost

For more information about the band program at Northwestern, contact Black at (580) 327 - 8191 or email mcblack@nwosu.edu. Additional information may be found at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/bands-and-instrumental-music.





On March 23 and 24, Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor in music, played guitar and world instruments at Washington Elementary School in Alva for NWOSU alumni, Naicee Gugelmeyer-Sutter, and her Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students.

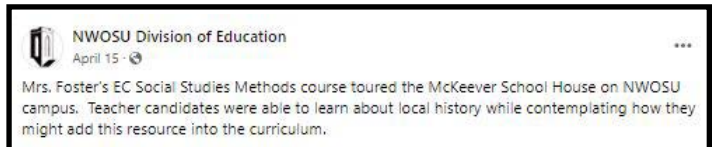


Twisted Rodeo
April 18 · 🌐

Northwestern Oklahoma State University cowboy Kaden Greenfield did enough this past weekend in Hays, Kansas, to secure his spot at the 2022 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals with his second place finish in steer wrestling.



The junior NWOSU nursing students are back at it again teaching Nutrition, Dental Health and Handwashing to Longfellow students in Alva.



Rocha accepted into N.E.W. Leadership Institute

Northwestern social work senior Chantal Rocha of Woodward has been accepted into the National Education for Women's (N.E.W.) Leadership Institute. She is a student at Northwestern-Woodward.

Each year, about 35 students are selected for the institute through a competitive application process. Rocha was chosen based on numerous factors including, but not limited to, individual leadership potential, maturity, ability to deal with challenges, capacity to reflect on one's personal strengths and weaknesses, special interests, unique characteristics or diverse experiences that contribute to the N.E.W. Leadership learning goals, interest in politics, public service or public policy, and a commitment to participate fully in the N.E.W. Leadership Institute.

"I am excited and grateful to have been chosen to participate in the N.E.W. Leadership program," Rocha said. "As a future social worker, participating in this program will help me develop my leadership skills, see different perspectives and opinions, and learn how to become a better advocate for others."

N.E.W. Leadership is an intense, five-day program that takes place each year on the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus and is designed specifically for undergraduate women from colleges and universities across the state of Oklahoma. This year the event was held from May 20-24.

"Chantal is an extraordinary student who is focused on public service that advances societal well-being" Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair, said. "The department is excited for her opportunity to learn from some of the state's most prominent people."

The award-winning program edu-

cates and empowers undergraduate women to participate actively in politics and public service. The program connects students to policymakers and community activists to engage them in shaping the public agenda. Launched in 2002, the program is part of the N.E.W. Leadership National Network at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

"I am very happy that Chantal was selected for the N.E.W. Leadership Conference," said Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president. "I have Chantal in our Leadership Northwestern class, and I know she will represent herself and the university well. These types of experiences are important for our students to have. Leadership is an important part of our mission here at Northwestern, and Chantal will be able to demonstrate her talents with this opportunity."

The program includes hands-on projects, skill-

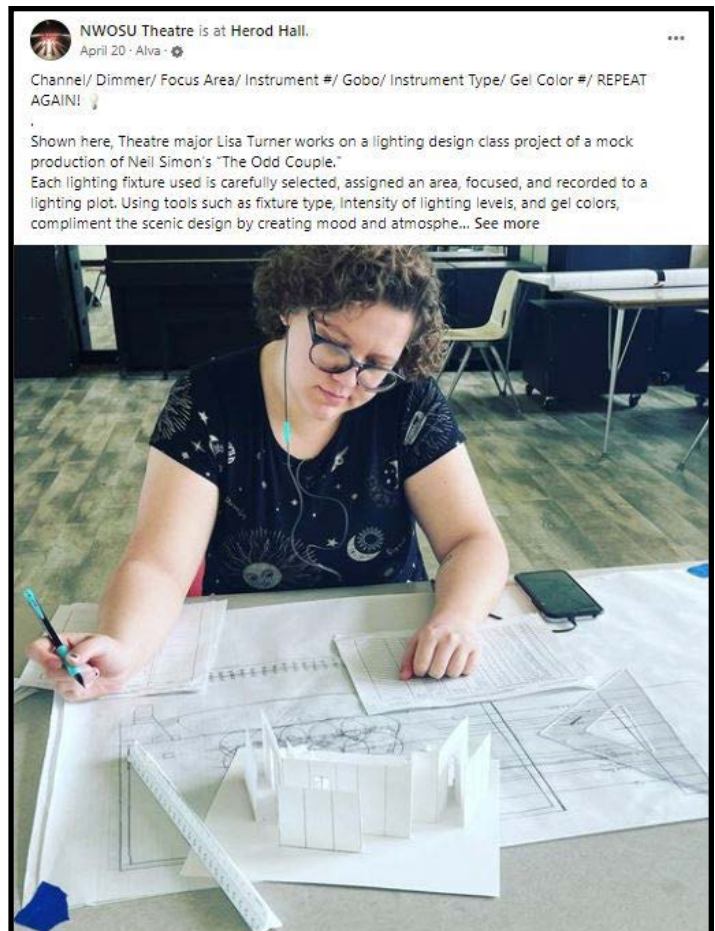
building workshops, keynote speakers and panels featuring prominent female officeholders, public administrators, community advocates and business leaders. N.E.W. Leadership includes networking opportunities with women leaders and culminates in a day spent with elected officials at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

For more information visit www.ou.edu/carlabertcenter/womens-leadership/new-leadership.html

For more information about Northwestern's social work department, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work> or contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu.



Chantal Rocha



Johnson presents Masterclass for vocal students

On Wednesday, April 20, the Fine Arts Department played host to a Masterclass for vocal students at Northwestern.

The guest clinician, Dr. Brock Johnson, traveled from Texas A&M – Commerce, Texas, to work with the students at Northwestern.

Dr. Johnson, baritone, performed a “mini-recital” for the students accompanied by Lawana Newell, piano. Music included “Avant de quitter ces lieux” from “Faust” by

Charles Gounod, “Deh vieni alla finestra” from “Don Giovanni” by W. A. Mozart, “Verborgenheit” by Hugo Wolf, “The Infinite Shining Heavens” from “Songs of Travel” by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and “The Impossible Dream” from “Man of La Mancha” by Dale Wasserman.

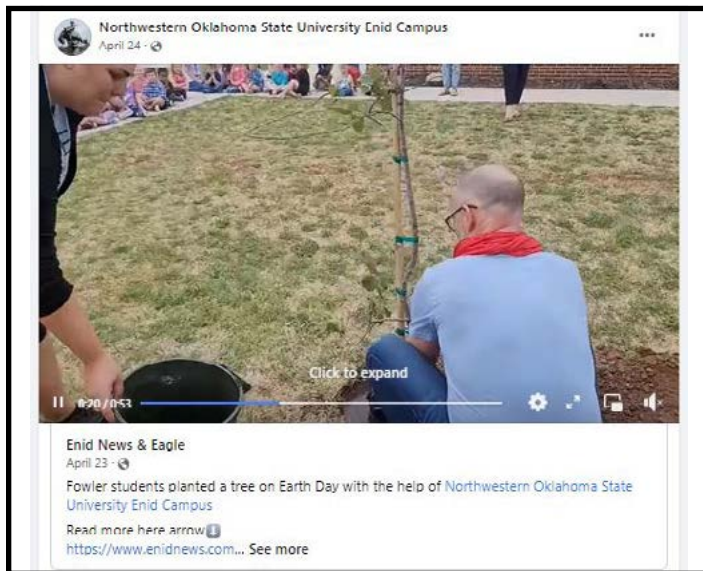
After hearing Dr. Johnson’s rich baritone voice, the students had their turn to perform for Dr. Johnson and receive instruc-

tion for improving their performance.

Each vocalist responded to suggestions from Dr. Johnson and gained insight and ways to improve their singing.

Students participating were Draven Hidalgo, Kevin Jaquez, Sam Grinder, and Addyson Noyes.

All students from the vocal area were in attendance to enjoy the performances and learn from Dr. Johnson’s instruction.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
April 25 · 🌐

On Friday, NWOSU students, faculty, and staff participated in Campus Beautification. We appreciate all the help from our volunteers!

Northwestern News (NWOSU)
April 21 · 🌐

Broadcasters at Northwestern win big awards.
<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/broadcasters.../>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 23 · 🌐

The first powwow at #NWOSU is underway today in Percefull Fieldhouse. Gourd Dances will continue until 5, dinner break, and resume for more at 7 pm. Indian Tacos and hamburgers are available for purchase.

NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience · Apr 22
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Another #NWOSUtreasurehunt solve @NWOSU !!! Maybe it's time for some more treasures to be hidden... 🤔

Lyla Murie @_lylaa · Apr 22
@NWOSUscience 😊

#NWOSUtreasurehunt

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 23 · 🌐

Powwow continues this evening at #NWOSU with a grand entry, giveaways and more.

Soundscapes IV presented on April 23

Northwestern's choirs, which consist of the University Singers and the University Chorale, performed "Soundscapes VI" on Saturday, April 23, at the Alva Independent School Bus Barn.

This was the sixth year the choirs have chosen this unique location because of its great acoustics, historic setting, and public interest for a concert.

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music, said this concert has become a tradition that is highly anticipated by both the choir students and community.

Longhurst said the choirs sang mostly a cappella works featuring the three newly commissioned works for the NWOSU Singers' performance at the state convention in January. The group's collaborating composer, Dr. Kira Zeeman Rugen, loved working with the Northwestern students so much she

gifted another composition to premiere the work "Atmosphere" in the peculiarly reverberant performance space.

"'Atmosphere' sounds like video game background music, and the students love it," Longhurst said. He hoped everyone felt welcome to come to the concert to enjoy the myriad of sounds and emotions that makes Soundscapes a tradition.

The performance included "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "The Lord's Prayer," and many more unique works that were enhanced by the reverberant acoustic of the space.

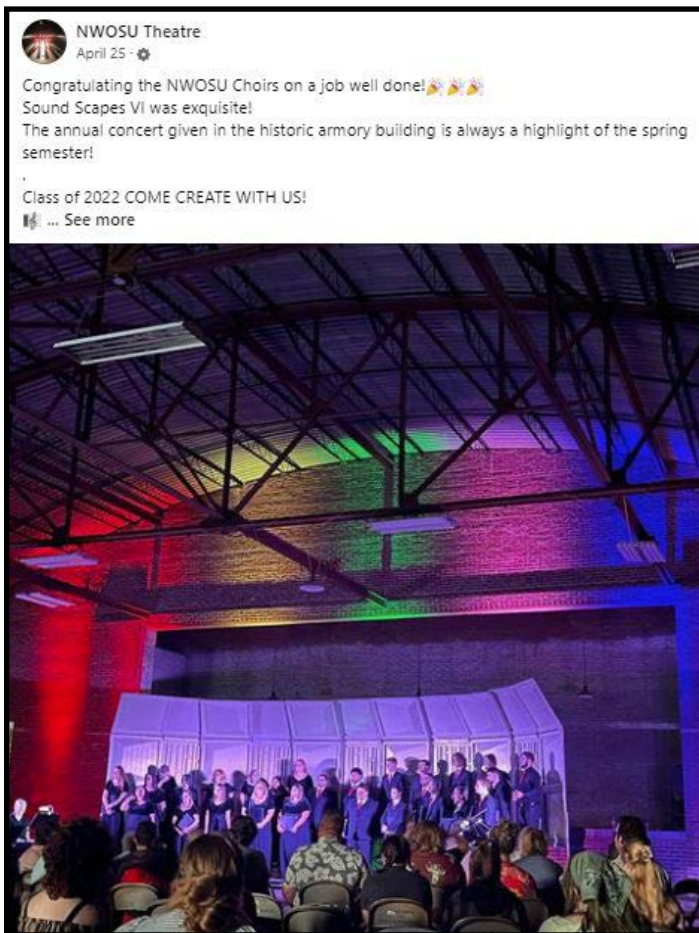
The eight singers chosen to sing in the regional collegiate honor choir in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the American Choral Director's Association Convention sang a spirited Haitian work called "Wangol."

Emily Smith, junior vocal music education major from Holdenville, was

excited about the concert.

"There's not a feeling that compares with the sound that happens in the bus barn during Soundscapes," Smith said. "This year the close atmosphere of the group has really been transformed into our music." She couldn't wait to feel the energy that would flow through the bus barn during Soundscapes VI. A lot of work has been put into this year, and this experience was something no one would want to miss. It's an experience that she never takes for granted!

For more information about the Northwestern choirs and vocal music program, visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/choral-and-vocal-studies or contact Longhurst at (580) 327-8692 or krlonghurst@nwosu.edu. More about all facets of the Fine Arts Department may be found at www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts.



THE NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS PRESENTS

SOUND-SCAPES VI

NWOSU Chorale and Singers
Saturday, April 23rd, 2022
at 7pm

Alva Bus Barn
230 Chocktaw St
FREE admission- Donations Appreciated

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, Conductor
Dr. Jennifer Hemken, Accompanist

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DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS
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17 new members inducted into Red and Black Scroll

Northwestern inducted 17 new members into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society.

The students received their certificates via email.

Red and Black Scroll recognizes outstanding scholarship and service among sophomore students at Northwestern. Requirements for membership include completion of 40-59 hours of college credit, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, participation in two or more campus organizations or activities, attendance at Northwestern for at least two semesters and non-failure of a college course.

Sponsors are Dr. Sheila Brintnall, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Dena Walker, associate professor of mathematics.

This year's inductees include Lily Anderson of Little Elm, Texas, mathematics major; Berthe Bright of Houston, Texas, nursing major; Jaden Brunner of Alva, agricul-

ture education major; Tabor Budy of Alva, agriculture business major; Jonas Decker of Meno, agriculture business major; Logan Evans of Riverside, California, biology health science and chemistry major; Isabella Freyman of Calumet, nursing major; Draven Hidalgo of Hooker, vocal music education major; Cade Kennedy of Alva, mass communication major; Shakira Lane of Stillwater, health and sports science education major; Bryce Mack of Palmdale, California, nursing major; Austin Rankin of Waynoka, political science major; Paige Robinette of Waukomis, bi-

ology major; Carli Seabolt of Perry, business administration major; Rosco Setzer of Chelsea, agriculture education major; Cooper Sneary of Alva, agriculture education major; and Rebecca Wagner of Pawnee, undecided major.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 28 · 🌐

Twelve #NWOSU graduates have been selected as the 2022 Outstanding Seniors.

This year's Outstanding Seniors include Brady Bowles, Kaylea Brown, Carys Delaplane, Nicholas Dill, Yamila Galindo, Kaydee Honeycutt, Dawson Maxwell, Kinsey Neiderer, Tarra Parks, Melissa Perez, Britni Stewart and Edwin Yemoh.

This award is sponsored by the NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association and the NWOSU SGA to honor outstanding graduating seniors. Recipients must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5, have completed at least 60 credit hours at Northwestern, never been subject to academic or disciplinary action, be involved in campus and/or community activities and show promise of future achievement.

Full story 📄 <https://bit.ly/3KsoR9X>



NWOSU Division of Education
April 25 · 🌐

Mr. Trabuc's Creative Activities class presenting a play to the Fowler Early Childhood Center this morning.

SWAT participates in child abuse prevention

Northwestern Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) members took part in Child Abuse Prevention Month initiatives including the “Wooden Children” project sponsored by the Garfield County Child Advocacy Center. They also designed blue ribbon trees on the Northwestern campuses.

Blue Ribbon Trees are sponsored by The Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Action Committee, led by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

The blue ribbon is an international sign for child abuse prevention and is a constant reminder that all individuals have a duty to protect children. This is the 14th year in Oklahoma that communities have been encouraged to display a “Blue Ribbon Tree” during the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Blue ribbon trees are registered with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and photos of the trees are displayed at

the Annual Oklahoma Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, hosted by the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect.

“These activities prove we are making strides in the awareness of child abuse and neglect in Oklahoma by expanding our activities for Child Abuse Prevention Month to other campuses,” Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said.

The “Wooden Children” project is designed to bring awareness of the number of child abuse cases that are investigated each year. In 2021, 289 confirmed cases of child abuse were reported in Garfield County.

Each wooden figurine is approximately 2- to 3- feet high and was cut out by volunteers from Vance Air Force Base. Once the forms were cut out, the Junior Welfare League and other individuals painted on the faces and hair.

Organizations, businesses, groups and individuals were asked to “foster” a wooden child for \$25. The group spon-

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NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. April 27 - Alva

It is hard to believe that another season of outstanding performances has come to an end! We thank you, our students, community, patrons, and faculty, for your continued support of excellence in the Fine Arts at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Which was your favorite production this season? Tell us in the comments section below! ... See more

NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS PRESENTS

"A TUNA CHRISTMAS"

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NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS PRESENTS

CLOCKWORK
by Pat Cook

FEB 17 & 18, 7:00 pm & FEB 19, 2:00 pm - 2022
HEROD HALL AUDITORIUM
Tickets - \$3 for students, \$4 for NWOSU Employee, \$10 for General Admission

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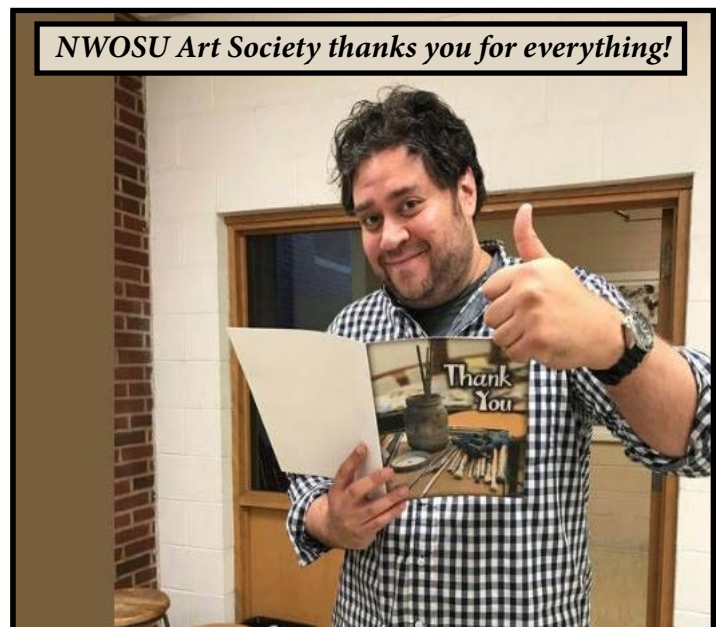
MEREDITH WILLSON'S

"THE MUSIC MAN"

DIRECTOR: KIMBERLY WEAST CHOREOGRAPHY: ERIN DAVIS & MICKY JORDAN MUSIC DIRECTOR: KARSTEN LONGHURST

HEROD HALL ~ ALVA ~ 2022

APRIL 7~8 AT 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 9 AT 2:00 P.M.



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SWAT participates...

soring the child dressed and displayed them where they chose throughout March. On April 1 the Wooden Children were taken to the courthouse lawn to be displayed through the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“Child abuse can be difficult to discuss, but in the state of Oklahoma we are all mandated reporters,” Harding said. “We hope the wooden children display will bring awareness to the number of children who are affected by child abuse and will remind others it takes everyone to protect children.”

For more information about Northwestern’s social work department, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work> or contact Harding at (580) 213-3148 or clharding@nwosu.edu.



Northwestern Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) members took part in Child Abuse Prevention Month initiatives including designing a blue ribbon tree on the Northwestern-Woodward campus. Pictured are (left to right) Jewel Shepherd, senior SWAT member; Katie Gardner, senior SWAT member; and Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor, with the blue ribbon tree at the Northwestern-Woodward campus.

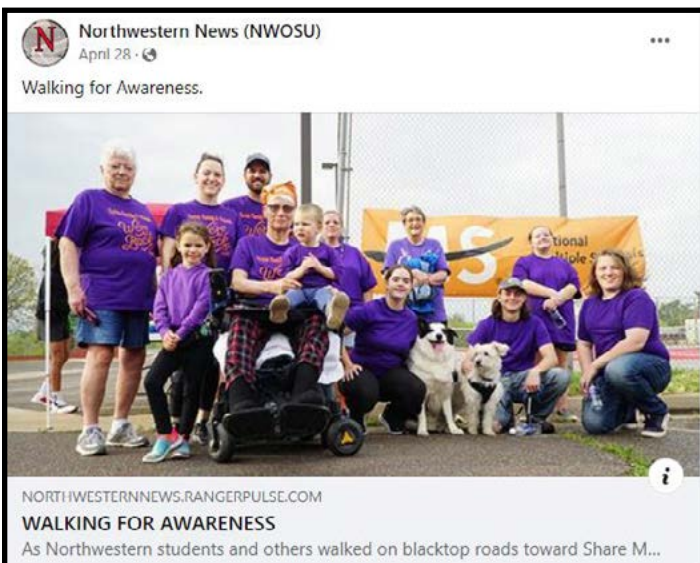
Pictured in Enid is Julie Mayer, senior SWAT vice president, with the blue ribbon tree at the Northwestern-Enid campus.



Pictured in Alva are (left to right) Bailey Pelland, junior SWAT member; Elizabeth Dennett, senior SWAT member; Brianna Wisby, senior SWAT member; Bishop Buck, junior SWAT member; and Kori Salinas, senior SWAT member, with the blue ribbon tree at the Northwestern-Alva campus.



Wooden Children at Courthouse: The 289 wooden characters displayed on the northeast corner of the Garfield County Courthouse were used to increase community awareness of children abused or neglected in Garfield County.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 29 · 🌐

Olivia Yandel is our director of the J.R. Holder Wellness Center. She handles the day-to-day operations of the wellness center and serves as the co-advisor for the NWOSU SGA.

She has hiked to the top of 13 14'ers in Colorado, including the second tallest mountain in the lower 48 states, Mt. Elbert. She tries to go camp and hike every summer with her boyfriend, Derek, when they have a chance and they'll do two-three mountains in a weekend.

"The most recent one we did was the Mt. Shavano/Tabeguache Peak hike that took us close to 10 hours to complete because of how long it was. Most of the hikes we have done with Ranger Alumni, Lynn Scott."

We appreciate all she does for our J.R. Holder Wellness Center every day and that's why she's this week's #NWOSU "Ranger to Know." 🇺🇸 🇨🇦

Discover more interesting facts about Olivia on our other social media channels. 📱

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



Woods County OSU Extension - FCS & OHCE

April 20 · 🌐

Yesterday Woods County OSU Extension partnered with [Northwestern Oklahoma State University](#) to offer a Senior Symposium and Reality Check event to all high school seniors in Woods County. We had 70 students and over 40 volunteers attend.

The morning Senior Symposium was set up as breakout sessions and students could choose from many workshop topics to attend. Sessions included: Money Management, Career Readiness, Healthy Relationships, Banking & Cybersecurity, Things to Know Before You Go to College, What is Reality?, and Financial Aid.

The afternoon Reality Check was a hands-on simulation for students to learn budgeting and money management, as well as career exploration. We received many positive comments from students stating that they learned valuable lessons from the event. We hope to make this an annual partnership!

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped yesterday. We could not possibly put on an event such as this without your help and support!

We appreciate NWOSU hosting the event and [Alva State Bank & Trust Company](#) for providing their staff to help run our "BANK" and for co-sponsoring our lunch for the day! Members of the Woods County Coalition from several local organizations, non-profits, and business pitched in to help make this event possible.

As they say, "It takes a village" and we have one of the best villages around.

CONGRATULATIONS SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES



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BRIANNA WISBY



Evans is Northwestern's Spring Commencement speaker

Dr. Cheryl Evans, president emeritus of Northern Oklahoma College, delivered the address to graduates at Northwestern's spring commencement exercise on Saturday, May 7, at Ranger Field.

Evans graduated from Northwestern in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in mass communications and earned a master's degree in communication in 1993 from Wichita State University. She completed her doctorate in 2000 from Oklahoma State University.

Evans served as NOC's first female president from 2011-2021. Prior to her position at NOC, Evans served 17 years at Northwestern -- 10 years in the communications department and managing the campus radio station KNSU in Alva and seven years as dean of the university's Enid campus. She also led Northwestern's accreditation efforts as the self-study coordinator and steering committee chair from 2002-2004 for the Higher Learning Commission.

"Many people at Northwestern hold my favorite memories," Evans said. "My friends, students and colleagues from Northwestern have been there for me over the years.

"Growing up in Cherokee, my early memories were from junior high school attending basketball camp where I developed plenty of foot blisters on the court and had tons of fun staying in South Hall. That was my first real experience with the university, and I think impacted my decisions down the road to attend right out of high school.

Also, it didn't hurt that my boyfriend, Tom Evans, was going to the Alva campus. We both benefitted from the opportunities and quality educations we received."



Dr. Cheryl Evans

While in the college classroom at Northwestern, she was awarded the Lisa John Faculty Fellowship from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters in 1996, the Northwestern John Sheffield Teacher of the Year in 2000, Top Graduate Presentation of Dissertation at Oklahoma State University in 2000, National

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Second Place Research Paper 2001, the Northwestern John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award 2004 and the Enid News & Eagle Reader's Choice - Best College Professor 2006.

She currently is a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society board, the Oklahoma Hall of Fame board, the Standing Bear

Museum board and a member of the Oklahoma Academy.

Evans and her husband of more than 40 years, Tom, enjoy traveling, serving their local church, spending time with family and photographing wildlife on their rural land near the Salt Plains refuge in Alfalfa County. They also are enjoying life in Tulsa with their two grandchildren, Charlie and Caroline Rogers. Evans has two daughters, Cara Evans, MBA, who works in economic development with career tech and Christa Evans Rogers, who is an attorney and officer with Waters Edge.

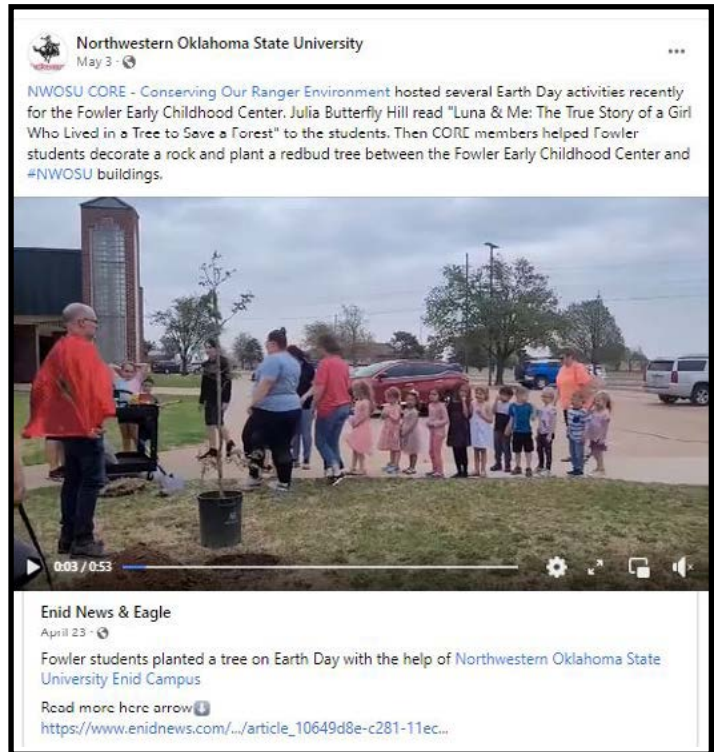
A link to the commencement video can be found by clicking [here](#).



Endowed Chair gifts noted in Ryerson Hall



In April, maintenance staff Monte Herren and Glenn Gagnon installed eight plaques on the second floor of Ryerson Hall noting Dr. Donovan Reichenberger's gifts of eight Endowed Chairs in the Vocal Music program.



Northwestern hires Caviness as campus police chief

Northwestern has a new campus police chief in John Caviness.

The CLEET Certified Advanced Peace Officer and CLEET certified Basic instructor spent the last nine years working with the Alva Police Department and said he was ready to spend more time with his family as he made the transition to Northwestern.

Caviness, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Northwestern in 1998, has more than 1,200 post academy training hours on various law enforcement topics.

“I was excited to see John apply for the campus police chief position,” said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management at Northwestern. “John has an impressive resume’ and is well-respected in the law enforcement community. Since being hired, John has already made a positive impact by working with members of the campus community and getting to know many of the individuals on campus. John is a great resource for our university and is always willing to help. He is excited to be here at Northwestern, and I am thankful he has joined our Ranger family.”

Caviness graduated from the Topeka Police Academy in January 2001. He worked as a sheriff’s deputy for the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office located in Holton, Kansas. While in this position, he obtained the rank of Sergeant for Patrol.

He began working for the Alva Police Department in 2013. While in this position, he became a state and national K9 narcotic detection canine handler. He also obtained the rank of Sergeant and has held

multiple law enforcement instructor certifications in defensive tactics.

In 2022 Caviness was responsible for obtaining Homeland Security funding that enabled Alva Police Officers to travel to New Mexico to receive training in Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings Residential. Officers were provided a plane ticket, rental car, lodging and meals free of charge. To date five Alva Police Officers have attended this training that has been valued at \$15,000 with no cost to Alva taxpayers. In 2020 Caviness was also

responsible for bringing Blue Shield Tactical to Alva for advanced defensive tactics training. Fifteen agencies from across Oklahoma attended this training.

One of the main goals he has for the department is to build healthy relationships with students and employees.

“It’s important that they (Northwestern students and staff) personally know their law enforcement officers and will contact us with any concerns they have,” he said.

Caviness said the students and staff at Northwestern have been very welcoming in his transition into the new position.

“I hope to improve the visibility of the NWOSU Police Department on campus,” he said. “I will be doing foot patrols to the buildings, dorms and parking lots on campus to meet Northwestern employees and students.”

Northwestern’s campus police officers may be reached at (580) 327-8511 in Alva or (580) 213-3130 in Enid. Caviness’ email address is jpcaviness@nwosu.edu.



John Caviness



Business, Social Sciences induct students into honor societies

Northwestern's division of business and social sciences department inducted new members into several international honor societies this spring.

Delta Mu Delta is an international business honor society that recognizes and encourages the academic excellence of students at qualifying colleges and universities. Requirements for membership include completion of half of the major coursework, rank in the top 20 percent of the majors at Northwestern, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 and 24 credit hours completed at Northwestern.

The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Dr. Wei Zhou, associate professor of business.

This year's 12 inductees include senior business majors Jose Amador of Hooker; Yvonne Brown of Blackwell; Colson Buckminster of Enid; Zachary Davis of Pond Creek; Sierra Focke of Newkirk; Camdon Frech of Helena; Yamila Galindo of Waynoka; Jasetin Nelson of Chester; Maxwell Parsons of Alva; Katherine Perry of Cleveland; Gracie Scarbrough of Alva; and Alex Yanez of Enid.

Phi Alpha Theta is an international history honor society dedicated to promoting the study of history. Requirements for membership include a minimum of 12 hours of history, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and a grade point average of at least 3.1 in history.

The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Dr. Eric Schmaltz, social sciences department chair and professor of history.

This year's three inductees include history minors Braeden Cook, Alva junior; Silvia Lopez, Enid junior; and Daniel Pappan, Kaw City senior.

Pi Sigma Alpha is an international

political science honor society dedicated to promoting the understanding of politics, democracy and citizenship throughout the world. Requirements for membership include a minimum of 12 hours of political science, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and rank in the top third of the graduating class.

The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science.

This year's four inductees are political science majors Jacob Ervin, Alva senior; Savannah Francis, Tahlequah senior; Landry Gaddy, Alva senior; and Pappan.

Pi Gamma Mu is an international social sciences honor society dedicated to promoting excellence in social sciences and upholding scholarship, leadership and service. Requirements for membership include a minimum of 20 hours of social science, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and rank in the top third of the graduating class.

The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Jana Brown, in-

structor of history and social science education coordinator.

This year's nine inductees include senior social work major Alissa Carlson of Bentonville, Arkansas; senior political science major Tyler Gregory of Follett, Texas; senior criminal justice major Braxton Kearns of Glenpool; junior criminal justice major Dawson Maxwell of Perry; senior social science education major Cody Slater of Cleo Springs; Cook; Ervin; Francis and Gaddy.





NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

May 3 · Alva · 🌐

Please join us on Thursday for the celebration of many Northwestern faculty and staff's retirement. 🎉

The reception will be held May 5 at 3 p.m. in the Ranger Room located inside the Northwestern Student Center. Light refreshments will be served.

#RRR #NWOSU

Thursday, May 5

Retirement Reception

Honoring:

Dr. Dennis Angle	Chauncey Durham
Dr. Janet Cunningham	Dr. Christee Jenlink
Myra Davison	Dr. Steven Thompson

Student Center Ranger Room

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.



NWOSU Division of Education

May 3 · 🌐

Students in Mrs. Foster's Early Childhood Curriculum and Development class recently toured Leonardo's Children's Museum in Enid. Leonardo's is a hands-on children's Museum with a special emphasis on arts and science!



Campus Cabinet-NWOSU

Published by Angelia Case · May 4 · 🌐

Thank you to the kind people of Chartwells, our campus food service company, who during their "Packed with Purpose/Grateful Event" in the Coronado Cafeteria on April 27, created 185 bags of goodies to be donated to the NWOSU Campus Cabinet Food Pantry. Northwestern students decorated bags and packed goodies into them during this event. At its close, Chartwells' employee Oran Clayton, who ran the table at the event, packed additional bags with the remaining goodies, then Director Charles Craddock and Joshua Hinton made the delivery to the pantry.

Our campus Chartwells organization has been very supportive of the Campus Cabinet in helping to stop hunger at Northwestern, as well as helping the Campus Cabinet replenish food supplies.

Thank you.

Thank You, Chartwells!

Chartwells, our campus food service company, supports our campus food pantry in such wonderful ways. This time with 185 bags of goodies from its Packed with Purpose event.

Charles Craddock **Joshua Hinton**

Campus Cabinet
Northwestern Food Pantry

We Are Grateful.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

May 3 · 🌐

The DAISY Award is dedicated to recognizing nurses for the compassionate care they provide no matter where they practice, in whatever role they serve, throughout their careers. At Northwestern, we honor a Nursing Faculty member every spring. Faculty members are nominated by our students for their excellence, caring and compassion displayed as they work with our Students. This year's nominees are: Dr Courtney Ballina, Dr Mandy Clepper, Dr Leslie Collins, Dr Yvette Lowery, Dr Jennifer Mahieu, and Dr Pat Thompson. The award winner will be announced during our Nursing Convocation on Friday May 6th at 6 PM in the Percefull Field House.





NWOSU SGA
May 4 · 🌐

Congrats to the survey winners!!!

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Isabella Bar \$50 Bull Smokehouse Gift Card	Isabella Freyman \$100 Amazon Gift Card

CONGRATULATIONS!!
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Isabella Bar \$50 Bull Smokehouse Gift Card	Isabella Freyman \$100 Amazon Gift Card
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Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
May 4 · 🌐

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University - Woodward Campus
 May 6 at 1:17 PM · 🌐

Congratulations to all of our Spring 2022 Graduates!!!

We recently held a reception to uplift those graduating students who call the Woodward Campus home, and are looking to even more festivities this weekend when all NWSU grads will get the opportunity to walk across the stage. The future truly is bright with so many incredible young people joining the ranks of Ranger Alumni!! Who knows what they will accomplish next?!




NWSU Foundation & Alumni Association
 May 6 · 🌐

Spring Alumni Reunion 2022
 Alumni Banquet Photos 📸
 #RRR



NWSU Department of English
 May 7 · 🌐

Congratulations to our graduates! We know that you'll all do great things.

Congratulations!



Angel Marshall Ian Rand Yand Ortega

The EFLH Department is proud of our Spring 2022 graduates!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
 May 6 · 🌐

A special recognition at the Convocation reception this evening. We are sending Dr Pat Thompson off with best wishes as she enters into retirement with plans for more time with her family. Dr Thompson leaves a legacy as the first director of the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice. Her dedication led to the successful implementation of the program that was awarded national accreditation by the CCNE. She saw 18 students complete the program and enter into advanced practice nursing serving patients in Oklahoma, Arizona, and Nevada. You will be missed Dr Pat!



NWSU Division of Education
 May 5 · 🌐

Congratulations Dr. Christee Jenlink on your retirement. We thank you for your service to NWSU Division of Education!



Terry Conley shared a link.
May 22 at 8:44 AM · 🌐

Thanks to [Steven Thompson](#) for inviting me to join this group. I'm a class of '77 graduate (double major in botany and zoology) and a fellow classmate of Steven's. To all the recent graduates I'd like to say that if you're looking for a job consider one of the state agencies. Search by agency, location, job classification at a central website Good benefits and lots of entry level positions for a new science graduate are open right now in numerous agencies. Here's the link:



OKLAHOMA
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JOBAPSCLOUD.COM
Job Openings - State of Oklahoma


Steve Maier
May 7 · 🌐

Congrats #NWOSUscience grads!!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
May 7 · 🌐

Congratulations!!!



Courtney Ballina
May 7 · 🌐

So proud!!!!!! 7 new DNP graduates

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 6 · 🌐

Tara Miller is one of our database analysts. She designs and helps maintain the reports in our new database system. She works closely with individuals on campus, and is involved with state and federal reporting, which impacts many different aspects of campus life.

Her daughter Abbigale, who graduated with honors from Alva High School, will attend #NWOSU this upcoming fall. Her son, Casey, attends first grade at Seiling Elementary School. Both of her children give Tara great pride as she watches them grow up and learn how to be amazing individuals who, she believes, will change the world.

"Being a mom to these two amazing people leaves me in awe—they are so full of compassion and empathy and I hope I do right by them, by showing the example that you can overcome anything you set your mind to and to always be kind."

The caretakers and mentors in her childhood included folks who personally experienced key events of the early twentieth century, uniquely influencing her life by imparting ageless wisdom that she relies on daily. She often recalls their first-hand accounts of what life was like in NW Oklahoma during historical incidents such as the Dust Bowl Days and World War II and other events of their time which built character, endurance, and strength.

"My great-grandparents patiently answered my endless questions, fostering my love for history and insatiable curiosity. My grandpa has given me numerous life lessons and out of all of them, my favorite is to continue to improve by being a life-long learner and my most-used quip from him is 'Can't, never did anything.'"

We appreciate all she does for our Northwestern community every day and that's why she's this week's "Ranger to Know." 🇺🇸

NWOSU Theatre
May 7 · 🌐

Congratulations to our graduates! 🎓👏👏
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
Ride Rangers Ride!




Myers receives collegiate Farm Bureau scholarship

Out of 15 applicants, one college student was recently selected by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee for a \$1,000 scholarship. Josey Myers, junior agriculture education major, received the award.

Nine high school seniors were also awarded \$1,000 scholarships, one of whom will be attending Northwestern in the fall. Each recipient will be pursuing a degree at an institution of higher learning with hopes to contribute to agriculture and rural Oklahoma.



Josey Myers

“The YF&R scholarship program is an exciting way to invest in the newest generation of agriculturalists in our industry,” said Brittany Hukill, OKFB YF&R chair. “Our committee looks forward to seeing how each of these students uses this investment to grow in agriculture and represent our state well in their careers.”

To receive this scholarship, college students must be enrolled full-time at an accredited Oklahoma college with a Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter and be a member of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau. Currently, Northwestern has one of the five Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters in the state.

Myers served as the 2021-2022 NWOSU Aggie Club/Young Farmers and Ranchers Chapter president. The Gracemont native, who is a member of the Woods County Farm Bureau, said she is thankful for the immense support from the Oklahoma Farm Bureau toward her academic goals.

“Agriculture has always been the center point of my world, specifically

in the industry of swine and beef,” Myers said. “When I started my collegiate career at Northwestern, it was challenging to view those industries from the ‘adult’ view rather than the exhibitor view. However, over time, I have had the opportunity to serve as an intern for a few major platforms within the state of Oklahoma.”

In September of 2021, Myers was selected to serve as a General Livestock Intern at the Tulsa State Fair. Over an 11-day period, she gained experience in marketing, social skills and management. Similar to the Tulsa State Fair, she was selected to serve as a General Livestock Intern for the 2022 Cattle-men’s Congress in Oklahoma City. Over a nine-day period, she worked with fellow interns and exhibitors from across the United States where she learned about the differences in functionality from state to state.

“Josey has been an integral part of our student body,” said Steve Sneary, instructor of agriculture. “I truly believe we have some of the best agriculture students that will play a major role in impacting the future of our industry. Josey works hard and puts the building blocks in place to make education and industry come together.”

The most recent internship she has taken on is a broadcasting and marketing

internship with Kennedy Ventures. She has also been a part of the videography team at the Oklahoma Youth Expo and the Texas Elite Showcase.

“Each of these internships has created an exceptional personal resume that has helped me earn a great deal of scholarships toward my degree here at Northwestern,” Myers said. “I would like to thank each of my instructors of agriculture, especially Mr. Steve Sneary and Mr. Jack Staats, for opening the many doors of opportunity that I have been able to walk through. The support I have received from the entire community of Alva and NWOSU has been astronomical, and I cannot imagine chasing, reaching and surpassing my goals at any other university.”

For more information about Northwestern’s agriculture department, contact Dr. Dean Scarbrough, agriculture department chair and professor of agriculture, at dascarbrough@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8487. Additional information about Northwestern’s agriculture department may be found at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/agriculture>.



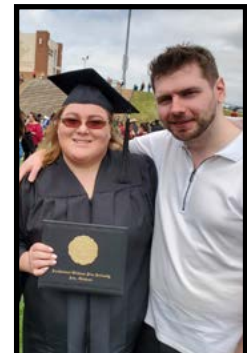
Hicks graduates, marries

After a long break, Miriam (Mim) Hicks completed back-to-back major life events.

On May 7 she graduated with her bachelor's degree in General Studies. She is currently employed as a library assistant in the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus during the mornings. In the afternoons, she serves as housing assistant in Ryerson Hall.

On May 14, she married her fiancé, Leigh Anthony from Swansea in Wales (United Kingdom). She plans to relocate to Wales by the end of this year or beginning of next year.

We wish them all the very best in their new life!



2022



Congratulations!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 9 at 10:04 AM · 🌐

Congratulations to all our #NWOSU Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice; Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing; and Division of Education graduates!

The pictures taken by our university photographer at your nursing pinning/convocation and education pinning ceremonies can be found at this Shutterfly link 📸

<https://nwosucommencement.shutterfly.com/>

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NWOSU Division of Education

May 9 at 7:33 PM · 🌐

Dr. Jenlink teaching the Enid campus class of Creative Activities how to direct a band, teaching many skills in the process. The Interim class began today and will end on Thursday when the Fowler Early Childhood Center will be our guests for an afternoon of fun and activities. NWOSU students will then tour Leonardo's Children's Museum.



Singers complete end-of-year tour

The NWOSU Singers took an end-of-year tour to the Dallas/Fort Worth area. En route they collaborated with Weatherford and Elk City High School choirs. In Wichita Falls, they collaborated with Iowa Park, S.H. Ryder, and Hirschi High School Choirs.

While in the Dallas area, the Singers collaborated with our alumna, Ms. Bryce Lewis, at Little Elm

High School and with the Singing Girls of Texas at the Texas Center for the Arts + Academics in Fort Worth.

While in Dallas, the Singers were also able to see the Broadway production of Mean Girls at Music Hall at Fair Park.

Upon their return, the Singers performed and recorded an end-of-year concert at

St. James Catholic Church in Oklahoma City with guest organist David Anderson. Video of this concert and recording session will soon be available on the "NWOSU Choirs" YouTube channel. The recorded audio will be released on CD, soon to be available to purchase at upcoming concerts this fall!



Joint picture with the Singing Girls of Texas



Dr. Karsten Longhurst with co-teachers, Ms. Vail and alumna, Ms. Lewis, at Little Elm High School



Singers with Little Elm Concert Choir



Singers with Weatherford High School Choir



Singing Girls of Texas singing for the Singers

Broadcast students awarded at OBEA contest

Six Northwestern students won awards at the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association's recent contest.

This statewide competition took submissions from all colleges in Oklahoma. NWTN7 placed in three different events.

Cade Kennedy, sophomore mass communication major from Alva, and Jara Reeder, junior mass communication major from Elk City, teamed up to cover a Northwestern soccer game for their Sports Reporting course under Dr. Luis Rocha-Antunes, assistant professor of mass communication. They placed first in Video Sports Play-by-Play. Reeder did the recording while Kennedy did the commentating.

"I couldn't have done it without the group of people helping run the broadcast," Kennedy said. "I'm proud that we won the awards that we did."

Kennedy also worked with Caleb Powers, sophomore mass communication major from Perryton, Texas, to cover a live e-sports competition. The pair used

the KNSU Radio station room in Jesse Dunn to stream their show. This placed second in the Video Sports Play-by-Play.

The KNSU Radio station room has three studio production rooms, each with TV monitors with Apple Mac computers. In the main studio room, there is a soundboard to control the microphone volumes and different soundbites, a video switcher to control the cameras that stream the shows, three condenser microphones for streaming and recording multiple hosts and guests, as well as light boxes and detail lights. In the other two studio rooms, there is a TV monitor with Apple Mac computers and a microphone to be able to record podcasts.

Placing third for Best Newscast are Dax Benway, junior health and sports science education major from Derby, Kansas; Connor Gray, senior mass communication major from Alva; and Benjamin Kliever, senior mass communication major from Mt. View. The students created the newscast for their Broadcast Practicum class under Antunes.

Each week throughout the

semester, the Broadcast Practicum class creates a newscast in the Control Room in Jesse Dunn. Each student gathers footage and interviews from people about events happening on campus and makes them into a video package to present on the newscast. They have a designated anchor, teleprompter, video producer, control board director, soundboard producer, and script manager.

"The students were very professional, and they created high-quality content," Antunes said. "Their content was well edited, well shot, and they did great with their voice in front of the camera. I'm very proud of them, especially with it being some of their first times getting experience like this."

For more information about the broadcast aspect of mass communication, contact Antunes at lrochaantunes@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327 - 8465. For more information on the communication department, contact Tamara Brown, chair and assistant professor of speech, at tlbrown@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327 - 8429.



Cade Kennedy, sophomore mass communication major from Alva, records his show in the KNSU Radio Station Room in Jesse Dunn.

University Esports team has scholarships available

One of the newest teams at Northwestern is currently recruiting players and seeking qualified students for its scholarships. That team is esports.

Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science, is leading the university's esports team and has been presenting several scholarships to graduating high school seniors as the semester comes to an end.

Esports, which is short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games where players participate in organized, multi-player contests or tournaments. Teams compete in games like Call of Duty, Rocket League, League of Legends and Super Smash Brothers Ultimate.

Esports is said to be the world's fastest-growing sport. In fact, the consulting firm Activate predicted that in 2021, 79 million people in the United States would watch Major League Baseball content, versus 84 million watching esports. And, in 2022, that firm suggests that NFL viewership will be the only sports audience larger than esports.

Vaverka also noted that a high school league named Oklahoma Scholastic Esports had about 37 schools participating during the last school year but this number is expected to increase to more than 75 in the coming year.

Esports is definitely growing at universities as well. In July 2016, only seven colleges and universities had a varsity esports program. That number grew to 63 by 2018. As of 2021, there were 175 colleges and universities with membership in the National Association of Collegiate Esports, but many more schools with programs that are not members.

Although Northwestern's



J.D. Cloud, computer science sophomore from Seiling, teams up with fellow Northwestern Rangers to play video games during a campus contest in the university's new esports room in Shockley Hall.

new esports team is being organized through the computer science program, it's open to any Northwestern student interested.

"We aim to be competitive, but I want the whole group to feel like a club that anyone could be part of," Vaverka said. "Esports players aren't tied to any specific degree path. I have lots of students that range from biology, business, music, computer science and other majors offered on campus."

Vaverka said that outside the fact that esports takes place through video games, the players on the team at the university level are expected to act like they would for traditional sports.

"They need to be able to work together, have good communication, practice for different scenarios, to get better individually, and give it their all every time they compete," Vaverka said.

"Esports players gain the same skills to use outside of the games that traditional sports players get – determination, self-reliance, physical coordination, critical thinking, team building and confidence," he continued. "While I don't expect them to play all day,

and they shouldn't because they should be going to class and having a social life, I do expect them to put the practice time in like a traditional sport would expect of them."

Vaverka is hoping to have an even balance of membership on the team between incoming freshmen and returning students. He's aiming for 20 to 30 total participants as the team begins competing in the next school year. At this point, Vaverka said he is trying to determine the students' skill levels with individual games or if they are capable of competing in multiple games.

Vaverka said he still has scholarships available for students interested in competing. Although currently there are no set requirements for receiving the scholarship, he said he expects the students to adhere to requirements set forth by traditional sports like attending class and doing well in them and attending practices and games.

Vaverka may be contacted at epvaverka@nwosu.edu, esports@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8587.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 May 13 at 1:12 PM · 🌐

Jaunita Dotson is the project director of the high school Upward Bound programs at #NWOSU. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from a college or university.

Since she was a small child, Jaunita has always recognized her excitement for adventure. It all started when her dad was working on their roof. She was about 3-4 years old when she quietly went up to the top of the house and ungracefully fell which ended with stitches across her face. That same year she was on a runaway horse with her cousin and landed face-first onto a graveled road. Her mother used to joke that the doctor never wanted to see Jaunita again.

"Life would be so empty without these experiences. I have always enjoyed river rafting, zip-lining, indoor sky-diving, and horseback riding. My latest passion is One-Wheeling! You'll probably need to YouTube that one."

We appreciate all she does for our Upward Bound programs every day. She's our last "Ranger to Know" for this spring semester. These posts will resume with the start of the academic fall



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music
 May 19 at 4:52 PM · 🌐

Singer's Tour 2022 ✍️

We had an amazing time going to lots of schools and getting the chance to perform for them or listen to them.

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We hope to see some of them join the Ranger family when they graduate!

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We even got to see an amazing showing of Mean Girls: The Musical!

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 May 12 at 1:12 PM · 🌐

As a reminder, our #NWOSU university relations office offers headshots for an affordable price! Call or email to set up your appointment today!



HEADSHOT PRICING GUIDE

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 May 12 · 🌐

NWOSU Visual Arts minors Samantha Friday and Sydney Endsley will have paintings featured at The Art Hall gallery in Oklahoma City through August. #NWOSU

More 📍 <https://bit.ly/3M7yWe0>



NWOSU Division of Education
 May 11 at 11:46 AM · 🌐

Creative Activities class sending an invitation to all the students at the Fowler Early Childhood Center to join them for Summer Splash tomorrow! The Enid class is being taught this week on the Enid campus by Dr. Young.



Creative Activities class performs for Fowler students

Northwestern education students performed “The Day the Crayons Quit” for Enid Public Schools Fowler Early Childhood Center students recently.

The performance was held in the Northwestern-Enid commons area.

“The experience afforded the Fowler children an opportunity to be an audience of a ‘live’ performance, many for the first time,” said Chris Smith, EPS early childhood director and principal of Fowler. “They were both mesmerized and delighted by the story and the actors, and were excited to tell their families all about their experience.”

The creative activities class, led by Derek Trabuc, instructor of education, presented the showcase. The elementary and early childhood education teacher candidates put together the production as an assignment for the semester demonstrating what they have learned.

The students chose an age-appropriate story that the preschoolers could follow and enjoy. They researched ideas and built the set from scratch, which included a life-sized crayon box that was donated to the Fowler Center. The students also created their own dialog to go along with the overall story, adding some depth. In the end, the preschoolers were able to take pictures with the college students and “meet” the crayons.

“The students did an amazing job,” Trabuc said. “Each student was two colors, which had them acting out two parts. They figured out how to transition flawlessly and keep the play moving. I can’t say enough about how hard the creative class worked to put on this production, and judging from the excitement, the preschoolers enjoyed the play as well.”

Cast members in the production, their hometowns, classifications, majors and the characters they portrayed include:

Jerika Coon, Sapulpa senior, early childhood education, as purple/orange crayons; Angela Egger, Williamsville, Illinois, senior, early childhood education, as red/yellow crayons; Hannah Mosburg, Beaver senior, elementary education, as blue/gray crayons; Jordan Villalva, Enid junior, elementary education, as green/peach crayons; and Susannah Welty, Alva senior, elementary education, as black/pink crayons.

“The play was a fun experience,” Coon said. “It really highlighted what it is going to be like in our own future classrooms. Seeing the children’s faces light up with smiles was very rewarding. I’m so glad we were able to perform for the Fowler students!”



Northwestern education students performed “The Day the Crayons Quit” for the Enid Public Schools Fowler Early Childhood Center students. The cast included (left to right) Angela Egger, Susannah Welty, Jordan Villalva, Hannah Mosburg and Jerika Coon.

Photos from this event are available at <https://nwosuenidphotos20212022.shutterfly.com/pictures/472>.

For more information about Northwestern’s teaching programs contact Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education, chair of the Division of Education and associate dean of the School of Education, at (580) 327-8450 or cjenlink@nwosu.edu. Additional information about Northwestern’s Division of Education may be found at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education>.



Hannaford named 20th NWOSU president

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Regional University System of Oklahoma is honored to announce Dr. Bo Hannaford as the 20th president of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Northwestern President Janet Cunningham will retire June 30, 2022.

Currently serving as the executive vice president for Academic Affairs, Dr. Hannaford has served in leadership positions within the university since 2011.

“Dr. Hannaford’s deep knowledge of Northwestern’s strengths positions him well to continue his work optimizing the university’s programs at its campuses in Alva, Enid and Woodward,” said Connie Reilly, chair of the Regional University System’s board of regents. “His academic insights enable him to connect with students, parents and adult learners about the value of NWOSU’s degrees and current and future workforce needs of Oklahoma.”

“I am honored to lead Northwestern into the next chapter and for the opportunity to build on the legacy of President Cunningham,” Hannaford said. “She has been an impactful leader and has ensured that the university is poised for success.”

Dr. Hannaford has served as Northwestern’s chair of the education division, dean of the School of Professional Studies and vice president for Academic Affairs, prior to being named executive vice president in 2019. His career began in public schools, and he served as a high school principal for Ponca City Public Schools



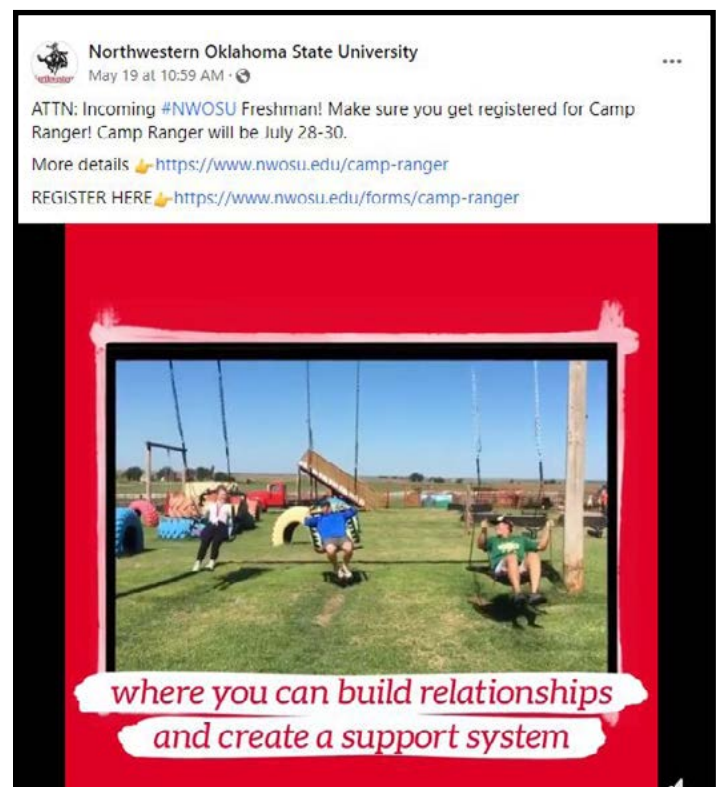
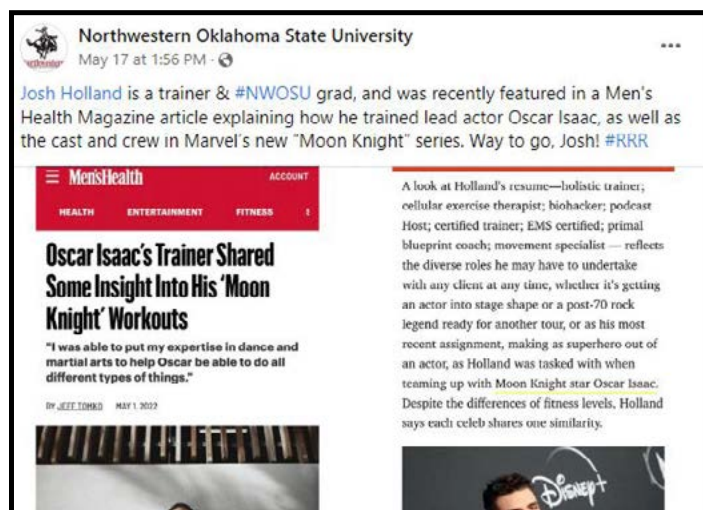
prior to returning to Northwestern. He earned his Doctorate in Education from Walden University and both his undergraduate and master’s degrees are from Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

“I want to thank our Board of Regents for this opportunity,” said Dr. Hannaford. “I am humbled and grateful to lead this institution that I love so much. I look forward to continuing to work with our Ranger family in achieving our

goals and preparing outstanding graduates for the future.”

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is a public regional university that has received national acclaim for its combination of high-quality academic programs and affordability. Northwestern’s mission is to provide quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership and service, critical thinking and fiscal responsibility. For more information, please visit www.nwosu.edu.

For more information about RUSO visit www.ruso.edu.



JoEllen Worthington
5m · 🌐

Blurry because she was trying to not get her picture taken. Abigail just got back from MASH Camp @ NWOSU in Alva. She stayed in the dorms for 2 nights and got to explore career fields along with recreation fun. I don't know who the NWOSU students were that participated in this, but I just wanted to thank you for your welcoming attitudes that continue to make the [Nwosu Rangers](#) exactly as they say, like family. My daughter had a good time and made new friends and enjoyed the academic set-ups. She can now provide first aid and cpr and help save a life!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valerie Case · May 27 at 4:18 PM · 🌐

Author and Northwestern alum Dr. Clifton Savoy is at [Holder Drug](#) until 6 pm today signing his new book "Shades of Color."

Learn more about Dr. Savoy's project here! <https://www.nwosu.edu/shades-of-color>



NWOSU Aspiring Educators - OAEA
5d · 🌐

Joshua Frazier (OEA Early Career/Equity Organizer) helped organize an NWOSU OAEA officer retreat at the OEA headquarters for NWOSU OAEA officers Nastassja Gee, Ashley Hromas Roach, and Emily Cordova. Joshua is a NWOSU graduate, which made the event even more fun. The NWOSU OAEA officers came to the OKC for officer and event planning training, a building tour (led by Carl Elledge, OEA Vice President), and a delicious lunch from Tucker's.




Northwestern Oklahoma State University
26m · 🌐

Sign up for [#NWOSU Summer 2 Week Choral Camp!](#)
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Seabolt competes in June Miss Oklahoma contest

Miss Northwestern 2021 Carli Seabolt, Perry sophomore majoring in business administration, represented the university and northwest Oklahoma in the 2022 Miss Oklahoma competition June 8-11 at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa.

Joining Seabolt at the competition was Miss Northwestern Star Asa Thomas and Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen 2021 Ella Dierlam.

Thirty-six women from across the state competed in talent, on-stage interview/social impact pitch, red carpet and a private interview highlighting the social initiative they would represent throughout the duration of their title.

Seabolt was candidate No. 13 in the Mu group. Her interview took place on Tuesday, June 7, and she performed her talent on June 9. Seabolt sang "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele. Her on-stage question/social impact pitch and red carpet competition was on June 8. Her social impact initiative is titled "Up in Smoke." The final day of competition and crowning of Miss Oklahoma was June 11.

Dierlam took part in the Omega group and competed in interview, activewear, on-stage question and evening wear, and talent, which was a science demonstration titled "Science with Spike." Her social impact initiative is "Neutrons and Nail Polish: Encouraging Girls in STEM." The final competition and crowning of Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen took place on June 11.

A send-off party for Seabolt, Dierlam and Thomas took place before the group left for the Miss



CARLI SEABOLT

ASA THOMAS

ELLA DIERLAM

Oklahoma competition on June 4 where Seabolt performed her talent, and Dierlam and Seabolt modeled their competition gowns.

Paige Fischer is the executive director of the competition and can be reached at plfischer@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8533.

Olivia Yandel is the teen director for the Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen contest and can be reached at oayandel@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8105.

Additional information may be found online at www.nwsu.edu/miss-nwsu.

A screenshot of a Facebook post from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The post is dated May 23 at 12:43 PM. The text of the post says: "Save the date for our #NWOSU annual homecoming celebration Nov. 3-5! This year's theme - 'Together We Ride' was selected by the #NWHOCO volunteer committee. Leading the parade on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. in downtown Alva will be the parade marshal Dr. Mike Knedler, who retired from Northwestern in June 2015 after 32 years as a Ranger. Full story -> <https://bit.ly/3sSVgQW> As events are finalized, we update information online at: www.nwsu.edu/homecoming". Below the text is a photograph of a football game in progress, with a player in a white jersey running with the ball while being tackled by a player in a black jersey. The photo is framed by a red border. Below the photo, the text reads: "NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY SAVE THE DATE HOMECOMING 2022 SAT./NOV. 5 #RRR #NWOSU #NWHOCO".

More than 30 students take part in STEM Camp

Sixteen middle school students and 15 high school students from across the state of Oklahoma attended a free summer STEM camp at Northwestern. The middle school students stayed on the Alva campus May 30-June 2 while the high schoolers attended June 2-4.

This camp was funded by a grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Joining Northwestern as hosts of the camp were High Plains Technology Center of Woodward and NextEra Energy, the largest producer of wind and solar power in the nation.

The students were able to see the inside view of an operating nacelle, and experienced simulators and a climbing tower, as well as an operational wind turbine. Students also learned about the generation and use of electricity. They had hands-on experiences with the Microgrid Trainer, a portable training device that includes power generation, micro-inverter, storage and renewable energy technology. The students also built and assembled a wind turbine and learned about solar power.

Students also were able to tour Alabaster Caverns State Park and learned about Northwestern's robotics lab and esports program.

For more information about Northwestern's math and computer science department contact Maharry at tjmaharry@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8583. Additional information about degree programs in STEM fields at Northwestern is available at www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/math-and-computer-science and www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science.



Middle school students attending the Northwestern Oklahoma State University STEM camp in Alva May 30-June 2 include (front row, left to right) Hailee Barker, Enid; Akayla Evans, Woodward; Grace Wiggins, Alva; Tyler Christensen, Tulsa; Benjamin Yang, Edmond; Blake Pace, Langley; Desmond Webb, Tulsa; (second row) Ashlie Nguyen, Yukon; Brycelyn Martin, Alva; Zoey Kerr, Skiatook; Kristin Rueger, Alva; Skylar Wickham, Alva; Warren Kelly, Alva; Jayden Nguyen, Yukon; Sundiata Ervin, Enid; Yarel Favela, Buffalo. Northwestern personnel include (back row) instructors of computer science Evan Vaverka and Mark Bagley; Carmen sophomore Lindsay Olson; Seiling freshman John Cloud; Helena sophomore Alec Judd; Dr. Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and chair of mathematics and computer science department; and from NextEra Energy Jim Auld and Terry Benton.



High school students attending the Northwestern Oklahoma State University STEM camp in Alva June 2-4 include (front row, left to right) Terrence Griffin, Owasso; Arden Pieratt, Skiatook; Payton Smith, Alva; Sharyn Dodson, Boise City; (middle row) Corinna Chen, Oklahoma City; Morgan Blankenship, Burneyville; Lucy Kershen, Norman; Gray Hartman, Stillwater; Andy Tran, Edmond; (back row) Riley Harness, Grove; Kathy Ragan, Cushing; Trinity McKinney, Norman; Brietta Chen, Oklahoma City; Clark Braswell, Stillwater; Ian Chang, Edmond.

Free math/science academy held at Northwestern

A free Math and Science Academy for elementary students is taking place at Northwestern on the four Fridays in June from 9-11 a.m. in the Science Amphitheatre on the Alva campus.

The Academy was able to accept

up to 25 students who had completed the second and third grades and 25 who had completed the fourth and fifth grades.

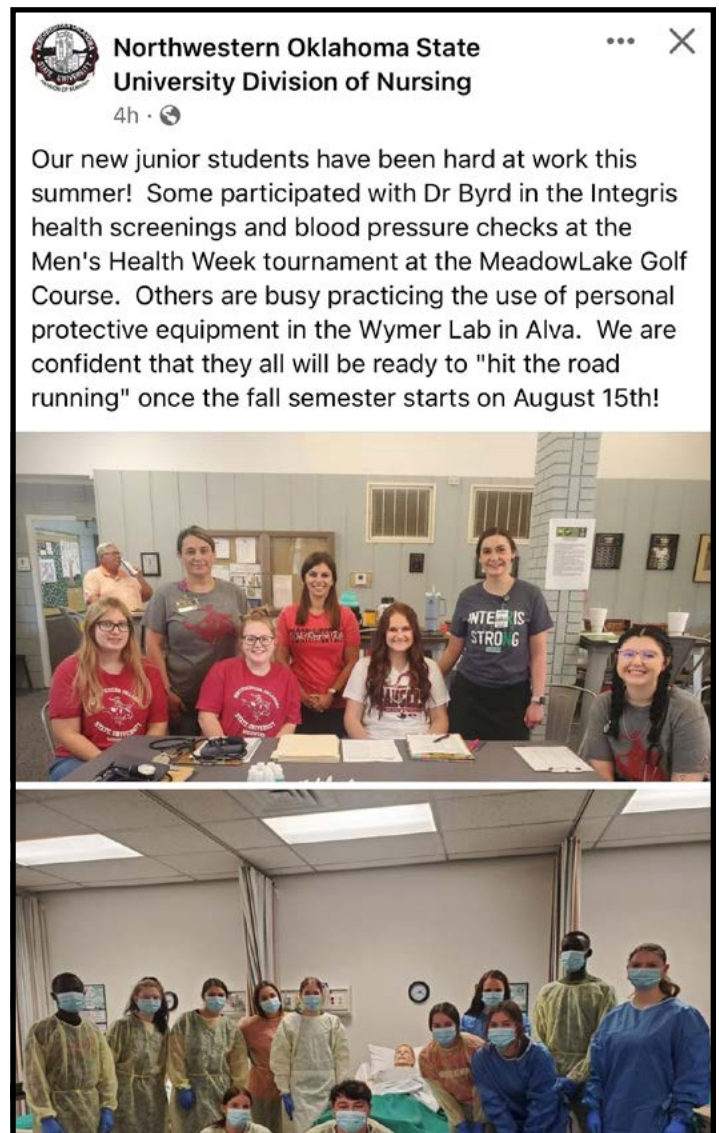
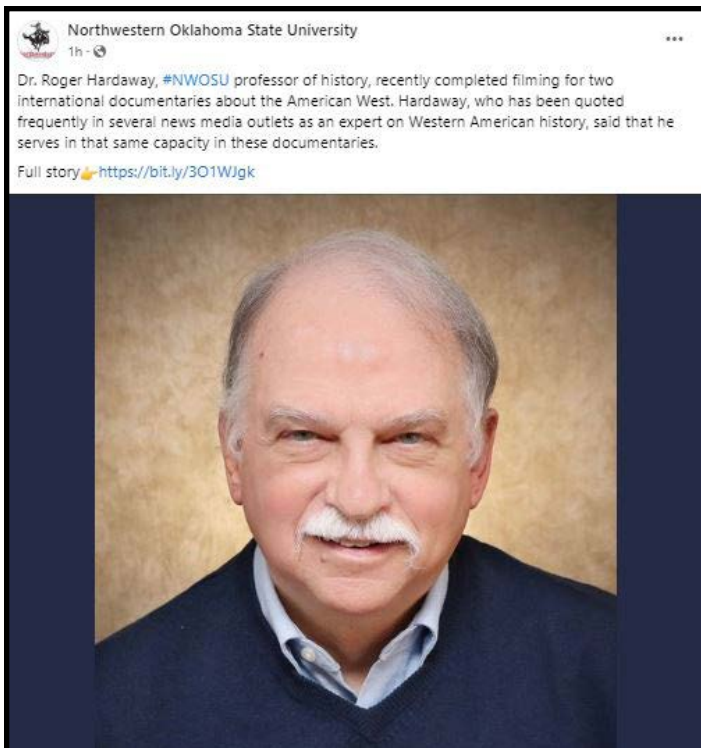
Students are engaging in various math and science activities with Northwestern faculty and students. On the last day, the students will have a rocket launch.

Northwestern math and science faculty helping with the Academy include Dr. Sheila Brintnall, professor of

mathematics; Dr. Nick Ledbetter, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and chair of the mathematics and computer science department; Dr. Steve Maier, professor of physics and chair of the department of natural science; Keenan Meeker, instructor of mathematics.

Also, Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Piper Robida, assistant professor of biology; and Dr. Jenny Sattler, associate professor of physics.

Helping to sponsor this Academy along with Northwestern are the Beisel, Fellers and Fischer endowments.



20 selected as Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors

Twenty students at Northwestern have been selected for a year-long adventure as members of the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors (NSA).

NSA is a group of academically high achievers led by Ethan Sacket, student success coordinator and transfer student recruiter.

NSA members serve as student

ambassadors to the university in numerous capacities, including tour guides, recruiters and hosts/hostesses for campus events. Some of the events and activities NSA members assist with are Ranger Preview, Freshman Connection, Alumni Spring Reunion, Donor Dinner and Family Day. These students also work one hour a week in the Recruitment office and organize service projects.

“One cannot help but be filled with hope when they interact with this group of students,” Sacket said. “They are wonderful representatives of our student body, and I am excited for the impact they will have during their year of service.”

Selection to the NSA is through a competitive process including applications, letters of recommendation and an interview.

“I’m very excited about the students who were selected to the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors leadership organization for the 2022-2023

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Students selected to this year’s NSA include: Tyler Blankenship, Macomb sophomore English major; Kathryn Brashears, Beaver sophomore biology major; Emilie Brown, Jetmore, Kansas, senior health and sports science education major; Jadyn Budig, Shattuck senior chemistry and biology major; Sagelyn Budy, Waynoka sophomore agriculture communications major; John Cloud, Seiling junior computer science major; Jerika Coon, Sapulpa senior early childhood education major; Kenzie Doane, Fairview sophomore biology major; Landry Gaddy, Alva senior political science major; Josie Gibson, Guymon junior agriculture major; Draven Hidalgo, Hooker junior vocal performance major; Nishan Lama, Kathmandu, Nepal, senior computer science major; Delaney Lambert, Alva junior English education major; Jaydon Mills, Beaver sophomore nursing major; Gracie Myatt, Piedmont sophomore biology major; Tara Owen, Alva sophomore mass communication major; Preston Paschall, Burlington sophomore health and sports science education major; Austin Rankin, Waynoka junior political science major; Paige Robinette, Waukomis junior chemistry major; and Cora Beth Taylor, Kingfisher junior biology major.

Oswald named Division of Education chair

Northwestern will have new leadership in the Division of Education as Dr. Jennifer Oswald will assume the role as its new chair beginning July 1.

Oswald replaces Dr. Christee Jenlink, associate dean of education, who is retiring.

“Dr. Oswald will do an outstanding job for us as the new chair for the Division of Education,” said Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president and incoming president. “She has great experience and has a great team of faculty members who will guide our teacher candidates toward their future goals.

“She had an opportunity to participate in our new administrative internship program, and I believe this was a good learning experience for her preparation for this role. She works well with our faculty and staff and will bring some new ideas to the table to best serve our students. I look forward to working with her for years to come.”

Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, also said he’s confident in Oswald’s abilities to lead the program.

“I had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Oswald when she was selected for the first NWOSU Administrative Practicum in the 2020-2021 academic year,” Bell said. “During her time as an administrative intern, she demonstrated her ability to analyze complex issues, synthesize information from a variety of sources, and establish practical processes to address those issues. She is a creative and insightful thinker. These attributes will serve her well as a division chair.

“More importantly, Dr. Oswald has the interpersonal skills and good instincts that are required to serve as a leader. She is highly regarded by her colleagues and by the campus community more generally. I look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role as division chair.”

Oswald, who serves the university as an associate professor of education, joined the Northwestern faculty in the fall of 2012. She teaches Children’s Literature, Emergent Literacy, Diagnosis, Ed Tech and graduate reading specialist classes. She is the sponsor and co-founder of the Teacher’s Closet and sponsor of the student organization, NWOSU Forge. She also founded and serves as the director of the NWOSU Literacy Center and serves on the Academic Affairs Appeals Committee, the Teacher Education Committee and the Faculty Senate.

“Dr. Oswald is an excellent choice in which to place the leadership responsibility in the Division of Education,” Jenlink said. “She has the skills to respond to the rapidly changing needs of today’s schools while upholding the tradition of excellence expected of NWOSU.”

Oswald said the Division of Education has a great team in place to grow the graduate and undergraduate programs. She is looking forward to the challenge of working with the division to find solutions to meet the needs of Northwestern students and



Jennifer Oswald

stakeholders while maintaining the integrity and rigor of the program to ensure Northwestern graduates are well-trained educators ready for the demands of the classroom.

“I am excited to continue the work of preparing qualified teachers that are so badly needed in our public schools,” Oswald said. “The people are what I love about my job. We are blessed with the best people here at Northwestern. I love seeing my students become successful teachers and watching them grow throughout their career and life milestones!”

The Division of Education under the School of Education offers a Bachelor of Arts Education degree, a Bachelor of Science Education degree and a Master of Education degree.

For more information about the department, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education> or contact Oswald at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu.

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academic year,” said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management. “This is a great group of student leaders who represent Northwestern well, and I know they will be able to accomplish many tasks as an organization this next year.”

The students will be volunteering with the summer Oklahoma Association of Student Councils BASIC leadership workshops and Camp Ranger. The students will attend leadership training on Aug. 12.

16 selected for President's Leadership Class

Sixteen incoming freshmen at Northwestern Oklahoma State University have been selected for a year-long adventure as members of the President's Leadership Class (PLC).

PLC is a leadership development program led by the university's president. The program seeks to develop

leadership skills in students who have compiled exemplary records of academic success and participation in high school activities. Graduates of the program are expected to assume leadership roles on campus during their time at Northwestern.

Northwestern's incoming president, Dr. Bo Hannaford, will take the position on July 1, 2022, and will lead PLC.

"This will be my first trip as president, and I am excited that it is with this group of students," Hannaford said. "These students have excelled in their high school careers and will continue to do so while at Northwestern."

"PLC is a great opportunity for students to learn about leadership qualities that will help them contribute to our society in the future. Their involvement in PLC will also give them the chance to meet other students before school starts in August, which helps students feel more comfortable in their freshman year."

Selection to the PLC is through a competitive process including applications, letters of recommendation and an interview, which were held in person and through Zoom.

The students will begin their year-long adventure with an evening of team building on July 21 and will then leave for Boston, Massachusetts, on July 22.

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Students selected for this year's President's Leadership Class include Hadley Bohlen, Ringwood; Kenzi Cronkhite, Enid; Jackson Feely, Alva; Greyson Ioerger, Jet; JT Jones, Thomas; William Kates, Tuttle; Jenna Maier, Alva; Aaron Mason, Alva;

Jack McCoy, Hillsdale; Jaime Rocha, Woodward; Aubry Rose, Alva; Evan Silva, Ringwood; Maria Sosa, Laverne; Megan Spray, Sharon; Kayli Stewart, Kiowa, Kansas; and Lindie Williams, May.

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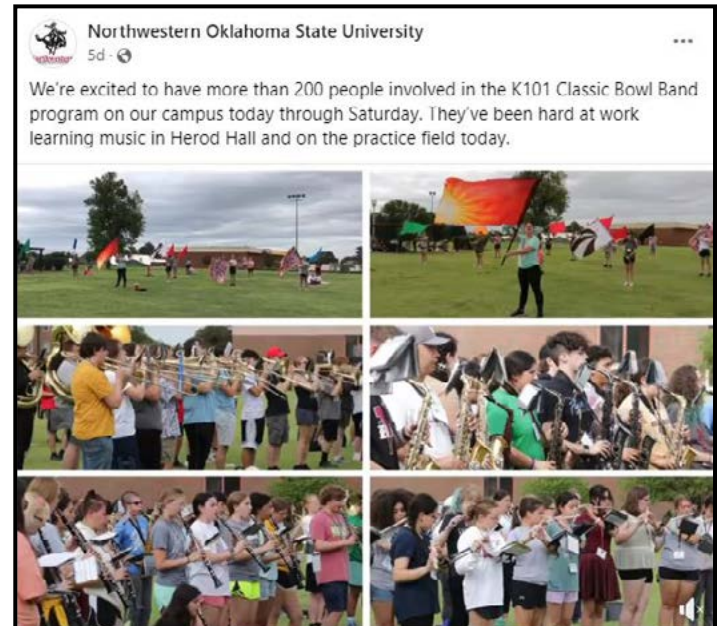
“Not only is this trip aimed at creating a bond between the students, but also showing students our nation’s history and respect for our country,” Hannaford said.

Activities during the four-day trip include walking the Freedom Trail, touring the New England Aquarium, experiencing a Duck Tour, and of course, a Boston Red Sox game at historic Fenway Park.

The first PLC class began in the fall 2001 with assistance from the Presidential Partners. In 2007, Presidential Partners

was renamed The President’s Association. Moving toward a more long-term investment, the President’s Association was changed to the Northwestern Leadership Trust in 2020, which is an endowment program to better serve the needs of the students.

Class members participate in leadership activities and assist the president and staff in hosting dignitaries on campus and in selected recruitment activities.



Two faculty members earn doctoral degrees

Two Northwestern faculty members, KeEra Byrd, instructor of nursing; and Garret Lahr, chair of the division of business and instructor of business, recently earned their doctoral degrees.

Byrd earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in April 2022 from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lahr earned a Doctor of Business Administration degree in March 2022 from the University of Phoenix in Phoenix, Arizona.

Byrd's dissertation is titled "Developing Resiliency Knowledge in New Graduate Nurses Through Self-Care Education." The purpose of her research was to understand how to provide education on self-care and resiliency so new graduates can apply skills and build their own resiliency as a nurse.

Byrd said when students graduate from nursing school, they enter into a very stressful profession. If they are not given the tools they need, they may lack self-care and may not understand what resiliency is or why it is important. Over time, this can have negative effects on the new graduate nurse physically, mentally, and emotionally. In addition, they may not be able to provide safe and quality care to their patients or they choose to leave the bedside. These can have negative effects financially and on the community.

"The most exciting part of my project was working with my team," Byrd said. "We were able to dive into problems that truly affect not only the community but our students here at Northwestern, too. This project helped me understand my own deficiency in self-care and build my own resilience.



KeEra Byrd



Garret Lahr

"I hope I can continue to take this education forward and transform the way others see self-care and help them build resilience."

Byrd received her bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, and earned a master's degree in nursing education from West Governors University. Before joining Northwestern's nursing faculty in 2020, she taught with the nursing faculty at West Texas A&M University. She has been a nurse for seven years and worked in a Women's Medical-Surgical unit for about 3.5 years before transitioning to academia. At Northwestern, she teaches courses in family nursing care, holistic assessment and adult health.

Lahr's dissertation is titled "Hermeneutic Phenomenology: Experiences of Small Business Owners' Ability to Achieve Sustainability in Woods County, Oklahoma." The purpose of his study was to focus on the lived experiences of small business owners in Woods County and their

sustainability through the years.

Lahr said the problem is an inability to achieve sustainability (10 years or longer) among small business owners, resulting in business failure. More than half of small business owners in the United States fail in the first 10 years of business. Specifically, only 50% of small businesses in the United States survive for five years and 33% for 10 years.

"I enjoyed interviewing business owners in the local area to gain more insight into what they believe has enabled them to be successful," Lahr said.

Lahr currently teaches courses in personal finance, general business and management at Northwestern. He is a Northwestern graduate who earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Before joining Northwestern's business faculty in 2018, he was farming and ranching with his father and teaching adjunct courses at Northwestern.

Faculty Development and Resource Center changes location



The Faculty Development and Resource Center has changed locations inside the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva Campus. It is now located in room 101, southeast corner of the first floor.

This change was made to better suit the needs of those who use the facility and library staff.

Arrangements for using the facility remain the same.

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Students in #NWOSU's mass communication program picked up 15 awards at the Oklahoma Press Association's 2022 Better Newspaper Contest June 11 in Oklahoma City including 2nd for overall collegiate newspaper, 1st for overall photography, and six individual first-place honors. Read more 📄 <https://bit.ly/3aPEE6u>

Category	Student Name
Overall Collegiate Newspaper	Northwestern State College Newspaper
Overall Photography	Northwestern State College Newspaper
News Photography	Cheryn Landolt
Photo Essay/Photo Page	Cheryn Landolt and Jordan Green
Photo Reporting	Kayla Brown, Cheryn Landolt, and Lacey Cook
Education Story	Jordan Green and David Thomas
Business Story	Kayla Brown, Lacey Cook, and Cheryn Landolt
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For the 13th summer, members of the Oklahoma Association of Student Councils (OASC) have gathered on the #NWOSU-Alva campus for BASIC, a leadership workshop, June 12-17. More than 270 high school students from across Oklahoma are attending this camp, where students engage in major skill development sessions. Read more 📄 <https://bit.ly/3zGcWn8>
Have a great time!

Bell named Vice President for Academic Affairs

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is pleased to announce Dr. James Bell as the new vice president for academic affairs beginning July 1.

Bell replaces Dr. Bo Hannaford who is assuming the role of university president on July 1.

"I am pleased Dr. Bell has accepted the appointment of Vice President for Academic Affairs," Hannaford said. "His experience as a chair and as a dean has prepared him well for this next chapter in his career.

"Dr. Bell strives for excellence within our academic programs and works well

with our students, faculty and staff. I have worked with him in the areas of accreditation, strategic planning, and program development, and I am confident he will excel in this role."

Bell joined the Northwestern faculty as an associate professor of English and the chair of the English, Foreign Language and Humanities department in the fall of 2010. He left Northwestern in 2013 and worked remotely as a senior test development specialist with Data Recognition Corporation. He returned to Northwestern in 2015 as the dean of

the School of Arts and Sciences. In 2016, he transitioned to the associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty.

"Serving as dean of faculty has given me the opportunity to work with faculty in a number of different contexts," Bell said. "I have worked most closely with de-

partment and division chairs—and the university is fortunate to have a committed, smart, collegial, and practical group of chairs."

He also has worked with many committees including the Graduate Committee, the Online Education Committee, the Institutional Review Board and the Assessment Committee. Bell

established a Retention and Enrollment Forum a few years ago. Made up of Enrollment Champions from every department and division, this group serves as a sort of think tank on strategies for increasing enrollment and carrying out recruitment campaigns. He also serves on the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series board that brings high-quality music and entertainment to Alva.

Bell said serving as vice president for academic affairs will involve many of the same activities and concerns that he currently has.

"I have been fortunate to work closely with Dr. Hannaford, and I have no doubt that he will continue to be an invaluable resource as I adjust to this new position," Bell said. "I look forward to working with faculty and other constituencies to ensure that our programs continue to meet the needs of students and the region we serve."

Bell said as dean his priority has been to simplify and clarify academic processes and to improve communication about those processes wherever possible, and he looks forward to maintaining that priority in this new role. He anticipates that this role will give him more opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments and quality of Northwestern faculty and students.

"It is my hope that the vice president's office will give me an even bigger platform to promote Northwestern, its programs, and its people," Bell said. "It sounds like a cliché, but I am absolutely sincere when I say that the people are what I love about Northwestern.

"Whether you are in Alva, Enid, or Woodward, you feel a sense of community. At the same time, we are very much a place that welcomes individuals with diverse viewpoints and experiences. From arts events to sporting events to academic discussions and presentations, the campus offers many opportunities to plug in. I feel very at home here."



Dr. James Bell

Thank You

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