

the Spotlight

Newsletter

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What a year!

The 2022-23 academic year has come to a close and I find myself reflecting on just how full it was! As a most notable start, Northwestern began with a new administration. While the transition consisted of familiar faces shifting roles, there was still a collective newness permeating the usual excitement and anticipation of what the upcoming academic year would bring.

Despite any learning curves associated with these shifts, new faces in different administrative roles certainly did not slow us down with initiatives here at Northwestern! We remained hard at work utilizing our resources

and creativity to produce new opportunities for our students, as evidenced by content in this newsletter.

As a sampling...The new infant and early childhood mental health minor is an excellent example of what an interdepartmental effort can achieve. This program weaves courses from education, psychology, and social work into a coherent and worthy program of study. The new superintendent certificate for students is an example of how Northwestern is working to fill a critical need for the state while utilizing existing resources and growing our graduate offerings. The reestablishment of the visual arts major funded by a local donor enabled a new visual arts faculty position, bringing back to life a vibrant program with a rich history. Ranger Communication, a student-led agency, was formed within the Communication Department to serve Northwestern students and area businesses. I encourage you to read about these developments and more in this edition of the Spotlight Newsletter.

In short, this has been a won-

derful first year serving as Dean of Faculty and I have been humbled serving in this role! Not only have I gained tremendous insights into the inner workings of administration, I have truly been inspired by the activities of our faculty.

To close, I would like to offer a sincere thank you for letting me be a part of the “newness” of the 2022-23 academic year. The support and collegiality I’ve witnessed is at the highest level. So thank you for letting me be a part of your successes and letting me be of assistance in your efforts to impact and empower our students.



Fall commencement at Northwestern, Dr. Maier's first commencement service as Dean of Faculty.



Governor George Nigh visits with Dr. Steve Maier at a recent campus event.

New infant, early childhood mental health minor announced

Northwestern officials have announced that a new interdisciplinary minor will be offered to start in the fall 2023 semester. The infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) minor emphasizes the importance of supporting the developing parent-infant relationship and promoting secure attachments.

The minor will consist of 20 credit hours in the fields of education, psychology and social work, and will be administered through the Department of Social Work. The minor is designed for students in a helping profession with an interest in integrating knowledge of infant and childhood mental health into their professional practice. The coursework guides professionals in understanding the complexities of infant and early childhood mental health for practical application in their major disciplines.

“This minor will support our social service agencies in the region by providing professionals ready to address the wide range of mental health needs of children and families,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair, said. “It provides us the ability to prepare students to enter the workforce with key specialized knowledge and elevate the services and resources offered in northwest Oklahoma.”

A specialized IECMH course will be taught by Carol

Stocking, MSW, LCSW, program director for the infant and early childhood mental health consultation program at Western Plains Youth and Family Services. The course will focus on the foundation of theories and assumptions underlying infant and early childhood mental health, ethical and legal practices, and system expertise. Students in this course will learn direct practice skills with infants, toddlers and families, and the identification of appropriate interventions. The course will highlight the importance of working with others, effective communication, complex critical thinking and self-reflective practices.

“Infant and early childhood mental health is about creating and sometimes restoring positive relationships in the infant or young child’s life,” Stocking said. “The secure relationship an infant or young child has with a caregiver is the primary focus of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. Attachment is a fundamental issue that educators, medical providers,

child welfare specialists, child care workers, and mental health providers must understand and how insecure attachments impact learning, physical health, and/or mental health.”

Dr. Jen Oswald, Division of Education chair, said, “When polled, students responded with 87 percent interest in participating in the new minor. Students in the survey included psychology, social work and early childhood education majors. We see the interest and are excited to fill this gap.”

For more information on the IECMH minor, contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwosu.edu. Oswald can be reached at (580) 327-8451 or at jdoswald@nwosu.edu.



Northwestern adds new superintendent certificate

Northwestern's Graduate Studies Office, along with the Division of Education are launching a new superintendent certificate for students, working professionals and job seekers starting in fall 2023.

Those pursuing the superintendent certificate must have a master's degree and building-level (Principal) certification before admission to the program. Hybrid courses are available via Zoom.

Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs, said the certificate program will allow the university to help meet a critical need for qualified superintendents in the region and state.

"The product of two years of research and planning in the Division of Education, the program was designed to align

tightly with the state Department of Education and National Educational Leadership Preparation standards, ensuring that program completers will be well prepared to assume their leadership roles," Bell said.

The certificate program includes a 15-hour curriculum of 16-week and interim courses that include Fiscal Management, Human Resources, Facilities and Operations, The Superintendency, and Superintendent Internship. The program's first cohort will be certified in spring 2024.

"The Division of Education has worked diligently to build a program that not only equips candidates with the skills needed to lead in today's schools but

tance-friendly hybrid courses offered via Zoom," Dr. Jen Oswald, associate professor of education and chair of the Division of Education, said. "This fall's courses, Fiscal Management and Human Resources, will be taught by current Oklahoma superintendent Jarrod Johnson. Mr. Johnson shares our goal of creating the best school leaders in the state, and he has the knowledge and experience to do so."

For more information about Northwestern's superintendent certificate contact Melissa Brown, coordinator of Graduate Studies, at (580) 327-8410 or mbrown@nwsu.edu.

NWOSU Division of Education
May 15 at 1:55 PM · 🌐

Congratulations to our 2023 M.Ed. graduates!

Thinking about a Master of Education degree? Check out our programs leading to certification in School Counseling, Reading Specialist, and Ed Leadership (principal): <https://www.nwsu.edu/graduate-studies>

Need alternative certification courses? We have a M.Ed. program (and scholarships) for those courses too!

Ready for superintendent certification? Our first cohort starts fall 2023!

Contact Jen Oswald at jdoswald@nwsu.edu or 580-327-8451 for more information.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 16 at 1:03 PM · 🌐

Gracie Scarbrough, a May business administration #NWOSU graduate, recently attended the Nigh Institute Leadership Academy held in Oklahoma City.

The Alva native joined college students from across the state for the four-day academy early in the spring semester. Over the course of the event, Scarbrough and her peers volunteered at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, enjoyed an Oklahoma City Thunder basketball game, toured the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the First Americans Museum.

"My favorite venture was getting to visit Express Ranches owned by Bob Funk. We were able to see his famous Clydesdale horses that recently returned from pulling a float in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, and we got to tour the immaculate stables and other parts of the ranch. Later, we had the opportunity to have dinner at Mr. Funk's house with former Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh and his wife Donna. They were both so kind to share with us their experiences in public office. Their passion for serving Oklahomans was very evident!" - Gracie Scarbrough

Full story 📄 <https://bit.ly/scarbroughnighleadershipacademy>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 6 at 12:15 PM

Donnita Drain Rogers is a '91 graduate and also a member of the 1998 Sports Hall of Fame (basketball) class here at Northwestern. She loves her alma mater and continues to show her Ranger Pride.

Donnita knew she wanted to impact people's lives, just like the influence her high school coach and college coach had on her.

She is now the director of athletics at Langston University and impacts students everyday. ... See more

DONNITA ROGERS

Northwestern
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Class of 1991
Bachelor's of Science Education
Health and Physical Education

"NWOSU played a big part of shaping me into the woman I am today."



Langston, OK

NWOSU Literacy Center
January 9

Time to apply for spring literacy center tutoring!

[DOCS.GOOGLE.COM](#)
NWOSU Literacy Center Application

Literacy tutoring will be available both VIRTUALLY and IN PERSON this semester! NWOSU Literacy Center will partner your child with a teacher-candidate majoring in education. This service is provided free of charge...

NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
January 9 · Alva

❤️👉RIDE RANGERS RIDE👈❤️

The Reichenberger Fine Arts faculty are ready for a brand new semester of projects!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers #rangerband #vocalperformance #visualarts #piano #flute #vocalpedagogy #theatrearts #theatremajor #fineartsmajor #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #theatreproduction #acting #directing #scenicdesign #lightingdesign #theatrelife #theatrekids #theatrekid #theatreeducation #theatreeducator #sing #p... See more



NWOSU Division of Education
January 10

So proud of Kari Biddle-Boone! (Alumni 2011) Another fabulous graduate doing great things!

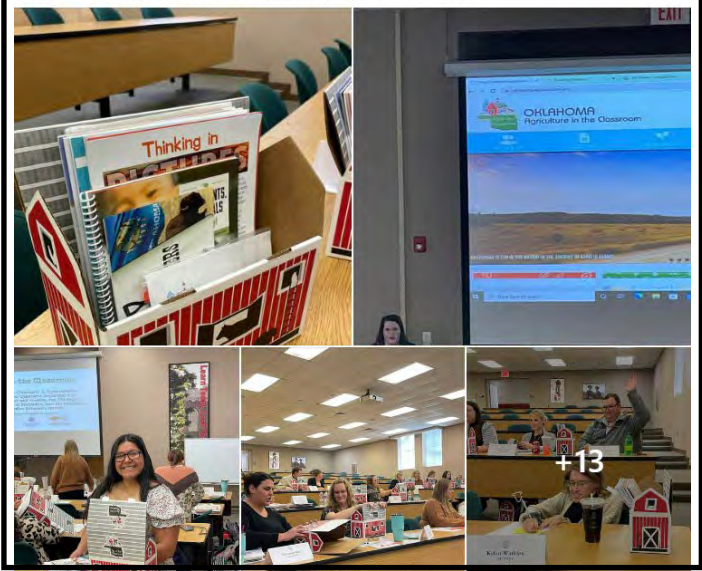


Highland Park Elementary
January 10

Elementary Teacher of The Year Mrs. Boone was recognized as a District Teacher of The Year Candidate at last night's board meeting. Staff showed up in rodeo gear to support our "rodeo queen" and show how proud we are of her! Best of luck!!! 🍀🍀

NWOSU Division of Education is feeling fabulous.
January 10

NWOSU student teachers had a great time with Emily Ague from Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom! So many fun ideas about Agriculture to engage students of all ages.



Cunningham Hall dedicated

Northwestern officials held a dedication ceremony on Jan. 20 to rename the female residence hall South Hall to Cunningham Hall.

The renovations and name change were completed in fall of 2022, and the name change came as a way to honor Northwestern's former president, Dr. Janet Cunningham. The renovations included new flooring, paint, lighting, new movable furniture and an HVAC unit replacement. The restrooms also received upgrades with new showers, sinks, toilets, mirrors and granite countertops.

"We were excited to host this event and honor Dr. Cunningham with a permanent place for her legacy on campus," Dr. Bo Hannaford, current Northwestern president, said. "She made an impact on this university that will be forever felt by its employees, students and alumni."

Cunningham served as the 19th president of Northwestern for 16 years. In all, she served the university in various positions for 40 years retiring in June 2022. Cunningham is also the second alum and first woman to serve as president at the university.

As president, Cunningham led many new initiatives such as the development of an enrollment management plan, increasing the number of nationally-accredited academic programs, and leading the effort to join the NCAA. Through her leadership, Northwestern was approved for its first doctoral program, the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice (DNP).

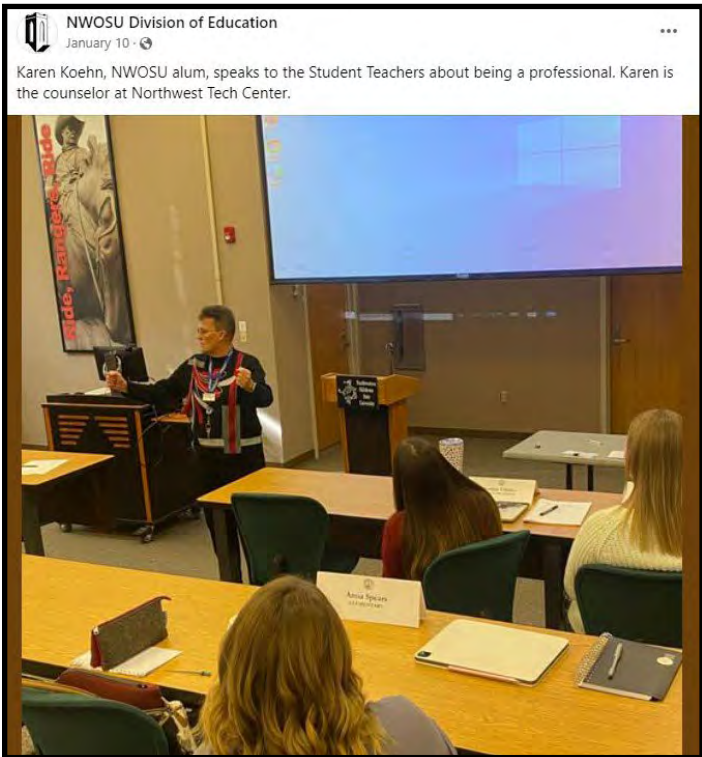
Opened in 1966, Cunningham

Hall is a three-level women's residence hall that accommodates 302 students. Suites include a private bathroom, shower and three rooms, most of which are double-occupancy with private rooms provided when available.



Dedicating Cunningham Hall





NWOSU Division of Education
January 11

Student teachers spent their lunch hour shopping (for free) in the Teacher's Closet! Thank you to our community members who make this possible! And Faith Center for the delicious meal!

NWOSU Teacher's Closet
January 11

Teachers Closet luncheon for student teachers today! Thank you for supporting one of our favorite days of the semester.

I didn't get a picture of the guys shopping (they were speedy this semester).

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 13 at 10:45 AM

Big band day at #NWOSU as several students are here rehearsing for the Red Carpet Honor Bands clinic/concert. Free concert open to the public Saturday at 1:30 pm in Herod Hall Auditorium. 3 bands - 7th, 8th & 9th, and high school. Welcome!

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

The suspects have assembled for the first table read of our mystery production "The Act of Murder" by Billy St. John!

#nwosuthatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #théâtre #tableread #rehearsal #murdermystery #springproduction #theatreproduction #theatrestudies #theatrestudent #theatrekid #theatrekids #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #theatredepartment #theatrtrarts #theatreartist #suspects #theactofmurder #theatrelife #noir #magicofheat... See more

THE ACT OF MURDER
BY BILLY ST. JOHN

NWOSU Opioid Prevention
January 20

Tips for Prevention: Safeguard Medications 🙏

Keep opioid medications locked away to prevent theft, child poisoning, and other harmful exposures. ✅

Monitor your medicines for missing or outdated pills. Don't keep leftover medicine – dispose of them safely at a local medication drop box, disposal site, mail-back program or use FDA recommended home disposal.

Find local safe disposal sites here 📍: <https://www.nwosu.edu/substance-abuse>

Source: Prescription for Change

#nwosuopioidprevention

Store prescription medication in a locked box!

Social Work students complete practicums

Bachelor-level social work students at Northwestern completed their field practicums at agencies throughout Oklahoma. Eight 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).

"A key component for the Bachelor of Social Work program at Northwestern is the field education students receive 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 allows students to immerse themselves in practice and apply skills and knowledge they have attained."

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

"The field instructors volunteer their time to educate bachelor-level social workers," Harding said. "Without them, professional social workers would not be competently prepared to practice."

Listed below are the students, hometowns, and agency placements:

Bishop Buck of Roanoke, Virginia, Northwest Family Services in Alva; Jadyne Christiansen of Enid, Youth and Family Services of Northcentral Oklahoma in Enid; Camryn Howard of Woodward, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Amy

Ireland of Seiling, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Woodward; Jocelyn Long of Overland Park, Kansas, Charles E. "Bill" Johnson Correctional Center in Alva; Carolyn Reaves of Fort Supply, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Woodward; Chantal Rocha of Woodward, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; and Sierra Swanson of Fairview, Northwest Center for Behavioral Health in Fairview.

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 charding@nwsu.edu.



Bishop Buck



Camryn Howard



Carolyn Reaves



Chantal Rocha



Amy Ireland



Jocelyn Long



Sierra Swanson



Jadyne Christiansen, not pictured

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 20 at 5:14 PM

Kaitlyn Phillips is our project coordinator for the Upward Bound Math & Science Program. She assists 9th-12th graders who are first generation, low-income and also college bound. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which students complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Kaitlyn and her fiancé Da'Mario Mattingly, project advisor with #NWOSU Student Support Services grant, just recently rescued their dog, Ellie Mae. She is a mixed breed, part pit and they aren't sure what else. She keeps them very busy and constantly on their feet. Kaitlyn enjoys taking her on walks when she behaves and spoiling her to the max.

"She has been such a blessing in our home!"

We appreciate all she does for our Upward Bound Math & Science Program every day. She's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🐾

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

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangrs



NWOSU Theatre is at Alva High School
January 23 · Alva

This past weekend was an exciting one for OSSAA Speech contest in Northwest Oklahoma as 15 NWOSU Faculty, staff, alumni and current students volunteered to assist with the the annual Alva Invitational Speech & Debate Contest. Thank you all for supporting Speech, Debate, and the Fine Arts in your area!

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 24 at 12:39 PM

Due to inclement weather, the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series performance by Cecilia's Muse has been moved to Sunday, January 29 at 4 p.m. in the Alva United Methodist Church. If you are in need, the church has an elevator that goes to the sanctuary.

The majority of the Enid Symphony members live in Oklahoma City and are unable to travel. Thank you for understanding!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 27 at 2:44 PM

The Campus Cabinet-NWOSU Food Pantry was among 30 college food pantries in the United States awarded a \$3,000 grant from Swipe Out Hunger, the leading national nonprofit working to end college student food insecurity.

"I'm so excited to know that we have organizations like Swipe Out Hunger, who are there to help our students and employees with food insecurity. The increase in demand for our services at the campus pantry rose quite a bit during the fall semester, and it continues to increase this spring semester. This week we had 17 clients submit a food request, which is the most we've had in one week since we opened in 2019. It doesn't take long to deplete the food on the shelves with that many clients in one week, so every food or monetary donation we receive continues to help us purchase items for those who need them." ~ Angelia Case, #NWOSU Campus Cabinet Coordinator

Read more <http://bit.ly/406gHgp>



Student teachers complete teaching assignments

Students leave Northwestern with the knowledge to succeed in a particular field. In their final semester, 19 senior education students completed their student teaching assignments at area schools and gained hands-on experience.

The students returned to campus for seminars in March and portfolio exit interviews in May.

Listed below are the students, their majors, hometowns and teaching assignments.

Agriculture Education – Katherine Bauman of Nowata, Shattuck High School; Kaitlyn Elder of Salina, Kansas, Chisholm High School; Josey Myers of Anadarko, Ringwood High School; Katelyn Taylor of Elgin, Garber High School; Kaleb Townsend of Woodward, Shattuck High School; Caitlyn Wray of Okeene, Fairview High School

Early Childhood Education – Candace Brown of Blackwell, Tonkawa Elementary School; Toni Schram of Enid, Fowler Early Childhood Center (Enid); Keeli Smith of Felt, Burlington Elementary School; Jordan Villalva of Enid,

Longfellow Elementary School (Alva)

Elementary Education – Nastassja Gee of Edmond, Hayes Elementary School (Enid); Destiny Jackson of Knoxville, Tennessee, Blackwell Elementary School; Anna Spears of Ponca City, Blackwell Elementary School; Natasha Stocks of Enid, Chisholm Elementary School; Summer Whitted of Arkansas City, Kansas, Newkirk Elementary School

Health and Sports Science Education – Alecia Dennis of Enid, Monroe Elementary School (Enid)

Mathematics Education – Daisy Chavez of Guymon, Hooker Public Schools

Social Science Education – Kylan Watkins of Vici, Leedey Public Schools; Jacob Web-

ster of Deer Creek, Medford High School

For more information on Northwestern's teacher education program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education> or contact Dr. Jennifer Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu.



Katherine Bauman

Candace Brown

Daisy Chavez



Alecia Dennis

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Destiny Jackson

Josey Myers

Toni Schram



Katelyn Taylor

Kaleb Townsend

Jordan Villalva

Kylan Watkins



Keeli Smith

Anna Spears

Natasha Stocks



Jacob Webster

Summer Whitted

Caitlyn Wray

Student teachers visit Teacher's Closet

Teacher candidates were able to take part in Northwestern Teacher's Closet that helps each student get free and "new" professional outfits to help transition their wardrobe to professional dress.

"This opportunity is amazing for students in the student teaching semester," said senior Candace Brown, an early childhood education major from Blackwell. "We are all about to enter a professional career, and most importantly,

we need to dress the part. Professional clothing is more on the expensive side. As college students having access to the closet full of professional dress items is a wonderful resource. Having this experience takes some of the financial stress off the student."

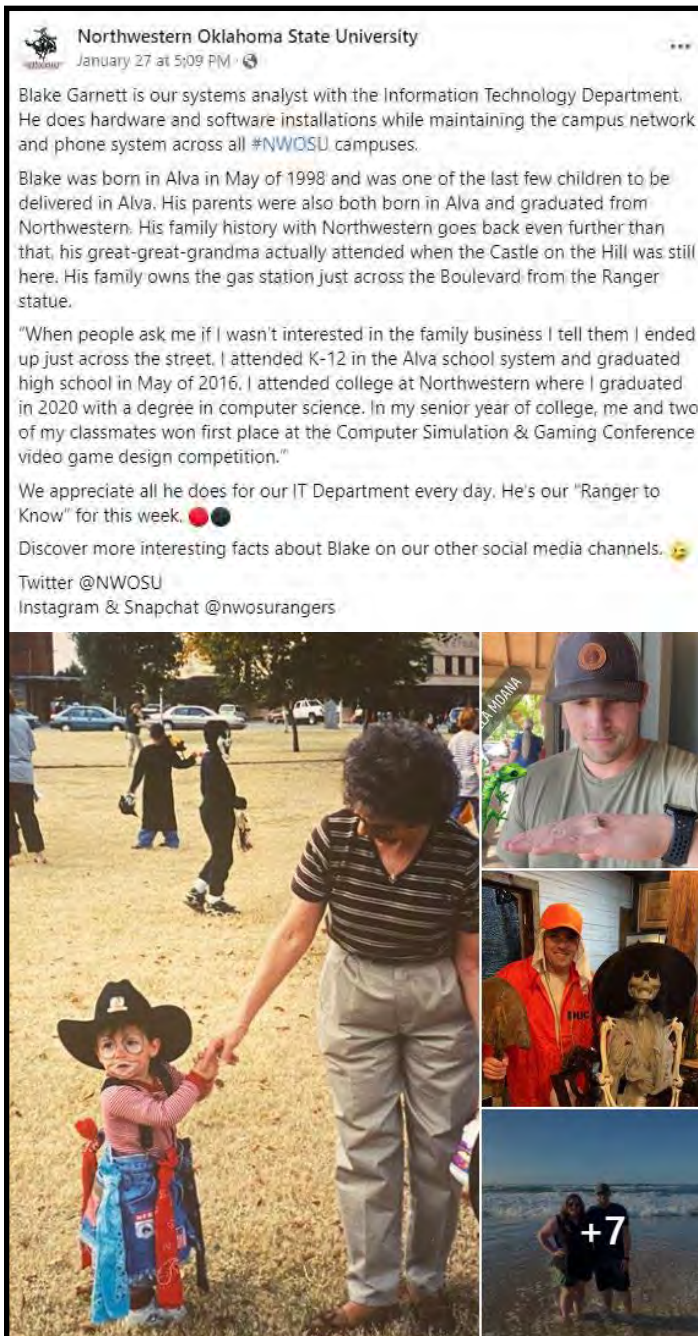
The Faith Center of Alva also provided a meal for the student teachers in appreciation for the impact the student teachers have on the children in the community.

"I really enjoyed the opportunity to speak with other educators during the luncheon," said senior Jordan Villalva, an elementary education major from Enid. "Also, I really like the fact that our community has

come together to supply some of their old clothes so others may repurpose them! It truly shows the familial relationships that are formed in the education department that I love."

The Teacher's Closet is open to all Northwestern students regardless of major or classification and is currently accepting business dress items and accessories that are interview appropriate such as blazers, suit sets, etc., for both men and women. Find "NWOSU Teacher's Closet" on Facebook for updates or at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education/teachers-closet>.

To donate items or make an appointment to shop at the Teacher's Closet contact Dr. Jennifer Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu. For more information on Northwestern's teacher education program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education>.



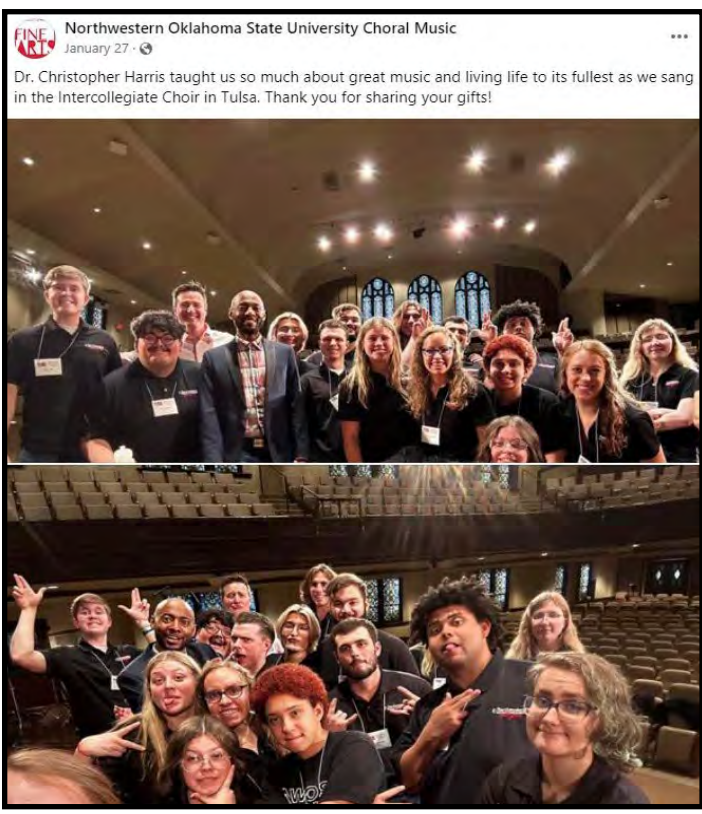
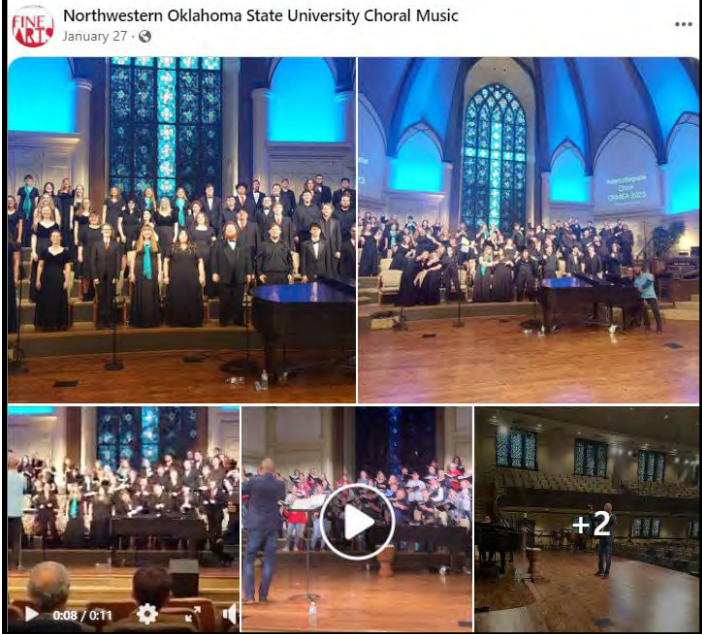
Senior Northwestern student teachers (left to right) Josey Myers, Katelyn Taylor, Kaitlyn Elder and Katherine Bauman shop the Teacher's Closet as they prepare to enter classrooms this semester. The Teacher's Closet is open by appointment to all Northwestern students.

Karsten Longhurst is with **David Howard** and 4 others at **First Baptist Church of Tulsa**
 January 27 · Tulsa · 🌐

Having Dr. Christopher Harris from Arkansas Tech work with 57 singers from 7 different institutions in the the Intercollegiate Choir at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association Conference was life-changing and inspiring. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!
 Thank you, **Bruce Wilkin** and Brad Henderson at FBC Tulsa for being great to work with!
 Thanks to all of the incredible conducting colleagues across our state who participated!

- Shannon Varner and Brandon Haynes, Northern Oklahoma College
- Dr. David Howard, Univ. of Oklahoma
- David Vaughn, Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ.
- Dr. Jeffery Wall, Northeastern State University
- Dr. Jan Hanson, Univ. Of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
- Dr. Tracey Gregg-Boothby, Rose State College

Thank you Oklahoma Directors Association Board, Oklahoma Music Educators Association, and Katie Robertson for supporting and helping organize this collaboration!



Karsten Longhurst is with **Isi Ofiu** and 3 others at **Cox Business Convention Center**.
 January 27 · Tulsa · 🌐

These amazing folks are stand out educators and a part of our Ranger Family! So proud to be associated! This is at the Oklahoma Music Educators Conference.

NWOSU Theatre is at **Herod Hall**.
 January 27 · Alva · 🌐

Theatre students have begun production for our upcoming play **The Act of Murder!** From prop making, nightly rehearsals, costuming and creating scenic elements excitement is growing as the pieces fall into place.

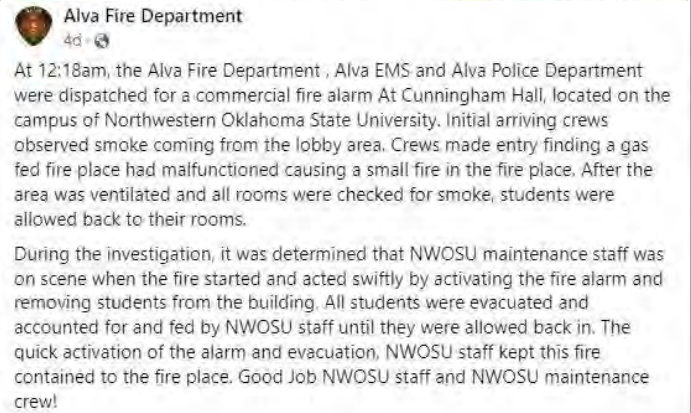
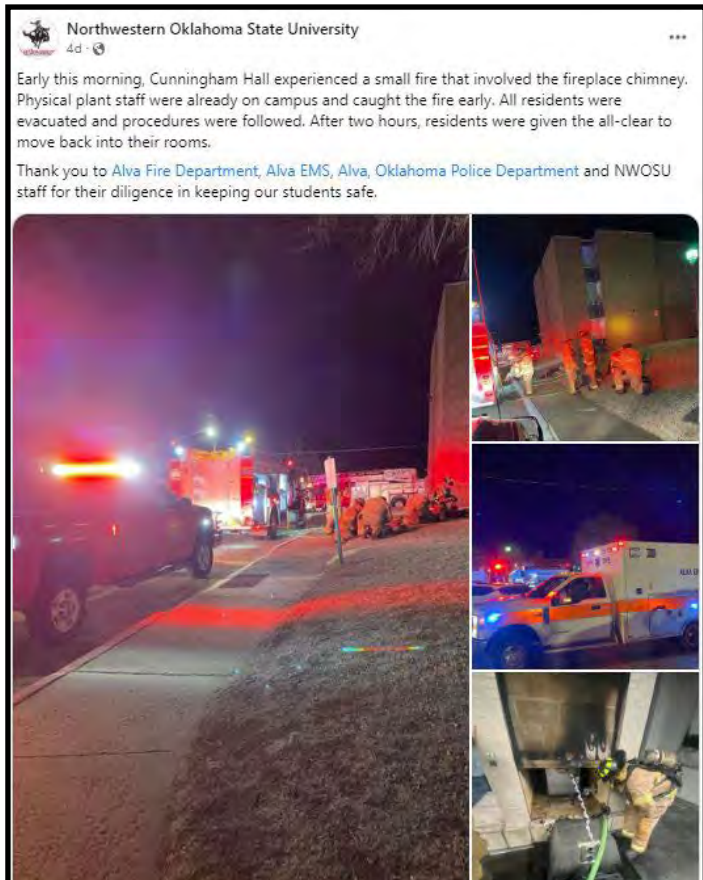
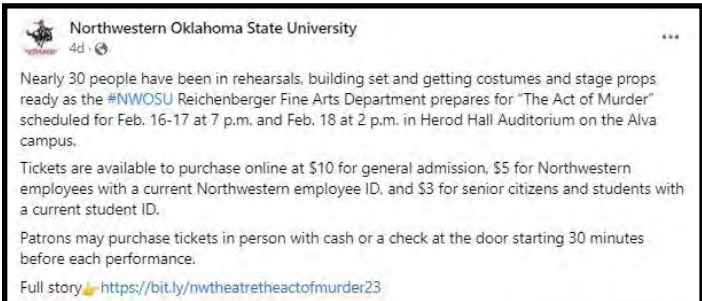
Don't miss "The Act of Murder" by Billy St. John coming to Herod Hall auditorium- February 16, 7:00PM ... [See more](#)





**Links to Hall of Fame Day
Photos and Videos**

For Photos from the day, click [Here](#)
 For Luncheon Video, click [Here](#)
 For Women's Halftime, click [Here](#)
 For Men's Halftime, click [Here](#)




Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 31 · 🌐

Jodie Bradford dreamed of graduating from #NWOSU despite having been diagnosed with Spina Bifida at a young age. Our faculty and staff inspired her to pursue a career in business leadership. Today, Jodie attributes her success as the Executive Director of the **Alva Chamber of Commerce** to Northwestern.

Read more about Jodie's story and its impact in this [Regional University System of Oklahoma](https://www.ruso.edu/.../jodie-bradford-alva-chamber-of-...) article.

👉 <https://www.ruso.edu/.../jodie-bradford-alva-chamber-of-...>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Admissions is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
February 1 · Alva · 🌐

Had a blast showing the GearUp students from Woodward High School our Alva Campus!! Schedule a campus tour today!! 🙌 link in the bio!
#RRR #futerangers



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
3d · 🌐

Students in the #NWOSU Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter recently completed their Compassion in Action Dignity Drive for the 2022 fall semester.


SWAT is a student-run organization that seeks to enhance the social work learning experience. This year SWAT was able to gather donations for the Taft Elementary School in Enid and Alva Middle School, filling some of their personal hygiene product needs. [NWOSU Department of Social Work](https://www.nwosu.edu/socialwork)

Full story 👉 <https://bit.ly/nwosuswatdignitydrive23>



Becky Noel MacKay
February 2 · 🌐

For those of you that guessed Dr. MacKay's limnology class would be working on crayfish, you were correct! The class was given pretty much free reign to design a project that they will be working on all semester, with the final hopes of having it written up and submitted to a journal by May. They chose to examine how crayfish behavior is affected by different types of artificial lighting at night. Watch this space for continued updates on their progress!



NWOSU TRIO-SSS
2d · 🌐

Come see us, the ASC, and LASSO next week! Multiple giveaway raffle items!

DON'T BE THE LAST TO ENROLL

- Can you enroll?
- Who's your Advisor?
- Check outstanding fees
- Blackboard & Self-Service help
- Financial & FASFA help
- Get the help you need before it becomes a problem!

FEBRUARY 7TH & 9TH FROM 9AM - 11AM IN THE STUDENT CENTER

Raffle: \$10 Northwest Nutrition Gift Cards
GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY: \$500 BOOKSTORE GIFT CARD

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
1d · 🌐

Deadline is Feb. 15 for continuing #NWOSU students to apply for departmental scholarships in our academic departments. Online forms are available at <https://www.nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships>. Look for the Departmental Scholarships Tab.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

FEB. 15

NORTHWESTERN NEWS

NEWS CAMPUS ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE EDITORIAL/OPINION SPORTS ABOUT

OUR LATEST ISSUE

Latest Post: **For NWOSU, it's not the name, but students find ways to socialize** · Northwestern people have been the best · Make the most of your time here

BOWL RESTAURANT

Nightlife after Nite Lite not the same, but students find ways to socialize
APR 27, 2023

Northwestern student journalists have their work available digitally from the Northwestern News on RangerPulse. Click the graphic for their articles.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
1d · 🌐

We're inviting high school seniors and college transfers to our Alva campus to join us at our Spring Showcase on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023!

! Register Here!
<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/spring-showcase>

Touring our campus is the perfect way for you to learn about college life as a Ranger, and you'll get information directly from our experts – current Northwestern students, staff, and faculty members!

In addition, all high school seniors and potential transfer students in attendance will be awarded \$500 scholarships to #NWOSU for the 2023 fall semester!

All students in attendance will fill out a free application and get a free lunch and free t-shirt. Contact us with any questions at 580-327-8546 or recruit@nwosu.edu

SPRING SHOWCASE

REGISTER **ATTEND**

CONNECT **GET PAID!**

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

NWOSU Opioid Prevention
February 3 · 🌐

Check out tips for recognizing and responding to overdose! NARCAN® is a potentially lifesaving medication designed to help reverse the effects of an opioid overdose in minutes. Naloxone has no potential for abuse or overdose. It does not work in the absence of opioids.

If someone you know takes opioids or prescription opioids, such as oxycodone or hydrocodone for pain, be prepared for a possible life-threatening opioid overdose emergency.

Visit 🌟 www.narcan.com for information on how to administer Narcan
Visit 🌟 www.nwosu.edu/substance-abuse for Free Naloxone without a Prescription
Source: Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

#NwosuOpioidPrevention

RESPOND TO OVERDOSE

RECOGNIZE OVERDOSE

- Won't respond to noise or light
- Slow or no breathing
- Bluish lips and/or fingertips
- Pinned pupils

Key Steps to Administration

RESPOND TO OVERDOSE

- Stimulate by calling their name or gently shaking them
- Call 911
- Administer Naloxone if available
- Perform CPR if you know how
- If no response in 3-5 minutes, give another dose of Naloxone

Source: Oklahoma Mental Health and Substance Abuse



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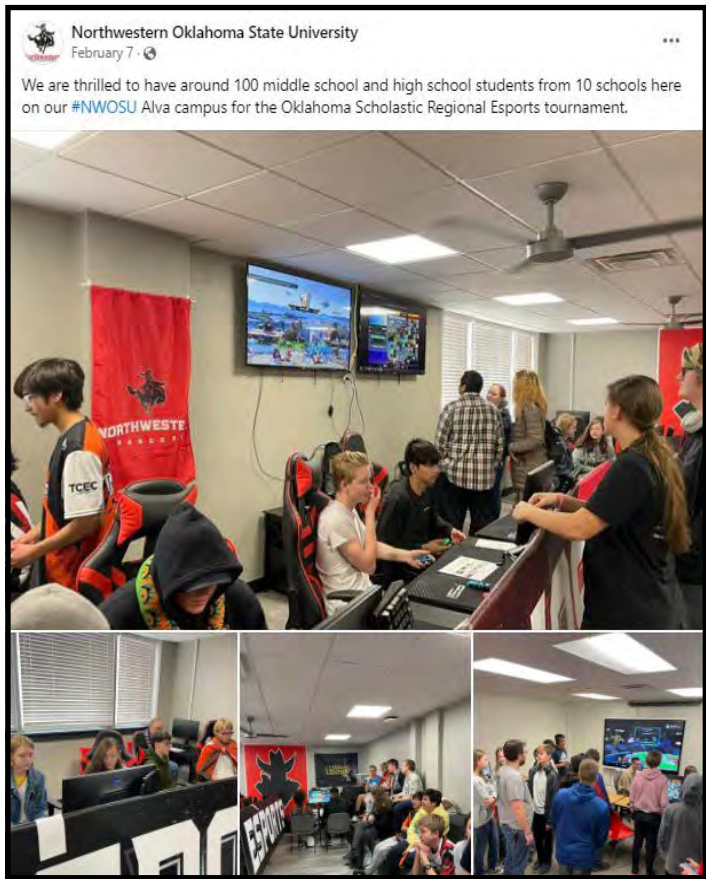
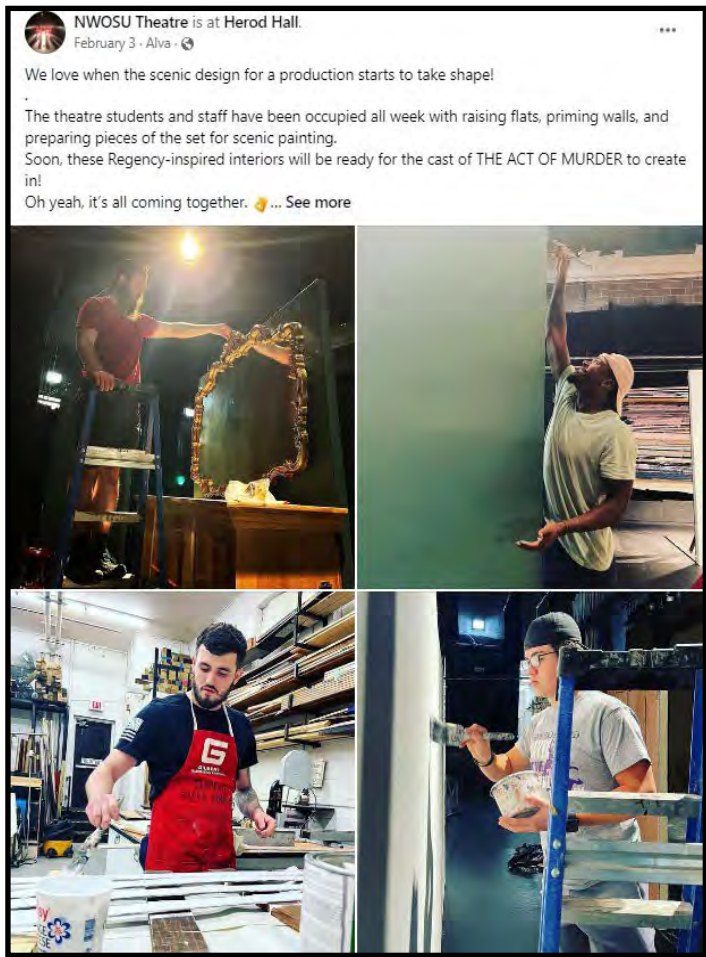
Lindsey Cherry is one of our instructors of English with the English, Foreign Language and Humanities Department. She also serves as the program coordinator for English education. Along with her two children, she has three dogs and two rats that live in her home. The rats are technically her oldest daughter's pets, but they're just as much a part of the family as the dogs are, although Lindsey says one of the dogs would probably like to eat the rats.

"People are usually surprised to learn that rats are smart and affectionate pets who respond to their names and can learn to perform tricks, especially if chocolate is involved. Unfortunately, they only live 2 - 3 years, and losing a beloved rat is as difficult as losing any other pet, so we try to make the most out of our short time with them."

We appreciate all she does for our EFLH Department every day. She's our #NWOSU "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🍓🐾

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

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Becky Noel MacKay
February 6

In Wildlife Management Techniques lab today, students compared plant and animal diversity across habitats with 3 different levels of disturbance: highly disturbed (pavement), mildly disturbed (cleared lot), and undisturbed (grassy open area).

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Our Study Abroad Committee has its sights set on taking a tour group to England, Ireland, and Wales in the summer of 2023. Study abroad trips are not only for #NWOSU students and employees but are open to the general public as well.

Some items on the itinerary include an excursion to the Ring of Kerry, a 112-mile coastal route with incredible views of the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding mountain range of Macgillycuddy's Reeks. After exploring Dublin, the group will travel via ferry to Holyhead, a port city in Wales. The guided tour of London includes visits to Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus and Stonehenge.

Register Here <https://www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors.../2484578NP>

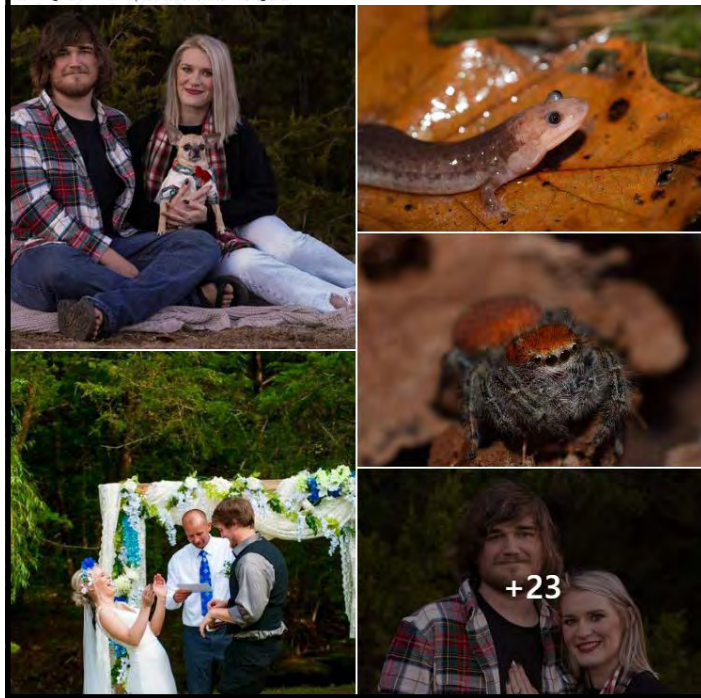
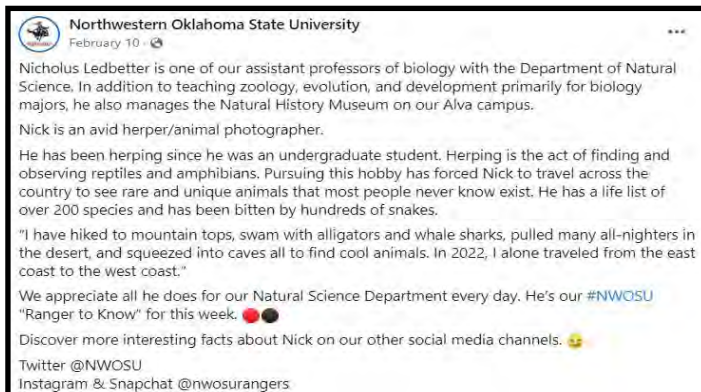
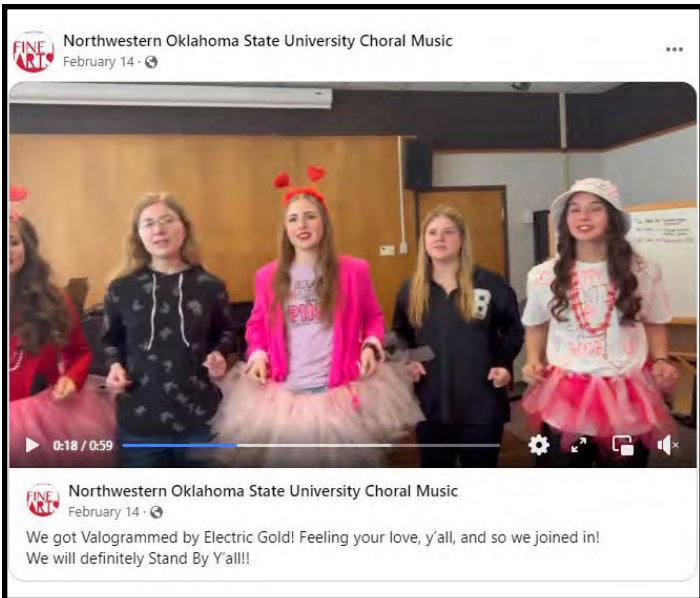
Questions? Contact group leaders Dr. Jenny Sattler at jasattler@nwosu.edu | (580) 327-8568 or Dr. Leslie Collins at Incollins@nwosu.edu | (580) 327-8489

NWOSU Department of Social Work
February 7

We are so proud of you April Schultz! She was selected as a Brad Henry International Scholar by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and is spending her spring 2023 semester studying at Swansea University in Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom.

NWOSU Department of Social Work
February 8

The Department of Social Work was honored to welcome the following professionals to our Child Abuse and Neglect class for an outstanding presentation: Michelle Baldwin, RN, Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.); Tashanna Armstrong, Forensic Interviewer, Victim Advocate, Multi-disciplinary Child Abuse Response Team (M.C.A.R.T.) member; Marcie Berry, Child Welfare Specialist II; Sheila McHenry, Forensic Interviewer, Victim Advocate, CASA Program Manager, Multi-disciplinary Child Abuse Response Team (M.C.A.R.T.) Coordinator, and Education Team.



Student teacher comes full circle in education journey

Upon taking the advice of Chris Smith, principal at Fowler Early Childhood Center in Enid near the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid campus, Toni Schram is about to come full circle in her journey to become a certified teacher of young children.

The Enid senior early childhood education major's story begins at the Learning Tree Preschool in Enid where she worked with 1- and 2-year-olds. She then helped start the Lighthouse Preschool where she helped create a curriculum and teach 2-, 3- and 4-year-old children.

Upon the closing of this school, she moved into the Enid Public School system. In 2014 she became a Teacher's Aid working in one of the pre-k classrooms at Carver Preschool under Smith, who also serves as the EPS early childhood director.

This is when Schram decided to go back to school and work toward getting her teaching certification. She said she was not happy with being just a TA and needed to have her own classroom.

Smith, who said she can re-

member advising Schram to go back to school to be a teacher, has been very supportive of Schram's decision and continues to encourage her.

"It was my privilege to hire Toni Schram as a 4-year-old TA at Carver Early Childhood Center the very first year it opened," Smith said. "In her interview, it was evident that Toni had a 'heart for the children.' As she began working in the classroom she demonstrated her ability to build relationships and make personal connections with all the children, which is an extremely important teaching quality.

"She had a spirit of enthusiasm in the classroom and was able to collaborate with and support her Carver colleagues. During that year I often encouraged her to think about pursuing a teaching career."

Nine years later Schram is doing her student teaching at Fowler Early Childhood Center where Smith continues to be a mentor.

"We are back together again!" Smith said. "I believe she has made the perfect career choice for her talents and abilities. It is a

choice that will benefit children for many years to come!"

Schram said it has been a long journey to get to this point in her teaching career.

"I have worked extremely hard to get to this point,



Toni Schram (left), Northwestern Oklahoma State University senior early childhood education major, comes full circle in her education journey as a student teacher at Fowler Early Childhood Center in Enid near the university's Enid campus, where Chris Smith (right) is the principal.

and to be able to student teach in a pre-k classroom is a dream come true," Schram said. "The pre-k classroom has always had my heart. They are amazing little people, and each time that I am in the classroom I am reminded of that. To be able to student teach in a classroom that is in the same school district that I had worked in for nine years makes my journey come full circle."

For more information on Northwestern's teaching programs visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education> or contact Dr. Jennifer Oswald, Division of Education chair and associate professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwsu.edu.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 14 · 🌐

Leadership students from Alva, Enid and Woodward had the opportunity to attend Oklahoma's Higher Ed Day at the Capitol today. We had some great conversations with our legislators and appreciate their work for our state.
#RRR #NWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 14 · 🌐

Of STEM graduates from our state system colleges & universities, 88% of Oklahomans - and almost 2/3 of non-resident students - remain & work in OK 1 year after graduation.
tinyurl.com/54k3xtvp #OKHigherEdWorks

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 14 · 🌐

Bachelor's degree production in critical STEM disciplines increased 47% over the last 10 years, & production increased 29% at all degree levels. tinyurl.com/54k3xtvp
Contact us to visit about #NWOSU STEM fields -- recruit@nwosu.edu
#OKHigherEdWorks #Quality #Affordability

NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
February 14 · Alva · 🌐

👉👉👉 Happy Valentine's Day from NWOSU Theatre and Castle Players Club! 🍷👉👉👉

If you are on the Alva Campus today, stop by the third floor of Ryerson hall and take a picture with our giant heart!
Tag us in your picture and tell us what you LOVE about NWOSU Fine Arts!

#nw... See more

NWOSU Division of Education
February 15 · 🌐

Kylan Watkins, student teacher at Leedy Public Schools enjoys teaching Geography.

Spring Showcase held in February

Northwestern played host to the Spring Showcase event on Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Student Center in Alva.

Students interested in transferring to Northwestern's Alva campus, as well as any high school 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

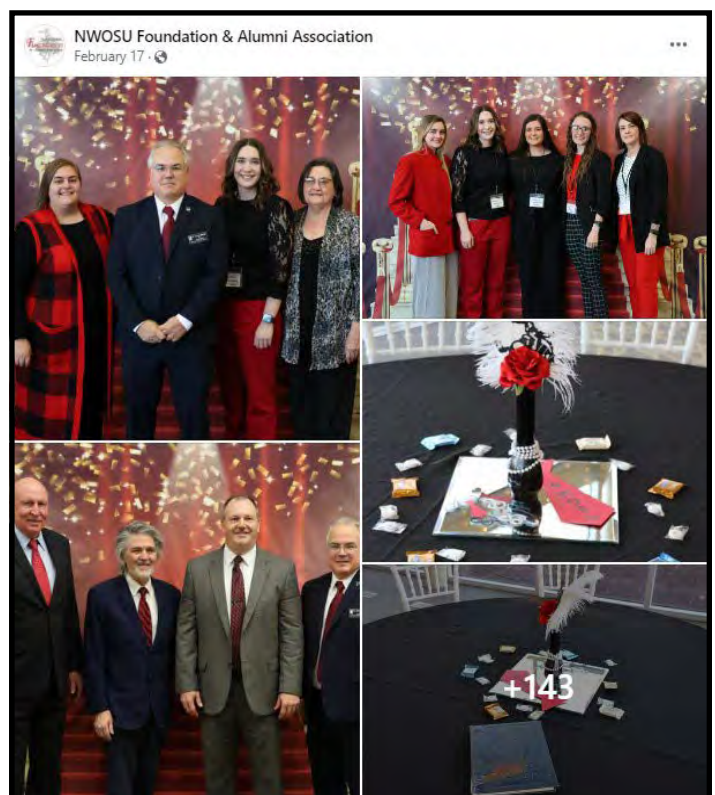
first-hand.

Seniors who attended 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 and a wristband to get into the basketball and baseball games that afternoon.

For more information please contact Tylar Thompson, admissions counselor/recruiter, at (580) 327-8544 or by email at tpthompson@nwosu.edu.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 20

Employers seeking employees have an opportunity to go right to the source by attending the spring 2023 Career and Internship Fair at #NWOSU-Alva on Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Student Center Ballroom from 1- 3 p.m.

Northwestern students, as well as any job seekers, are welcome to attend the fair and should be prepared to provide copies of resumes and cover letters.

More Info <https://bit.ly/nwspring23careerfair>



**NWOSU
CAREER/INTERNSHIP
FAIR**

1 - 3 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

23 Feb.
THURSDAY

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL TAYLOR WILSON
TAWILSON@NWOSU.EDU



Each spring Dawn Allen, assistant professor of English, decorated a door valentine for her students. She completed hers for this year on Valentine's Day. The hearts included traits of her students.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 17

Mark Zadorozny is an instructor with the Health and Sports Science Education Department. He is responsible for teaching the education-based courses for the department and advises HSSE students.

In October 2022, Mark married the love of his life, Audra. With that marriage, he gained a bonus daughter Ava whom he loves dearly!

"These two have been the missing pieces to my life puzzle. Audra and Ava make me a better man in so many ways and I am truly blessed."

Audra and Mark met while attending #NWOSU just like his parents, and that deserves a big RRR! Mark says his time with Audra and Ava is priceless and they really enjoy being together outdoors riding bikes, hiking, or going on walks. They also love spending time with their families whether it's meeting up and going skiing in Red River or attending all the nieces, nephews, and cousins' birthday parties.

"The holidays are always special because family is most important to me and I am truly blessed to spend them with all the Zadoroznys and Halliburtons."

We appreciate all he does for our Health and Sports Science Education Department every day. He's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🍷🍷

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

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NWOSU Department of Social Work
February 18

So proud of our former students & colleagues! Congratulations Jennifer & Mario!!



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
February 17

Speakers Vik Desai, Jennifer Pribble and Mario Perez are Northwestern Alumni who graduated from the Woodward campus. Each shared a special message with attendees about the impact that higher education had made and the specific impact of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus

Former Governor Nigh speaks at forum

The Northwestern Social Sciences Department and Institute for Citizenship Studies played host to former Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh for a lecture on the Alva campus Feb. 20. The forum, took place on President's Day.

Nigh served more terms as governor than anyone in Oklahoma history. He gave a speech to Northwestern students, employees and community members about the difference between being a politician and a public servant. He also took questions from the audience and gave a special commencement speech to the university's political science majors.

Nigh, 95, was dubbed "Oklahoma's road-building-est governor" in part because of his initiative to improve roughly 340 miles of State Highway 3 from Oklahoma City to the Colorado state line near Boise City.

The highway is one of the busiest in northwest Oklahoma, and at the time, it was the longest highway reconstruction project ever undertaken by a U.S. governor. Part of the highway in the Panhandle is named in his honor.

"One of my biggest, greatest memories of northwest Oklahoma is the expressway, the Northwest Passage," Nigh said. "Public service is for every area of the state, and that's why I said we need highway improvements in every area, every year, in the state. I want people to know who are elected to office as public servants that Oklahoma consists of 77 counties, and all of them deserve attention by the state.

"Politics was me promising to build the roads. Public service was me actually building them."

Nigh served as Oklahoma's governor four times. He was elected lieutenant governor in 1958, and he served as governor for nine days in January 1963 after then-governor J. Howard Edmondson filled a vacant U.S. Senate seat, according to the Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture.



Governor George Nigh

Photos Courtesy Oklahoma Historical Society

Nigh was elected lieutenant governor again in 1966, and he won the governor's race in 1978. However, before his gubernatorial term began, then-Gov. David Boren left his office five days early to become a U.S. Senator, according to the encyclopedia. Nigh completed Boren's term, which was technically Nigh's second stint as governor.

When he was sworn in just days later because he won the previous year's gubernatorial election, he was governor for a third term. He was reelected as governor in 1982, his fourth term.

His political career began much earlier, however. Nigh was a student

at East Central State College in Ada when he filed to run for a seat in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. At age 23 in 1950, he became the youngest member of the state Legislature. He authored the bill that made "Oklahoma!" the state song.

Nigh also was the youngest lieutenant governor in the nation when he was first elected in 1958.

Nigh said he hopes young Oklahomans will get involved in government.

"There's nothing wrong with wanting to be a public servant," Nigh said. "In ninth grade at McAlester High School, we had a class called vocations, and you wrote down what you wanted to be when you grew up. ... I wrote down 'governor.' And the teacher said, 'I don't know if we can study that or not. No one has ever written that down before.'"

The forum won't be Nigh's first time at Northwestern. He visited the university more than a decade ago and met with Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history, and Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science, who are helping host the Feb. 20 forum.

"The Social Sciences Department and Institute for Citizenship Studies appreciate that Gov. Nigh remembers our first meeting at Northwestern back in the spring of 2011 at an awards event sponsored by the University Foundation," Schmaltz said. "We met on the occasion of Dr. Mason receiving the first Donovan Reichenberger Fundraising Award. We are so pleased to invite Gov. Nigh back to Northwestern."

36 years later, the art major returns!

After 36 years, Northwestern again will be offering courses leading to a major in visual arts.

Classes for the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts degree will begin in Fall 2023. The degree program falls within the School of Arts and Sciences in the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, which houses the Visual Arts program.



“We are excited to move forward with our visual arts major,” Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, said. “We are thankful for the donor that was able to support Northwestern and our endeavor to elevate the visual arts program. The major gives us the ability to prepare students to enter the workforce within the creative realm and bring a higher emphasis to art in northwest Oklahoma.”

The approval of the new visual arts major is the result of the hard work of many people and the continued support of the Wisdom Family Foundation, which was instrumental in revitalizing the minor 12 years ago.



The art program at Northwestern was suspended in 1987 when its instructor, Don Bellah, retired.

Requirements for the art major have been established, an additional full-time visual arts faculty member will be hired, and several new classes have been developed.

“Northwestern and the community continue to demonstrate a commitment to making Alva a place where the arts thrive, and this program will

allow us to further realize that commitment,” said Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs. “We already have a number of minors who are eager to start the major.”

Enrollment for fall semester classes opened on March 21. Students may enroll in the following classes for the art major:

Visual Arts Major Seminar,

W - 11:00 AM-11:50 AM

Fundamentals of 2-D Art,

W - 6:55 PM-9:45 PM

Fundamentals of 3-D Art ,

T - 2:00 PM-4:55 PM

Fundamentals of Drawing,

TH - 2:00 PM-4:55 PM

Photography I,

T - 6:55 PM-9:45 PM

Painting I,

TH - 6:55 PM-9:45 PM

Graphic Design I,

W - 2:00 PM-4:55 PM

Painting II,

TH - 6:55 PM-9:45 PM

Graphic Design II,

M - 6:55 PM-9:45 PM

Figure Drawing,

M - 2:00 PM-4:55 PM

Adv. Studio/Senior Exhibition,

T - 6:55 PM-9:45 PM

The visual arts seminar is a one-credit course for majors only. All other classes on the fall schedule carry three credit hours and will take place in Jesse Dunn Annex or Jesse Dunn.

Lars Roeder, assistant professor of visual art, started at Northwestern in the summer of 2022 and was tasked to finish the major

proposal started by previous faculty and administration. He also needed to design a curriculum to encapsulate a versatile program that would allow students to develop an art practice in their preferred medium.



“The biggest change is that we will now offer classes in sculpture, photography, and print-making while expanding the offerings in painting, drawing, and digital art,” Roeder said. “The challenge of a small department is how to create a program that allows students to experience all these different media and then focus on the pursuit of a specific discipline. I believe we’ve done that.”

Roeder said students will be able to earn a visual arts degree in studio art that can apply to a career as a studio artist, commercial photographer, graphic designer, art teacher, etc. Additionally, the added courses for the new degree will also expand the offerings available to the art minor.



“We hope this expansion will advance art in the community and the region,” Roeder said.

“There have been students at Northwestern wanting to pursue an art degree for years, and they’ve either had to pivot to another field or transfer. This is going to keep talented students in Alva and allow them to develop their skills even further than they have been able to with the art minor.”

To learn more about the art major, visit our website at <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/visual-arts>

Fair offers opportunities for employers, employees

Employers seeking employees had an opportunity to go right to the source by attending the spring 2023 Career and Internship Fair at Northwestern-Alva on Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Student Center Ballroom.

Northwestern students, as well as any job seekers, were welcome to attend the fair.

Organizations scheduled to attend were Alva Police Department, BancCentral, Camp Walk on Water, City of Davis, Garden City Coop Inc., Kiowa District Healthcare, Kohl's, Marian University Accelerated Nursing Programs, North-

western Oklahoma State University Graduate Studies, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Oklahoma State University - ON RaMP Program, PSI – an Intertek Company, SCTelcom, Skyland Grain LLC, Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, University of Oklahoma – Hudson College of Public Health, US Navy and USDA Farm Production and Conservation.

Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services,

also encouraged job seekers to dress well and to stop by her office in Ryerson Hall 209 if they needed any help before the fair. She also may be reached at tawilson@nwosu.edu.

For more information visit www.nwosu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
February 20

Join us tomorrow for Popcorn with the President!



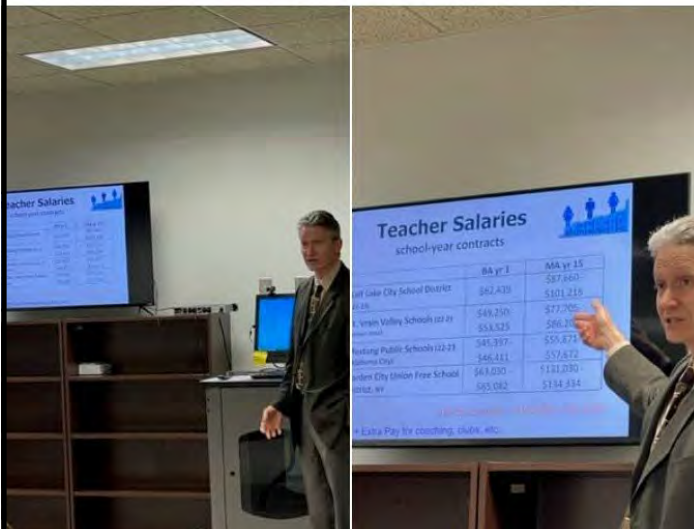
Popcorn with the President
Tuesday, February 21st
4:30PM-5:30PM
Campus Commons

Join us for meet and greet with Northwestern's new president, Dr. Bo Hannaford.

Sponsored by the Enid Leadership Council

NWOSU Division of Education
February 22


Dr. Maier, Dean of Faculty, presents Get the Facts Out (GFO). This was presented to the NWOSU Teacher Education Faculty and provided some positive facts about teachers across the United States.



	BA yr 1	MA yr 15
Alfalfa County School District	\$62,428	\$87,660
Cherokee County School District	\$49,250	\$77,700
Delaware County School District	\$33,325	\$66,250
Madame Walker Public Schools (2-2)	\$45,917	\$55,872
Madame Walker Public Schools (2-2)	\$46,211	\$59,872
Madison County School District, MO	\$43,000	\$121,200
Madison County School District, MO	\$55,082	\$134,834

NWOSU Division of Education
1h

Teacher Education Faculty annual data retreat and professional development.



NWOSU Ranger Bands
14m

The NWOSU 2nd Line Brass Band had a blast performing at the Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop today. Teaching about 2nd line brass bands and improvisation.

#RideRangersRide
#LookGoodSoundGoodFeelGood



Choir presents Masterworks Concert

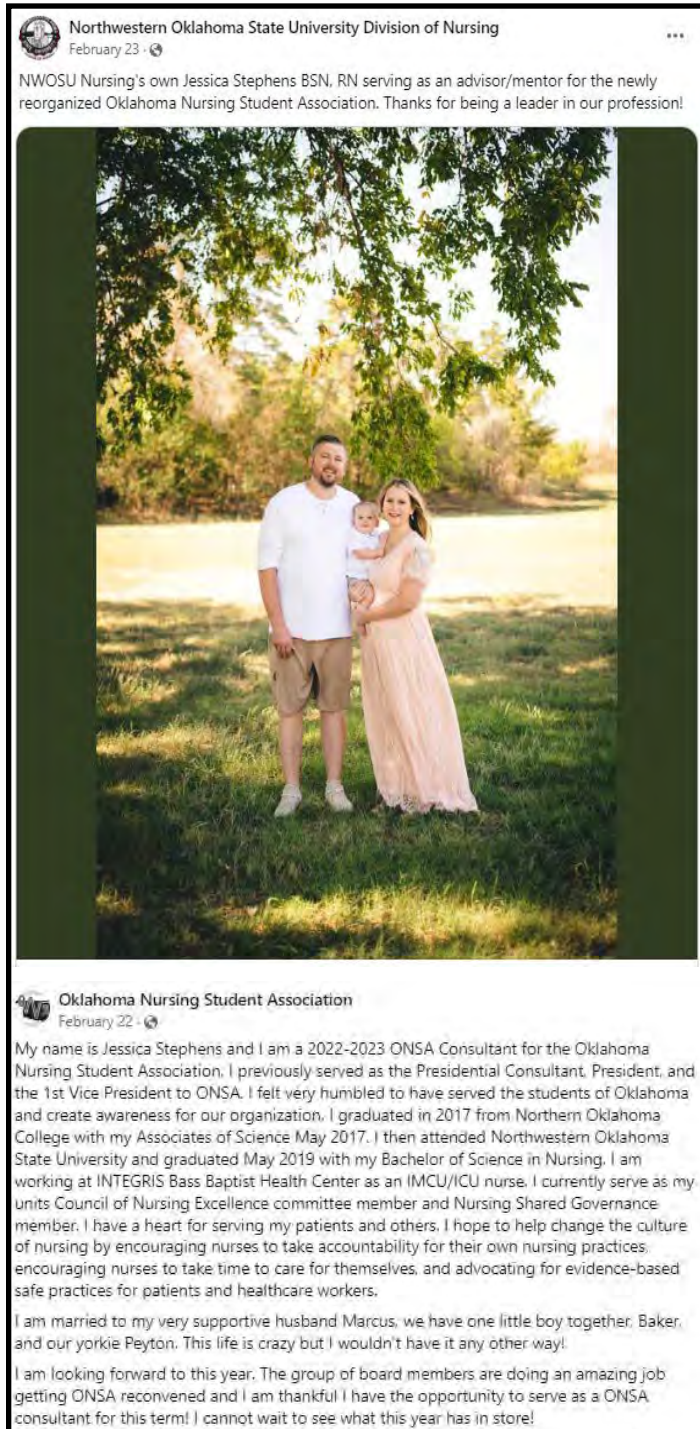
The Northwestern vocal music program presented its Masterwork Concert in February at the First Baptist Church located in Alva.

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music, said the concert would feature the University Concert Choir, Chorale, Singers and Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music, on piano.

The concert included works by Beethoven, Brahms, Faure, Haydn, Jake Runestad, Undine Smith Moore, Christopher Harris and Jason Max Ferdinand.

The choirs featured a piece noting Beethoven's struggle coming to terms with losing his hearing. Some pieces were previously performed by the Northwestern choir students with six other colleges at the intercollegiate choir in Tulsa as part of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association.

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 Reichenberger Fine Arts Department, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts>.



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Runestad, Undine Smith
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TUES. FEB 28, 7PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALVA



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
February 24 · 🌐

Our own Kailee Holmes! Thank you for representing us - you make us proud!!

Oklahoma Nursing Student Association
February 24 · 🌐

Kailee Holmes is our Public Relations Director. Kailee is a Senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and attends class on the Enid campus. She is originally from Loveland, Colorado, but has lived in Oklahoma since 2017. She is the oldest of 7, but shares this title with her twin sister, Amber.

Kailee grew up in and around healthcare. Her Mom, Dad, Uncle, and Grandmother worked in healthcare which helped lead Kailee to where she is now. When she graduated high school in 2012, she followed in their footsteps and attained her CNA license. She began working as a CNA in August of 2012.

In 2016, Kailee attained her EMT license in Colorado. When she moved to Oklahoma in 2017 she began working as a medical supervisor at a plasma center in Stillwater.

Kailee met her husband Tanner, who also graduated from Northwestern's nursing program in 2017, and moved to Enid. She worked at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center as a CNA on the Post Critical Care Floor and in the Emergency Department for two years. Currently, Kailee works at Integris Bass Baptist Health Center in Enid as a Nurse Tech in both the Intensive Care Unit and Intermediate Care Unit.

Kailee plans on working in a critical care setting after she graduates and passes her NCLEX, and is interested in eventually furthering her career and working as a flight nurse.



NWOSU TRIO-SSS is at Oklahoma State Capitol.
February 24 · Oklahoma City · 🌐

On Wednesday, several SSS students went to the Oklahoma state capital for TRIO Day 2023!



NWOSU Division of Education
February 25 · 🌐

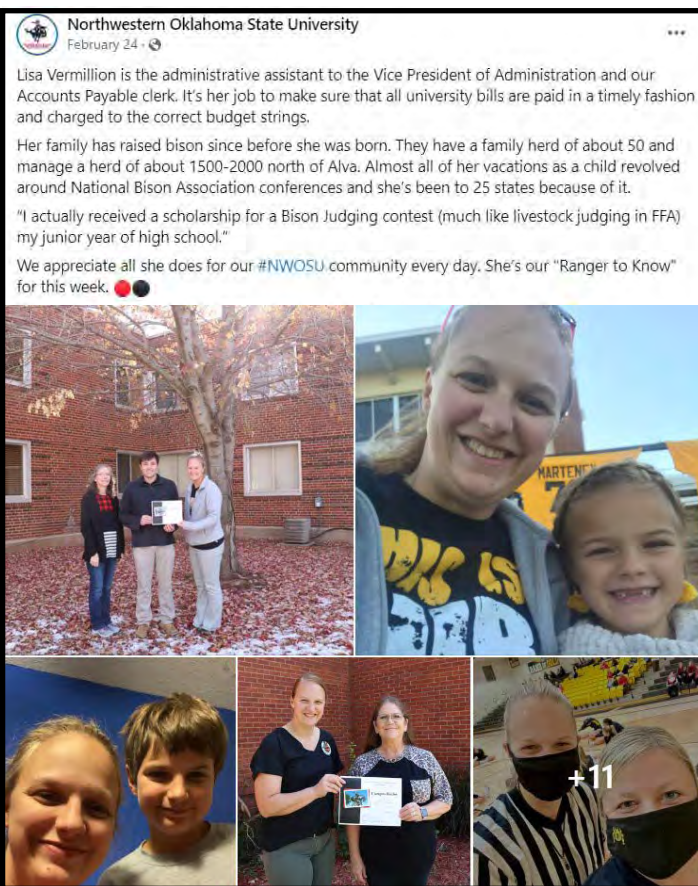
Congrats to **Katlyn Anderson!**

Enid Public Schools
February 23 · 🌐

Congratulations to this month's TPI Staffing Amazing Teacher of the Month, Katlyn Anderson at Glenwood Elementary!

Ms. Anderson is always implementing innovative ways to make learning happen for students, making her a very special teacher to Glenwood Grizzlies.

Thank you to TPI Staffing for recognizing EPS teachers every month with \$250 towards their classrooms!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 24 · 🌐

Lisa Vermillion is the administrative assistant to the Vice President of Administration and our Accounts Payable clerk. It's her job to make sure that all university bills are paid in a timely fashion and charged to the correct budget strings.

Her family has raised bison since before she was born. They have a family herd of about 50 and manage a herd of about 1500-2000 north of Alva. Almost all of her vacations as a child revolved around National Bison Association conferences and she's been to 25 states because of it.

"I actually received a scholarship for a Bison Judging contest (much like livestock judging in FFA) my junior year of high school."

We appreciate all she does for our #NWOSU community every day. She's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🇺🇸 🇨🇦

Spring concert presented by bands

Members of the Northwestern Chamber Winds and Concert Band presented their spring band concert in March at Herod Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music, said the concert would feature a wide variety of pieces.

The Chamber Winds, a smaller auditioned wind ensemble, played “Mystic Embers” by Jennifer Rose, a modern composition for winds and percussion that makes use of an audio track accompaniment; “Rocketship!” by Kevin Day, an energetic piece that emotes images of a rocket launch; “Come Sweet Death” by Johann Sebastian Bach, a well-known chorale melody from the baroque period; “El Zape” by Giovanni Santos, a composition in the style of a Mexican huapango; and “2/2 Tango” by James Stephenson, written in a classic tango style.

“Honestly this concert music has a way of making conversation,” said Allison Huffmaster, trumpet, senior nursing major from Enid. “You keep playing it, and it’s more difficult music. When you get it right you get to take a breath and realize that this is why we do it. This is why we play. We have some light beautiful music with meaning and depth. Then the next piece you play is strong and has so much going on. The variety is thrilling.”

The Concert Band, which includes all students involved in the band program, presented “Home” by Jim Daughters, written in homage to the recently deceased George Boulden, one

of professor Black’s mentors; “Foundry” by John Mackey, for winds and ‘found’ percussion; and “Fragile” by Randall Standridge, one of a series of compositions by Standridge intended to bring attention to mental health and promote open and understanding conversations.

“I think the piece I like the most is ‘Foundry,’” said Darian Smith, trombone, a senior instrumental music major from Alva. “It’s a fun piece that is also pretty complex and unique with the instrumentation -- using various household items, percussive instruments, and even scrap metal to create a wondrous cacophony of sound. What I like

about ‘Foundry’ the most, though, is how it proves you can find music in everyday life and do something with it. Banging on scrap metal and pans surprisingly offers a great sound.”

Black noted that the students have been rehearsing for many hours each week to prepare for this perfor-

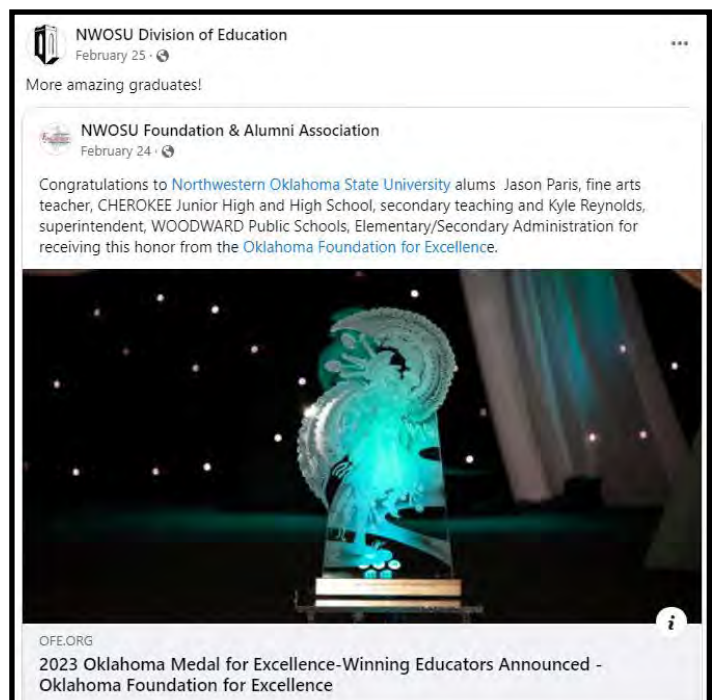
mance and are excited to show the community the progress the band has been making.

For more information about the band program at Northwestern, contact Black at (580) 327 – 8191 or mcblack@nwsu.edu.



The Northwestern Chamber Winds and Concert Band performed on March 3 in the Herod Hall Auditorium.

edu. Additional information may be found at www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/bands-and-instrumental-music.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 28 · 🌐

For 20 years, the #NWOSU Art Society has welcomed current students, alumni, and current and retired employees to enter its annual **NWOSU Art Society Art Show**. This year's show is March 5-31 in the J.W. Martin Library in Alva and will be open during the library's normal operating hours. The library will be closed during Spring Break March 13-17.

Artwork that has been entered into the show should be delivered to the library on Wednesday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Read more about the show's history at <http://bit.ly/3kDcGQD>. Images in this post are from the first show in 2004.



First Gen Club

SUPPORT GROUP DISCUSSION

a safe place for all questions

WHERE YOU CAN DISCUSS YOUR FEARS, PROBLEMS, AND CONCERNS SUCH AS:

- fear of the unknown
- coping skills
- getting through college
- managing self, time, etc.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 5PM
STUDENT CENTER WYATT ROOM

👤 @nwosu_first_gen • 📍 Alva, OK

📝 nwosu_first_gen join us next Tuesday at 5pm for a discussion on all the questions and concerns that we, as college students, have. But they're too afraid to ask or lack a support system. Joining the First Gen Club will help several NWOSU staff members, some that are first gen students themselves and get through it. Join us and let's support each other by talking about our struggles as first gen students, because you are most likely not the only one feeling this way.

👍 Liked by @nwosu_jasso and 12 others

NWOSU Department of Social Work
February 28 · 🌐

Thanks to our alumnae Heather Wilkinson (BSW '21) & Nicole Schacher (BSW '15) for their outstanding child welfare presentation! 🍷🍷

NWOSU Division of Education
February 27 · 🌐

Thank you to school districts for showing up for another amazing educator career fair! We appreciate you! ❤️❤️

NWOSU Division of Education
March 1 · 🌐

Dr. Young and Dr. Oswald had the honor of representing NWOSU at Oklahoma Teacher of the Year presentation. We also got to see Jake, Dr. Young's son. ❤️❤️❤️



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 1

Free Seminar: Economics and the Entrepreneur:
March 2, 12:30-6:50 pm
March 3, 9 am-3 pm

Students taking the seminar for credit will be required to pay the 3 semester credit hours of tuition plus fees and complete assignments.

In-person in Enid 218, ITV to Alva (IE131), Woodward (W145), and Ponca City (UC), Zoom option - register at [EconomicsAndTheEntrepreneur.eventbrite.com](https://www.facebook.com/TheEntrepreneurEnid).

March 2 - students taking the seminar for credit are to report to the Enid campus Room 218 at noon. (For the public, the seminar begins at 12:30 pm.)
March 3 - the seminar begins at 9 am and will be finished by 3 pm. (Students taking the seminar for credit will be finished by 3:30 pm.)

Additional info: <https://www.facebook.com/TheEntrepreneurEnid>

The Entrepreneur

Join us
March 2 & 3!

The Entrepreneurship seminar from business leaders and all business experts!

Learn more and sign up at: [EconomicsAndTheEntrepreneur.eventbrite.com](https://www.facebook.com/TheEntrepreneurEnid)


Person at NWOSU-Enid, Alva, Woodward
The University Center at Ponca City
Call via Eventbrite/Zoom

Day	Time	Speaker
Friday, March 3	9 am	Dr. Tony Woodlief, State Policy Network
	10 am	Dr. Dennis Luckinbill, Inc.
	11 am	Charity Lyon, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children
	Noon	NWOSU Division of Business Faculty Panel Discussion for Entrepreneurs
	1 pm	Meridith Westfahl, Autry Technology Center
	2 pm	Kristi Bolin, Sugar Lips & Creamery
Thursday, March 2	12:30 pm	Dr. Tony Woodlief, State Policy Network
	1:30 pm	Dr. Joseph Nnanna, Development Bank of Nigeria
	2:30 pm	Marcus Warner, Freddie's Frozen Custard & Steaksburgers
	3:30 pm	Tony Zakurti, Napoli's and Land Run Restaurants
	4:30 pm	Kristi Browne, Jaren's Jerky
	6:00 pm	Dr. Joseph Nnanna



Looking for photos taken on the Northwestern campus at various events?

Look for this icon at the bottom of every NWOSU web page at www.nwosu.edu to find our Flickr site where photos may be downloaded for FREE.



To view various "Collections" of our images that include photos from Homecoming, Commencement, the Enid Campus and several school years, visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-rangers/collections>

Enid's Lansana is Visiting Writer

Northwestern's Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities played host to award-winning poet, editor, historian and educator Quraysh Ali Lansana for the Visiting Writer Series in March at the Student Center Ranger Room in Alva.

Northwestern students, faculty and staff as well as local and area community members attended as he read selections from his recent book of poetry, "The Skin of Dreams: New and Collected Poems 1995-2018 (2019)," and the groundbreaking anthology he coedited, "The Break-Beat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop (2015)." After the reading, Lansana took questions from the audience and signed books.

The Enid native served as the director of the Gwendolyn Brooks Center for Black Literature and Creative Writing at Chicago State University before moving back to Oklahoma to serve as a Tulsa Artist Fellow and Director of the Center for Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa. He is also the Creator and Co-Executive Producer for Focus: Black Oklahoma, a news and public affairs program on various topics relevant to the African-American community in Oklahoma, which is broadcasted monthly on Public Radio Tulsa, KWGS 89.5FM.

"I fell in love with reading in elementary school and writing in middle," Lansana said. "It wasn't until my sophomore year of college that I grew serious about my poetic craft. The page became a place for me to express my opinions, as the journalistic work I was doing at University of Oklahoma required an unbiased perspective. I screamed on paper



Poet, editor, historian and educator Quraysh Ali Lansana was the Northwestern Visiting Writer for spring 2023. He read selections from his books in the Student Center Ranger Room in March.

because I found it healthier than screaming at a human – which is really why I started writing."

Lansana is the author of nine poetry books, three textbooks, three children's books, editor of eight anthologies, and coauthor of a book on pedagogy. He is Curriculum Auditor for Tulsa Public Schools and a former faculty member of both the Writing Program of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Drama Division of The Juilliard School.

"I'm very much informed by the stories that I heard my aunts and uncles, my mother and father, my grandparents, and great-grandparents tell on their front porches, in their living rooms, and in the kitchen," Lansana said. "Always amazed by their storytelling, the laughter and the weight of their words as vehicles for history, for shared experience, for familial pride and the lack thereof."

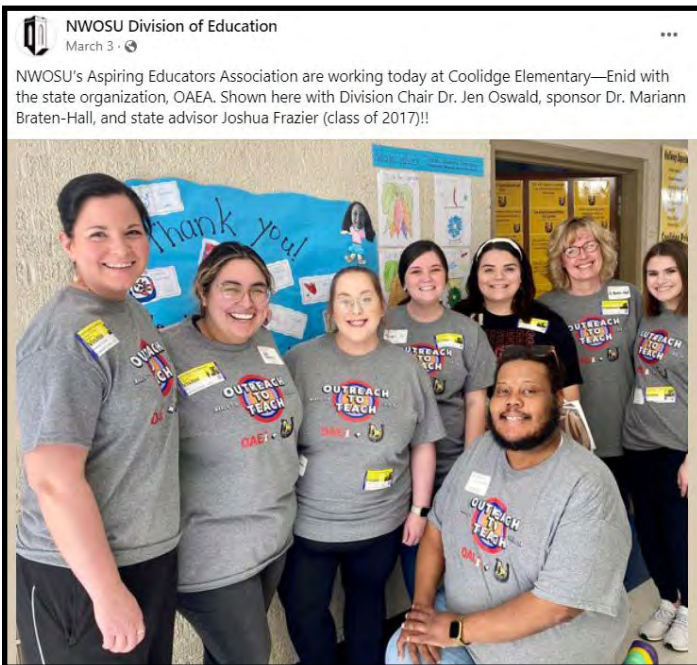
For more information on Lansana,

visit <https://www.qalansana.com/>.

Dr. Matthew Lambert, assistant professor of English, said that he has taught selections from the anthology Lansana co-edited, "The Break-Beat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop," and students are instantly drawn to the immediacy and relevance of his work.

"I am excited that Quraysh Ali Lansana agreed to serve as this year's Visiting Writer," Lambert said.

The Visiting Writer's Series is a way to bring Oklahoma Writers to northwest Oklahoma every spring to discuss writing, the publishing industry and to share their work. This annual series is made possible through donations and raised funds. Anyone interested in giving a tax-deductible donation to the series or who has questions about it may contact Dr. Roxie James, associate professor of English and chair of the Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities, at (580) 327-8474 or rjames@nwosu.edu.



Fighting Test Anxiety

Struggle with test anxiety?

Here's a few ways to push through:

- Grounding exercises (touch each finger to your thumb to ground yourself)
- Take deep breaths
- Do your best on your test - you'll know how to study for the next exam
- Exercise - get your heart rate up!
- Get a good night's sleep
- Visualize your success - don't talk negatively to yourself.

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NWOSU Opioid Prevention
March 3 · 🌐

Substance Use Disorder is not a moral issue. It is a chronic, treatable disease that individuals can recover from and go on to live healthy lives.

The facts are that there are safe, effective and lifesaving tools available to help people experiencing substance use.

You are not alone!

Find local resources here: <https://www.nwosu.edu/opioid-prevention> and at <https://okimready.org>

#NWOSUOpioidPrevention



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 6 · 🌐

#NWOSU Biology Club members welcome you to join them March 7, 5:30 p.m., to watch "Night at the Museum" AT the Museum of Natural History, 2nd floor of Jesse Dunn. Free & open to everyone. Popcorn provided. Seating is limited.

**Come Watch
"Night At The
Museum"
At The Museum**
(NWOSU Museum of Natural History)
Sponsored by Biology Club

**March 7th
at 5:30
Jesse Dunn
2nd floor**
Free & Open to Everyone!

NWOSU Theatre is in Oklahoma City.
March 6 · 🌐

NWOSU Theatre students spent the weekend in Oklahoma City taking in local theatre productions!
-Highlights included-
-Visiting the "Life in Bloom" mural by artist @ Dylan Bradway.
- "Big River" at the Lyric Theatre, with a special understudy performance by @michael_baron
- "A Raisin In The Sun" at the Civic Center presented by @okcparks ... See more

A RAISIN IN THE SUN
+6
BY LORRAINE HANSBERRY

NWOSU Aspiring Educators - OAEA
March 4 · 🌐

We had such a great time at the OAEA Spring Conference today. It was extra special to get to host the statewide conference at the NWOSU Enid campus. Thank you OAEA state officers led by Joshua Frazier and Isabelle Esau for preparing relevant speakers and delicious food!

Max Ridgway
19 hrs · 🌐

I am pleased and flattered that my music has selected for inclusion (along with that of many other fine musicians) as accompaniment to the art of Pien van der Beek whose solo exhibition "COLOR SOUNDS" opens on March 24 in Gallery KunZt in Zwijndrecht in the Netherlands. A heartfelt thank you to Pien van der Beek for including me! Now if I can just figure out a way to get there and see it for myself....

ANA POUTEL
ANDRÉ VIMBELO
BILL SEAMAN
WANG SHIWEI
CHERYL FYLE
EDUARDO PALOTTA
FABIO AHILE
FRANCESCO PASQUINI
GIUSEPPE MINICCIA
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COLOR SOUNDS
Pien van der Beek // 26-03-23 t/m 07-05-23

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Northwestern sees small increases in student numbers

Northwestern officials announced the enrollment numbers for the spring 2023 semester showing a total of 1,710 students were enrolled in spring classes, which is about 1 percent more than last year.

At the main campus in Alva, 1,043 students were enrolled, which is an increase of 5.1 percent. Enrollment at the Enid location decreased by 11.2 percent with a total of 166, while enrollment at the Woodward site was 120, a decrease of 1.6 percent.

Northwestern's graduate school experienced a 7.8 percent decrease in enrollment, but concurrent enrollment experienced positive growth. These classes, which are for

qualifying high school juniors and seniors, saw an increase of 4.5 percent.

Northwestern's outreach sites, including the University Center of Ponca City, reported enrollment of 74 students. As for online courses, 1,049 students were enrolled which equates to a 6 percent increase.

"Enrollment continues to be top-of-mind when making decisions for the university," said Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president. "We are looking at new strategies

on how to get young people, along with those who have some college credit already, into our classrooms. Northwestern is an incredible place to earn your degree, and we want everyone to know that."

"Although it is small, seeing an increase gives us hope that students want to continue their education," said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management. "We are committed to our students and want them to find success at any of our campuses."

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.

For information on how to get enrolled, contact recruit@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8456.



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As a transfer student returning to her home, Jolinda Holt found confidence at Northwestern. Through her experiences in the communication department, she gained real life training while writing for the newspaper, DJ'ing at the radio station and managing the television station.

"What I loved most about my time at Northwestern was engaging with other groups and organizations," Holt said. "I got to work with many faculty members, students and departments. This helped develop me professionally and prepare me for what my job is like now."

If you'd like to learn more about the communication department, click here - <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-.../communication>

If you'd like to know more about #NWOSU, a campus tour is a great place to start! Schedule yours today! <https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/schedule-a-campus-tour>

JOLINDA HOLT

"The opportunities I received at Northwestern helped prepare me for life after college and in my professional career."

Northwestern
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
Class of 1995
Mass Communication

Yukon, OK

Regional science fair held on campus

Students from four different schools earned top awards during the Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair held at Northwestern in the spring.

Since 1957, Northwestern has played host to this science fair. This program has evolved over the years to become one of outreach, service learning, and has served as a springboard for aspiring students. The fair services the northwest counties of Oklahoma and is a feeder fair for the Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair (OSSEF) held March 24-25 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) held May 13-19 in Dallas, Texas.

Participants are divided into two categories: Division I grades 10 -12 and Division II grades 7-9.

Overall Winners listed below:

Broadcom Masters Nominees 7th-8th grades – Juan Flores from Vici Public Schools, Torrie Grant and Jazmein Rivas from Vici Public Schools

Division II - Reserve Champion, Dylan Randall from Vici Public Schools, Trash or Treasure?; Grand Champion, Krisjenn Buchanan and Kirra Griffin from Vici Public Schools, Which Beverage Affects Heart Rate the Most?

Division I - Reserve Champion, Paige Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, Eggnamel; Grand Champion, Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills

Northwestern Senior Scholarships – \$500, Colin Thompson from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Examination of DNA Ladders Against RNA Ladders; \$1,000 Anna Tate, Bridget Burnett and Saul Espinoza from Ringwood Public Schools, Are You Playing with Bacteria? Version 2; \$1,500, Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills

International Science and Engineering Fair Qualifiers – Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills

State Qualifiers listed below:

Burlington – Paige Stoner

Northwest Technology Center (Fairview) – Thedric Darr, Braydan Mason, Colin Thompson, Trinity Tindall, Lexie Zuniga

Ringwood – Hayden Baker, Bridget Burnett, Kole Cottom, Saul Espinoza, Priscilla Jacobo, Jordan Niblett, Sadie Ratzlaff, Ariana Resendiz, Anna Tate

Vici – Krisjenn Buchanan, Mia Cole, Kirra Griffin, Cadence Harbolt, Graham Heidlebaugh, Rylie Kruse, Kashton Moss, Hannah Nance, Abigail Poulson, Dylan Randall, Raquel Todd

Regional Science Fair Category Winners listed below:

Animal Science, Division II – 2nd, Miah Moore from Vici Public Schools, Is That Bright Enough?; 1st, Krisjenn Buchanan and Kirra Griffin from Vici Public Schools, Which Beverage Affects Heart Rate the Most?

Animal Science, Division I – 1st, Haven Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, Bohemian Shrimpsody

Behavioral and Social Sciences, Division II – Honorable

Mention, Coriella Parry and Kimberly Hathaway from Vici Public Schools, Super Dogs!; 3rd, Raquel Todd and Abigail Poulson from Vici Public Schools, Devices Messing with Your Mind?!; 2nd, Cadence Harbolt from Vici Public Schools, Do Fidgets Help You Concentrate or Do They Distract You?; 1st, Hannah Nance and Rylie Kruse from Vici Public Schools, Parents,

Parents, Parents!

Behavioral and Social Sciences, Division I – 1st, Sadie Ratzlaff and Priscilla Jacobo from Ringwood Public Schools, Music's Effects on Mental and Physical Health

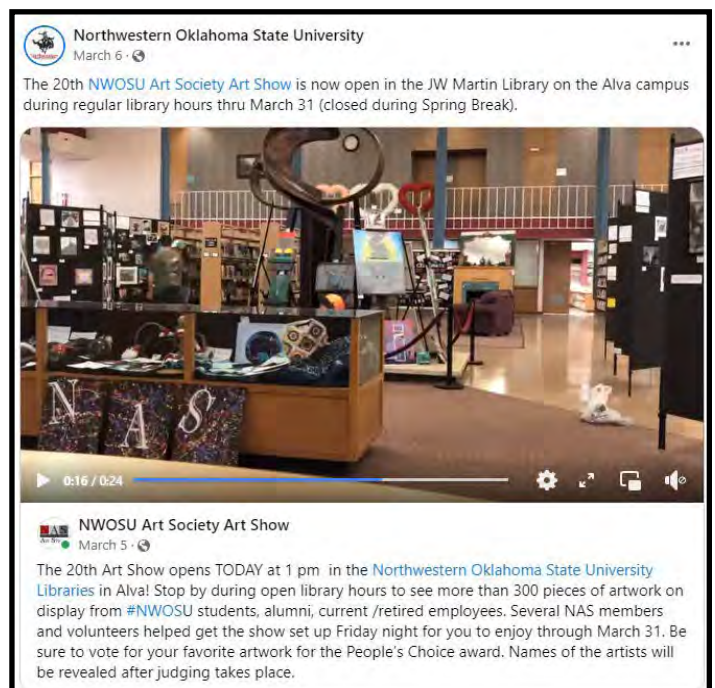
Biomedical and Health Sciences, Division I – Honorable Mention, Litzy Jimenez, Joselyn Charqueno from Ringwood Public Schools, Toxicity of Energy Drinks; 3rd, Cecilio Martinez and Jose Rojas from Ringwood Public Schools, Clean Pods: Hygienic Practices of Cleaning Airpods; 2nd, Kelsie Doane and Teagyn Baker from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview) Heel to Toe, Kinesiology: Proper Running Form; 1st, Colin Thompson from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview) Examination of DNA Ladders Against RNA Ladders

Chemistry, Division II – 3rd, Colton Pedersen from Burlington Public Schools, Fire snakes; 2nd, Shelby Campbell from Vici Public Schools, Water you drinking?; 1st, Ariana Resendiz from Ringwood Public Schools, On A Budget

Chemistry, Division I – 3rd, Andrew Hosey from Burlington Public Schools, Frozen Pop Mess; 2nd, Jace Haffner and Cody Conaway from Ringwood Public Schools, Blast Off: Part 2; 1st, Paige Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, Eggnamel

Earth & Environmental Sciences,

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Regional science fair...

Division II – 1st, Isaac Keeton and Mack Johnson from Vici Public Schools, Making the World a Better Place One Piece of Trash at a Time

Earth & Environmental Sciences, Division I – 2nd, Trinity Tindall and Braydan Mason from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Nature’s Natural Repellent; 1st, Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills

Engineering Technology, Division II – 2nd, Seth Zahnter from Burlington Public Schools, Best Plates; 1st, Vance Stewart from Burlington Public Schools, Motor Mechanics

Engineering Technology, Division I – 2nd, Cage Taylor from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview) Sunlight Shut-Out; 1st, Thedric Darr from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Ride the Lightning

Microbiology & Biochemistry, Division II – 3rd, Paloma Diaz, Daniela Aguilar from Ringwood Public Schools, How Effective is your Disinfectant?; 2nd, Jasmine Richards, Kinley Johnson and Kyra Reyes from Ringwood Public Schools, Snug in a Mug: A Study of Milk Alternatives; 1st, Tryniti Jones, Anna Rojas and Kelsie Wilson from Ringwood Public Schools, Eggcellent Eggs

Microbiology & Biochemistry, Division I – 2nd, Alexander Harmon from Burlington Public Schools, Which Bread Brand has the Most Preservatives; 1st, Anna Tate, Bridget Burnett and Saul Espinoza from Ringwood Public Schools, Are You Playing with Bacteria? Version 2

Physics and Astronomy, Division II – 3rd, Cort Whitaker from Burlington Public Schools, Phone Safety; 2nd, Kashton Moss from Vici Public Schools, What can you Hear through the best?; 1st, Dylan Randall from Vici Public Schools, Trash or Treasure?

Physics and Astronomy, Division I – 3rd, Kenslie Jantzen, Naomi Gonzalez and Natalia Silva from Ringwood Public Schools, The Sound of Pitch; 2nd, Kyanne Randolph and Cadence Wilson from Ringwood Public Schools, Can You Hear Me, Loud an Clear; 1st, Jordan Niblett and Kole Cottom from Ringwood Public Schools,

Arrow Penetration

Plant Sciences, Division II – 3rd, Rebecka Carlson from Burlington Public Schools, Will 33 Year Old Golden Wax Beans Germinate; 2nd, Mia Cole from Vici Public Schools, Does Bacteria Affect Plant Growth CH 2; 1st, Graham Heidlebaugh from Vici Public Schools, Algae Growth

Plant Sciences, Division I – 1st, Hayden Baker from Ringwood Public Schools, Golden Acres

Special Award Winners listed below:

American Psychological Association – Hannah Nance and Rylie Kruse from Vici Public Schools, Parents, Parents, Parents!

Association for Women Geoscientists – Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills

NASA Earth System Science Award –Caden Duran and Isaac Wall from Ringwood Public Schools, The Scoop on Poop

Office of Naval Research U.S. Navy/ U.S. Marine Corps – Dylan Randall from Vici Public Schools, Trash or Treasure?;

Paige Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, Eggnamel; Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills; Graham Heidlebaugh from Vici Public Schools, Algae Growth

Ricoh USA – Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills

That’s Geography, National Geographic Society – Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills

Regeneration Biomedical – Colin Thompson from

Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Examination of DNA Ladders Against RNA Ladders

U.S. Agency for International Development – Dylan Randall from Vici Public Schools, Trash or Treasure?

U.S. Air Force – Trinity Tindall and Braydan Mason from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Nature’s Natural Repellent; Dylan Randall from Vici Public Schools, Trash or Treasure?; Lexie Zuniga from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sustainable and Economical Way to Remediate Oil Spills; Paige Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, Eggnamel

US Metric Association – Cage Taylor from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Sunlight Shut-Out

U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize – Shelby Campbell from Vici Public Schools, Water you drinking?

Yale Science and Engineering Association – Thedric Darr from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), Ride The Lightning

Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge – Dylan Randall from Vici Public Schools, Trash or Treasure?

Lemelson Foundation Early Inventor Prize – Dylan Randall from Vici Public Schools, Trash or Treasure?



LittleCook is speaker for Diversity Training in March

Northwestern played host to Chris LittleCook on March 23 for two diversity and inclusion training presentations.

The presentation, “College Experiences for Native Americans,” was held in the afternoon in the Alva campus Student Center Ballroom.

LittleCook presented on the Ponca tribe at the evening session at the Alva campus Education Center.

A member of the Ponca Tribe, LittleCook has been married since 1990 to his wife, Melinda, and together they have raised four sons. LittleCook worked for Conoco after graduating high school and worked in Houston the next 20 years where he met and married Melinda. Their family moved back to Ponca City in 1996, and LittleCook began attending college.

He earned his associate’s degree from Northern Oklahoma College and his bachelor’s degree from Southwestern College in Winfield. He graduated summa cum laude and went on to earn his master’s degree in business administration from Cameron University. All the while, he worked full-time for the Ponca Tribe in Education and later became the tribe’s Self-Governance Director. After six and a half years of working for the tribe, he took a position with the Ponca City Public Schools as their Title VI Education Director. LittleCook worked in that position for 19 years before retiring in June 2022.

LittleCook has also served on numerous boards and committees

within the tribe and community of Ponca City through the years including United Way, Salvation Army, CASA, Library Board, School Board, Ponca City Art Center, Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Marlands Grand Home, Cultural Affairs Commission, Ponca City Historic Preservation Panel, Ponca City MainStreet, Friends of the Pioneer Woman Statue and Museum, Ponca Gaming Commission, Giveswater Service Club, Ponca Election Board, Ponca Tribal Corporation, and Ponca Enterprise Gaming.

Active in his tribal culture, LittleCook serves as Head Dancer, emcee and other positions at dances. He also presents information about Ponca culture to various groups within the community and serves as a committeeman for the Ponca Hethuska Warrior Society.

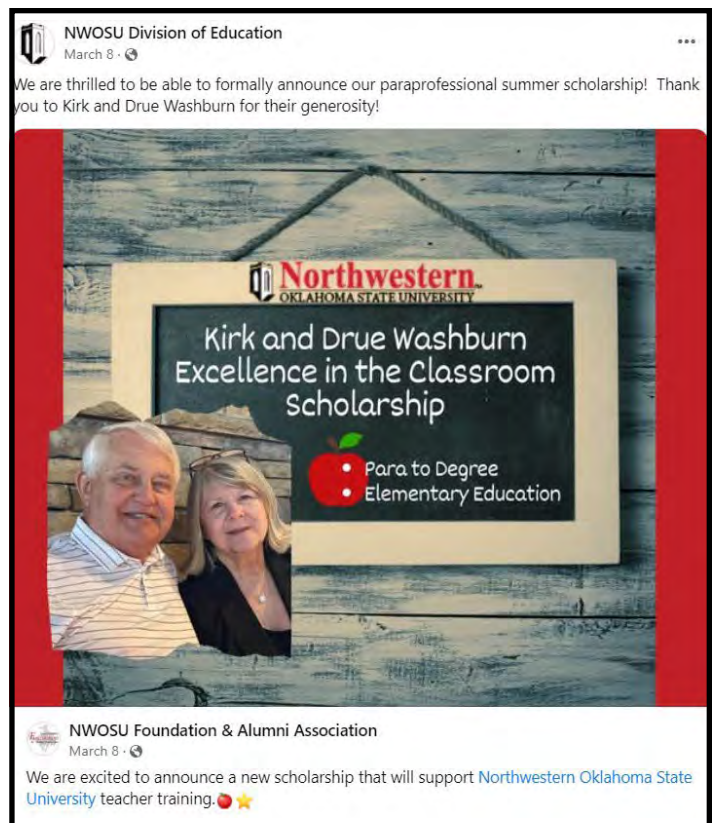
Every year, the diversity committee at Northwestern strives to bring in relevant speakers who teach campus and community members about an issue in today’s culture. These committee members include Tyler Blankenship, student representative; Dr. Mariann

Braten-Hall, assistant professor of education; Sarah Fry, instructor of criminal justice/sociology; Shawna Gilbert, assistant professor of library sciences; Mistie Kline, lecturer in psychology; Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music; Dr. Steven Mackie, professor of education; Allissa Miller, instructor of psychology; Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management; Taylor Randolph, instructor of psychology; Dr. Wei Zhou, professor of business; and Brown.

“We were very pleased to have Chris Littlecook visit Northwestern to share his insights from working with Native American students for over 20 years,” said Brown, chair of the diversity committee. “We were excited to learn from his personal experiences with the Tribal associations, the Ponca City community and the surrounding areas.”



Chris LittleCook



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 13 · 🌐

"Little did I know that coming to Northwestern would be one of the best decisions I'd ever make – and not just because it was affordable." ~ Jordan Green

We agree!


Fall semester enrollment opens March 21. Join us to #BeARanger at #NWOSU.

See Jordan's article below:

Northwestern News (NWOSU)
January 27 · 🌐

The people you'll meet at Northwestern will change your life in a good way, our columnist says.

NORTHWESTERNNEWS.RANGERPULSE.COM
The best part of Northwestern: the people
A couple weeks ago, two high school seniors from my hometown made a trip out west to Alva, Oklahoma. They came to tour my soon-to-be alma mater, Northwestern Oklahoma State University.



NWOSU Department of Social Work
March 9 · 🌐

Time to honor social work educators! Happy #SocialWorkMonth! #SocialWorkBreaksBarriers



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 12 · 🌐

Congrats to #NWOSU adjunct instructor [Victoria Moreira](#) on becoming the Enid Symphony Orchestra executive director.

Enid News & Eagle
March 12 · 🌐

In 1971, Enid Symphony Association was established to help foster the orchestra. A decade later, in 1983, Douglas Newell became the first full-time music direct... See more



ENIDNEWS.COM
Enid Symphony Orchestra has new executive leader; Newell staying as music director

Thank you to our field instructors who volunteer their time to educate students to ensure they are skilled professionals. #SocialWorkBreaksBarriers #nwosocialwork



FAST FACTS ABOUT SOCIAL WORK

By 2031, professional expected to to about 7

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SOCIAL WORK BREAKS BARRIERS

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 21 · 🌐

Last concert in the series: Tonight (March 21) at 7 p.m. in #NWOSU Herod Hall!

Through the years since the release of 'Little Darlin' (1957), The DIAMONDS have learned one important lesson—the durability of this classic rock and roll music is as much about the future as it is about the past. As a result, the group members continue to expand their audience to this day, performing in a variety of venues and settings worldwide including with symphony orchestras, in performing arts theatres and major concert halls, on cruise ships, in casinos, at county and state fairs, on tours of England, Ireland, Brazil, Chile, Korea, and Japan, for benefit concerts, corporate conventions and at nightclubs.


The DIAMONDS' many accomplishments over the years include three gold records, 33 appearances on American Bandstand, vocal group hall of fame and doo-wop hall of fame.

For more information on The DIAMONDS and to hear their music visit www.thediamonds.live.

Individual performance tickets may be purchased online at www.nwocs.ludus.com, from Holder Drug or Graceful Arts Center or at the door.

Questions: Kimberly Weast, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at kkweast@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8462.

The reserved seating section at each concert will be held until five minutes before the performance.



Attorney for Murrah bomber speaks at Northwestern

Enid attorney Stephen Jones, who served as defense counsel for Timothy McVeigh charged with the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995, spoke on Friday, March 24, in the Student Center Ranger Room at Northwestern-Alva. Jones discussed the challenges of providing a fair trial while the media practices freedom of the press in reporting it. His visit was sponsored by the media law and ethics class, which is part of the mass communications program at Northwestern.

A practicing attorney for more than 50 years, Jones has been involved in the defense of several “high profile” cases, including tax fraud, alleged acts of terrorism and two major bombing cases, the most notable of which was the defense of Timothy McVeigh in 1997.

He has represented retired and former employees of the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the National Security

Council staff. He was also involved in consulting work with various targets, defendants, or persons of interest to the Federal Government for alleged acts of terrorism in the Philippines, the Far East, and those connected with the attacks on September 11, 2001. Similarly, he has represented individuals accused of disloyalty to the United States and/or the unauthorized disclosure of confidential government information or classified government information.

Most recently, Jones sued the



Stephen Jones, Enid attorney, speaks to a group on campus on March 24. The media law and ethics class sponsored Jones' visit.

Oklahoma State Election Board in 2022, trying to stop the state's special election for Sen. James Inhofe's seat before he actually retired and claiming the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not allow for such a process. The Oklahoma Supreme Court denied Jones' application for original jurisdiction in the case.

Questions about this talk may be directed to Dr. Kaylene Armstrong, associate professor of mass communications, at (580) 327-8481 or kdarmstrong@nwosu.edu. To learn more about Northwestern's mass communication program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/communication/mass-communication>.



Several people gathered in March to hear Stephen Jones discuss the challenges of providing a fair trial while the media practices freedom of the press while reporting it.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 21 · 🌐

Emilia Olsen, current #NWOSU artist-in-residence, will present an artist talk and drawing workshop March 23 at 5 p.m. in Jesse Dunn Annex, room 324. The event is free and open to the public.
Read more: <http://bit.ly/3LAKJs>



EMILIA OLSEN
NWOSU ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

FINE ARTS NWOSU AIR ARTIST TALK & DRAWING WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 5-7 PM
JESSE DUNN 324 NWOSU

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WWW.NWOSU.EDU

NWOSU Approved Student Services

NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
March 22 · Alva · 🌐

The Theatre Production I & II students have won a blue ribbon for their efforts and handicraft!

The classes entered the rolling fireplace from our recent production of The Act of Murder by Billy St. John, into the new Miscellaneous Artwork category of the 20th NSA art show! This piece, measures over 8' tall x 5.5' wide, and was presented as scenic design and sculpture. Featuring a variety of techniques in wood working, furniture restoration, faux marbling, practical effect lighting, with the set dressing and props from the production.

The NSA Art show is celebrating its 20th year on campus! Be sure to stop by and see all of the excellent work presented by NWOSU students, alumni, and faculty before the show closes on March 31, 2023!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #theatreproduction #theactofmurder #billystjohn #stagecraft #scenicdesign #theatrearts #theatrestudent #scenicdesign #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #artshow #blueribbon #theatreeducation #theatrestagedesign #theatretech #theatremagic #theatrelife #theatrekid #theatreartists #theatrekids #theatreworks #theatretech #theatrelife #scenicdesign #murdermystery #theatreeffects #theatre #theatretechnician #comecreatewithus




NWOSU Art Society
Stagecraft Class
Fire Set from "The Act of Murder"
Student
Miscellaneous Artwork

CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF NSA
NWOSU Art Society

NWOSU Division of Education
March 21 · 🌐

Congratulations Megan Brown! ❤️❤️

CONGRATULATIONS



Megan Brown
Liberty Elementary

"I was inspired to be a teacher by my mom, who is a longtime Ponca City teacher. I wanted to be an educator to be a difference maker to students by building positive relationships and helping them develop a love of learning."

Ponca City Public Schools
March 20 · 🌐

Teacher of the Year nominee Megan Brown is a fifth grade teacher at Liberty Elementary. She grew up in Blackwell and is in her third full year of teaching.

"I was inspired to be a teacher by my mom, who is a longtime Ponca City teacher. I wanted to be an educator to be a difference maker to students by building positive relationships and helping them develop a love of learning."

Her favorite food is the kids #9 from El Patio and her favorite book is "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix."


Why does she love being a Wildcat? "I love my Liberty family! My coworkers and my kiddos are fabulous! Coming into a classroom mid-year, just months before COVID was hard. My coworkers made that transition much easier for me. I felt so welcomed, loved, and supported. My kiddos, past and present, offer up new funnies and challenges every day. There's always a hug or a joke waiting for me each morning. My Liberty family is my favorite thing about being a PCPS Wildcat!"

The annual Teacher of the Year Celebration will be held on Tuesday, March 28 in the Ponca City Schools Concert Hall at 7 p.m.

NWOSU Division of Education
March 21 · 🌐

Jackie Burden!! Congrats!!! 🎉❤️❤️

CONGRATULATIONS



Jackie Burden
Roosevelt Elementary

"I have always wanted to be a teacher because I have always loved working with children."

Ponca City Public Schools
March 20 · 🌐

Teacher of the Year nominee Jackie Burden is a fourth grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary. She grew up in Belmond, Iowa and is in her fourth year of teaching.

"I have always wanted to be a teacher because I have always loved working with children," she said.

Her favorite food is anything Mexican and her favorite book is the Harry Potter series.

Why does she love being a Wildcat? "I love the people that I get to work alongside each and every day. They help me to grow as an educator and encourage me on days that are tougher than others."

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NWOSU Division of Education
March 21 · 🌐

Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Buckhaults travel to other campuses to actively engage with the teacher candidates in courses!

NWOSU Division of Education
March 21 · 🌐

We are thankful for mentors like Lori Unruh from Pond Creek-Hunter Schools. She is mentoring Taddum Riddle in the School Counseling Graduate Program.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 22 · 🌐

Join our **NWOSU Department of Social Work** and shop for your FREE formal gown at our 9th annual Primp for Prom!

March 23 | 1-7 p.m.
March 24 | 9 a.m.-noon... See more

Becky Noel MacKay
March 22 · 🌐

On Monday, Dr. MacKay's Wildlife Management Techniques class went to the **Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge** to study how prescribed burns alter plant biodiversity

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 23 · 🌐

Changes are happening with the photo-sharing area we have been providing for free #NWOSU downloads. As of March 27, the Shutterfly Sharing Site will no longer be available, so we have switched to a Flickr account. Uploading our several years' worth of photos will take quite some time, but we are diligently working toward getting all of our photos saved at this time.

Various "collections" are being created per school year as each grouping of photos gets uploaded. New links on our Photos web page at <https://www.nwosu.edu/university-relations/nwosu-photos> will be listed as the photos get uploaded.

You can find our Flickr albums at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-rangers/albums>.

Walt Smith
March 24 · 🌐

The NWOSU Biology Club hosted a small trash pickup at the Salt Fork in Alva. We picked up a truck load of trash in an hour! Just a small way that you can care for the community around you! Thanks to those who showed up!!

Buck earns campus DeSERVING Ranger Award

Bishop Buck, a senior social work 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 Vinton, Virginia, native has completed more than 100 service hours in volunteer opportunities. A few of these activities include her involvement with the Compassion in Action Dignity Drive, Thanksgiving-themed food drive for the Campus Cabinet, Primp for Prom, Child Abuse Prevention Month initiatives, Baseball and Apple Pie event with the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association, Warmth for Winter Coat Drive, Homecoming Ranger Run and others.

Buck said she has always known that she was meant to help and serve others. She said her involvement with the Northwestern Social Work Department, J.R. Holder Wellness Center and Northwest Family Services in Alva have allowed her to pursue her dreams. Buck said she

loves being able to serve others because it is the best way to learn.

"You see new perspectives and are pushed outside your comfort zone, but that is when you grow the most as a person," Buck said. "Any opportunity that is presented to me, I do my best to take advantage of it because I want to grow and help anyone I possibly can."

Buck serves as the vice president of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) and through this club, she takes the most pride in their Dignity Drive. This year the group collected personal hygiene items and delivered them to Taft Elementary School in Enid and Alva Middle School. Buck said she understands that not every family can afford these items, and the group wanted to make sure these items were accessible for these students.

"Bishop embodies 'service' and elevates service to others above self-interest on a daily basis," Dr. Kylene Rehder, professor of social work and chair of the Department of Social Work, said. "She volunteers her time to help anyone in need and is the bright spot to all of her fellow students and community members who pass through the wellness center."

Buck also served as a peer leader for a fall 2022 Ranger Connection class and said the experience taught her more than she ever expected.

"Forming relationships with the freshmen provided me with so much gratitude," Buck said.

Buck said working at the J.R. Holder Wellness Center has been a positive experience getting to meet the community members of Alva along with Northwestern employees and students.



Bishop Buck

"Bishop is an outstanding young woman who exemplifies selflessness and service," Olivia Yandel, J. R. Holder Wellness Center director, said. "She has done a tremendous amount of work assisting with various community service events, several of which she held a leadership position in making sure that the event ran smoothly and was successful."

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.

Buck said she knows how important it can be to have someone be consistent and reliable in life, and that is what she wants to be to others around her.

"I believe strongly in the importance of human relationships," Buck said. "Everyone deserves to feel like they belong and are valued. I keep this at the forefront of my mind in all my interactions."

Aviation credentials qualify for degree credit at Northwestern

Northwestern has now added the aviation field to its Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree in technical management. While Northwestern will not

offer courses in aviation, credentials and experience obtained in the aviation field may be used toward a degree in this area.

“We are seeing a trend in higher education for universities to offer innovative pathways toward degree completion,” Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs, said. “One of these is the awarding of academic credit for earned industry credentials in tandem with traditional coursework. We are excited to offer this option and give more flexibility for students in aviation.”

A plan would work as below:

General Education 41-42 hours

Technical Management Core (Business Courses)

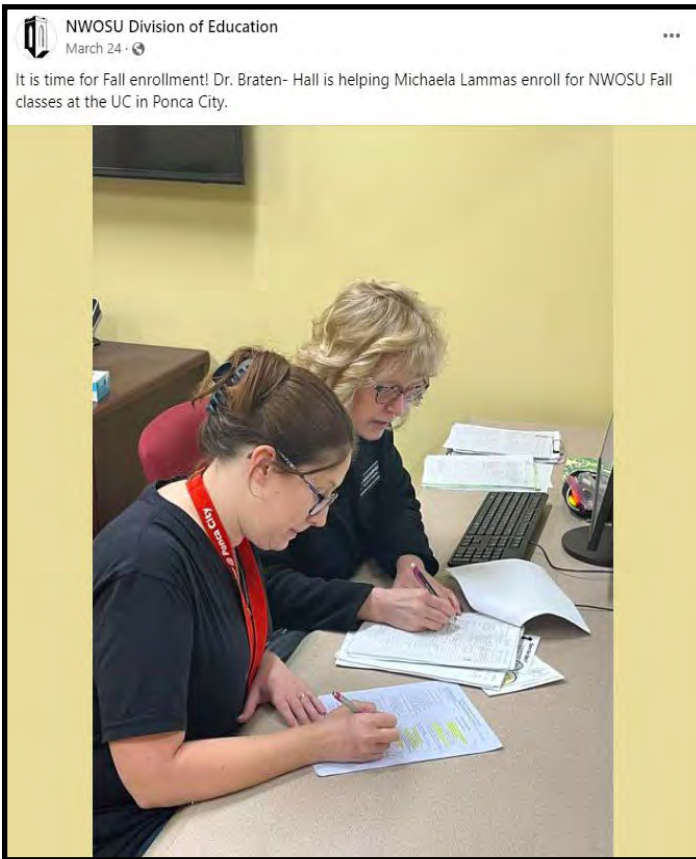
..... 49 hours

Certification/Training Already Obtained

..... up to 30 hours

Additional Credits 6-30 hours

For questions regarding whether a current certificate or license would qualify for credit, please contact Bell at 580-327-8406 or jlbell@nwosu.edu.



Seniors awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarships

Three Northwestern seniors were awarded the 2023 Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation for the spring semester.

Those awarded this semester are Candace Brown of Blackwell, early childhood education; Nastassja Gee of Edmond, elementary education; and Toni Schram of Enid, early childhood education.

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

Dr. Steven Maier, dean of faculty, presented the students with 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

information on the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship or the Division of Education contact Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or email jdoswald@nwsu.edu; or go to <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education>.



Nastassja Gee



Toni Schram



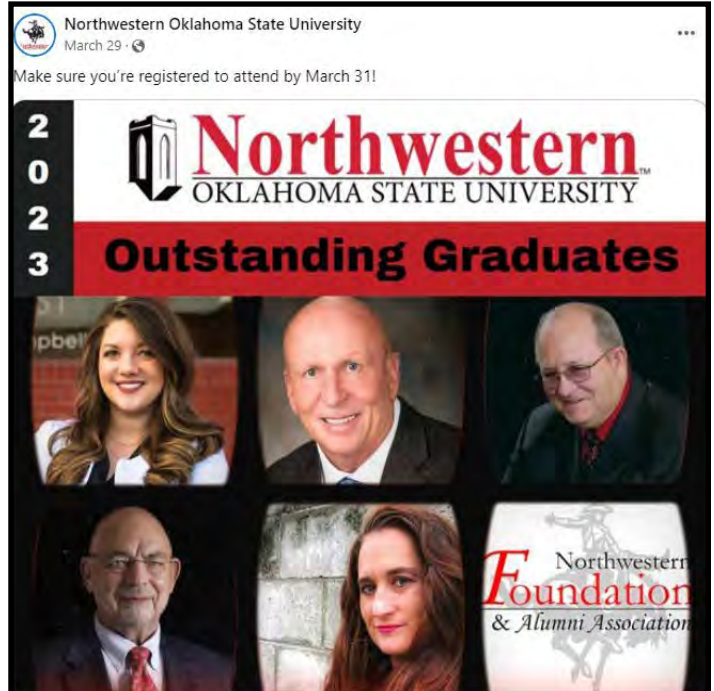
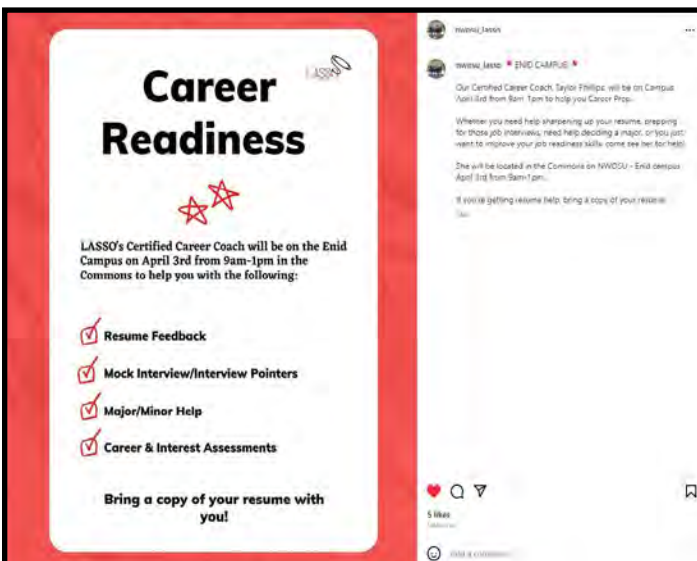
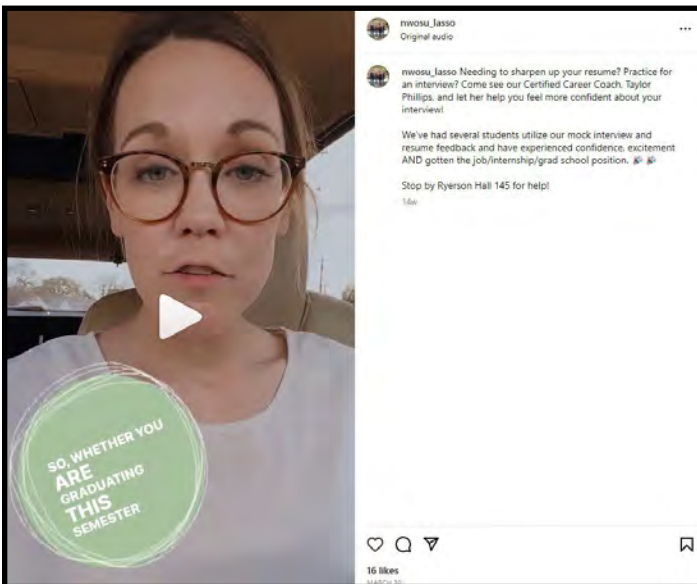
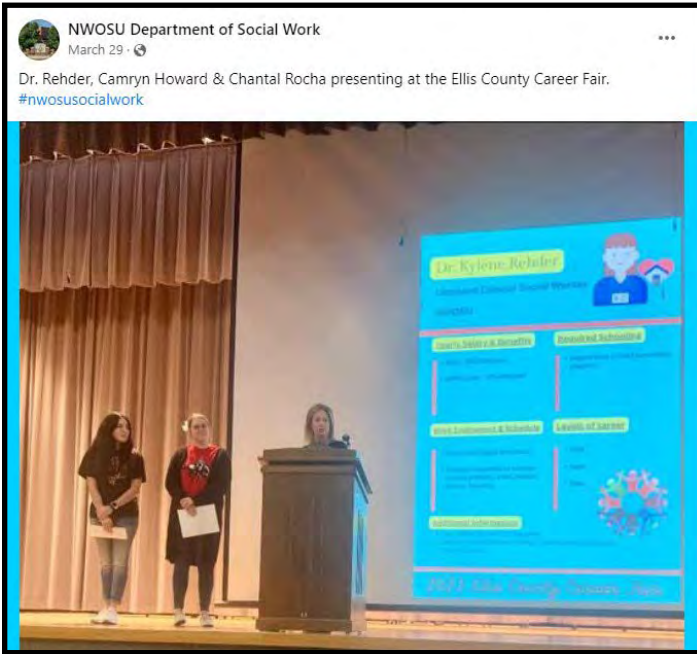
Candace Brown

Teacher Education faculty members who have reviewed all applications and voted for the candidate they felt was the best choice.

For more



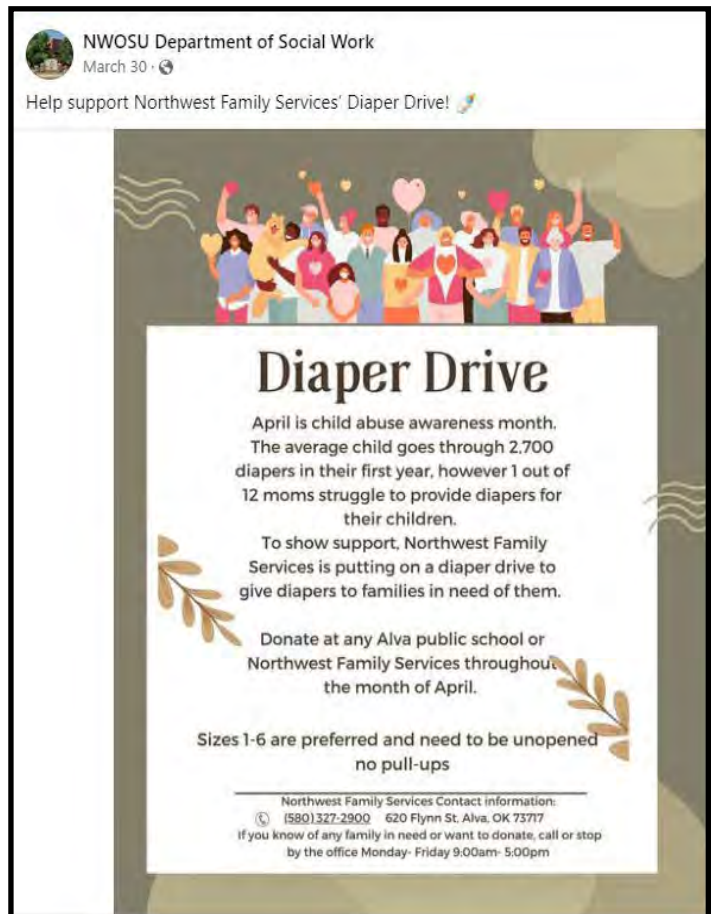
Max Ridgway, left, and Victoria Moreira, both adjunct instructors of music, provide music during the March First Friday Art Walk events at the Graceful Arts Gallery in downtown Alva.



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
March 24

Five Northwestern Oklahoma State University alumni have been selected as the 2023 Outstanding Graduates. This year's Outstanding Graduates include Dr. Madison Campbell, Kevin Evans, Donnie Rader, Jimmy Richey and Nicole Steuart.

The Outstanding Graduates will be recognized at the Spring Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 29, 2023. The banquet begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in Percefull Fieldhouse.



NWOSU Division of Education
March 31 · 🌐

Congratulations to Darcey Austin a NWOSU Teacher Education Graduate (1996)

Ponca City Public Schools
March 29 · 🌐

Garfield Educator Named Teacher of the Year

Darcey Austin, kindergarten teacher at Garfield Elementary, was named the 2024 Ponca City Teacher of the Year during a celebration on Tuesday night at the Ponca City Schools Concert Hall. Other finalists included Jill Klein from Ponca City High School and Jeremiah Belt from West Middle School.

"I would like to thank my family first of all," said Austin. "They support me all the time. They are there for me and help me."
Austin said she has an awesome team at Garfield Elementary. "You are the best and I love being there. It's truly my second home. I love all of my kids at Garfield, even the ones that aren't my kids anymore as they move to first, second and third grades ... they will just always be my kids."

"I am overwhelmed that I have received this honor. I'm shocked but thank you very much."

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 3 · 🌐

Enid High School's Jacob Hassler and Enid Waller Middle School's Noah Webb earned first and second place, respectively, for their guitar solos during Friday's Guitar Festival at #NWOSU - Alva. The high school ensemble of Liberty Fulmer, Paige Adams and Elaina Atherton placed first as did the Waller Middle School ensemble of MacGregor Brennan and Webb.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/3zu9ESM>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 31 · 🌐

Anne Haight is the scholarship coordinator with the Financial Aid Office. She adds scholarships and waivers to the Financial Aid online files. Once scholarships are applied to the student account, she determines which account the scholarship money comes out of and she does billing to the Foundation Office.

She taught a night class in cake decorating at Northwest Technology Center for quite a few years. It was purely by accident, they needed someone at the last minute and her husband volunteered her. Anne enjoyed it for quite a few years. She had to have carpal tunnel surgery a few years ago and she had to quit teaching the class because she couldn't decorate cakes anymore. Anne loves to cook.

"My favorite thing is making homemade candies at Christmas time. I used to make them every year, but I don't seem to find the time to do it anymore. I keep telling myself that someday I will start doing it again, but they are a lot of work!"

We appreciate all she does for our Financial Aid Office every day. She's our #NWOSU "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🍓🍓

Discover more interesting facts about Anne on our other social media channels: 🐼

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



NWOSU Mass Comm
April 4 · 🌐

Our mass communication seniors visited media companies, television studios, newsrooms and PR agencies in Oklahoma. The Media Tour included a meeting with the **Koch Comm** PR and digital strategy experts and a presentation by **INTEGRIS Health** marketing team. During the three-day schedule, from March 30th to April 1st, NWOSU students and faculty took a guided tour of **KWTV - NEWS 9, OETA, and The Oklahoman**. A great opportunity to see how media companies work in real life and to network. On the last day, the group explored the Science Museum Oklahoma.

This Media Tour was made possible thanks to John and Margaret Barton Communication Lectureship for Academic Enrichment, for which we are grateful.

#NWOSUMediaTour #MediaTour #MassCommMediaTour

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Libraries
April 4 · 🌐

Upcoming Workshops:

"Secrets of APA Style" on April 12 and 13.
"Mastering Microsoft Word" on April 19 and 20.

All workshops will be in the library annex, room 221, at noon.
<https://library.nwosu.edu/.../4/2023/apa-and-paper-workshops>

J. W. Martin Library Workshop Series Search 🔍

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Secrets of APA Style

April 12 & 13 at noon in **Room 221** of the library.

If you want to attend via Zoom, contact
dgdavidson@nwosu for information.

NWOSU Department of Social Work is at Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel & Casino.
April 4 · Las Vegas, NV · 🌐

Dr. Rehder presenting at the National Technology & Social Sciences Conference in the Social Work in Action session. #nwosusocialwork 📺



A woman in a black blazer and white top stands in front of a large projection screen. The screen displays a presentation slide with the title "Will You Go To Sleep With Me?" and a subtitle "A Researcher's Journey". The slide also features a graphic of a person and a dog.

NWOSU Division of Education
April 5 · 🌐

Learning to measure with nonstandard units in Candace Brown's 1st grade classroom at Tonkawa Elementary.



A teacher stands at the front of a classroom, pointing to a large digital screen. The screen shows a math problem involving measuring with nonstandard units. Several young students are seated at desks in the foreground, looking towards the teacher. The classroom is decorated with various educational posters and student work.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 4 · 🌐

Friday, April 7, the public is welcome to attend the #NWOSU Art Society Art Show Winners' Show at the Runnymede in downtown Alva during the annual First Friday Artwalk events, 6-8 p.m. These award-winning pieces and all other first thru third-place items will be on display.



A collage of four photographs showing art pieces and award ribbons. The top-left photo shows a still life painting of a glass and fruit. The top-right photo shows a black and white portrait of a man and a dog. The bottom-left photo shows a purple award ribbon with "FIRST PLACE" and "BEST OF SHOW" text. The bottom-right photo shows a display table with various art pieces and ribbons.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 5 · 🌐

#NWOSU senior nursing major Ally Riley of Alva, received a citation from Dist. 27 Sen. Casey Murdock (right) and Dist. 58 Rep. Carl Newton (left). She was selected to represent Northwestern at Research Day held recently at the State Capitol.

Twenty-one undergraduate students representing 15 Oklahoma colleges and universities presented competitive scientific research posters to the State Legislature and the public during the annual event sponsored by Oklahoma NSF EPSCoR, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the National Science Foundation.

The event is designed to raise awareness of the outstanding research that is taking place at Oklahoma's colleges and universities. Riley's research project focused on hospital stay length and readmission.



Three people are standing in a large, ornate room, likely the State Capitol. A man in a suit on the left is presenting a framed certificate or award to a woman in a black suit in the center. Another man in a suit on the right is standing next to her. In the background, there are other people and display tables.

Reach Higher: Reconnect events held at Enid, Woodward

Northwestern wants to reconnect with individuals in northwest Oklahoma, southern Kansas and the Texas panhandle who have already earned some college credit and may be looking to finish their bachelor's degrees.

Special Reach Higher: RECONNECT Week events at the university's campus locations in Enid and Woodward were held during the week of April 13, where hours were extended and an evening event was planned.

During this week, individuals were able to apply to attend Northwestern, explore their bachelor's degree options, receive advisement on finishing their degree, obtain financial aid counseling and tour the facilities.

The primary goals of Reach Higher: RECONNECT Week were to increase awareness of the adult-friendly bachelor's degree completion options available through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Reach Higher initiative and encourage adults who have earned some college credit to successfully complete their bachelor's degrees face-to-face or online.

Northwestern-Enid, located at 2929 E. Randolph, and Northwestern-

Woodward, located at 2007 34th Street, were open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Apr. 10-12. On Apr. 13, both campus locations extended their hours to 7 p.m., and personnel were available for potential students to ask questions and to have one-on-one advising to understand how to obtain their bachelor's degree. During this week, students could register for giveaways, take a campus tour in-person or virtually, and meet other students, faculty and staff.

For more information or to set up a personal virtual or in-person meeting with a representative in Enid, contact Dr. Jerry Gustafson, professor of business and Northwestern's Reach Higher program coordinator, at (580) 213-3184 or jgustafson@nwsu.edu.

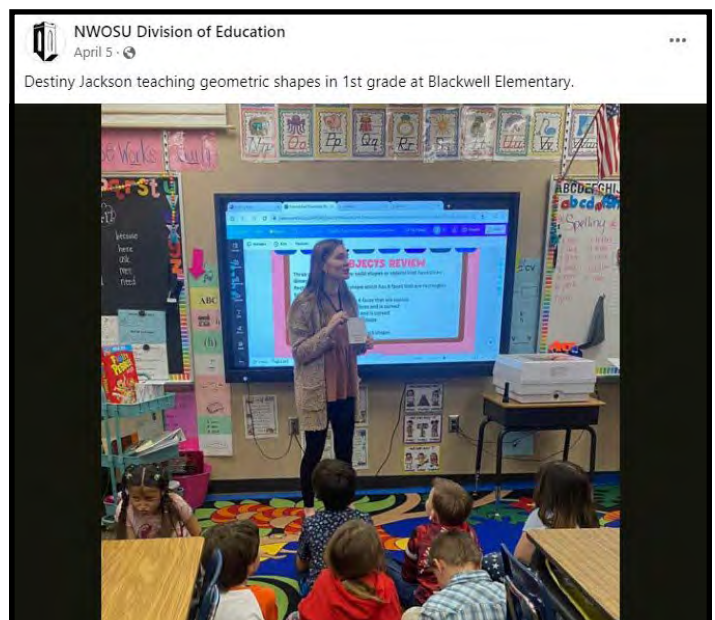
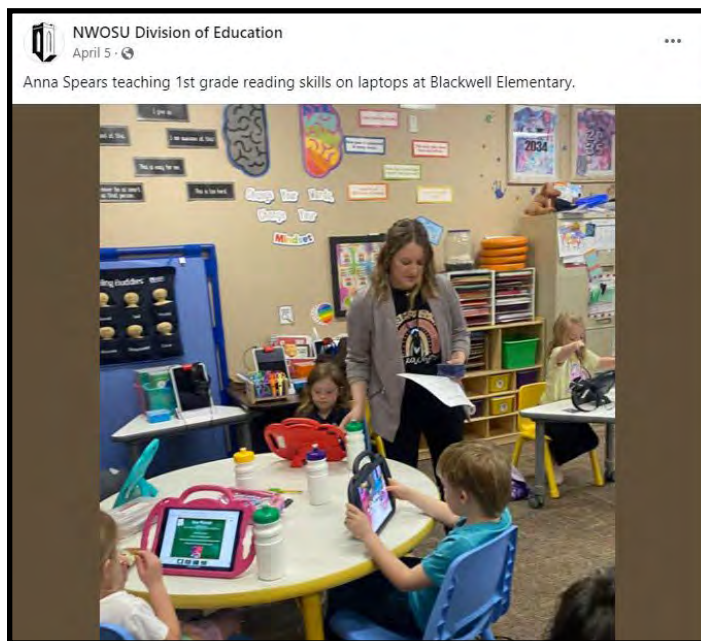
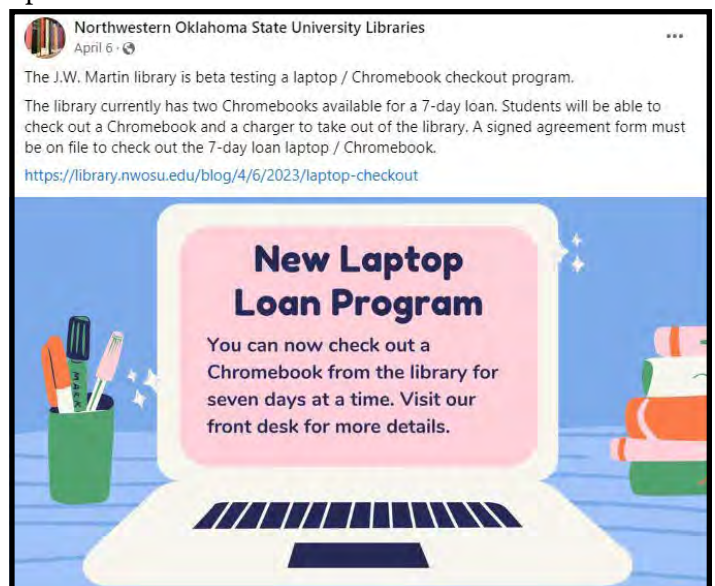
In Woodward, contact Dr. Jonathan Thomason, Woodward campus dean, at (580)

254-2500 or jethomason@nwsu.edu.

Information also is available at www.nwsu.edu/reach-higher.

Additional information about becoming a student at Northwestern-Enid or Northwestern-Woodward may be found at www.nwsu.edu/enid or www.nwsu.edu/woodward.

Individuals in Alva or other areas outside Enid and Woodward interested in learning more about the Reach Higher program may contact Dr. Garret Lahr, chair of division of business, at (580) 327-8510 or galahr@nwsu.edu.



Colorectal Cancer Awareness

Northwestern Nursing asked for volunteers, ages 45 years old or older, to take a survey on April 19 on the Alva and Enid campuses to be part of their research project.



FINE ART Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music is at First Baptist Church of Alva, OK. April 11 · Alva ·

Thank you for a fun and really beautiful collaboration and Concert today, BYU-Idaho Collegiate Singers and Dr. Randall Kempton! We loved singing with you and listening to your performance! Thank you, [Austin McGee](#) and the First Baptist Church of Alva!



NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall. April 11 · Alva ·

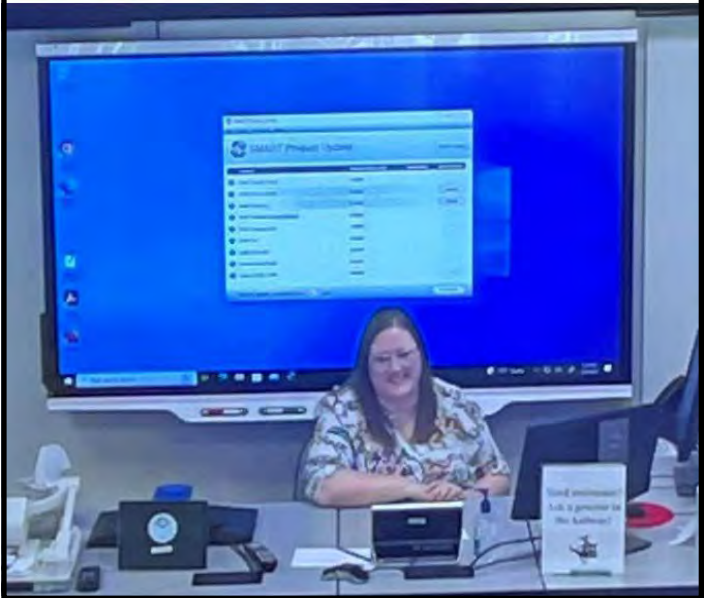
"I'm telling you, come see THE MONOLOGUE SHOW! Performances start THIS THURSDAY!"

"It took Mr. Banks's drama class three long weeks to prepare for their monologue show . . . but barely a minute to throw all their plans out the window. From the couple staging their real-life break-up to the garden-gnome thief confessing their crimes, everything that can go wrong will in this collection of hilarious tales." - Playscripts Inc. See more



NWOSU Department of Social Work April 6 ·

Thank you Elizabeth Fox-ShIPLEY, MSW, LCSW, Coordinator of the Woodward Outpatient Northwest Center for Behavioral Health for presenting to our senior practicum students. #nwosusocialwork



Northwestern Oklahoma State University April 10 ·

Be a part of the community conversation to stop human trafficking.

Talk presented by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, free and open to the public, campus and area high schools, #NWOSU Student Center Ballroom.

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BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEN: April 11, 2023 9:30-11:00A.M.

WHERE: Student Center Ballroom
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
709 Oklahoma Blvd. in Alva

SEE YOU THERE!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
OKLAHOMA Commission on the Status of Women

NWOSU Division of Education
April 11 · 🌐

Caitlyn Wray, Agriculture Education Major working with students on various activities during student teaching.

NWOSU Division of Education
April 11 · 🌐

NOC and NWOSU partnering for education majors!
Para to Degree info night on Enid campus.

NWOSU Department of Social Work
April 11 · 🌐

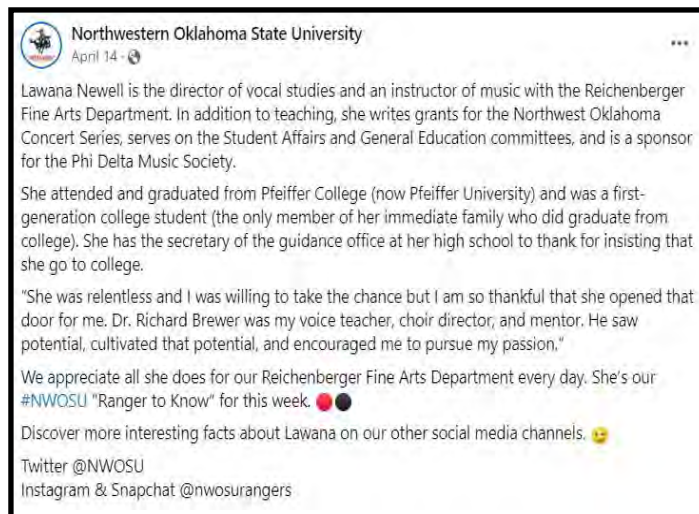
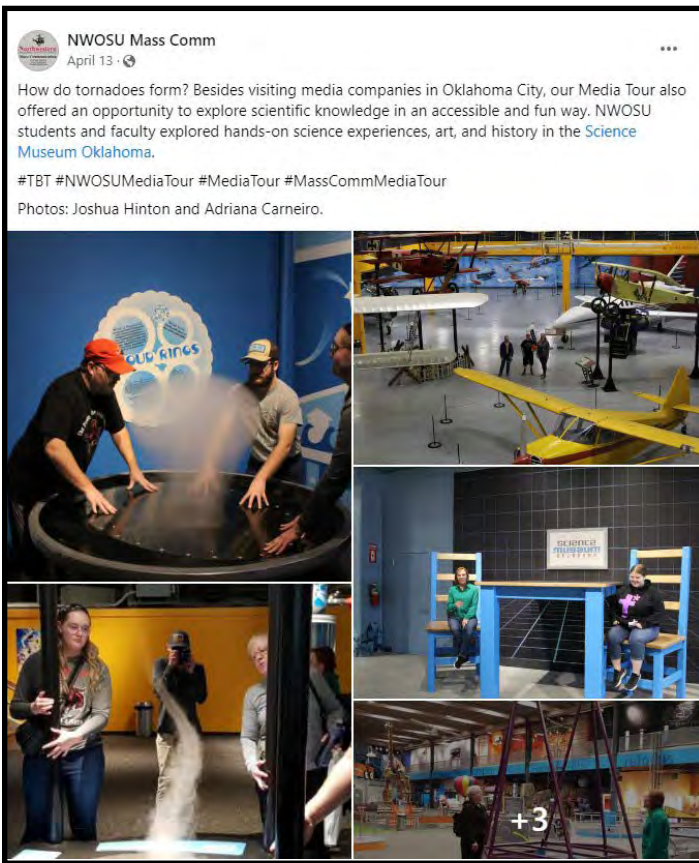
Thank you Jim Marks, Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers, for presenting to social work students & professionals.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 11 · 🌐

#NWOSU students speaking with legislators today about how #OKPromiseWorks has impacted them. Thank you to our state for funding this program!

NWOSU Division of Education
April 12 · 🌐

Learning how to work as engineers in Summer Whitted's 3rd grade classroom in Newkirk.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
April 14 · 🌐

Say Hello to our colorful up-and-coming Rangers!
❤️🧡💛🟡🟠👉👈🟣🖤

These Woodward High School Seniors participated in the Color Run yesterday hosted by #okgearup and all have plans to attend #NWOSU in the Fall. The future is certainly bright! #RRR #colorrun #welooveourstudents #gearupfun

📸 by GearUp Coordinator Sydney Foy

Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
April 14 · 🌐

What a fun event for our Gear Up counselors and our concurrent students right here in Woodward! We look forward to seeing many of these seniors again next Fall as full-time freshmen! #RRR #NWOSU #okgearup #seniorfun #toomuchfun

Oklahoma GEAR UP
April 13 · 🌐

What a great day we had in Woodward celebrating seniors and their plans after high school! Congratulations to them all! Woodward High School #GEARUPworks

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 14 · 🌐

🎭 Come see The Monologue Show! 🎭

"It took Mr. Banks' drama class three long months to prepare for their monologue show . . . but barely a minute to throw all their plans out the window. From the couple staging their real-life break-up to the garden-gnome thief confessing their crimes, everything that can go wrong...will go wrong...in this collection of hilarious tales." - Playscripts Inc.

Join #NWOSU Theatre in Herod Hall Auditorium

April 14 at 7 PM
April 15 at 2 PM

🎫 90 SEATS PER PERFORMANCE 🎫

🪑 Seating is first come first serve! 🚶

🚫 NO RESERVATIONS 🚫



NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
April 14 · Alva · 🌐

TONIGHT 7PM is the second chance to see •THE MONOLOGUE SHOW•. By Don Zolidis!

Come join us for this comedic collection of stories that just won't stop!
General Admission \$10.00
NWOSU Employee \$5.00
Students & Seniors \$3.00

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers
#themonologueshow #themonologueshowfromhell #donzolidis #monologue #acting
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#theatrecompany

NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall.
April 17 · Alva · 🌐

The cast and crew of THE MONOLOGUE SHOW would like to thank our patrons and supporters for a fun production!

It's hard to believe that the 22-23 Theatre season has come to a close. We have big projects in the works for the 23-24 season and we hope to see you all in the Fall!
.... See more

Budy named Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow

Sagelyn Budy, junior agriculture major at Northwestern, has been named a 2023 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 2023 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows is comprised of 154 students, including Budy. These students come from 38 states, Washington, D.C. and Mexico.

"The Newman Civic Fellowship award is a great opportunity to promote community involvement and the importance of civic engagement," Budy said. "I want to encourage others to work together toward social equality and avoid political polarization. I hope to make more students aware of the world around them and how they can help make it a better place for all."

The Waynoka native is heavily involved with the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors and the agricultural student organization, Aggie Club.

She participates in the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers and intramural basketball.

"I strongly endorse Sagelyn for the opportunity to represent Northwestern as a Newman Civic Fellow," Dr. Dean Scarbrough, professor of agriculture and chair of the agriculture department, said. "She is eager to learn, willing to work, and motivated to pursue collaborative projects. I believe she is exactly the type of person that can best fulfill the stated mission of the Newman Fellowship program."

Budy said her ultimate goals in life are to live a life with purpose and make this place better for future gen-

erations. She grew up on a farm and started helping with chores at a young age. She gained more responsibilities with each year. From these experiences, she learned the value of hard work and anything worth doing should be done to the best of her ability.

"I feel like the biggest impact I could make would be to continue in the field of agriculture and pursue the education side using mass communication," Budy said. "From this, I can help people understand this vitally important field that everyone needs. Farmers and ranchers now make up less than 2% of the population, so although agriculture affects everyone, most people don't know anything about it. We are blessed to live in a rural area where most people have had hands-on agricultural experiences, but most of the population has not."

Budy has already started in this endeavor through a local radio station, KALV 1430 AM or 99.5 FM, where she hosts a weekday farm report called "Farm Girl."

Community service is a big part of Budy's life. With her parents and grandparents being teachers and farmers, Budy learned very quickly what it means to help others. Budy said she enjoys participating in Stamp Out Starvation several times a year. She has helped with the Waynoka Community Easter Egg Hunt, the Thanksgiving meal and the Food Bank for many years. She volunteers at her church by teaching a Wednesday night children's class, helping with the nursery and serving as a greeter. This past Christmas Budy

helped with the Toys for Tots Drive.

Another service Budy has provided is giving blood. Although she says it is not her favorite, Budy realizes how important it is and has given blood six times.

"If everyone would do a little, it would add up to a lot to make this world a better place for all," Budy said.

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 learn-



Sagelyn Budy

ing 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 scholarships and post-graduate opportunities.

"We are honored to recognize such an outstanding group of community-committed students, Bobbie Laur, Campus Compact president, said. "One of the best parts of the Newman Civic Fellowships is the richness of students' perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds—and how these varied stories all led to their passionate engagement with the social, political, and environmental issues impacting our world. These students will be the catalysts for change on many levels, and we are privileged to help empower them to create that change."

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 17 · 🌐

🔄 UPDATE 🔄
DEADLINE TO REGISTER EXTENDED TO APRIL 26!
There are a few more spots available, so the deadline has been extended! Get registered!
April 21 is the deadline to register for an upcoming three-day Esports Camp sponsored by the #NWOSU Computer Science program and Esports team.
The camp is for students entering grades 9-12 in fall 2023 and will occur June 2-4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in the Esports Arena in Shockley Hall.
More info & registration form at bit.ly/3zqx2AB 📄



NWOSU Division of Education
April 18 · 🌐

Mr. Trabuc's Elementary Creative Activities class presented Click, Clack, Moo to Fowler Early Childhood Center on Enid campus.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 18 · 🌐

#NWOSU choirs will be performing "Soundscapes VII" at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Alva Independent School Bus Barn, 230 Choctaw.

Soundscapes is free and open to the public, but donations are encouraged.

"Our set covers everything you could possibly want to hear in choral music," Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music, said.

Longhurst said the concert will feature musical theatre, pop, jazz and Renaissance pieces. There will also be a piece titled "Fire," which has sighs, screams and other interesting sounds throughout. A ballad that premiered in a war camp and a Gospel spiritual are also included in the set.

More info 📄 <https://bit.ly/nwsoundscapes23>

Max Ridgway
2d · 🌐

<https://maxridgwaytrio.bandcamp.com/album/michael-unruh-max-ridgway-the-spacetime-of-dreams>

New recording, just released, available now on Bandcamp. Michael Unruh - bass clarinet and electronics, Max Ridgway - guitar and electronics. This is a wild trip!

The Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts presents


Soundscapes VII

NWOSU Chorale and Singers
Directed by Dr. Karsten Longhurst
Accompanied by Dr. Eduardo Moreira
Saturday, April 22, 2023
7:00 pm

Alva Independent School Bus Barn
230 Choctaw St.

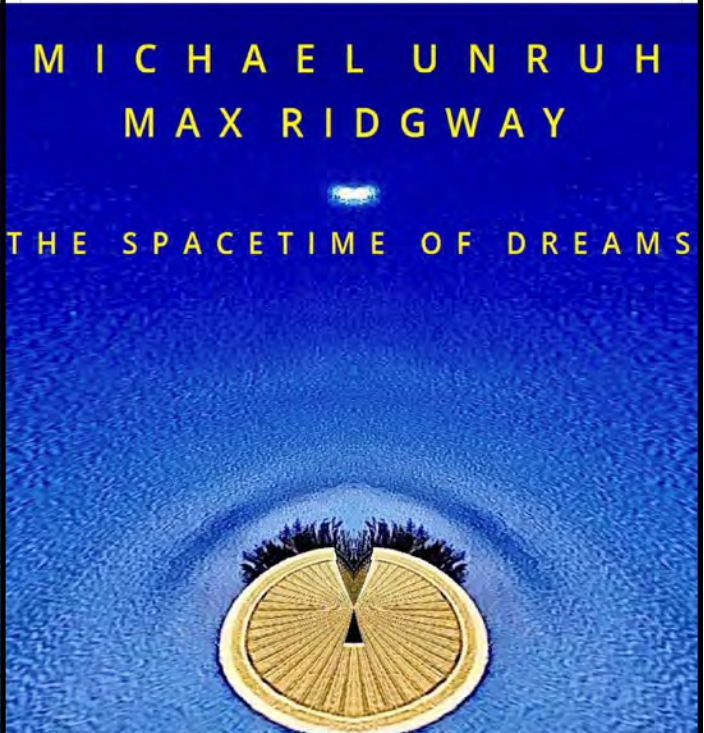
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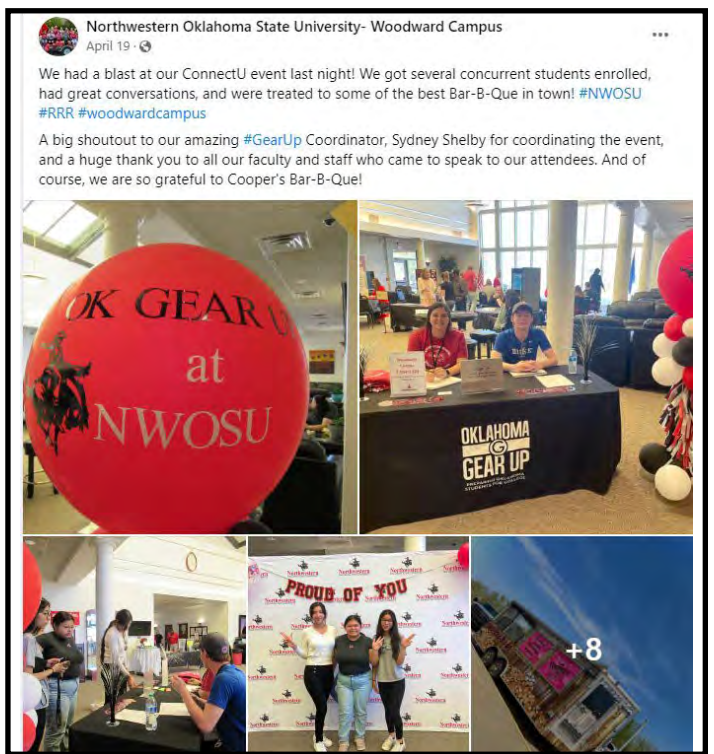
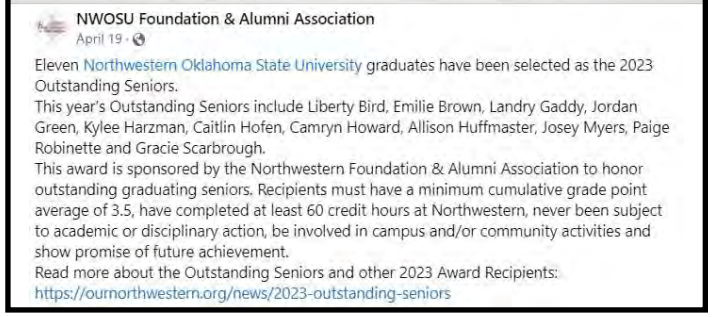
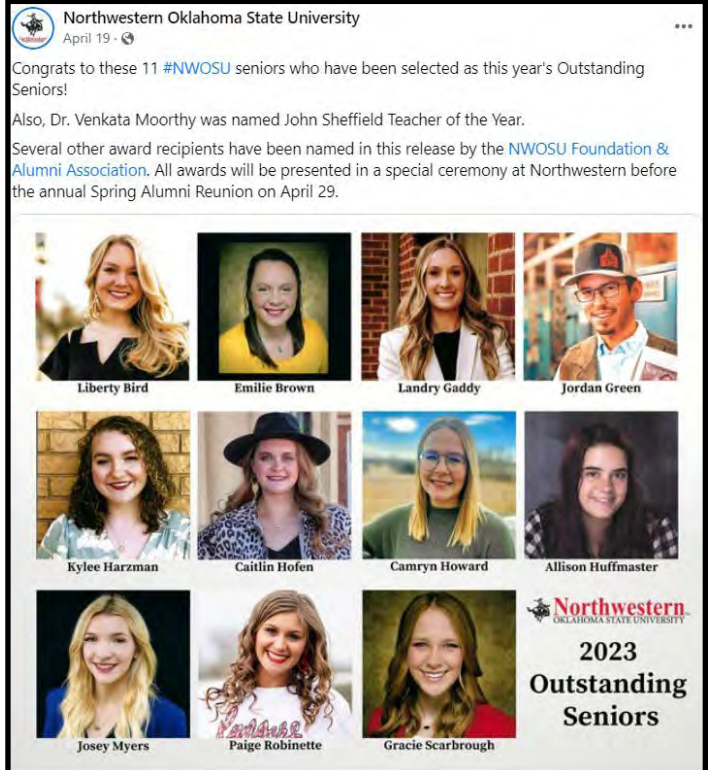
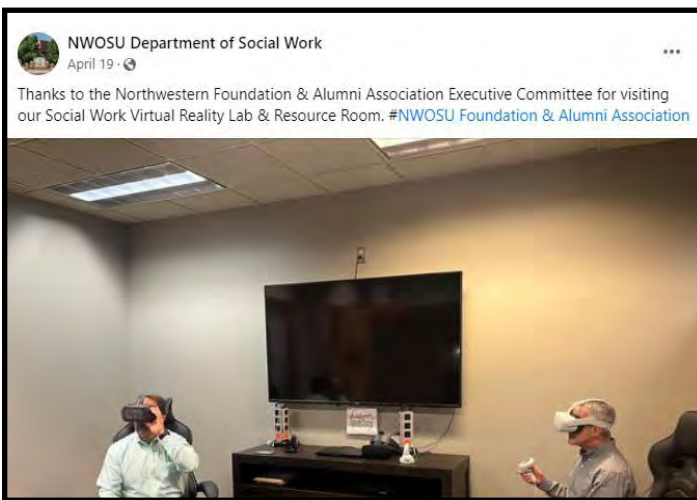
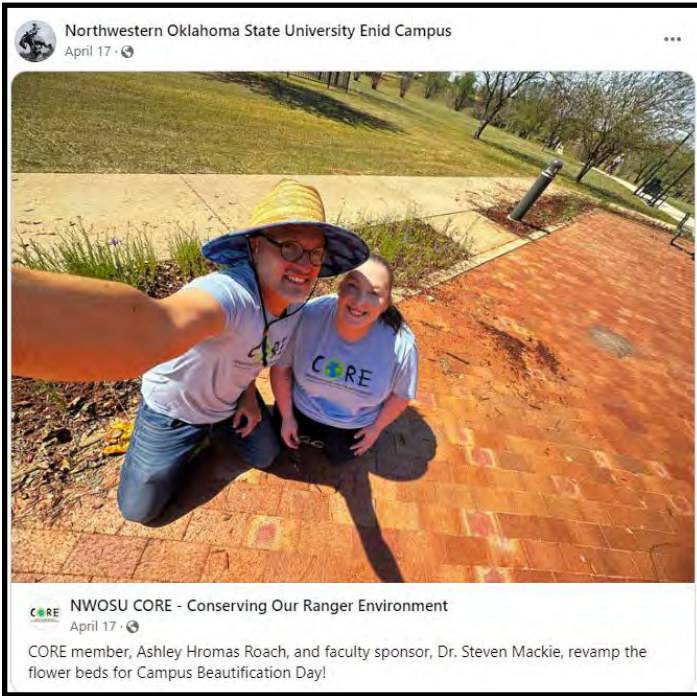
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THE SPACETIME OF DREAMS





Bands present final concert for semester

Members of the Northwestern Chamber Winds and Concert Band presented their final band concert for the semester on Sunday, April 23.

Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music, said the concert would feature the following pieces:

The Chamber Winds, a smaller auditioned wind ensemble, played “Vesuvius” by Frank Ticheli, a difficult piece that represents the final days of Pompeii before the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius; “Hymn for Peace” by Kevin Day, which represents music that he wrote to bring him peace during a difficult time in his life, and which he hopes can do the same for the audience; and “Arabian Dances” by Brian Balmages, an entertaining concert closer that makes use of middle eastern idioms and has an open drum break incorporating authentic instruments.

“This concert was bittersweet for me,” said Braylon Bradt, tuba, senior agriculture major from Alva. “As a fourth-generation Ranger Band member, I was excited to be able to share my final concert with all of my family. My favorite piece was ‘Vesuvius.’ It was a demanding piece but very rewarding when we played it well. It drew on all of our skills, but was worth it.”

The Concert Band, which includes all students involved in the band program, played “Fanfare for Flight” by Adrian Sims, a concert opener that invokes images of an airplane taking off; “Song for Lyndsay,” a beautiful composition by Andrew Boysen was a love song for his wife featuring piano, horn and flute as soloists; and “Remembering the Remarkables” by Grace Baugher, which represented the mountains we climb in life, both figurative and literal. Specifically, it is written in homage to the women

that fought for the right to vote.

“Baugher is a composer of note because the NWOSU Bands have commissioned her to write a brand new piece in honor of Donovan Reichenberger and the contributions he made to the arts,” Black said. “This new piece will have its world premiere in spring 2024.”

Reichenberger joined Northwestern’s history department in 1967. He retired from the university in December 1992 after 25 years of service.

Reichenberger and his wife of 47 years, Dorothy, were passionate patrons of the arts. They were dedicated in their attendance at Northwestern’s concerts and theatre productions. After Dorothy’s passing in 2005, Donovan established a memorial scholarship in his wife’s name to support students in the university’s vocal music program. Reichenberger’s dedication to the music and theatre programs grew with four endowed scholarships and six endowed chairs, all established to provide numerous students with a quality fine arts education. He also endowed a history scholarship. Reichenberger died Dec. 14, 2020.

The band concert closed with “(not) Alone” by Randall Standridge. This was the second piece in a series of compositions meant to break the stigma of mental health and to open minds and conversations.

“All the band members worked hard and were excited about this concert,” said Addyson Noyes, flute, sophomore vocal music education major from Beaver. “We had some fun and emotional pieces that could make you laugh or cry.”



Members of the NWOSU Chamber Winds and Concert Band presented the Mountains to Climb concert on Sunday, April 23.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 20 · 🌐

Jason Bryant, class of 1995 and chief of operations for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, found home at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. So much so, that he and wife, Melissa, decided to raise their family in Alva.


#NWOSU has become a second home for so many students throughout our history. Let us become your second home today! Get enrolled and see how we can change your future.

#RRR


JASON BRYANT

"Don't rush into your career plans, you have your whole life to do that. Enjoy college while you're in it and make memories while they last."

📍 Purcell, OK



Bachelor of Science | Law Enforcement
Class of 1995



NWOSU Division of Education
April 20 · 🌐

Para to Degree info night in Ponca! We enjoyed meeting paras and seeing two of our graduates who are currently teaching in Ponca.

Thank you Megan and Elise for stopping by to see us too!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University - Woodward Campus
April 20 · 🌐

When someone asks if Dr. Thomason's Wellness Concepts class is hard work--we show them this picture! 😊

#RRR #workinghard #workingout #studentlife #wellness #woodwardcampus

❤️ Thank you to Tracy Evans for giving our students such a wonderful demonstration! 🙌



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 21 · 🌐

Shawn Holliday is associate dean of graduate studies and professor of English at Northwestern. He also directs the Master of Arts in American Studies program and serves as the Fulbright Program Advisor and Scholar Liaison to students and faculty.

He arrives on campus at 7:30 in the morning and spends a half hour before work sitting in his truck, listening to Breakfast with the Beatles broadcast on Sirius XM radio. In 1976, Shawn's brother brought home 'The Beatles' 1962-1966, and he was immediately hooked. Shawn has been a Beatles fanatic ever since.

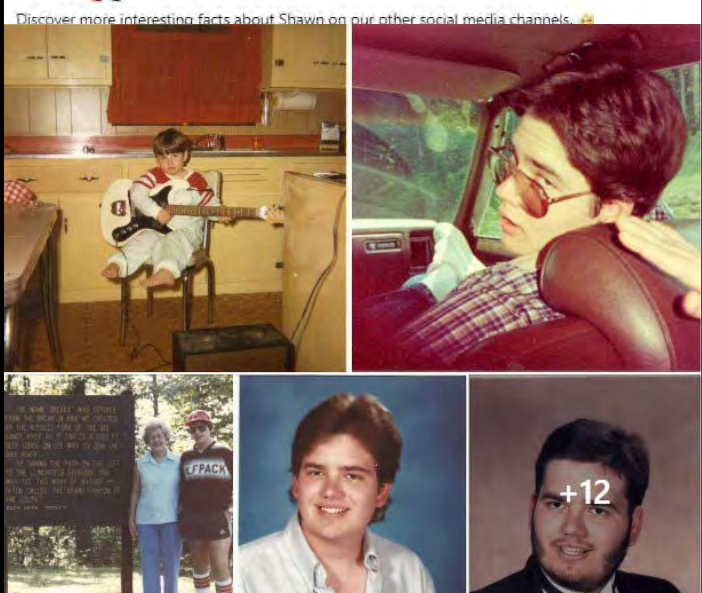
"John, Paul, George, and Ringo are four of my favorite human beings since their music has gotten me through plenty of good and bad times. In 47 years, I've never gotten sick of them or their music. I joke with my wife, Susan, that the most important things in my life are my family, pets, and The Beatles, not necessarily in that order."

Besides being a Beatles fanatic, Shawn also loves music, especially classic rock and jazz. He almost majored in music in college but decided not to since he was afraid that he would end up hating it due to spending so much time practicing. Ten years ago, Shawn taught himself to play bass guitar and has played a few shows in and around Alva by himself, with Max Ridgway, and the #NWOSU jazz band. Now he's teaching himself to play six-string guitar.

"I've been told that I'm a music snob, and that's true."

We appreciate all he does for our Ranger community every day. He's our "Ranger to Know" for this week 🎸🎶

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




NWOSU Division of Education
April 21 · 🌐

Congratulations to Dr. Darrow!

NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
April 21 · 🌐

Congratulations to 2002 Northwestern Oklahoma State University alum Dr. Dudley Darrow. 🎉



ENIDNEWS.COM
Former EPS administrator Darrow pegged as next superintendent for Enid district

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 21 · 🌐

Congratulations to the **Northwestern News (NWOSU)** campus newspaper for earning 28 awards from the Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association. And, to Jordan Green, editor, for being named the Diamond Division Journalist of the Year for the 2nd straight year!

Read more about their awards at <https://bit.ly/3UUQwae>.

Learn more about the News and the Communication Dept at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-communication>.



Northwestern Chorale and Singers returned to the Alva Independent School Bus Barn on April 22 to present Soundscapes VII. The groups were directed by Dr. Karsten Longhurst with accompaniment by Dr. Eduardo Moreira.

NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
 April 21 · Alva · 🌐

Shout out to our wonderful Theatre Production I student Rubí Tena who designed the poster and playbill cover for THE MONOLOGUE SHOW!
 Rubí also drew the graphics on the chalkboard for the lobby display.
 Excellent job!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #théâtre #theatreproduction #theatreclass #theatrestudent #themonologueshow #themonologueshowfromhell #donzolidis #monologue #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #art #publicity #t... See more



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
 April 21 · 🌐



NWOSU CORE - Conserving Our Ranger Environment
 April 21 · 🌐

CORE members and volunteers spent yesterday morning making seed balls with students at Fowler Early Childhood Center in celebration of Earth Day! Students learned about pollination and the importance of pollinator gardens.

We would like to thank Park Avenue Thrift and Johnston Seed Co. for their support on this project!

NWOSU Opioid Prevention
 April 21 · 🌐

Did You Know? 🤔 You should dispose of any unused or expired prescription medicine as soon as possible.

Timely disposal of prescription medicine can reduce the risk of others taking the medication accidentally or misusing the medication intentionally. It is important to safely dispose of unneeded or expired prescription medications to help keep our communities safe!

#NwosuOpioidPrevention

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Prescription For Change

SWAT fosters ‘Wooden Child’ Prevention of Child Abuse

Members of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) took part in the “Wooden Children” project sponsored by The Care Campus.

The “Wooden Children” project was designed to bring awareness to the number of child abuse cases that are investigated each year. In 2022, 249 confirmed cases of child abuse were reported in Garfield County, 50 fewer cases than were reported the previous year.

The Care Campus, previously known as The Garfield County Child Advocacy Council, has conducted the Wooden Children Program annually for more than a decade. Wooden children were also displayed in Blaine, Grant, Kingfisher and Woodward counties. About \$12,000 to \$13,000 is raised through the Wooden Child Project each year for The Care Campus.

“The Wooden Child Project’s significance is to shine a light on

child abuse and neglect in local communities of the number of children who are abused and/or neglected in the county,” Dustin Albright, The Care Campus executive director, said.

Each wooden figurine is approximately two to three feet high and was cut out by volunteers from the Garfield County community. Once the forms were cut out, volunteers painted on the faces and hair.

Organizations, businesses, groups and individuals were asked to “foster” a wooden child for \$35. The group sponsoring the child dressed and displayed them. On April 7 the Wooden Children were taken to the courthouse lawn to be displayed for all of April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This project not only creates awareness about the number of children who are abused but also

helps The Care Campus fund the services that are provided to the child and family. In Oklahoma “every person” has a statutory obligation to report a suspected abuse of a child.

To volunteer with The Care Campus or become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) call 580-242-1153.

“This project raises awareness that child abuse and neglect is happening in our communities,” Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said. “SWAT hopes this project will remind the community we must all help protect children. We also hope this project serves as a reminder to citizens that we are all mandated reporters in the state of Oklahoma.”

To learn more about Northwestern’s Department of Social Work, contact Harding at (580) 213-3148 or clharding@nwosu.edu.



The 249 wooden characters displayed on the northeast corner of the Garfield County Courthouse are being used to increase community awareness of children abused or neglected in Garfield County.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 25 · 🌐

#NWOSU alumnus Rex Trent, who is currently superintendent of Binger-Oney Public Schools, will deliver the commencement address at his alma mater during the University's spring commencement ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, at Ranger Field.

"If not for the scholarship, I would have never attended college. So Northwestern provided me with an opportunity to receive an education and pursue my dreams of becoming a teacher and coach." -Rex Trent

Full story 📖 <https://bit.ly/nwsp23commencementspkr>





Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 26 · 🌐

Nearly 250 dresses were given away to students from 18 high schools in three states during the ninth annual Primp for Prom event recently held in the Woodward High School Practice Gym.

This year more than 400 dresses and nearly 100 pairs of shoes were donated to the **NWOSU Department of Social Work** that co-sponsors the event with Woodward High School.

"Primp for Prom is an event that promotes human and community well-being and highlights the generous spirit of others," Dr. Kylene Rehder, #NWOSU department of social work chair, said.

Full story 📖 <https://bit.ly/23nwprimp4promfollowup>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 26 · 🌐

Members of the #NWOSU jazz ensemble will present their final concert for the semester on Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. on Alva's downtown square at the bandstand stage. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music, said the concert will feature a broad range of music including traditional jazz standards, modern funk, and even some pop music.


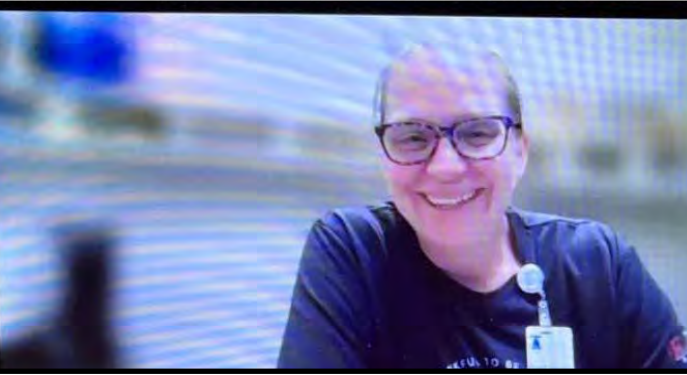
Included in the program are featured solos from Jade Campbell, saxophone, freshman instrumental music education major from Woodward; Caleb Kaiser, trumpet/flugelhorn, sophomore instrumental music education major from Enid; and Levi Crumpton, percussion/vocals, freshman vocal music education major from Cushing.

Full story 📖 <https://bit.ly/nwjazzconcertsp23>



NWOSU Department of Social Work
 April 26 · 🌐

Thank you Kallie Martin & Barbara McPherson for presenting to the senior class about continuing into the advanced standing Master's Program at the University of Oklahoma after obtaining your BSW degree from Northwestern.

NWOSU Division of Education
April 27 · 🌐

Congratulations Heather Gottsch, NWOSU (2008)! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!



Heather Gottsch
April 19 · 🌐

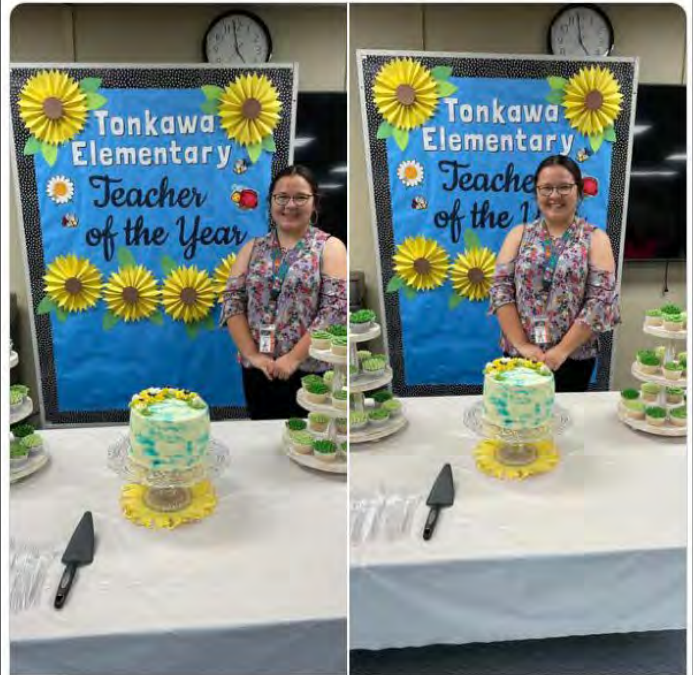
The past two years, God has been orchestrating a plan that I'm still not sure has fully sunk in yet.

This evening, I was officially hired as the Medford Elementary Principal. We are thrilled to be Cardinals, and for me, to be a Cardinal again. The way so many moving pieces have come together in the last two months is beyond anything I could have ever dreamed. As one of my wise friends said, every door that seemed to be closed was just redirecting me HOME.

Fifteen years ago, I student taught in the 2nd grade in Medford and I am so excited to be back. Every winding road was directing us back here and I can't wait to get started. Every bit of success I have been blessed to experience was because of the solid foundation I received as a Cardinal. I am blessed to now get to help lay that foundation for so many little Cardinals.

NWOSU Division of Education
April 27 · 🌐

Cinthia Rodriguez has been named Teacher of the Year in Tonkawa. Cinthia is a 2017 NWOSU graduate in Elementary Education and teaches at Tonkawa Elementary School. Congratulations, Cinthia!



Tonkawa Public Schools
April 26 · 🌐

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Cinthia Rodriguez. We are so blessed to have you at TES.

NWOSU Division of Education
April 27 · 🌐

Kalli Gruber Mason has been named Chisholm's Teacher of the Year. Kalli graduated in Elementary Education in 2016.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 28 · 🌐

#NWOSU spring commencement exercises will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Ranger Field.

14 candidates will receive Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.

33 candidates will receive master's degrees, 19 will receive Master of Education degrees, 11 will receive Master of Counseling Psychology degrees, two will receive a Master of Science in General Psychology degree, and one will receive a Master of Arts in Heritage Tourism and Conservation degree.

A total of 216 candidates will receive bachelor's degrees with 42 graduating with honors. Students with cumulative grade point averages between 3.70 and 3.79 are designated cum laude, those with GPAs between 3.80-3.89 are magna cum laude, and those above 3.90 are summa cum laude.

A live internet stream of the graduation can be found at: www.youtube.com/NWOSURangers.

Full list of graduates 🌟 <https://bit.ly/sp23nwcommencement>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 28 · 🌐

Codi Harding is an assistant professor of social work, director of #NWOSU social work field education, and the sponsor of the student organization Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT).

Codi and her husband, Chris, own two businesses. H & S Harvesting, LLP, a custom harvesting company. They currently harvest summer and fall crops in northwest Oklahoma with plans to expand and travel in the future. Their second business is Harding Transportation, LLC, a trucking company. They currently haul crude oil and bulk loads of local crops. They eventually plan to expand into other commodities such as bulk propane and bulk fuel.

We appreciate all she does for our social work department every day. She's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🍅🍇

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

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 28 · 🌐

Four #NWOSU employees will be honored at a retirement reception in the Student Center Ranger Room, 3-4 p.m. on May 4. Honored will be Kevin Fields and Drs. Cornelia Mihai, Steven Palmer & Shelly Wells. Open to the public. More 🍌 <https://bit.ly/3LjvKg2>



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association is 🥳 feeling excited.
 April 29 · 🌐

It's a beautiful day for Northwestern Oklahoma State University Spring Alumni Reunion. We will kick off the day with the President's Reception at 3:30 pm in the Student Center Ballroom followed by the pinning ceremony for our honored classes at 4:30 pm and senior awards at 5:00 pm in the Ranger Room. The alumni banquet begins at 6:00 pm at Percefull Fieldhouse where Outstanding Graduates and other award winners will be honored. A great day lies ahead!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 April 29 · 🌐

Fantastic day to #BeARanger!

Always enjoy celebrating our #NWOSU Alumni and hearing such heartfelt memories of time spent at this university during the annual Spring Alumni Reunion Banquet.


#OnceARangerAlwaysARanger

NOTE: The alumni reunion and special activities of the day are always scheduled on the last Saturday of April.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 29 · 🌐

So proud of #NWOSU alum Luis Chavez on your big win! Look for even more reps from Northwestern in Sunday's big marathon. Let us know if you are taking part in the events in OKC this weekend so we can cheer you on! #RUNtoREMEMBER #RRR




Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon
April 29 · 🌐

RUN IT BACK, LUIS! 🏆 We have a REPEAT champ! Join us in congratulating Luis Chavez — the first Race Weekend winner! 🎉

Luis finished the 5K with a time of 16:08. Absolutely remarkable! #RUNtoREMEMBER

NWOSU Theatre was live.
April 30 · 🌐



NWOSU Aspiring Educators - OAEA
May 1 · 🌐

Dr. Bråten-Hall(faculty sponsor) and Nastassja Geef(former NWOSU OAEA president) is handing out OAEA graduation cords to graduating members.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 1 · 🌐

FYI:
www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet

Campus Cabinet HELP THE CAMPUS CABINET WITH YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS!

Packing to go home and looking to unload a few items?
The Campus Cabinet Food Pantry will accept your unused/non-expired non-perishable foods, gently used/new sheet sets & blankets, unused shampoo/soap collected from hotel stays, good working microwaves and small refrigerators and more! www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet for items accepted.



Please visit with your RA/head resident in the dorm. Those living off-campus, as well as the general public, can email arcase@nwosu.edu with questions about donating. Monetary donations also accepted.

Campus Cabinet-NWOSU
Nonprofit organization

Campus Cabinet-NWOSU
May 1 · 🌐

We are so happy to work with our NWOSU Housing Department to help our students who are graduating and those leaving for the summer!

If you have shelf stable, non perishable foods or gently used/new bedding, dorm sized refrigerators or microwaves, contact your dorm RA/head residents. Off campus students, please feel free to contact **Angelia Case** at arcase@nwosu.edu, or message us here!

We appreciate your efforts to help other students. Have a great summer!

Send message

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
May 2 · 🌐

The Fairview Highschool/Northwest Technology Center Med Club accompanied by their instructor Debra Button visited the NWOSU Ketterman Lab for 2 hours of interactive activities on 4/26/2023. They viewed and assisted with a natural birth by the Noelle simulator, and respiratory scenarios using SimMan and SimMan 3 G as well as checking pupillary reaction to light and auscultating lung sounds. The scenarios included a full set of vital signs and interventions to correct a low oxygen saturation and a low respiratory rate. NWOSU Faculty Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Herrera and Mrs. Gillette joined Ketterman Lab coordinator Mrs. Walgren in the day's activities.



Smith competes at Miss Oklahoma competition

Miss Northwestern 2023 Emily Smith, Holdenville senior majoring in vocal music education, represented the university and northwest Oklahoma in the 2023 Miss Oklahoma competition at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa earning the Rookie Talent Award.

Joining Smith at the competition were Northwestern Star Tier-

ney Jade “TJ” Crissup and Miss Northwestern’s Teen 2023 Tristyn Burgess.

Forty women from across the state competed in talent, on-stage question/health and fitness, evening gown and a private interview highlighting the community service initiative they represented throughout their title.

Smith was candidate No. 8 in the Mu group. Her interview was on Tuesday, June 6, and she performed her talent on June 8, a vocal performance titled “Think of Me.” Her on-stage question/health and fitness and evening gown competition was on June 7. Her community service initiative was “Make Big Talk.”

The final competition and crowning of Miss Oklahoma was held on June 10.

Burgess was in the Alpha group and completed her interview on Thursday; fitness, on-stage question and evening gown on Friday afternoon; and talent on Friday night during preliminaries. Burgess’ talent was a contemporary acrobatic dance to “Crocodile Rock” by Elton John. Her community service initiative was “Social Inclusion for Children with Disabilities.” The final competition and crowning of Miss Oklahoma’s Teen was held on June 10.

To learn more about the Miss Northwestern competition or Miss Northwestern’s Teen competition, contact Paige Fischer, executive director of the competition, at plfischer@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8533. Additional information may be found online at www.nwsu.edu/miss-nwsu.



Emily Smith



Tristyn Burgess

Jade “TJ” Crissup

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Student-led PR, Ad Agency provides hands-on learning

Ranger Communication, the student-led public relations and advertising agency based out of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Communication Department, continues to thrive under its new adviser, Dr. Adriana Jacob Carneiro, who came on board as an assistant professor of mass communication in the spring of 2023.

Students in the Strategic Communication Practicum course, along with their student director were first charged with creating a distinct identity for the agency and developing its purpose, mission, vision, values, name and logo.

Caitlin Hofen, May 2023 mass communication graduate from Alva, served as the student director during the semester. The student account executives included Dax Benway, Jacob Ervin, Liberty Goodnow, Joshua Hinton, Gavin Mendoza, Tara Owen and Mallory Paruszewski.

The practicum course has allowed the students to gain hands-on learning opportunities through real-world experiences to help set them up to become successful communication professionals. The agency team plans to provide strategic plans and creative solutions for their clients' business goals while building lasting relationships and credibility with the organizations in the community.

The agency representatives worked with three clients in the spring – Alva Blessing Boxes, Alva Public Library and the Cherokee Strip Museum.

For each, the students prepared a communication plan, press releases, social media posts and created logos.

Additional plans for the agency include equipping its office space in the Jesse Dunn Annex with a computer, printer and furniture and hopes to have a grand opening ceremony for the space in the future.

Additional information also is being planned to add to their web page.

The agency currently can be found on Facebook and plans to create an Instagram account.



Staff members of Ranger Communication include Back row: Dax Benway, Gavin Mendoza and Jacob Ervin. Front row: Tara Owen, Liberty Goodnow, Mallory Paruszewski, Caitlin Hofen-student director and Dr. Adriana Jacob Carneiro-agency supervisor. Not pictured: Joshua Hinton. Photo: Jordan Green



Northwestern, NOC Enid develop partnership program for nursing

Northwestern and Northern Oklahoma College Enid have partnered to create an RN-to-BSN pathway for students to earn their degree starting at NOC and finishing at Northwestern.

By choosing this option, students will have a streamlined process between the two programs by decreasing barriers and, overall, becoming cost-effective. The pathway has multiple entry points that will allow a student to start in the fall, spring or summer.

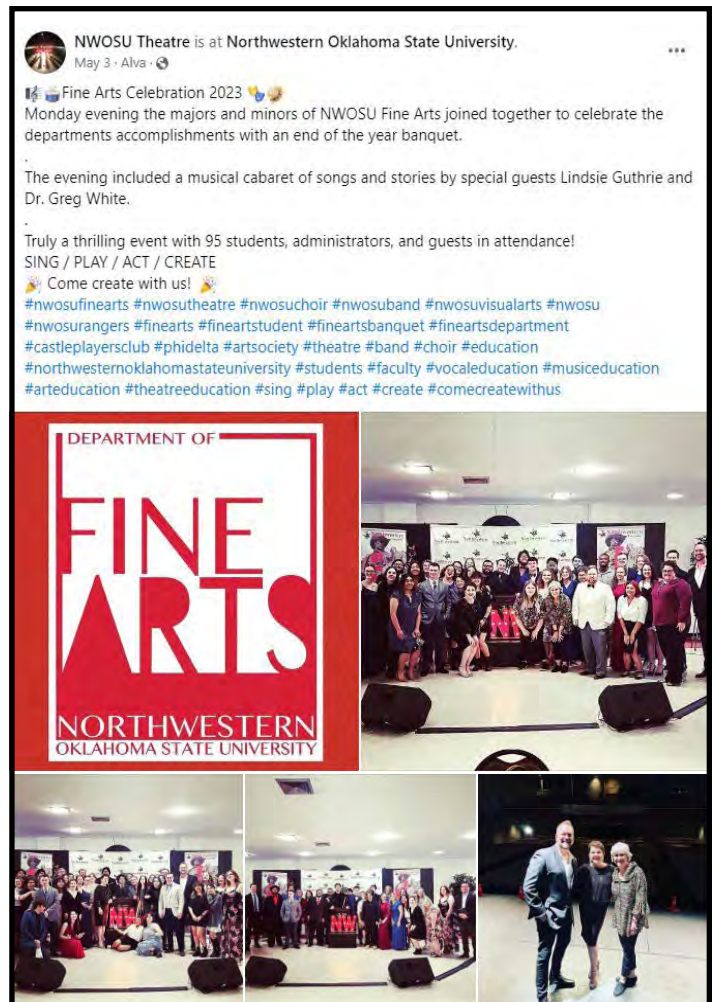
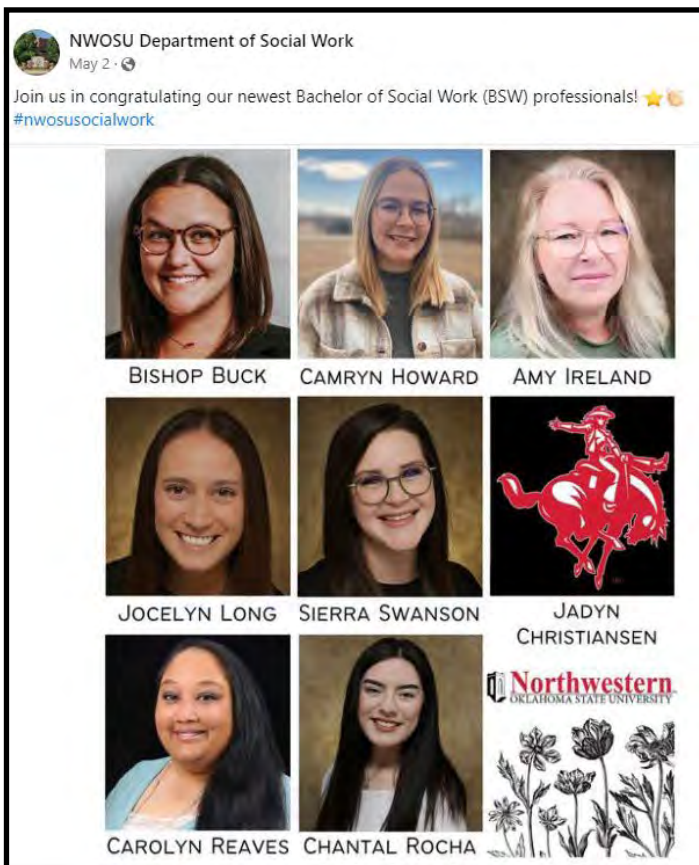
A student can obtain their associate's degree RN at NOC Enid in approximately six semesters depending on their de-

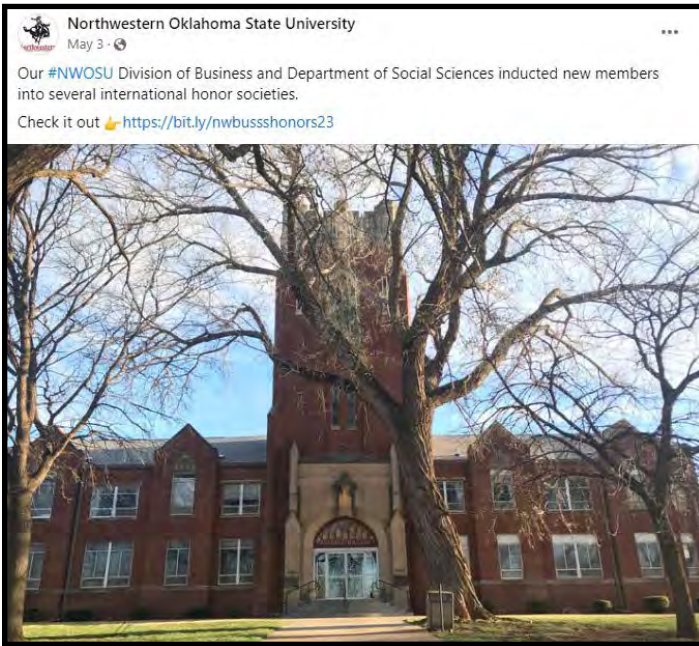
gree plan, and apply to Northwestern's RN-to-BSN program. Once at Northwestern, the student will finish their degree in three semesters.

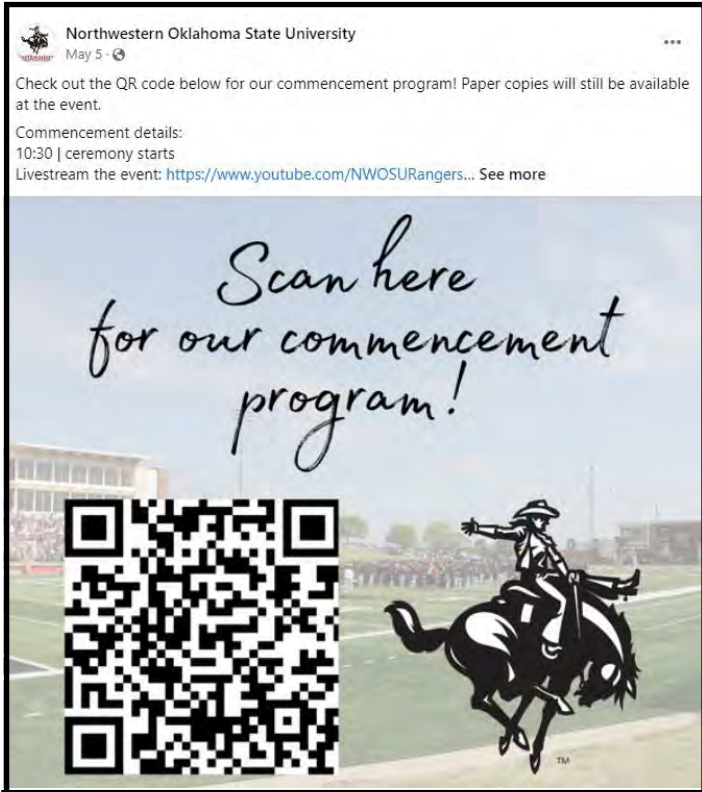
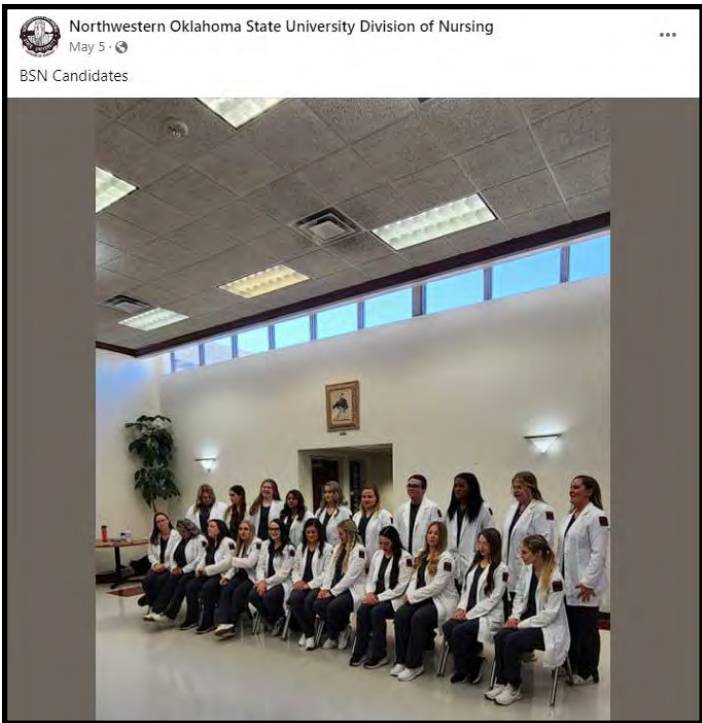
"The Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing at Northwestern and NOC Nursing know how imperative it is for students to have clear guidelines for degree completions," said Dr. Leslie Collins, chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing. "We are very excited to finalize this RN-to-BSN pathway so that students can take advantage of both higher education institutions and

all that each has to offer. We know that this partnership will help increase the number of practicing nurses in our communities and help students meet their goals when and where they need."

Questions regarding the Northwestern nursing program should be directed to Collins at (580) 327-8493 or by email at nursing@nwsu.edu. Questions for NOC Enid's nursing program, should be asked of Dr. Nikole Hicks at (580) 628-6679 or by email at nursing@noc.edu.







Youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqVuatQWrSA>

Photos can be found:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-rangers/sets/72177720308063915/>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 5 · 🌐

Vannessa Scoggins is the travel/insurance clerk. She processes travel reimbursements and is responsible for assisting incoming new hires with their onboarding paperwork.

Perhaps the most important thing to Vannessa, besides her children, is traveling to Wisconsin. She has one last living grandparent there, her grandma. Being in Wisconsin makes her incredibly happy. Half the fun is the 14-hour drive. The song "Over the River and Through the Woods to Grandmother's House We Go" is relatable as they have to cross the Mississippi River, and Vannessa's grandmother lives in the woods. Vannessa says it is a completely different world up there, so beautiful with all the trees, bluffs, and hills, much different than Oklahoma.

"I briefly moved up there after college, but realized quickly that it was very hard to be 800 miles away from my parents so I moved back. Maybe one day I will be able to move back. Even my children have the same love for Wisconsin as me. I want them to grow up doing the same things I did, such as going to the Mall of America on every trip and Minnesota Twins baseball games."

We appreciate all she does for our #NWOSU community every day. She's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 📍📍

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

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



Becky Noel MacKay
May 6 · 🌐

We are so, so proud of our graduates from the science department, and we know you will all go on to do amazing things in your respective fields and for this world! Ride Rangers Ride!



NWOSU Department of Social Work is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
May 6 · Alva · 🌐

It was a beautiful day to celebrate our social work graduates 📄❤️ #nwosusocialwork



Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
May 8 · 🌐

At our NWOSU Graduate Reception held earlier in the month, we were able to recognize several concurrent students who had accumulated 24 credit hours by the time of their graduation. All of these high school seniors were enrolled through the #OKGearUp program and were able to take classes with us tuition free!



Honor groups induct new members

Northwestern's English, Foreign Language and Humanities Department inducted new members into two national honor societies.

Sigma Delta Pi is the national Hispanic honor society that recognizes and encourages the academic excellence of students studying Spanish and Hispanic Studies at qualifying colleges and universities. Requirements for membership include completion of significant Spanish coursework beyond the general education requirement and a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in Spanish courses.

The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Dr. Robert Vest, assistant professor of Spanish. The society will work next year with Spanish Club to increase awareness on campus of Hispanic culture, helping to put on big events for the Day of the Dead/Halloween Bash among other plans.

This year's three inductees include sophomore history major,

Spanish minor Ava Carr of Tuttle; freshman Spanish major Kimberly Guel of Los Angeles, California; and recent spring English graduate M'Cheila Rader of Eudora, Kansas.

Sigma Tau Delta is the national English honor society dedicated to promoting the study of English. Requirements for membership include completing two English courses beyond the general education requirement and a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in English courses.

The sponsor for Northwestern's Alpha Nu Psi chapter is Dr. Matthew Lambert, assistant professor of English.

The society puts on an event each fall and spring semester, including the Banned Book Reading and the Creativity Festival.

This year's three inductees include junior English major Delaney Lambert of Alva, recent spring mass communication graduate Caitlin Hofen of Alva; and Rader.



(Left to right) Kimberly Guel, Ava Carr, M'Cheila Rader and Northwestern Oklahoma State University chapter sponsor Dr. Robert Vest gathered for the induction ceremony for Sigma Delta Pi, a national Hispanic honor society.



Education students present 'Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type'

Northwestern education students performed "Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin for Enid Public Schools Fowler Early Childhood Center students recently.

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

"Our students enjoyed watching the animals come to life when the Northwestern students performed," said Shawna Tanner, a teacher at Fowler. "They loved seeing all the props the students made and enjoyed taking pictures with their favorite characters after the performance. It was a fun experience for our students. We love being able to visit the NWOSU campus with our students!"

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 were able to use the story to create a performance that incorporated a farm scene with all the animals in the story. The story was somewhat adapted to include other animals not mentioned in the story, but the students were able to keep the original storyline of the book. Each student took a role of an animal and acted out their part from the story.

Trabuc said the students wanted to get the preschoolers from the Fowler Center involved in the story, so the "characters" would ask the preschoolers questions during the performance.

"They felt this would add a chance for the students to feel involved in the story and play performance," Trabuc said. "The creative activities class started from scratch and

were able to build a set with an actual barn and farm backdrop that helped create a farm atmosphere. As much as the performance is for the Fowler preschoolers, these future educators gain a positive experience and a sense of what their hard work means to the students as they see excitement and wonder on each child's face."

Cast members in the production, their hometowns, classifications, majors and the characters they portrayed include:

Maggie Bellew, Beaver senior, early childhood education, as Sheep; Victoria Caywood, Enid junior, early childhood education, as Chicken; Jasmine Hagemeyer, Alva senior, early childhood education, as Duck; Erika Hernandez, Laverne senior, elementary education, as Cow; Donovan Paden, Alva senior, elementary education, as Pig; and Matthew Voth, Alva senior, elementary education, as Farmer.

"The play was my favorite part

of this semester," Paden said. "It was fun to watch all the Fowler students laugh and smile as we performed. This play gave us ideas we may want to use in the future when we read books like this in our own classrooms. It was a lot of work, from building the barn and backdrops to writing our own script from the book, but I don't think any of us will forget about this experience."

Photos from this event are available at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-rangers/albums/72177720307926380>.

For more information about Northwestern's teaching programs contact Dr. Jennifer Oswald, associate professor of education and chair of the Division of Education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu. Additional information about Northwestern's Division of Education may be found at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education>.



Northwestern education students performed "Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin for the Enid Public Schools Fowler Early Childhood Center students. The cast included (left to right) Matthew Voth, Jasmine Hagemeyer, Donovan Paden, Victoria Caywood, Erika Hernandez and Maggie Bellew.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 8 · 🌐

Photos from the 2023 Spring Commencement ceremonies at #NWOSU are available for free download from our new Flickr site!

Commencement, as well as Nurses Pinning and Education Pinning are available at <https://www.flickr.com/.../collections/72157721573883191/>

Congrats to the graduates!

To see a list of graduates, see the article on our news archive page: www.nwosu.edu/news.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 12 · 🌐

Christie Riley is the director of teacher education and an associate professor of education. In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, she is responsible for ensuring the Division of Education aligns policies with current law and accreditation standards.

She worked as a secretary for the Natural Science and Industrial Arts Departments at Northwestern for 4 years while completing her undergraduate and graduate degrees. Christie worked for both Dr. Bohlen and Dr. Brownrigg. She met her husband while attending Northwestern and they were married in July 1994. They have two daughters, Lora Dietz and Ally Riley, and a son-in-law, Perry Dietz.

When she was in school everyone hung out in the Student Center and played pool. Christie says back then the pool tables were in the middle where the chairs and TVs are now. She says it was where everyone was and it was a fun place to hang out between classes.

"Some of my favorite teachers were Dr. Bohlen, who made Chemistry so easy to understand; Dr. Brownrigg, who taught me so much about silversmithing, wood turning, and being creative (Both Dr. Bohlen and Dr. Brownrigg made me feel like family when I worked for them. They were amazing bosses.) Dr. Young was just the same as she is now, amazing; Dr. Hardaway, I think it was his first year at NWOSU when I had him. He made History interesting."

We appreciate all she does for our #NWOSU Division of Education every day. She's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🟡🟢




#TheGreatestVolunteers
JACK STAATS

Oklahoma Youth Expo
21th · 🌐

This week is #NationalTeacherAppreciationWeek, so what better time to highlight our next OYE volunteer, Mr. Jack Staats.

Currently, Mr. Staats serves as the William Donald Campbell Family Chair in Agriculture at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Before joining NWOSU, he worked as a high school agricultural education instructor and later the program manager and Oklahoma FFA adviser for Oklahoma's Department of Career and Technology Education.

At the Oklahoma Youth Expo, Mr. Staats is one of our goat superintendents and can almost always be found working in the showing or telling stories and conversing with those around him. He works hard to make the show run as smoothly and efficiently as possible and does so with a smile on his face.

We are thankful for Mr. Staats and all he does to ensure the best experience possible for our OYE exhibitors. Please join us in thanking Mr. Jack Staats for everything he does on behalf of OYE, as well as his commitment to his students in the classroom!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 12 · 🌐

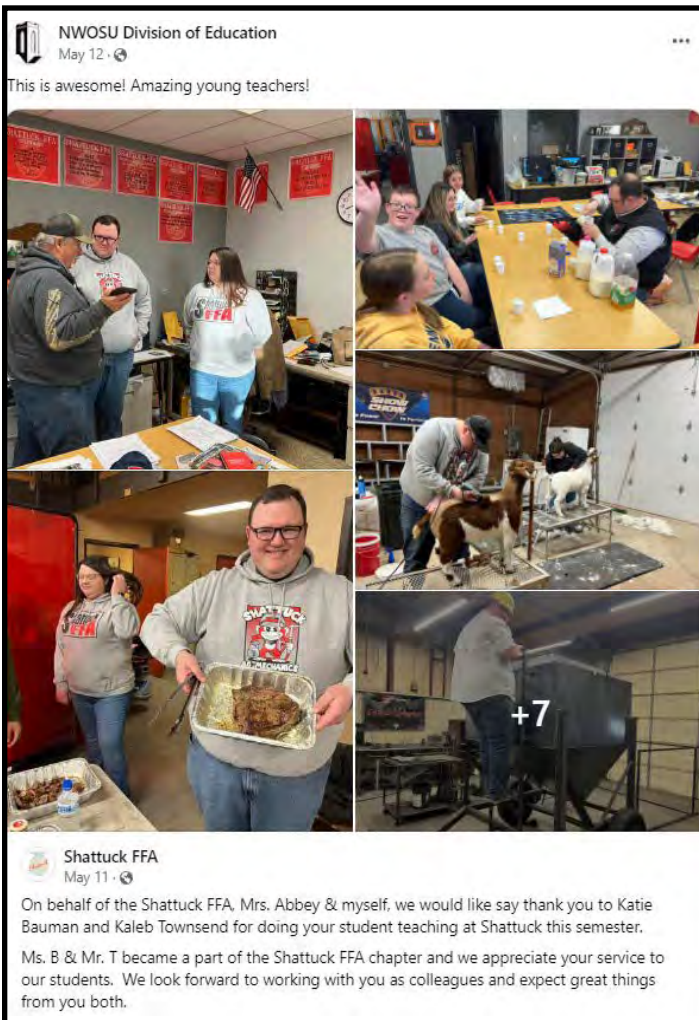
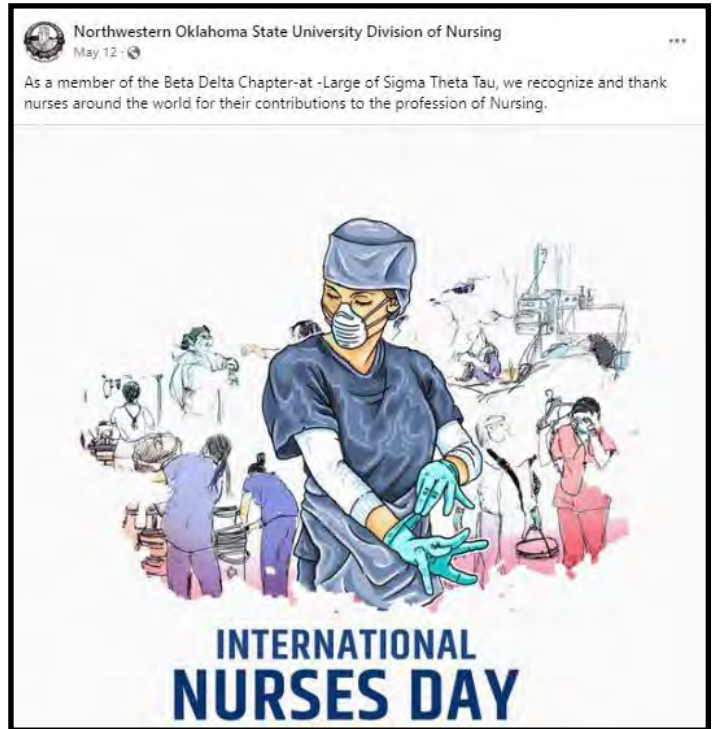
The #NWOSU University Singers have been touring around Oklahoma this week and also made a stop in Branson, Missouri, where they attended "Esther" at "Sight and Sound" where Tori Hurley (middle, on knees) has been employed since graduating from Northwestern in 2018 with a speech/theatre degree and minor in visual arts. Tori is now the Lead Lighting Technician there.

www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts
#RRR #FineArts





Natural Sciences department members got together to celebrate with Dr. Cornelia Mihai on her retirement on May 5. Members attending were: (front row) Dr. Venkata Moorthy, Dr. Mihai, Dr. Becky MacKay, Dr. Jenny Sattler. (Back row) Dr. Jason Wickham, Dr. Steve Maier, Dr. Nicholas Ledbetter, Dr. Piper Robida and Dr. Steve Thompson.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 17 at 6:23 PM · 🌐

May #NWOSU graduates Jordan Green and Jacob Webster took part in a podcast on the BBC World Service international radio station recently to discuss the drought and the wheat crop in Oklahoma.

To listen to their portion, visit this link at about the 8-minute mark: <https://bit.ly/3MD0nPM>

Jordan also wrote an article on this year's wheat crop for The Oklahoman at <https://bit.ly/3Myu7NB>.




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US inflation beats forecasts b ...
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NWOSU Division of Education
May 22 at 11:48 AM · 🌐

Dr. Christee Jenlink back in the classroom as a guest presenter in the Creative Activities class on the Enid campus. She spoke on the benefits of teaching the arts, especially music, in the classroom. The students were active participants in the session this morning!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
May 18 · 🌐



Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
May 18 · 🌐

We are less than a month away from **Enid Chautauqua in the Park!** We partner with the Enid Chautauqua Council and Oklahoma Chautauqua to bring you these annual programs. This year, the theme for Summer Chautauqua is American Aviation: Barnstorming to Mach 1. The performances will feature, Amelia Earhart, Chuck Yeager, Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott, Jacqueline Cochran, and Rose Cousins.

To find out more, visit csrhc.org/

#CSRHC #Summer #thingstodo #Chautauqua #Oklahoma #NWOK

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 18 at 2:28 PM · 🌐

Six students and their sponsor Dr. Jenny Sattler set off for their 11-day Study Abroad tour of England, Ireland and Wales today!

Leaving #NWOSU today with passports in hand are Ava Carr, Delaney Lambert & Jenna Maier. They'll join up at the airport with Grace Hise, Netanya Lawrence and Emma Place.

They will be posting and reporting back to us so we can share their adventures with you over the next several days.

Have fun and safe travels!




Homecoming theme, parade marshal announced

Events have been set for Northwestern's annual homecoming celebration Oct. 5-7, and the organizing committee looks forward to seeing many familiar and new faces in Alva.

The NWOSU Homecoming Committee once again had the task of narrowing down several excellent theme ideas submitted by friends and alumni of the university. This year's theme – "Rock Rangers Rock...Homecoming Tour 2023" was selected by the volunteer committee.

"The homecoming committee chose this theme to allow student organizations and clubs to participate with their interpretation of rock 'n' roll from any decade," Dr. David Pecha, general chairman, said. "This year's theme will allow all Northwestern students, employees, alumni and friends to have a fun time by embracing a more direct theme that encourages creativity. The entire committee is excited to celebrate Northwestern with some rock 'n' roll this year."

Student and community groups are encouraged to create floats that incorporate this theme for Homecoming.

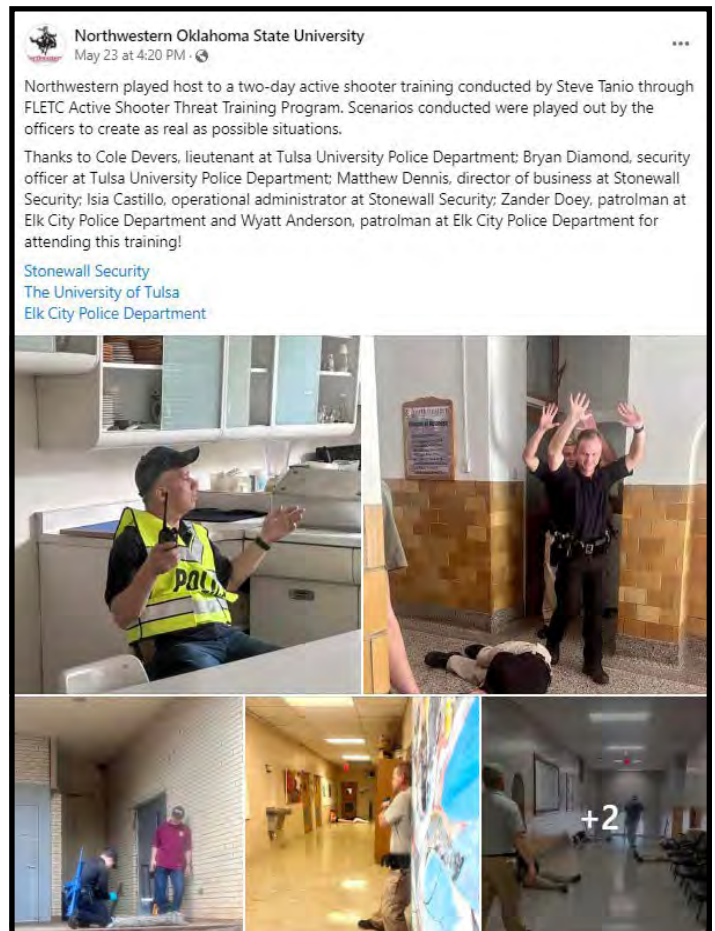
Leading the parade on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. in downtown Alva will be the parade marshals Darrell and Grace Wessels. Darrell graduated from Northwestern in 1963 with a math major and a chemistry/biology minor. He has been married to his wife, Grace, for 64 years.

The Cherokee residents support local sports teams and are seen at many Northwestern events, including basketball games. Their names are on the Early Childhood Center, and they have given generously to the Literacy Center and the Nursing Lab.

Darrell is the president of the Gene Belcher Educational Foundation. Grace has served on the Governance Committee, as both member and chair, of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association. She has also served on the Executive Committee.

Homecoming button sales will be announced later in the fall semester.

To keep up-to-date with Homecoming events visit www.nwosu.edu/homecoming. The web page will be updated as events are finalized.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 23 at 8:56 AM · 🌐

The #NWOSUStudyAbroad group has been enjoying its time discovering Ireland. They've been in Killarney & Dublin and were boarding a ferry to Wales earlier today. Can't wait to see what this group is able to do next! #NWOSU

Jenny Sattler

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 24 at 9:23 PM · 🌐

Always good to see these young people on campus.

Northwest Technology Center
May 24 at 11:25 AM · 🌐

We have had a great time hosting MASH Camp this week in conjunction with NWOSU!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
May 22 · 🌐

Nurses Month Week 4
MAY 22-31

Help promote nurses' invaluable contributions by engaging with your community and educating them on what nurses do. The vital role of nurses as leaders in their organizations, on boards of directors and as elected officials at the local, state and federal levels is making a difference in improving the nation's health.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 24 · 🌐

#NWOSU is excited to offer a new microcredential for corrections officers! For those interested in this program, click the links below. Read more here - <https://bit.ly/3q9rjxL>. For more information about the program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/.../criminal-justice-law...>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 26 at 7:31 AM · 🌐

Yesterday #NWOSUStudyAbroad saw the sights of London. They saw Big Ben, Windsor castle, Westminster Abbey and a bunch more! They then went on a haunted tour of London to end the day. Today it is off to Bath and Stonehenge! #NWOSU

CampusCabinetNWOSU @CampusCabinetNW · May 24

NWOSU students/employees needing a little help, please know we are here for you. If NWOSU is open, we are open.

Visit our web page (nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet), for info on how we can help.

Questions, please ask. We are happy to help.

(Donations are always happily accepted.)

If NWOSU is open

We Are **OPEN**

If we can help, please let us know.
www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet

Campus Cabinet
 Northwestern Food Pantry

Must be an enrolled NWOSU student or employee

NWOSU Division of Education
 May 25 at 10:58 AM

Creative Activities class during dress rehearsal this morning— big show is this afternoon at Leonardo's Children's Museum!

NWOSU Opioid Prevention
 May 24

NALOXONE SAVES LIVES.

OKLAHOMA
 Mental Health &
 Substance Abuse

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 May 23

Naloxone can reverse accidental opioid overdose. That's why every Oklahoman should have it. Get your free naloxone kit today.
<http://www.okimready.org/stopoverdose>
 #okimready

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 May 25 at 9:46 AM

Spring semester honor rolls at Northwestern Oklahoma State University have been announced by the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Congratulations to all of our #NWOSU spring honor roll students!

Full list of students - <https://bit.ly/nwsp23honorroll>

CONGRATS
 SPRING
 HONOR ROLL
 STUDENTS

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 27 at 7:19 AM · 🌐

#NWOSUStudyAbroad had a busy day yesterday visiting Bath and the Roman baths and Stonehenge! It was a fun day with lots of learning and adventure! Today is their last day in London before flying out tomorrow, and they report they have lots planned. This includes a visit to Buckingham Palace, Hackney city farms, Borough street markets, and the British Museum. What an adventure! #NWOSU

NWOSU Division of Education
May 31 at 11:52 AM · 🌐

Jen Oswald and Jarrod Johnson working on redesigning the Educational Leadership programs! Now is the best time to get your principal or superintendent certification!
Apply now: <https://www.nwosu.edu/graduate-studies>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
June 9 · 🌐

We are thrilled to announce that our final graduate from last year passed the AANP exam! That is another year of 100% pass rate! We are so proud of our students!!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 29 at 9:35 PM · 🌐

SUMMER CHORAL CAMP
AT NWOSU WITH DR. KARSTEN LONGHURST
FOR 2ND-6TH AND 7TH-12TH GRADERS

TWO WEEK CAMP
MON.-THUR., JUNE 19-29, 2023
2ND-6TH GRADES: 10-11:30AM
7TH-12TH GRADES: 1-3PM
JOINT CONCERT, THUR., JUNE 29 AT 2PM

\$95 each singer (Includes t-shirt and cost of music)
or
\$135 to add two private vocal lessons, camp promotion

Sing pop, musical theatre, and a variety of other genres
-Enjoy singing with friends
-Improve musicianship
-Solo opportunities
-Have fun!

To register or for more information, email: Danielle.longhurst@gmail.com

Summer Choral Camp
May 29 at 3:30 PM · 🌐

Only 1 week left to sign up for Summer Choral Camp! The younger session (2-6 grade) is almost full. Sign up today!

NWOSU Theatre is in Times Square, New York City.
May 31 · 🌐

NWOSU Theatre in NYC! Shown here, our audio technician Johnathon Snyder poses in Times Square. John snapped a few pics on his trip to New York City and visit to the newly opened Broadway Museum!

"I got to walk down Broadway, and the museum I thought was very educational and awesome. The artwork of the chandelier from Phantom of the Opera and the puppets from Avenue Q were my favorite exhibits in the museum." How cool! Thank you for sharing John and Ride Rangers Ride!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangars #timessquare #timessquarenyc #theatre #broadway #theatredistrict #thebroadwaymuseum #theatre #théâtre #theatrekid #theatrekids #theatrestudent #theatrearts #theatreartists #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #musiceducation #theatrelife #musicaltheatre #theatrelove #theatrecompany #supportlivetheatre #theatreprops #theatrehistory #theatreeducation #scenicdesign #theatrestagedesign

Love a lobby where all they do is play musical theatre

THE SUN'LL COME OUT TOMORROW

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
June 4 at 12:31 PM · 🌐

Last day for the 52nd Nescatunga Arts Festival / 2nd Sugar Show. Open til 3 pm.

Nescatunga Arts and Humanities Council, Inc.
June 4 at 12:28 PM · 🌐

Final day for the Nescatunga Arts Festival is underway in [Northwestern Oklahoma State University's](#) Percefull Fieldhouse and Health and Sports Science Education small gym! Entertainment is going, booths are open and food trucks are here to serve you. We close at 3 pm.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
6d · 🌐

Oklahoma students enrolled in 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade can benefit greatly by enrolling in Oklahoma's Promise. #NWOSU has many students attending now who benefitted from this program. See the link in the original post for more info.

Oklahoma's Promise
June 5 at 9:00 AM · 🌐

Attention students who just completed 11th grade & their parents: Friday, June 30 is YOUR LAST CHANCE to apply for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship! Visit www.myokpromise.org today to learn more. #OKPromise #okhighered

NWOSU Division of Education
June 5 at 1:36 PM · 🌐

NWOSU OAEA officers (Nahi Ramirez and Mattie Pitts) and Dr. Bråten-Hall visited OKC Friday. The trip included a tour at the Oklahoma State Department of Education with Todd Loftin, a training and tour of the OEA OKC office with Joshua Frazier and Kari Elledge, and a visit to the OKC National Memorial Museum. We enjoyed our fully packed day!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
June 9 · 🌐

Our new Junior nursing students are partnering with [Integris Health](#) at the Oklahoma Men Count Charity Classic Golf Tournament to provide blood pressure screenings and education.

Northwestern working with AllianceHealth Woodward to develop future nurses

Northwestern officials are excited by the ongoing collaboration with AllianceHealth Woodward for the nursing workforce development pro-

gram. Most classes required for nursing students in Woodward are held at the Northwestern - Woodward campus.

Health Woodward, said. "Growing the nursing workforce of the future is critical for improving patient care in our region and Northwestern is doing important work to make clinical education accessible to area residents."

The Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing faculty member also assists in the development and maintenance of a preceptor program at AllianceHealth Woodward. Preceptors are experienced, licensed nurses who supervise students during their clinical rotations to educate and coach new nurses in evidence-based practices for patient care.

"We are very appreciative of our partnership with AllianceHealth Woodward," Dr. Leslie Collins, chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing, said. "This collaboration helps to meet the needs of Northwestern nursing students, the AllianceHealth Woodward facility and our communities. This is a shining example of how education and practice can help meet the growing needs of nursing, health care and, most importantly, the patients we serve."

For more information on Northwestern's nursing degree programs visit www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing or contact Collins at (580) 327-8489 or Incollins@nwsu.edu.



Pictured from l-r: Dr. Jonathan Thomason, dean of Woodward campus; Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president; Landon Hise, CEO of AllianceHealth; Dr. Leslie Collins, Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing chair.

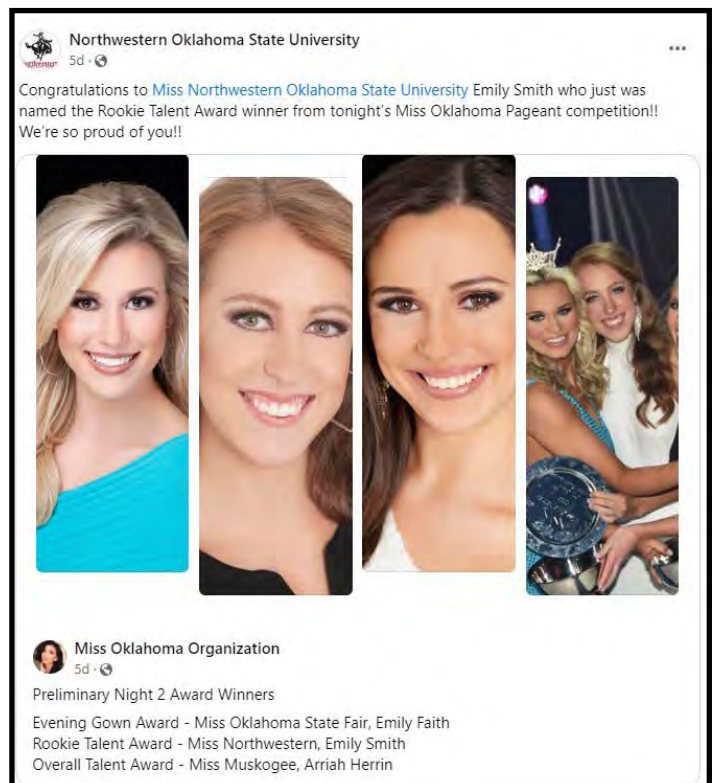
gram. The purpose of this program is to support the enrollment of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) at Northwestern and to increase the number of Bachelor of Science in Nursing-prepared nurses at AllianceHealth Woodward.

This is the second year of a three-year commitment for AllianceHealth Woodward to pay a portion of the stipend for a faculty member of Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing. The hospital also provides tuition assistance for specific BSN students who are employed with AllianceHealth Woodward.

"We greatly value the nursing program offered by Northwestern Oklahoma State University," Landon Hise, CEO of Alliance-

Health Woodward, said. "Growing the nursing workforce of the future is critical for improving patient care in our region and Northwestern is doing important work to make clinical education accessible to area residents."

CNAs and LPNs who are employed at AllianceHealth Woodward and accepted into the Northwestern BSN program can also benefit from the hospital's tuition assistance pro-




Northwestern Oklahoma State University
1d · 🌐

Congratulations to the **Denver Nuggets** and **#NWOSU** alum Felipe Eichenberger, head strength and conditioning coach for the Nuggets, on your **NBA Championship!** We're so happy for and proud of you, Felipe! **#RRR**



J.R. Holder Wellness Center
1d · 🌐

Next Tuesday! NWOSU Nursing students will be offering free blood pressure checks at the wellness center from 7:00-9:00 AM and 1:00-3:00 PM! This is open and free for anyone in the Alva area!!



J.R. Holder WELLNESS CENTER

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
Hosted by NWOSU Nursing Students

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#NWOSU Tie-down roper Denton Oestmann and Steer Wrestler Kaden Greenfield start their journeys at the **CNFR: College National Finals Rodeo** today by participating in the slack this morning. **#RRR**





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May 23 at 9:37 AM · 🌐

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team cowboys Kaden Greenfield and Denton Oestmann are ready to face the challenges that come their way at the **College National Finals Rodeo**, which takes place in June at Casper, Wyoming. <http://www.twistedrodeo.com/.../two-rangers-ready-for-.../> Action: Crystal Amen; head shots: NWOSU

NWOSU Division of Education
June 12 · 🌐

New Principal or AP? Join our virtual book study! You bring the book, and we'll bring the fun via Zoom. You'll be better prepared for your first year in administration and gain a community of like-minded administrators. Spots are limited so be sure to sign up today!

First session is June 21!
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19 selected as Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors

Nineteen students at Northwestern Oklahoma State University 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 encouraged when interacting with these students,” Sacket said. “They prioritize investing their time and talent to positively impact others.

This upstanding group of students has an exciting year ahead as they grow together as a team and explore servant leadership in their daily lives. They will certainly develop meaningful relationships by serving one another and offering hospitality joyfully.”

Students selected to this year’s

NSA include: Laney Anderson, Stratford senior social work major; Tyler Blankenship, Macomb junior English education major; Hadley Bohlen, Ringwood sophomore biology major; Jillian Bouse, Woodward senior biology major; Katy Brashears, Beaver senior biol-

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*Laney Anderson, Tyler Blankenship
Hadley Bohlen, Jillian Bouse*



*Katy Brashears, Jadyn Budig
Sagelyn Budy, John Cloud*



*Kenzie Doane, Edna Garcia
Josie Gibson, Draven Hidalgo*



*Delaney Lambert, Jenna Maier
Jack McCoy, Gracie Myatt*



*Tara Owen, Evan Silva
Noah Voth*

19 selected...

ogy major; Jadynd Budig, Shattuck senior chemistry and biology major; Sagelyn Budy, Waynoka senior agriculture major; John Cloud, Seiling senior computer science major; Kenzie Doane, Fairview junior biology major; Edna Garcia, Beaver sophomore psychology major; Josie Gibson, Hooker senior agriculture major; Draven Hidalgo, Hooker junior vocal performance major; Delaney Lambert, Alva senior English education major; Jenna Maier, Alva sophomore social work major; Jack McCoy, Hillsdale sophomore health and sports science education major; Gracie Myatt, Piedmont junior biology major; Tara Owen, Alva junior mass communication major; Evan Silva, Ringwood sophomore chemistry major; and Noah Voht, Enid junior natural science educa-

tion major.

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 2023-24 academic year,” said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management. “This is a great group of student leaders who represent Northwest well, and I know they will be able to accomplish many

tasks as an organization this next year. Their passion for serving is a true example of our university mission.”


The students will be volunteering with the summer Oklahoma Association of Student Councils BASIC leadership workshops and Camp Ranger. The students will attend a leadership retreat on July 20-22.

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Next week, we will be celebrating #ReConnect week! Come to any of our locations, and enroll in a specified major*, and become eligible for \$500 in scholarships!

Swing by our offices June 20-22 from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm.

You must enroll with one of the following individuals to be eligible for the scholarship.... See more




NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Enroll June 20-22 in a specified major* and be eligible for \$500 in scholarships!

*Business, accounting, nursing, computer science and organizational leadership.

To be a potential scholarship recipient, you must enroll through one of the following individuals:
 Dr. Garret Lahr (Alva)
 Dr. Wayne McMillin (Enid)
 Dr. Jonathan Thomason (Woodward)



Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at River Spirit Casino Resort. ... X
12h · Tulsa · 🌐

What. An. Experience.

The only word that keeps coming to mind is GROWTH. I knew going into Miss Oklahoma week that I wanted to focus on 3 things: To stay true to myself through this whole experience, to find confidence in the right things, and to look to God in ALL things whether it be through sharing or seeking His light. Although each of these things were tested, I have never felt closer to my Savior and been more thankful for the lessons this experience has taught me!

I am inspired, starstruck, and just so grateful for the interactions and connections made while competing at Miss Oklahoma. A lot of people don't realize the grit, mental toughness, courage, and service that each and everyone of us contestants encompass. I came into this not truly knowing what the inside world of a pageant looked like, and let me tell you I am inspired. Whether it be having the ability to speak in front of any group of people and being questioned on sensitive topics all while being expected to give an inspiring message, or changing lives in communities by implementing each of our community service initiatives, this organization breeds young women who are MORE than capable to handle whatever life throws at them!

I can't tell you how honored I am to have had the opportunity to give my all on the Miss Oklahoma stage while representing the best University and Ranger family. Really, the amount of pride that I have for this school and community is like none other. And to be able to bring home the ROOKIE TALENT AWARD has been such a blessing and testament to the support I have had from so many.

A verse that hasn't left my head since the beginning of this process is "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Although this experience was out of my comfort zone and definitely stretched me, I couldn't be more grateful for the growth and reminder of the importance of perspective and trust in life! I have been given a new "why" for my life and, in true @makebigtalk fashion... What is YOUR why? or What is your new and improved why for your life?



450 high school leaders on campus for Student Council workshops

For the 14th summer, Oklahoma Association of Student Councils (OASC) members gathered on Northwestern's Alva campus for BASIC, a leadership workshop, June 11-16 and another on July 9-14. Four hundred fifty high school students from across Oklahoma attended these camps, where students engage in major skill development sessions.

Students who attended include high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. During the workshops, students are divided into 12 councils where they must come up with a school name, mascot, colors and a school song and chant. Students in each council also are given real-life problems to solve and then act out their resolutions using skits. They also participate in breakout sessions, including leadership styles, team building, etiquette, school spirit and activities.

Junior Counselors for the June camp, members of OASC who have graduated high school, were assigned to each of the 12 councils. Those students include Jack Bracher, Kaitlyn Cothran, Fatima Duron, Quin Freeny, Francisco Galvan, Lillianna Gavula, Jaylyn Heckert, Madison Lake, Brody Miller, Diego Morales, Gabby Packard, Gillian Pickering, Kristen Range, Lauren Thomas and Olivia Wright.

Junior Counselors for the July camp were assigned to each of the 11 councils. Those students with their respective high schools include Jansen Baker of Mannford, Carsyn Cragg of McAlester, Cisco Galvan of Santa Fe South, Sydney Haken of Covington-Douglas, Maddy Hunt of MacArthur, Destini Maize of Del City, Lindy Moss of Inola, Gillian Pickering of Yukon, Kristen Range of Owasso, Norah Scarbrough of Alva, Carson Schultz of Bishop Kelly, Dylan Simon of Walters, Lily Trent of Edmond Santa Fe, Dez Williams of Perry and Camille Yates of Bixby.

Students used various buildings around campus and stayed in university housing along with the directors: Karen Koehn of Alva Northwest Technology Center, workshop director for junior counselors and state officers; Denise Tomlinson of Bixby High School, director of facilities; Melinda Parks of Westmoore High School, director of curriculum and adult staff; and Shawn Freeman of Ada High School, director of registration.

Koehn said she is very thankful to Northwestern and the Alva community for their support in playing host to the event.

"For the last 14 summers, NWOSU, the city of Alva and this community have welcomed OASC BASIC to town," Koehn said. "We appreciate the hospitality and genuine support of this workshop and the difference we all are making on them as young leaders. Your generosity of support shown to the delegates and staff is spread throughout the state as

they return home after this workshop! On behalf of OASC BASIC, THANK YOU for welcoming us into your family!"



High school graduates preparing to be junior counselors attending the June OASC Basic workshop are (back row, left to right) Brody Miller, Kristen Range, Lillianna Gavula, Gabby Packard, Lauren Thomas, Jack Bracher, Quin Freeny; (front row) Diego Morales, Francisco Galvan, Madison Lake, Olivia Wright, Kaitlyn Cothran, Fatima Duron, Gillian Pickering and Jaylyn Heckert.



High school graduates serving as junior counselors attending the July OASC Basic workshop with their respective high schools are (back row left to right) Destini Maize of Del City, Carson Schultz of Bishop Kelly, Camille Yates of Bixby, Dez Williams of Perry, Dylan Simon of Walters, Kristen Range of Owasso, Norah Scarbrough of Alva (front row left to right) Lily Trent of Edmond Santa Fe, Jansen Baker of Mannford, Cisco Galvan of Santa Fe South, Carsyn Cragg of McAlester, Gillian Pickering of Yukon, Sydney Haken of Covington-Douglas, Maddy Hunt of MacArthur and Lindy Moss of Inola.

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ALVA, Okla. – Denton Oestman and Kaden Greenfield feel a bit of a sting, a bit of a loss.



Craig Ricke, director of information technology, gives blood at the summer OBI blood drive inside Percefull Fieldhouse.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
June 14 at 9:30 PM

This partnership will help increase the number of practicing nurses in our communities.

-Dr. Leslie Collins
Charles Morton Share Trust
Division of Nursing Chair

Regional University System of Oklahoma
June 12 at 10:06 AM

We applaud **Northwestern Oklahoma State University** for the launch of their new Nursing Program Partnership with Northern Oklahoma College that allows for nursing associate degree-holding students to easily transfer to NWOSU and earn their bachelor's degrees in nursing in as little as three semesters.



Above: The President's Leadership Class enjoys a tour of Texas Stadium in Dallas.

NWOSU Theatre is at The Branson Belle Showboat.
2h · Branson, MO

Ahoy! Ahoy!

Shown here, our stage manager Maegan Holson on deck of The Branson Belle cruising the waters of Table Rock Lake Missouri. From stem to stern Holson says this showboat dinner show was an amazing experience! "My favorite part of it had to be their Elton John tribute. I found myself looking at the light fixtures and technical aspects quite often. I didn't realize how much I actually knew about theatre! It was great experience and I would really like to see the show again!" Thanks for sharing Maegan, and Ride Rangers Ride!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #théâtre #dinnertheatre #bransonbelle #showboat #theatreproduction #theatrearts #theatreartists #theatretch #theatretechnician #theatrekid #theatrekids #theatrestudent #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #bransonmissouri #livetheatre #theatrelove #theatrelover #theatreideas #theatrelove #stagemanager #summervacation #theatreeducation #theatre #theatreworks

Below: The Alamo at San Antonio was the destination on this day for the President's Leadership Class



18 selected for President's Leadership class

Eighteen incoming freshmen 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 Dr. Bo Hannaford, university 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.

"We have exceptional students selected for PLC this year," Hannaford said. "My family and I are excited to get to know this group better on our upcoming trip and look forward to learning how to work together as a team. We will spend the next year learning more about leadership, the communities we serve and how to get involved and make the best of their time here at Northwestern."

Students selected for this year's President's Leadership Class include:

- Flor Amador – Hooker
- Baylan Byrd – Alex
- Chance Cash – Beaver
- Jaxyn Cloud – Seiling
- Drake Daugherty – Covington-Douglas
- Cassidy Fitzgerald – Enid
- Piper Gallagher – Watonga
- Riley Hensley – Cherokee
- Teagan Koontz – Pioneer
- Lainey Morse – Enid
- Alaina Pierce – Alva
- Olivia Pride – Arkansas City, Kansas
- Janie Rempel – Forgan
- Norah Scarbrough – Alva
- Vianey Tena – Woodward
- Daniel Voth – Enid
- Zoe Walker – Chisholm
- Triston White – Freedom

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.

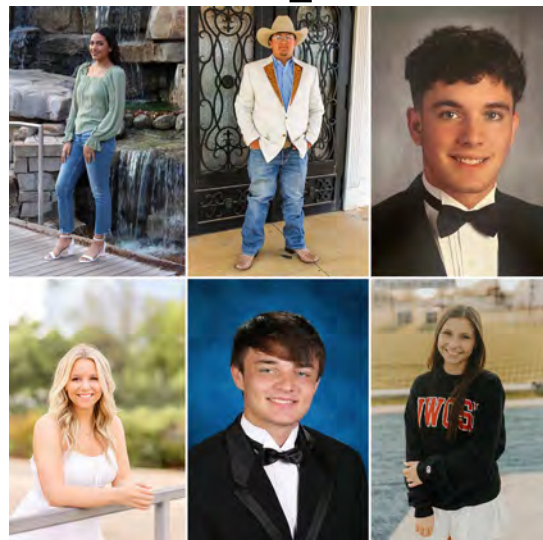
The students will begin their year-long adventure with an evening of team building on July 21 and will then leave for San Antonio, Texas, on July 22.

Activities during the five-day trip included visiting the Alamo, touring AT&T Stadium -- home of the Dallas Cowboys, experiencing SeaWorld, and a Texas Rangers baseball game at Globe Life Field in Arlington.

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.

To learn more about this program, visit www.nwosu.edu/plc.



*Flor Amador, Baylan Byrd, Chance Cash
Jaxyn Cloud, Drake Daugherty, Cassidy Fitzgerald*



*Piper Gallagher, Riley Hensley, Teagan Koontz
Lainey Morse, Alaina Pierce, Olivia Pride*



*Janie Rempel, Norah Scarbrough, Vianey Tena
Daniel Voth, Zoe Walker, Triston White*


Northwestern Oklahoma State University
June 22 at 9:51 AM

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University Emily Smith has a little fun with the help of **NWOSU Theatre** showcasing the **#NWOSU Fine Arts Department**...

Did you know that students in the Fine Arts area -- Theatre, Vocal and Instrumental Music and Visual Arts -- can get Participation Scholarships just for being in these areas that you already love to do?

Ask **Northwestern Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Admissions** for details at recruit@nwsu.edu or get more info from Fine Arts via this form: <https://www.nwsu.edu/forms/fine-arts-information-request>.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
June 24 at 10:19 PM

Top 12 at Miss Volunteer America!
Congrats to **#NWOSU's Carli Seabolt!**

Carli Janae is in Jackson, TN.
June 24 at 7:52 AM

Preliminary competition concluded yesterday and finals is tonight!! I am thankful for this opportunity and my incredible support system! The relationships I hav... See more

NWOSU Opioid Prevention
June 26 at 7:00 PM


Today is International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

This day raises awareness about drug abuse and the negative repercussions of illicit trafficking. Nearly 300,000 Oklahomans report having a substance use disorder. Many will never access the care they need to be well. That needs to change.

Please help us share these resources:

- ✓ <https://okimready.org/treatment/i-need-help/>
- ✓ <https://www.nwsu.edu/substance-abuse>

#nwsuopioidprevention #opioid #opioidcrisis #opioidepidemic #opioidaddiction #opioidawareness



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Northwestern OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
OPIOID PREVENTION

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
June 29 at 10:46 AM

REMINDER: The Summer Choral Camp concert is TODAY at 2 p.m. in the **#NWOSU J.W. Martin Library** annex and open to the public.

Please enter on the south side using the southeast door.

Come see what these students have been working on the past two weeks!



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Northwestern News named best in state

The Northwestern News won the highest award for college newspapers in the state during the Oklahoma Press Association's 2022 Better Newspaper Contest on June 10 along with 25 other awards in various categories.

The News won the Sequoyah Award, the press association's highest award for a newspaper in each of the contest's nine divisions. The News won more points than any other collegiate newspaper in the state for its content. Judges assigned points based on the quality of the paper's news content, photography, layout and design, editorial writing, sports coverage and advertising.

The News had 500 points in Division 9, which includes college newspapers from Cameron University, Langston University, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma State University and Rose State College.

The honors were given during the press association's annual awards banquet at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee.

"The Northwestern News staff is honored and humbled to receive this recognition," said Jordan Green, who served as the paper's editor-in-chief from January 2021 to May 2023. "The Sequoyah Award is the highest award a newspaper can earn in its division in Oklahoma, and we don't take lightly the honor of being named the best collegiate paper in the state. We are extremely grateful."

The News won the first-

place awards in news content, advertising and photography, second place in layout and design, and third place in sports coverage and editorial writing.

News staffers also took home nine first-place awards for teamwork and individual work produced in 2022.

News staffers Cade Kennedy, Connor Gray and Green won the first-place award for in-depth reporting for their story series "Help Wanted: Struggles of Hiring in Rural Oklahoma."

Kennedy is an Alva junior majoring in mass communication, and he served as the News' sports editor. Gray, a Perkins native, was the News' online editor. He and Green, a Blackwell native, graduated with bachelor's degrees in mass communication in May.

News staffers also took the second place award in the in-depth category for "Money talks: Examining Northwestern scholarships. The authors included May mass communication graduates Joshua Hinton, Pond Creek; Caitlin Hofen, Alva, who served as the News' features editor; Benjamin Kliever, Mountain View, and Jara Reeder, Elk City.



Caitlin Hofen, Colby Dalton and Jordan Green show off honors received June 10 at the Oklahoma Press Association's awards banquet in Shawnee, where the Northwestern News earned the top award for collegiate newspapers in the state along with 25 other awards.

Colby Dalton, a former mass communication major from Amarillo, Texas, who served as the News' photo editor, won the first place award for feature photography with a portrait of a Northwestern rodeo team member.

J.D. Eddy, a graduate student from Tuttle who served as the News' editorial editor, won the first place award for sports photography with an image of the Northwestern football team.

Derrick Galindo, a mass communication major from Alva who serves as the News' advertising manager, won first-place awards for small-space advertising and large-space advertising. The advertisements were for Cookie's Bowl and Café of Alva and the annual Alva High School pumpkin roll sale, respectively.

Green won first for column writing. He submitted three

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Northwestern News...

personal columns written during 2022 based on the topics of friendship and mentorship. He won the first place award for news photography with a photo from the September car show in downtown Alva, and he won the first place award for a front page design with the Oct. 27 edition.

Kennedy won the first place award for education reporting for his portion of the “Help Wanted” series, titled “Small schools face teacher shortage.”

News staffers took home several second and third-place awards as well.

Dalton won the second and third-place awards for news photography with a photo of a university e-gaming event and a photo of the September car show, respectively. He also won the third-place award for feature photography with a photo of the 2022 Miss Northwestern crowning.

Green won the second and third-place awards for news stories. The two stories discussed the university’s response to the coronavirus and a public safety incident on campus, respectively. He also won the second-place award for feature photography with a portrait of an Alva man.

Hofen won the second place award for business stories with her reporting on the impact of small businesses in Alva.

Dylan Whitely, a 2022 mass communication graduate from Alva, won the third-place award for business stories with his reporting on nutritional teas.

Eddy won the second-place

award for sports photography with a photo of the Northwestern vs. Southwestern football game.

The Oklahoma Press Association, which represents the state’s news industry, plays host to the annual Better Newspaper Contest to recognize journalism at newspapers of all sizes. Each spring, journalists at print and digital media outlets from across the state submit work they produced the prior year.

Green credited the News’ awards to teamwork, quality instruction and, above all, passion.

“The News team is made up of talented, dedicated student journalists who love Northwestern and love helping people,” Green said. “We have loved every minute of serving our campus community, even when the going got tough. We couldn’t do what we do without our readers, campus community and professors. Our newspaper adviser, Dr. Kaylene Armstrong, is the best out there, and we are blessed to have her. The university has supported us strongly. We

can’t say ‘thank you’ enough to everyone who made this possible. For those of us who have recently graduated, we are so glad to be able to end our time at Northwestern – and the News – on such a high note.”

Armstrong said: “Winning the Sequoyah has been a staff goal for some time. I am so proud of this staff, who so deserve this honor. They worked hard and always gave it their best, and the judges recognized it.”

For more information about the Northwestern mass communication program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/communication/mass-communication>. To read articles published in the Northwestern News, visit <https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com>.



Division of Business accreditation reaffirmed

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), www.acbsp.org, Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners has reaffirmed accreditation of the business programs at Northwestern.

With more than 30 years of promoting excellence in global business program accreditation, ACBSP was the first organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels, from associate to baccalaureate to doctoral degree programs. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the business degrees and programs offered through Northwestern meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

Based on the Baldrige Education Criteria for Performance Excellence, ACBSP accreditation evaluates aspects of leadership, strategic planning, relationships with stakeholders, quality of academic programs, faculty credentials, and educational support to determine whether the business programs offer a rigorous educational experience and demonstrate continuous quality improvement.

“Reaffirmation of our ACBSP accreditation shows that NWOSU and the Division of Business are committed to offering a high-quality learning experience for students,” Dr. Garret Lahr, Division of Business chair, said.

The business programs at

Northwestern were first accredited by ACBSP in 2013. The institution is required to go through the reaffirmation process every 10 years to maintain ACBSP accreditation.

“I am extremely proud of Dr. Lahr and our Division of Business faculty members,” Dr. Bo

Hannaford, university president, said. “They all worked extremely hard and it paid off in the end. This now allows Northwestern to prepare for new

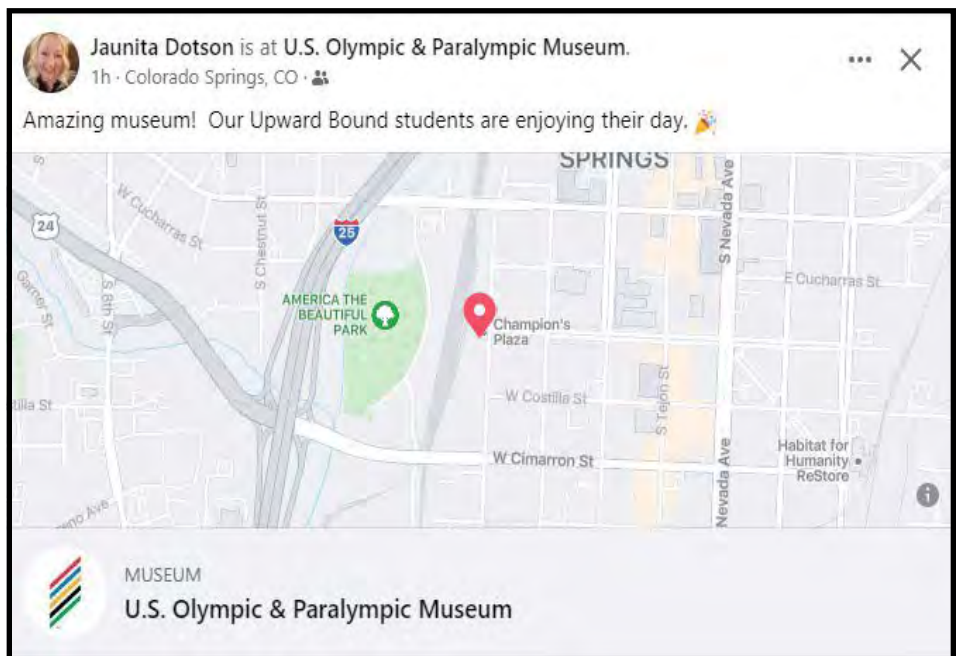
ideas and goals within the Division of Business and that is exciting.”

Northwestern’s DOB is part of the university’s School of Professional Studies. The DOB provides four undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Business Administra-

tion in Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting (BBA-Accounting), Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Technical Management (B.A.A.S), and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership (B.S. Organizational Leadership).

“I am proud of the DOB faculty for working hard to uphold high standards to ensure our students are prepared to enter the workforce and start businesses after college,” Lahr said. “I want to thank the administration for providing us with the resources and support we need to be successful. I would also like to thank our advisory councils and other community members who work with the DOB to help bridge the gap between academics and industry.”

To learn more about Northwestern’s DOB, contact Lahr at galahr@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8510. Information also is available at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/business>.



Book study group meets in summer, others invited for fall

This summer, a group of department/division chairs met via zoom to read and discuss *She Leads: The Woman's Guide to a Career in Educational Leadership*.

Attendees included: Dr. Roxie James, Mrs. Tammy Brown, Dr. Jenny Sattler, Mrs. Shannon Leaper, Dr. Leslie Collins, and Dr. Jen Oswald.

The group enjoyed learning from the book and each other.

We invite others to participate this fall in the reading of *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will the Lead*.

Grab your book and join us for our first session on Friday, August 25 at 3:00 pm in the library's faculty development room. Let Jen know if you need a zoom link to participate!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
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June 28, 2023

Dr Shelly Wells of [Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing](#) selected to be Inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy

The Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing is pleased to announce that Professor Emerita Shelly Wells, PhD, MBA, APRN—CNS, ANEF has been selected to be a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (Academy). Induction into the Academy is a significant milestone in a nurse leader's career in which their accomplishments are honored by their colleagues within and outside the profession. Fellows are selected based on their contributions and impact to advance the public's health.

The Academy is a policy organization and an honorific society that recognizes nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, practice, administration, and academia to advance equitable solutions to the nation's most complex health care challenges. Academy Fellows, from over 40 countries, hold a wide variety of influential roles in health care. Induction into the Fellowship represents more than recognition of one's accomplishments within the nursing profession. Fellows contribute their collective expertise to the Academy, engaging with health leaders nationally and globally to improve health and achieve health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science.

Through a competitive, rigorous application process, the Academy's Fellow Selection Committee reviewed nearly 400 applications to select the 2023 Fellows. The 2023 Fellows represent 40 states, the District of Columbia, and 13 countries.

Dr Wells and the 2023 inductees will be recognized for their substantial, sustained, and significant contributions to health and health care at the Academy's annual Health Policy Conference, taking place on October 5 – 7, 2023 in Washington, DC during the Induction Ceremony on the evening of October 7. This is a historic year for the Academy as the organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Once the newest Fellows are inducted, the Academy will be comprised of more than 3,000 leaders who are experts in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia that champion health and wellness, locally and globally.

Learn more about the Academy and visit the policy conference website for more details.

About the American Academy of Nursing
The American Academy of Nursing serves the public by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. Academy Fellows are inducted into the organization for their extraordinary contributions to improve health locally and globally. With more than 2,900 Fellows, the Academy represents nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia.



Several department chairs got together over the summer to enjoy reading and discussing *“She Leads: The Woman's Guide to a Career in Educational Leadership.”* Pictured are (top) Tammy Brown, Jen Oswald. (Bottom) Roxie James, Jenny Sattler.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
July 6 at 4:16 PM · 🌐

ATTN: Incoming #NWOSU Freshmen! Make sure you get registered for Camp Ranger scheduled for July 27-29 in Alva.
More details 📄 <https://www.nwosu.edu/camp-ranger>
REGISTER HERE 📄 <https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/camp-ranger>

CAMP RANGER

July 27-29
Get registered soon so you can move in early, meet new friends and get acquainted with campus and the community.

www.nwosu.edu/camp-ranger



Randolph, Zadorozny earn doctorates

Two Northwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members, Taylor Randolph, assistant professor of psychology, and Mark Zadorozny, assistant professor of health and sports science, recently earned their doctoral degrees.

Randolph earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in counselor education and supervision in May 2023 from Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado.

His dissertation is titled “Counselor Referral Attitudes and Predictors

of Sexual and Gender Minority Counseling Competence: An Exploration of Practice Jurisdiction” and is a continuation of research that was published by McGeorge et al. (2016). According to his research, 62.7% of Licensed Marriage Family Therapists (LMFTs) identified they would refer a client to another person based on their sexual orientation. The American Counseling Association (2014) identified that LPCs cannot discriminate based on the sexual orientation or gender identity of a client.

“In my study, roughly 21% of participants identified it was appropriate to refer based on the sexual orientation or the gender identity of the client,” Randolph said. “There was a relationship between counseling competence

and decisions to refer. Religious fundamentalism and Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) counseling experience also significantly predicted SGM counseling competence.

“However, this finding was expected based on previous research. Counselors, counselors-in-training, and counselor supervisors should work to increase competence for SGM clients as they face an increased risk of health, mental health, and quality of life disparities.”

Randolph is a Phillips University graduate who earned a Master of Counseling Psychology degree from Northwestern and a Master of Theological Studies from Phillips Theological Seminary as well. Before joining Northwest-

ern’s full-time psychology faculty in 2016, he worked as a clinical director at Youth and Family Services in Enid. He has worked as a licensed counselor in Oklahoma since 2006 and worked in the mental health field since 2000.

As a Northwestern assistant professor of psychology, he teaches courses in experimental psychol-

ogy, research methodology and overcoming child trauma.

Zadorozny earned a Doctor of Education degree in administration and leadership in May 2023 from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany.

His dissertation is titled “A Case Study Exploring Teacher/Coach Role Conflict in Rural Schools Through the Lens of Occupational Socialization Theory.”

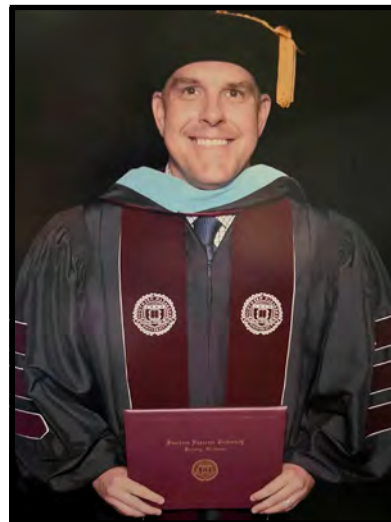
Zadorozny said the purpose of this study was to explore the challenges, barriers, and socialization factors involved when teaching in a core area and coaching at least one sport at one small, rural high school and one large, rural high school in the Central Southwest through a case study design. This research aimed to increase teacher/coach role conflict awareness among current and pre-service teachers/coaches, teacher education faculty, school administrators, and stakeholders.

“My study explored the impact of socialization factors and what successful strategies are necessary to minimize role conflict,” Zadorozny said. “I examined the consequential influences on teaching/coaching orientations, motivations, and role pressures. Five central themes emerged based on

the cross-case analysis of the participants in this study: challeng-



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ing to balance multiple roles, difficulty with compartmentalizing roles, the need for time management, role ambivalence, and role retreatism.”

Zadorozny said his findings suggest that the multiple responsibilities and socialization factors involved in both roles can lead to teacher/coach role conflict resulting in role retreatism (where one role is prioritized at the expense of another).

“The best part of completing my dissertation is knowing that my research and findings will benefit myself as well as other university teacher education preparation faculty and programs in their preparing future educators,” Zadorozny said. “I want to thank my girls, Audra and Ava, for always loving and encourag-

ing me as well as my parents, Allen and Betsy, for believing in me from the beginning. I am thankful for my family, friends, Northwestern colleagues, and dissertation committee that helped make this dream a reality!”

Zadorozny is a Northwestern graduate who earned a Master of Education degree from Northwestern as well. Before joining Northwestern’s full-time health and sports science faculty in 2020, he taught health and physical education, science, and technology at various grade levels (K-12) in both public

schools and career tech settings for a combined 12 years. During that time, he also coached football, basketball, softball and baseball. As a Northwestern assistant professor of health and sports science, he teaches courses in technical teaching of rhythms and aquatics, adapted physical education and technical teaching of individual/dual sports.



Oswald becomes 'Get the Facts Out' Champion

Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, is now one of more than 200 "Get the Facts Out" Champions across the United States.

Get the Facts Out is a National Science Foundation-funded partnership between the Colorado School of Mines and four national societies: American Physical Society, American Chemical Society, American Association of Physics Teachers, and the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, all working to repair the reputation of the teaching profession.

This unique project is designed to reach STEM majors in a large fraction of all U.S. mathematics, chemistry, and physics departments and has the potential to significantly address teacher shortages in these high-need STEM disciplines.

To be a Champion, all one needs to do is register at <https://getthefactsout.org> and start sharing facts about the teaching profession by using the materials and messages from the GFO project locally or na-

tionally. Those interested in gaining a higher champion status can earn points by finishing a number of listed activities. Oswald has completed enough activities to be listed as a one-star champion.

On the organization's website are free customizable presentations for students and faculty, as well as posters, brochures and infographics along with teacher salary information from more than 100 regions across the country.

"I think Dr. Oswald becoming a GFO (Get the Facts Out) champion is an exciting venture!" said Dr. Steve Maier, dean of faculty at Northwestern. "While GFO was originally designed to engage faculty in the STEM disciplines to recruit students into teacher preparation programs, GFO project leaders have always valued and welcomed teacher education faculty and professionals. This partnership not only demonstrates the collaborative nature of

our divisions and departments here at NWOSU, but it also will help the national GFO program grow in new ways."

Maier, who served as the chair of the Department of Natural Science and a physics faculty member before taking on his current administrative role, also participates in this organization as a Physics Change Agent, which is described as an individual in their

respective discipline who is committed to teacher preparation, is well-known in their discipline, and has agreed to conduct national campaigns to recruit and support GFO Champions at institutions across the U.S.



Jen Oswald

Anyone interested in learning more about this organization may visit with Maier at (580) 327-8590 or sjmaier@nwsu.edu or Oswald at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwsu.edu.

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