

# the Spotlight

## Newsletter

Issue 10 - Spring 2021

### *Spotlight on Purpose*

*By Dr. James Bell, Dean of Faculty*

Each fall I have the opportunity to speak to the Leadership Northwestern class about developing vision. I typically begin that discussion with a quotation from John Ryan's article entitled "Leadership Success Always Starts with Vision." Ryan writes, "Great leaders give real thought to the values, ideas and activities they're most passionate about—and those are the things they pursue, rather than money or prestige or options forced on them by someone else."

I found myself thinking about Ryan's words when I saw the picture of the 2020 and 2021 retirees on page 63 of this issue. Flashing back to the reading of the RUSO resolutions ("Whereas Dr. So and So has done this and that") for the emeritus faculty members at the spring retiree reception, I thought of some of the phrases that jumped out:

"worked tirelessly"

"fervent in her support of the educational process"

"instills [...] passion into the students she teaches"

"established high expectations"  
"has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues"

Clearly, all of these retirees—staff and faculty alike—were passionately committed to serving students, their professions, and the university's aims during their careers.

And because it's been a year that has likely made us all more reflective, I've spent quite a bit of time pondering what I want my own "Whereases" to be. What do I want people to surmise about the values, ideas, and activities

I'm passionate about when they observe me?

I don't offer any answer to that question, but rather a challenge and a benediction. As we get back to classes and resume more normal activities this fall, I hope you will take a little time to think through what you want said of you when your time at Northwestern (or wherever you wrap up your career in education) is done. I wish for you every opportunity to fulfill that vision, and I look forward to being a witness to it.



*Moon reflecting on Great Salt Plains Lake*

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
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Welcome back, Rangers! We are excited to see everyone back on campus again.  
Remember, you have until Jan. 20 to enroll.  
#BeARanger

**Northwestern Enid**  
@NWOSUEnid

Welcome Back, Rangers!  
Keep these important dates in mind as you navigate the Spring 2021 Semester.

<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES: 16 WEEK COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JANUARY 11 CLASSES BEGIN</li> <li>JANUARY 24 LAST DAY TO ADD</li> <li>FEBRUARY 25 LAST DAY FOR 100% ATTENDANCE OF COMPLETE WITHDRAWALS</li> <li>LAST DAY TO DROP AS AID REQUIRED</li> <li>JANUARY 15 "W" REQUIRED FOR DROPPED COURSES</li> <li>MARCH 8 "W" OR "F" MUST BE ISSUED ON DROPPED COURSES</li> <li>APRIL 25 LAST DAY TO ADD</li> <li>LAST DAY TO ADD ADVANCED COURSES</li> <li>LAST DAY FOR COMPLETE WITHDRAWALS</li> <li>FINAL EXAMINATIONS-MAY 4-7</li> </ul>	<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES: 1<sup>ST</sup> 8-WEEK COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JANUARY 11 CLASSES BEGIN</li> <li>FEBRUARY 25 LAST DAY TO ADD</li> <li>FEBRUARY 25 LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT GRADE OR CHANGES</li> <li>FEBRUARY 25 "W" REQUIRED FOR DROPPED COURSES</li> <li>FEBRUARY 25 "W" OR "F" MUST BE ISSUED FOR DROPPED COURSES</li> <li>APRIL 25 LAST DAY TO ADD</li> <li>LAST DAY FOR COMPLETE WITHDRAWALS</li> <li>FINAL EXAMINATIONS-MAY 4-7</li> </ul>
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**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
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Division Chair Dr Shelly Wells has been appointed to a two year term as an alternate member on the American Nurses Association's Committee on Nursing Practice Standards. This expert panel of appointed members identify issues relating to professional and specialty nursing standards, coordinates and manages the ANA practice standards program, serves as the first reviewers of specialty nursing organizations' scope and standards documents, and makes recommendations to the ANA Board of Directors. Dr Wells is the only member of this important committee from the Midwest area of the nation.

**Northwestern Enid**  
@NWOSUEnid

Donuts and drinks this morning, and popcorn and pop this afternoon! Welcome back, Rangers!

**NWOSU Theatre**  
January 4 · 🌐

There's a world of possibilities for NWOSU theatre students to try this week as Professor of Theatre M.F.A. Kimberly Weast teaches stage makeup!

**Northwestern Enid** @NWOSUEnid · Jan 11

Grab and Go Breakfast! Welcome Back!



**NWOSU Opioid Prevention**  
January 2 · 🌐

Welcome to Northwestern Oklahoma State University Opioid Prevention page, a grant-funded initiative to fight opioid addiction, fund campus efforts to prevent opioid misuse, and provide referral services on NWOSU campuses.

NWOSU received the State Opioid Response – Higher Education Community Outreach Grant from the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Visit our website for more information and resources:  
<https://www.nwosu.edu/opioid-prevention>

Other educational resources:  
<https://okimready.org>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/opioids/index.html>  
<https://store.samhsa.gov/.../files/d7/priv/sma18-4742.pdf>

#nwosuopioidprevention

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**NWOSU Theatre**  
January 10 · 🌐

We are sad to see the 2021 makeup class come to an end... but excited to start the Spring '21 semester!  
 #nwosurangers #rrr #nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts

**NWOSU Opioid Prevention**  
January 6 · 🌐

Did You Know? 🤔

The Opioid Epidemic is a growing problem and one that is negatively impacting lives, our families, communities, and the entire state.

#nwosuopioidprevention

**Did You Know?**  
 Oklahoma leads the nation in non-medical use of pain medicine.

SOURCE: OKLAHOMA MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
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Students & Employees: [Campus Cabinet-NWOSU](#) food pantry is open for the spring semester. If you need assistance with non-perishable food or personal hygiene items, please find more info at [www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet](http://www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet). Fill out the forms & schedule an appointment.

**Open for the Spring Semester**

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
17h · 🌐

Reminder: We'll be closed on Monday! #NWOSU classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and offices will maintain regular office hours.

**NOTE**

**In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the university will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, and no classes will be held.**

**NWOSU Division of Education @NWOSU EDUCATION** · Jan 12

Dr. Hannaford, Executive Vice President speaking to the Spring 2021 Student Teachers about working with children in poverty.



# Lauderdale selected as Campus Kudos winner

Andrea Lauderdale, student success coordinator and transfer student recruiter, was selected by the Staff Council as the recipient of the 2020 fall semester Campus Kudos Award.

Sue Burks, financial aid assistant director and Staff Council chair, and Staff Council member Megan Patel, international student adviser and administrative assistant to Student Services, presented Lauderdale with her Campus Kudos award.

The person nominating Lauderdale for this award said, “Andrea goes above and beyond the call of her office and makes a huge difference in the lives of Northwestern students every day. Students are always coming in and out of her office, many who need to get enrolled or get advice on what classes might be best for them

(whether she’s their adviser or not), others who just need help getting something done on campus, and a few who simply need a friendly face and willing ear to listen.

wants to see every student succeed and enjoy their experience at Northwestern and exemplifies that in her actions every single day.”

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

“This makes my heart so happy,” Lauderdale said. “I love my job,

coworkers, and our students here at Northwestern. I am so fortunate to be in a place that I look forward to going every day. Thank you so much for this award!”

She genuinely



*Sue Burks (left) and Megan Patel (right) present Andrea Lauderdale with her fall Campus Kudos Awards.*

“Andrea will drop whatever she’s working on in an instant if a student walks into her office and needs help, even if it has nothing to do with her job title.





# State Teacher of the Year shares message

“Public education saved my life.” Jena Nelson, Oklahoma’s 2020 Teacher of the Year, shared that message and others while speaking to a classroom of student teachers about the importance of public education and their place within it as teachers.

This 15-year educator with an outgoing and dynamic personality is an eighth grade English composition and academic enhancement teacher at Deer Creek Middle School in Edmond. She also has taught theatre, musical theatre and stagecraft.

Nelson openly spoke about her past childhood trauma and how it has influenced her life – and ultimately has made her a better teacher.

“To say that I didn’t have a great home life would be an understatement,” Nelson said. “I was very much like some of the students we see today in our classroom. I was angry. I lashed out. I was defiant. I very much wanted a place to feel safe and cared for outside of my trauma-filled home, and I found that place at school.

“I have done things that I never imagined, and it’s all because teachers believed me in me. That is why I am in the classroom today. I’m here to give what was given to me – a chance.”

She told the students that they need to find their “why” in being a teacher because someday they will be the why in someone else’s story.

“You will make a difference

in a student’s life,” Nelson said. “I appreciate what you do as teachers. You are going to be saving lives every single day.”



Jena Nelson

Other key lessons in working with students that she shared with the future teachers included some that were told to her through the years or were learned on her own:

- “Energy is contagious. Whatever you put out there, your students will give back to you.”
- “Every one of my students is a rough draft. And, so am I.”
- “You can’t save them all, but you can be there for them all.”
- “Some students are lessons and some are blessens.”

She also told the students that teaching is an art, and although she doesn’t work as a theatre teacher any longer, she still utilizes aspects of her background every day.

“I spend seven hours a day doing a different one hour show for a different audience,” Nelson said. “(Teaching) is the hardest job on the planet. Have fun with it, or you’ll get burned out.”

She also reminded them that as a teacher

they are learning constantly and will make mistakes. She suggested as first-year teachers that the students watch and listen to their colleagues.

“Find the smart ones,” Nelson said. “Find your people. On ‘dress-up days,’ dress up. Have fun. Make your classroom a safe space.”

She also said to remember, “Kids aren’t bad. They may make mistakes, but they aren’t bad.”

She told the students that they were all colleagues now and welcomed them to reach out to her with questions. She hopes to return toward the end of the semester to visit with the students again after they’ve been through their student teaching experience.

To see a video produced about Nelson for the award’s application, visit <https://vimeo.com/352128518>. To learn more about Northwestern’s education program, contact Dr. Christie Jenlink, associate dean of education and professor of education, at (580) 327-8450 or [cljenlink@nwsu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwsu.edu).



Oklahoma’s 2020 Teacher of the Year Jena Nelson speaks to 13 students at Northwestern who are preparing to begin their semester of student teaching.



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University** shared a video from the playlist **Brown Bag Lectures**.  
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Would you like to learn more about the new Master of Arts in Heritage Tourism & Conservation degree at #NWOSU? Check out Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, talking about the program during this Brown Bag Chat.

More info on the program at <http://bit.ly/39yESLa>.  
Enrollment for all classes open until Jan. 20!



**Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center** was live.  
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This month for our Brown Bag Chat, we are talking about a new graduate program that is available at Northwestern Oklahoma State University!

**NWOSU Division of Education @NWOSU\_EDUCATION** · Jan 13

Emily Ague, Ag in the Classroom State Coordinator, meets with the Spring 21 student teachers. Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom was begun for the purpose of helping Oklahoma school children understand the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. #aginthe classroom



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
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Brenda Hearn is an academic records coordinator in our registry office. She creates degree audits, enrolls students, sends transcripts, and submits applications for future students.

Brenda was born and raised in New Mexico. Her parents still live in the house she grew up in! A few fun facts about Brenda's family - Her grandma (and best friend), was originally from Freedom but moved to New Mexico when her granddad's job was relocated. When her mom met her dad, he was serving as an undercover police officer at the time. Brenda also has a brother that is 3.5 years older than her.

Brenda's friends are a major part of her life. They are a big reason why she has stayed in Alva after graduating. She loves Northwestern and all the friendships she made in college. Many of them are still very close.

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



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
January 15 · 🌐

Healthcare workers have done an amazing job this year of continuing regular care for their patients under difficult circumstances. Our graduate, Baleigh Petree, is doing just that for her patients in the labor and delivery department at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. #StudentSuccess

**Baleigh Petree, Registered Nurse**  
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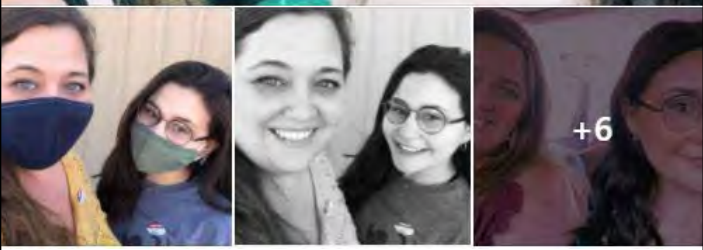
Nothing can prepare you for what it feels like to tend to a patient for the first time, especially in labor and delivery. But Baleigh Petree says Northwestern Oklahoma State University gave her all the tools and training to skillfully care for patients from the very first day she set foot in a hospital.



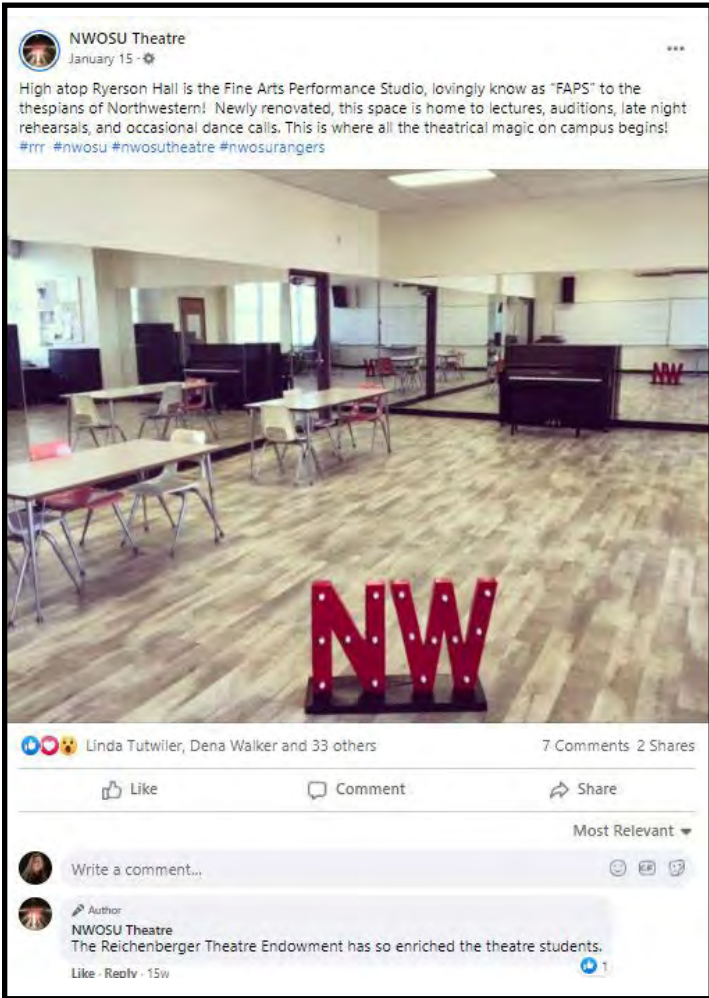
**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
January 22 · 🌐

Alica Hall is our coordinator of printing services. She handles all of the copiers on campus, printing tests, and does graphic design both for the university and the public.

She has a 19 year old daughter, Madison, who is a freshman at Northwestern. She's been a foster mom for almost 15 years, and there have been 50+ kids through her home. Alica said it can be hard as a single parent, but the kids are 100% worth it. Her friends and family have embraced her kiddos too. They k... See More







Members of the 2020-2021 PLC Class get together in the Student Center. Pictured are: Carli Seabolt, Lauren Lancaster, Timothy Kime, Austin Rankin, Lily Crikmar and Lauren Lagos





# Nursing receives telehealth equipment

The Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing received approximately \$11,100 worth of new equipment to establish two telehealth simulation stations on the Alva campus and one on the Enid campus.

The equipment was purchased by the Rural Health Projects, Inc. / Northwest Oklahoma Area Health Education Center with money from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020.

“We are grateful for this partnership that allows our students strong preparation in regards to telehealth,” said Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president. “These simulation experiences will be vital in the development of both our undergraduate and graduate students as we prepare them for our current workforce.”

Dr. Shelly Wells, professor of

nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, said telehealth has become increasingly more important since the start of the pandemic.

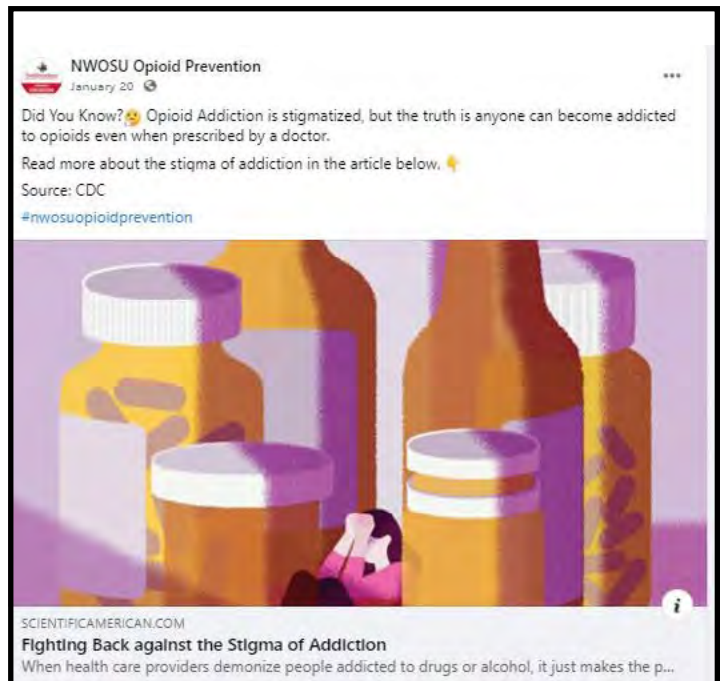
“Having the capability to simulate telehealth assessment and delivery will provide valuable experience for both our traditional BSN and DNP students before they face telehealth experiences in the community,” she said.

Equipment includes computers, monitors, cameras, Bluetooth stethoscopes and otoscopes, and

a breast exam simulator. BSN faculty are excited to offer this simulation capability to their traditional students as many of them will not be exposed to telehealth

in their clinical experiences. DNP faculty are also excited to provide students the opportunity to simulate a telehealth visit with a focus on the use of effective communication skills and assessment skills prior to their exposure in their clinical settings.

For more information on Northwestern’s nursing degree programs visit [www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing](http://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing) or contact Wells at (580) 327-8489 or [scwells@nwsu.edu](mailto:scwells@nwsu.edu).





# 13 education majors given teaching assignments

Thirteen education majors reached their final semester and were given student teaching assignments to enter area schools to gain hands-on experience.

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

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

Early Childhood Education – Shealynn Coffey of Sharon-Mutual, Mooreland Elementary School; Karen Hernandez of Woodward, Ft. Supply Elementary School; Andrea Storm of Ponca City, Newkirk Elementary School; Abby Swope of Warrensburg, Missouri, Collinsville Upper Elementary School; Nikki Wadkins of Woodward, Waukomis Elementary

School

Elementary Education – Bailey Goad of Ralston, Woodland Elementary School (Fairfax); Kirsten Harrison of Alva, Waynoka Elementary School; Katelyn King of Bentonville, Arkansas, Longfellow Elementary School (Alva); Johnna Roberts of Enid, Pleasant Vale Elementary School

Health and Sports Science Education – Trey Allen of Laverne, Waynoka Elementary School; Steven Pfluger of Tonkawa, Woodlands Elementary School (Ponca City)

History – Matthew Reed of Enid, Enid High School

Special Education – Marckee Belliston of Collinston, Utah, Lincoln Elementary School (Alva)

Teacher candidates

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

For more information on Northwestern’s teacher education program contact Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education and associate dean of the School of Education, at (580) 327-8450 or [cljenlink@nwsu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwsu.edu).





**NWTV7** @nwtv7 · Jan 27

The featured video of the week comes from Sean Doherty. His video discusses how members of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team are dealing with the cancellation of their season. Be sure to check out our YouTube channel!



Ranger Rodeo During the Pandemic  
How are members of the NWOSU rodeo team dealing with having their season moved to the ...  
[youtube.com](#)

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
January 29

Taylor Wilson is our director of counseling and career services. She provides counseling services for #NWOSU students along with providing opioid prevention resources to our campus. She also organizes the Education Career Fair and the Career and Internship Fair.

She enjoys spending summer weekends on the boat at the Lake of the Arbuckles with her family (husband, Wade; son, Kasen; and daughter, Kally). Taylor says the scenery is absolutely beautiful! They like to tube, fish... See More




**Northwestern OK St U** @NWOSU · Jan 26

#NWOSU fall semester honor rolls have been announced by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Congratulations to all our honor roll students for their academic achievements! Check it out [bit.ly/3sY9Gha](https://bit.ly/3sY9Gha)



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
January 28

The NWOSU Mass Comm program had visitors from Woodward High School today. Thanks for coming and learning more about our broadcast and print programs.



**NWOSU MASS COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM STUDENTS SPOKE TO WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TODAY. WELCOME TO CAMPUS!**

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There is a blood drive on campus today! Help us reach our goal!



**2020 2021**  
**Fingers Crossed...**

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
**Enid Campus Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, January 26**  
**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
*In the Board Room*

To schedule an appointment, contact **Oklahoma Blood Institute** at **580-233-9323** or visit **obi.org**.

**Get Community Service Hours for Donating!**

All donors receive a 2021 long sleeve t-shirt\*.

All donations\*\* will be tested\*\*\* for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors.

Appointments preferred to help with social distancing. Walk-ins accepted as schedule allows. Masks required.

**877-340-8777 | OBI.org | ARKBI.org | TXBI.org**

Oklahoma Blood Institute  
Texas Blood Institute  
Arkansas Blood Institute



# 11 social work majors enter the field

Bachelor-level social work students completed their field practicums at agencies throughout Oklahoma this spring. These 11 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).

"Increasing student competency of practice skills is always in the forefront of the social work curriculum," Jennifer Pribble, assistant professor of social work and director of social work field education, said. "The field component serves as the signature pedagogy for the bachelor of social work program at Northwestern and is needed to increase and develop skills within practice. Field experience allows students to immerse themselves in practice and apply what they have been learning."

Each student in their field practicum was assigned to a field instructor, someone with specific credentials in the agency to reinforce social work ideas, behaviors and competencies.

"The time that Field Instructors take to volunteer and assist with educating bachelor-level social workers is incredible, and without them the field component would not be possible," Pribble said.

Listed below are the students who completed their field practicums, hometowns, and their practicum agency placements:

Sara Houchin of Ardmore, Circle of Care in Woodward; Isis Lair of Woodward, Northwest Domestic Crisis Services in Woodward; Cyntyia Lloyd of Enid, Fresenius Medical Care in Enid; Scott Messenger of Hillsdale, Youth and Family Services of

Northcentral Oklahoma in Enid; Jamie Metcalf of Blackwell, Department of Human Services in Ponca City; Sydnee Miller of Kansas City, Missouri, Bill Johnson Correctional Center in Alva; Mazzy Priest of Enid, Circle of Care in Enid; Wynter Wilson of Woodward, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Rebecca Wasson of Enid, Youth and Family Services of Northcentral Oklahoma

in Enid; Jessica Wildman of Pocasset, Northwest Domestic Crisis Services in Alva; and Heather Wilkinson of Enid, Department of Human Services in Enid

For more information about Northwestern's social work program, contact Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department and professor of social work, at (580) 327-8135 or [kdrehder@nwosu.edu](mailto:kdrehder@nwosu.edu), or Pribble at (580) 213-3148 or [jlpribble@nwosu.edu](mailto:jlpribble@nwosu.edu).





# Visual arts minors receive COVID-19 economic relief grants

This past academic year, four Northwestern visual arts minors were awarded \$1,000 COVID-19 economic relief grants from the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC).

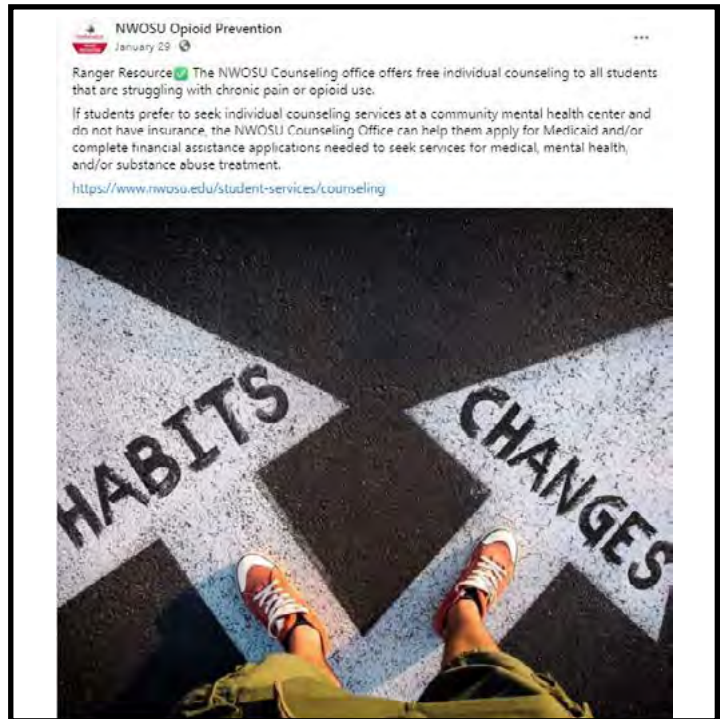
OVAC, in partnership with The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, established the THRIVE! grants program to provide more funding opportunities to further support artists' innovation throughout Oklahoma. During the first year of the partnership, grants were issued as COVID-19 economic relief grants in the form of Oklahoma Visual Artists Emergency Grants. These 80 grants of \$1,000 each were issued in two rounds. Awardees had to demonstrate they are practicing artists and attest they have experienced financial hardship due to the economic crisis.

"The pandemic hit some of our students and their families very hard

economically," Associate Professor of Art Kyle Larson said. "I am incredibly thankful to OVAC for providing this funding for artists in need throughout the state. I witnessed firsthand the impact the grants had on my students' lives and their ability to stay enrolled at NWOSU, helping them to continue their studies and creative endeavors."

For more information about OVAC and the THRIVE! Grant Program, visit the following

links: <https://www.ovac-ok.org/> and <https://www.thrivegrants.org/>





# Virtual Spring Showcase held on Feb. 27

The annual Spring Showcase was held completely virtually on Saturday, Feb. 27 on Northwestern's YouTube channel.

To attend Virtual Spring Showcase, a student simply had to register online or by phone, then watch the Virtual Spring Showcase event at [www.youtube.com/nwOKst](http://www.youtube.com/nwOKst).

Students interested in transferring to Northwestern's Alva campus, as well as any high school juniors or seniors, were encouraged to participate. Every student who registered, then viewed Spring Showcase was awarded a \$500 scholarship to Northwestern-Alva should they attend the university full-time in the fall and live in Alva.

"While we would have loved to have students physically attending Spring Showcase, our virtual option still gave students a great feel for who we are as Rangers, and what Northwestern can do for them," Matt Adair, assistant dean of student affairs and recruitment, said. "This was a student's opportunity to learn about being a Ranger by seeing the campus virtually, learn about the options a student will have here, and earn scholarship money."

Students also had the option

to click on links to information about student organizations/clubs and academic departments. These highlights gave students a great overview of what to expect while on campus.

"Spring Showcase is one event I enjoy every year, and I was still excited even though hosting the event was different," Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, said. "Our recruitment team has worked hard on creating an event that showed potential students the value of being a Ranger! I'm excited to show students what we have to offer through our Virtual Spring Showcase event."

In addition to earning the \$500 Spring Showcase scholarship, Northwestern was excited to announce that the admission application fee has been removed.

High school

juniors must attend the event in their senior year of high school to be eligible for the \$500 scholarship. Seniors who attended Virtual Ranger Preview cannot stack the \$500 Spring Showcase Scholarship on top of the \$600 Ranger Preview Scholarship. Students also must meet all scholarship eligibility requirements.

To find out more information about Northwestern, call the Office of Recruitment at (580) 327-8546 or email them at [recruit@nwosu.edu](mailto:recruit@nwosu.edu).





**Northwestern OK St U @NWOSU** · Feb 4

Our #NWOSU senior nursing students have taken part in the Garfield County Health Department's delivery of the Covid-19 vaccines. The seniors have given over 1900 vaccines and are aiding the Garfield County Health Department again on Feb. 15 to assist in giving vaccines again.

**NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience** · Feb 5

What? #NWOSUscience has a mini #ZenGarden!! Come on over and de-stress yourself!

sand 🇺🇸 is from Outer Banks 🇺🇸

obsidian turtle 🇵🇪 is from Peru 🇵🇪

obsidian pyramid 🇲🇽 is from Mexico 🇲🇽

@NWOSU

**NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience** · Feb 11

Hey, that's us! @BlkmesaSteven #NWOSUscience! 🎓

**Northwestern OK St U @NWOSU** · Feb 10

Check out our #NWOSU Department of Natural Science! [youtube.com/watch?v=r0u-gF...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0u-gF...)

You can learn more about them & the university by attending our Virtual Spring Showcase on Feb. 27. You'll earn a \$500 scholarship for attending virtually! [nwosu.edu/spring-showcase](https://www.nwosu.edu/spring-showcase)

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**Northwestern Enid @NWOSUEnid**

Join us next week for SINGO! Two rounds of SINGO will be played.

The winner of each round will receive a \$25 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card. Make sure you RSVP to [enidcampus@nwosu.edu](mailto:enidcampus@nwosu.edu) to receive the Zoom link and SINGO card!

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Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM  
Virtual Game Via Zoom

To receive your SINGO card and Zoom link, RSVP to [enidcampus@nwosu.edu](mailto:enidcampus@nwosu.edu) by Wednesday, February 10th.

\*This is a Family Friendly Event. Please feel free to play along with your spouse, significant other, or children.

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**Northwestern OK St U @NWOSU** · Feb 10

#NWOSU Ranger, Christi Erford, has started her DNP career in Enid. Good luck Christil We're so proud of you 🌟

Full story 🌟 [enidbuzz.com/family-first-o...](https://enidbuzz.com/family-first-o...)



**Northwestern News (NWOSU)**  
February 18 · 🌐

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**STUCK IN COLDER WEATHER:** Historic cold snap will last through week  
Sub-freezing temperatures are expected to subside Saturday, ending a two-week bout with his...

**NWOSU Opioid Prevention**  
February 10 · 🌐



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Naloxone Training & Opioid Overdose Prevention

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**Northwestern Enid @NWOSUEnid** · Feb 19

One of our keynote speakers, Brent Price, provided tips and advice for our students and community members about leaving a legacy through his business.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Jerry Gustafson (NWOSU), Brent Price (Jenkins & Price, Inc.), and Dr. Wayne McMillin (NWOSU)



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
February 12 · 🌐

Rachael Richardson is the office manager for the office of recruitment and housing. She helps plan events, manages recruitment mailings, schedules tours, and oversees the daily tasks of the offices. She is also a member of the #NWOSU Staff Council.

Rachael and her husband, Chad, have been married for 6 years. They both are from Beaver, OK, and moved to Alva in 2015. All together they have 4 children Cody, Haleigh, Ember, and Lukas. Rachael and her family love making trips b... See More



**Northwestern Enid @NWOSUEnid**

The final day of the Entrepreneur Seminar begins in approximately 20 minutes. You can still register and attend by going to [TheEntrepreneur2021.Eventbrite.com](https://TheEntrepreneur2021.Eventbrite.com).

Our keynote speakers, Dr. Tony Woodlief and Brent Price, will speak this morning at 9AM and 10 AM respectively.



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**NWOSU Division of Education @NWOSU\_EDUCATION** · Feb 19

Here are a couple of Spring 2021 student teachers in action during the snow storm and virtual learning. Abby Swope and Nikki Wadkins.

**Northwestern Enid @NWOSUEnid** · Feb 19

The Enid Regional Develop Alliance was recognized for its outstanding service to the NWOSU Entrepreneur Seminar Series. Thank you for your support!

Pictured left to right: Dr. Wayne McMillin (NWOSU), Lisa Powell (Enid Regional Development Alliance), Dr. Jerry Gustafson (NWOSU)

**NWOSU Division of Education @NWOSU\_EDUCATION** · Feb 24

Dr. Golightly's Creative Activities class picking out costumes for their spring presentation of the Wizard of Oz for the Fowler Early Childhood Center students.

**Northwestern Enid @NWOSUEnid**

The deadline for our Trivia Competition is this evening before midnight! The winner will receive a \$25 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card.

[kahoot.it/challenge/0608...](https://kahoot.it/challenge/0608...)

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
February 19

Shane Hansen is chair of our health and sports science department and teaches as an instructor of health and sports science. In addition to teaching and advising students, he also serves on the teacher education committee, faculty development advisory board, athletic advisory board, general education committee, and academic affairs committee.

Shane has been married to his wife, Kaylyn, for 13 years. Shane and Kaylyn met their freshmen year at #NWOSU. Their family likes to do anything outdoors and adventurous, such as hiking, golfing, swimming, watching sports games, camping, or going to the lake. Shane is 1 of 4 children in his family and they try to spend as much time with their families as possible. Especially their nieces and nephews. Their family loves all holidays and celebrates any chance they get.

We appreciate all he does for our health and sports science department every day and that's why he's this week's "Ranger to Know."

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

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# TRIVIA COMPETITION

**TOPIC: Valentine's Day**

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE WISE!

**DEADLINE: Friday, February 19th by 11:59 PM**

**Prize: \$25 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card for the student with the highest score!**

Instructions:

- 1) Go to [www.kahoot.it](https://www.kahoot.it) or open the Kahoot! app
- 2) Enter the Game PIN: 06087179
- 3) Enter your first and last name

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# 'Primp for Prom' provides free formals to high school students

The Department of Social Work and Woodward High School Key Club co-sponsored the "Primp for Prom" event in March at Woodward High School inside the high school practice gym.

Primp for Prom is an annual spring event held in Woodward for area high school students to pick out a formal dress and accessories at no charge. More than 300 formal dresses in all sizes, styles and colors were waiting for high school students from the northwest tristate area.

"Please invite any high school student to come shop with us,"

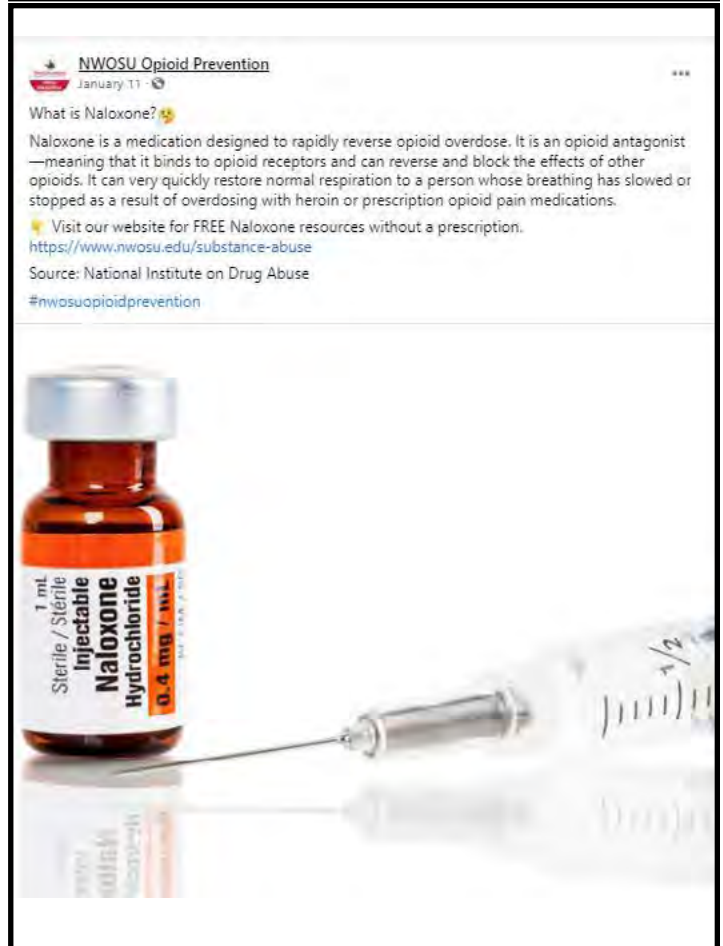
said Dr. Kylene Rehder, professor of social work and chair of the department of social work.

This event was set up like a department store with volunteers ready to assist shoppers with finding the perfect dress and accessories.

The sponsors are still actively seeking formal dresses, shoes and jewelry donations throughout the year.

To donate in the Woodward

area, please contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwsu.edu or Stefanie Alexander at (580) 256-2858. Formal attire also may be dropped off at Woodward High School at 13th and Downs Avenue in Woodward. To donate in Alva or Enid, please contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwsu.edu.





# Shaw gives diversity training online

Northwestern played host to a virtual diversity training presentation in February by motivational speaker and author Dawn Shaw. The virtual presentation was available in both Education Center 109 as well as via Zoom.

The removal of a tumor at birth may have left Shaw's face half-paralyzed, but that hasn't stopped her from living a fulfilling life and creating confidence in others. Shaw's parents actively took her out into the world, exposing her to many places and people rather than hiding her away. She came to recognize that the choices she made about how to live with her facial difference impacted her outlook on life.

Shaw, from Grapeview, Washington, has published three books, including her memoir "Facing Up to It" and, more



*Dawn Shaw*

recently, an inspirational guide titled "Facial Shift, Adjusting to an Altered Appearance." She hosted a series, still on YouTube, called "Friending the Mirror," and has given a TEDx talk titled "Beauty Is an Inside Job." More recently, she acted and sang in the movie "Happy Face," currently available on most video-on-demand streaming platforms.

Outside of speaking and writing, Shaw raises Icelandic horses and indulges in a passion for live music.

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 Dr. Mariann Braten-Hall, assistant professor of education; Dr. Roger Brown, associate professor of business; Lindsey Cherry, instructor of English; Sarah Fry,

instructor of criminal justice/sociology; Shawna Gilbert, assistant professor of library sciences; Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history; Mistie Kline, lecturer in psychology; Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music; Yosbelli Lora, student representative, Dr. Steven Mackie, professor of education; Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management; Jennifer Pribble, assistant professor of social work; Taylor Randolph, instructor of psychology; Dr. Henry Trabuc, assistant professor of education; Dr. Robert Vest, assistant professor of Spanish; and Dr. Wei Zhou, associate professor of business.

"I am excited that we can have Dawn Shaw share her experiences, her inspirational guidance and outlook on diversity, to our faculty, staff, students and the greater Northwestern community," said Brown, chair of the diversity committee.

For more information, please contact Brown at (580) 327-8509 or [rsbrown@nwosu.edu](mailto:rsbrown@nwosu.edu).







The Ranger jazz ensemble and symphonic band concert was streamed to Facebook from the fleet shed on March 3. The jazz ensemble performed 'The Theme from Sesame Street' by Joe Raposo and 'Now's the Time' by Charlie Parker. Both were arranged by

John Berry. The Symphony Band's portion of the concert consisted of 'Suspended Animation' by Patrick J. Burns and 'Salvation Is Created' by Pavel Tchesnokov, arranged by Houseknecht.

NWOSU Department of Social Work  
March 1

Happy Social Work Month! #SocialWorkMonth #SocialWorkersAreEssential

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National Association of Social Workers is with Ryan Goode-Sutton and 3 others.  
March 1

Happy #SocialWork Month! This month we celebrate our amazing profession and we educate the public and our elected leaders that #SocialWorkersAreEssential. Every day, #socialworkers strengthen the well-being of those who are vulnerable and oppressed. Visit [www.socialworkmonth.org](http://www.socialworkmonth.org)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing  
March 1

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Northwestern Enid @NWOSUEnid · Mar 1

The NWOSU Enid campus is having an Egg Decorating Contest. Paper mache eggs are available to pick up in the Enid Front Office. You can also reserve your egg by emailing [enidcampus@nwosu.edu](mailto:enidcampus@nwosu.edu). Supplies are limited.

**Let your creativity shine**  
DECORATE THE WINNING EGG!

Judging will take place Monday, March 29th, Friday, April 2nd. Winners will be determined by the most items, designs and statements from the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus (Share/Retweet) Facebook Page.

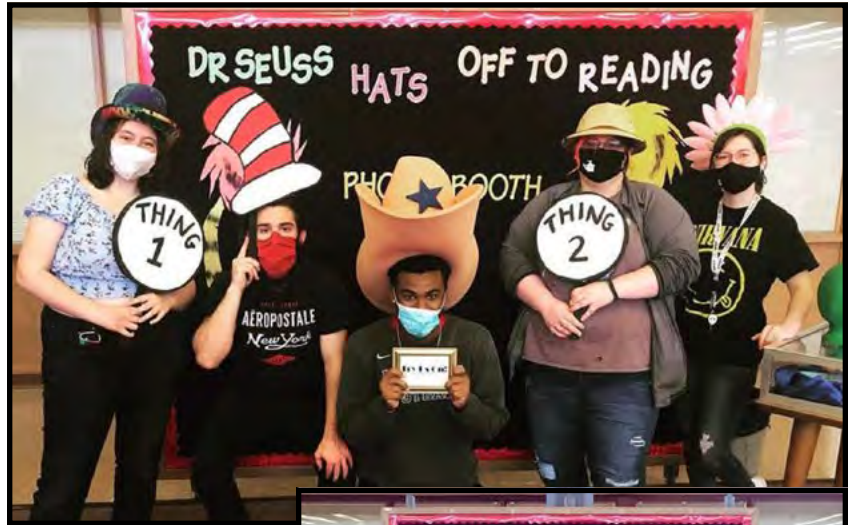
The prizes are:  
1st place - \$50 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card  
2nd place - \$50 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card  
3rd place - \$20 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card  
All other entries will receive a prize for participating.

Decorate the best egg  
and receive a prize

March 29th-April 2nd  
Facebook Competition

Show us your creative side and design the best paper mache egg. All decorated eggs will be on display in the





During set construction of Greater Tuna, Alum Sara Acosta (above and right, speech/theatre major, studio art minor) served as guest lecturer for the Theatre Production class on her industry experience. While here she served as Scenic Charge for a central set piece designed by a student.

Castle Players Club officers (top) partnered with J.W. Martin Library faculty members to put together an interactive hat display for "Dr. Seuss Hats Off to Reading Week." Officers are: (left to right) Lilith Ferrero, Chris Chauncey, Temberlenn Hall, Sydney Endsley, and Anastasia Harper.

**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Mar 5

Hey look! Dr. Wickham is Twitter famous now!! 🤩👏👏 #NWOSUscience

Prospective students, if you come to our building -- be prepared for him to get you excited about chemistry!!

**Northwestern OK St U** @NWOSU · Mar 5

Jason Wickham is one of our professors of chemistry. He attended college on a tennis scholarship and still enjoys playing tennis. He has helped run several city tennis programs & has been a H.S. tennis coach in St. Louis, MO. He's this week's #NWOSU "Ranger to Know." 🟡🟠

**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Mar 3

Yesterday, 4:00pm-ish

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# Coiman featured as Visiting Writer

The Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities played host virtually to writer, educator and cultural commentator Lisbeth Coiman for the Visiting Writers Series in March.

Members of the department welcomed Northwestern students, faculty and staff as well as local and area community members to partake in Coiman's Zoom visit as she read from her collection of poems "Uprising/Alzamiento."

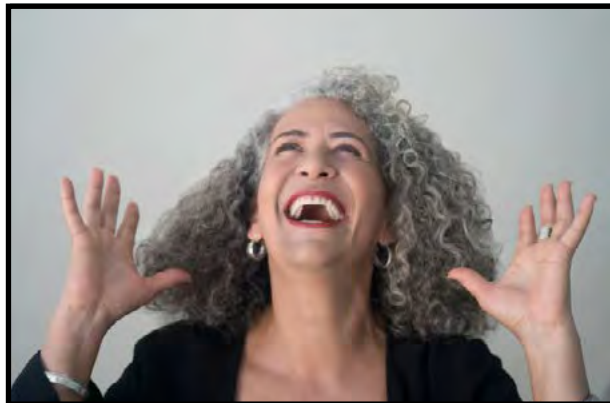
Coiman is from Venezuela and a 2006 Northwestern alumna. As a bilingual poet, Coiman strives to magnify the voices of the struggle in Venezuela, those who migrate out of despair, and those who stay behind to fight a thousand battles for freedom. In her poetry, she seeks to create awareness about the human rights violations and the humanitarian crisis afflicting her homeland and those she holds dear to her heart.

She identifies herself as a brown woman who speaks the languages of the colonizers of the Americas, rhotic R's spilling off her tongue, crossing over intersections of race, gender, mental health and immigration. Coiman has wandered the immigration path from Venezuela, to Canada, to the United States, leaving pieces of her heart scattered in the places she's lived.

She currently resides in California, where she teaches literacy skills and English as a second language to adult immigrants. With more than 25 years of experience as an adult educator, Coiman

works with underrepresented communities, especially, but not restricted to adults with disabilities, immigrants, older adults and single mothers.

"I am truly excited to have Lisbeth Coiman visit Northwestern," Dr. Roxie James,



Lisbeth Coiman

assistant professor of English, said. At the time of the event, James was reading one of her works, "I Asked

the Blue Heron." James said, "It is simply amazing! She's an incredible artist."

For more information on Coiman, visit <https://lisbethcoiman.com/?v=f24485ae434a>.

The Visiting Writers Series is a way to bring Oklahoma Writers to northwest Oklahoma every spring to discuss writing and 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. Kathryn Lane, associate professor of English and chair of the Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities, at (580) 327-8470 or [kelane@nwosu.edu](mailto:kelane@nwosu.edu).

NWOSU Honors Program  
March 7, 2017 · 🌐

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priority scholarship  
consideration is  
March 15<sup>th</sup>.**



# March Mammal Madness makes debut

This spring, the Natural Science Department hosted the first annual March Mammal Madness competition. Created by Katie Hinde, an associate professor at Arizona State University, this basketball-themed competition utilizes biological research to simulate battles between 65 animal combatants.

The bracket is modeled after the popular NCAA championship and animals are divided into 4 divisions based on their characteristics. This year the divisions were Tricky Taxonomy, Red In Fur, Of Myths and Monsters, and Sea Beasties. Within each division, animals are ranked by analyzing characteristics such as temperament, diet, social behavior, environment, size and fight style. Battle play-by-plays are released on Twitter with outcomes based on scientific literature along with an element of chance, which has led to some major upsets.

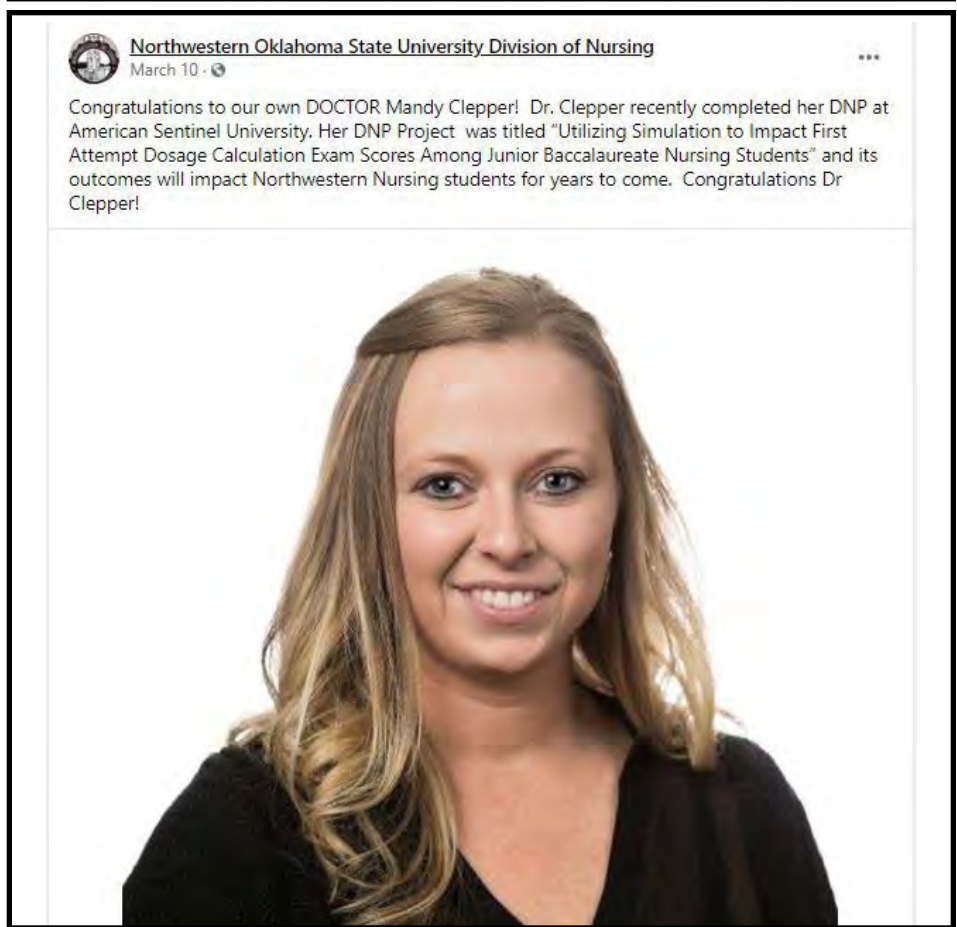
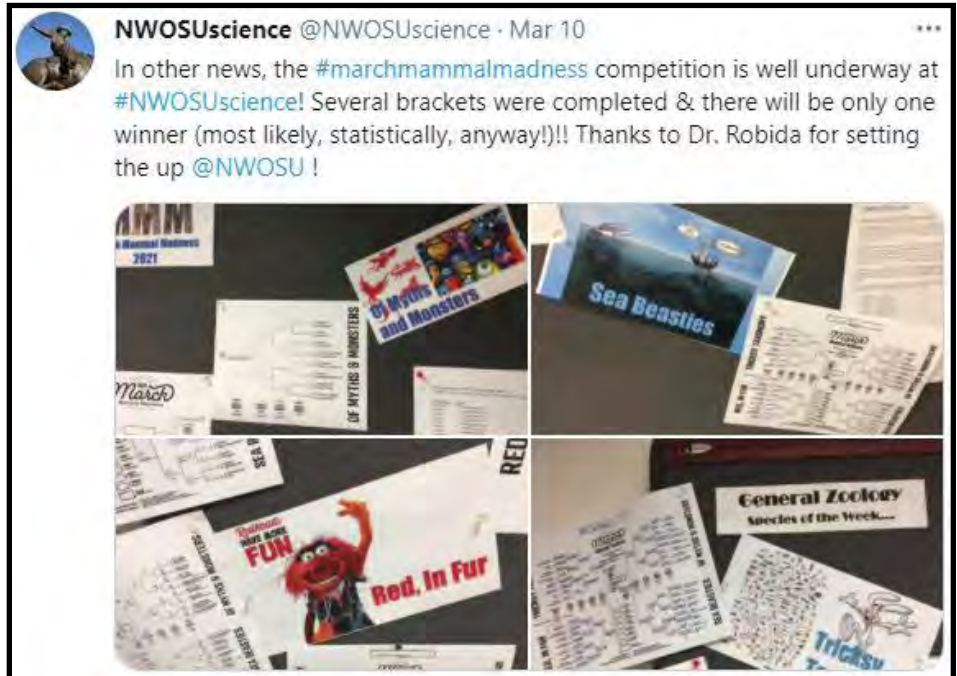
This year, the championship battle featured the Red Kangaroo and the Harpy Eagle and took place near a watering hole in Australia's Nitmiluk National Park. Battles are not always to-the-death. During this particular battle, the Red Kangaroo startled the Harpy Eagle as it hunted its prey, causing the Harpy Eagle to fly away leaving the Red Kangaroo as the ultimate champion.

Students enrolled in General Zoology helped research all 65 animal combatants and created informational slides so that tournament players could predict winners for each battle. In addition to researching animal traits and natural habitats, students also utilized government resources, such

as IUCN.org, to learn more about the conservation status for several animal species.

Approximately 20 faculty,

staff and students participated in this year's tournament. First place winner was Talyn Hagelberg and runner-up was Jadyn Budig.





# PLC scholarships offered to graduating seniors

Highly motivated graduating high school seniors looking for leadership opportunities at Northwestern in the upcoming fall were offered the opportunity to apply for the President's Leadership Class (PLC) scholarship in March.

Students selected for this award will receive up to \$2,750 in scholarship funds for their freshman year at Northwestern, plus be treated to an all-expense paid trip to a major U.S. city (COVID-19 dependent) with the university president and other PLC members. The selected students also were able to enroll for their fall semester classes early.

Application forms were available as an online form as well as a printed application at [www.nwosu.edu/plc](http://www.nwosu.edu/plc) and could be hand-delivered or mailed as long as they met the deadline.

Students provided a seven-semester transcript and ACT scores with the application and had to meet all standard admission requirements to Northwestern.

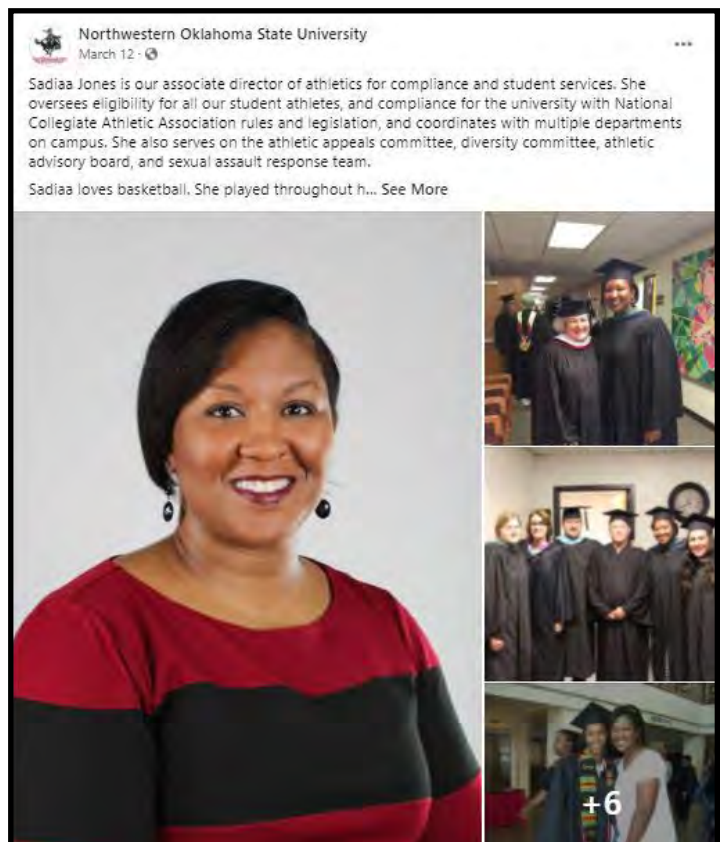
Applications required two letters of recommendation.

All applicants had to submit a scholarship application

along with the PLC application or have one on file in the Northwestern Financial Aid and Scholarship Office prior to the PLC application deadline. Scholarship application forms may be obtained by visiting [www.nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships](http://www.nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships).

Recipients of the PLC Scholarship were notified by mid-April. The scholarship will cover freshman year only at Northwestern-Alva.

Email questions to [recruit@nwosu.edu](mailto:recruit@nwosu.edu) or call (580) 327-8545.





# Medical Sciences Club makes, donates soap saver sacks

The Medical Sciences Club hosted a workshop for students to learn to crochet. The demonstration was led by Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics.

All of the students were given a hook, yarn, and a yarn needle to make soap saver sacks. These sacks are donated with a new bar of soap to homeless shelters to give out to people.

Currently, club members have made 25 that will be donated to a local homeless shelter.

All materials were donated by Dr. Riegel and Dr. Jenny Sattler, associate professor of physics.

This was a way for the students to give back to the community and learn a fun new activity.

As long as the students are making soap savers, more yarn (and soap) is being provided for them to continue making the sacks over the summer.



*Dr. Mary Riegel, front left of classroom, leads the Medical Sciences Club lesson on crocheting soap saver sacks.*

*Medical Sciences Club members learn how to crochet soap saver sacks.*



*Finished product! Soap saver sack to be donated to a local homeless shelter.*





# Edler signs to steer wrestle for Rangers

Emmett Edler, from West Marshall High School in State Center, Iowa, has signed to compete with the Northwestern rodeo team as a steer wrestler, following in his world champion brother's footsteps.

As a Ranger, brother Jacob finished as the reserve champion steer wrestler at the 2016 College National Finals Rodeo behind Northwestern teammate, J.D. Struxness. In December 2020, Jacob earned the title World Champion steer wrestler at the National Finals Rodeo.

Emmett will continue to learn under head coach Stockton Graves, who has had plenty of his own success in college and nationally

in steer wrestling. Graves also was the college coach for Jacob and Struxness, as well as for 2019 CNFR champion Taylor Munsell, a breakaway roper who is the first female at Northwestern to win a national rodeo championship, and Bridger Anderson, a 2019 CNFR champion in steer wrestling who finished ninth at the NFR in 2020.

"We are very excited to have Emmett joining the Ranger rodeo team for the 2021-22 rodeo season," Graves said. "He will be a great asset to our men's team, and we look forward to enjoying the Edler family for another four years."

To learn more about how to be a part of the Northwestern rodeo team, contact Graves at [sgraves@nwosu.edu](mailto:sgraves@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8688.



*State Center, Iowa, cowboy Emmett Edler signs to steer wrestle for the Ranger rodeo team starting in the fall 2021. He's joined by his parents, Patti and Eric Edler, and coach Stockton Graves (standing).*

NWOSU Opioid Prevention  
March 23 · 🌐



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# Social work program earns CWPEP grant

Northwestern's social work program has been awarded a \$40,000 grant by the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program Student Payback Fund Grants to develop active learning environments for social work students.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work and program director, authored the grant and will serve as the project's principal investigator.

"Technology's influence on contemporary and future social work practice is profound," Rehder said. "Therefore active learning environments are needed to support learning goals, professionalize students to practice, and teach the ethical and effective use of technology."

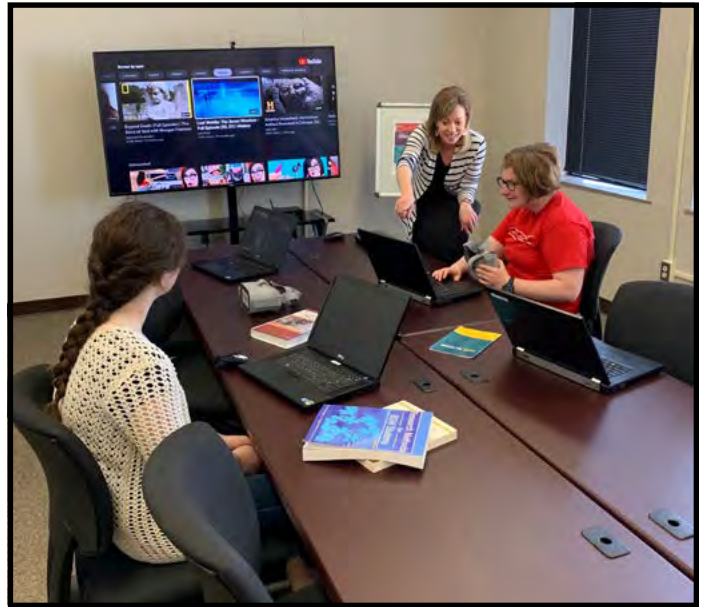
Rehder said this grant project will improve the educational technologies, resources, and spaces provided to social work students to increase their learning engagement, skill development and preparedness for professional practice. Both hardware and software resources will be enhanced across the program's locations in Alva, Enid and Woodward.

"As a social work student studying in a rural area, the necessary settings and resources for diverse and real-world learning experiences are not always easily available," Woodward campus junior Jewel Shepherd said. "This grant will provide the cutting-edge technology and resources necessary for myself and other Northwestern social work students to become effective and educated social workers."

This grant is being administered by the University of Oklahoma on behalf of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) to assist the department in retaining quality professional social workers

in the public child welfare system.

"I have always been passionate about helping others," Woodward campus sophomore Camryn Beaner-Howard said. "This grant will provide our program access to the technology and tools to advance us in the field and strengthen our abilities."



*Dr. Kylene Rehder instructs students using a technology based active learning classroom.*



*Junior nursing student Adria Lujan prepares for her next COVID-19 injection. Nursing students within the Division of Nursing volunteered their services along with the Oklahoma State Department of Health workers at the vaccination day held in Percefull Fieldhouse on March 24.*



# 100+ pieces shown at Winner's Art Show

More than 100 pieces of artwork deemed winners at the annual Art Society Art Show in March were on display during the First Friday Artwalk on April 2 at the Runnymede in downtown Alva.

Among the items on display were the Best of Show winners and the People's Choice winner from the campus show.

"A Gathering," an oil painting by Whitney Buxton, Woodward

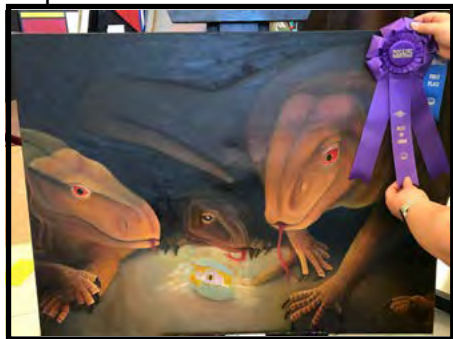
junior majoring in biology with a natural history option, was the Best of Show winner in the student division while "Sid Penner," a colored pencil drawing by alumnus Warren Little of Alva, won in the non-student division that is open to all Northwestern alumni and current/retired employees.

"Kojs en Flores," an aluminum art piece created by Northwestern custodian Victoriano Muniz Mendoza, was voted as the People's Choice winner this year for the on-campus show.

Also displayed were quilts created by retired Northwestern employee Joanne Prewett and current employee Cheryl Ellis, human resources director.

Non-student artwork displayed at the winner's show included work

from current employees Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre, and Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist, and alumna Barbara Faulkner with fiber arts pieces by current employees Dr. Jenny Sattler, associate professor of physics, and Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics, and alumna Leah Burchfiel.



*An oil painting named "A Gathering" by Whitney Buxton is the Best of Show winner in the student division of the 2021 NWOSU Art Society Art Show.*

taken by Northwestern alumni Catherine Davis, Brenen Hankins, Amanda Metcalf, Megan Moore, Cynthia Nighswonger and Little. Current employees with winning photos include Valarie Case, university relations specialist, Tiffany Misak, Enid campus coordinator/VA coordinator, and Jordan.

Winning photographs at the exhibit were



*A colored pencil drawing named "Sid Penner" by Warren Little is the Best of Show winner in the non-student division of the 2021 NWOSU Art Society Art Show.*

Student artwork included pieces from Brianna Berryman, Guthrie senior, biology / health science; Aliyah Bidwell, Greenfield sophomore, mass

communication; Archer Bohlen, Ringwood freshman, computer science; Alexandria Divelbiss, Alva sophomore, psychology; Angela Egger, Williamsville, Illinois, junior, early childhood education; Sydney Endsley, Meno junior, speech/theatre; Beatriz Penaflor, Shattuck sophomore, chemistry; Emily Pray, Caldwell, Kansas, freshman, undecided major; Jessica Reeves, Cleveland, Oklahoma, senior, general studies; Michael Sion, Vinton, Louisiana, senior, health and sports science education; Shelby Thomas, Elk City sophomore, undecided; and Noreen Wagner, Alva post-graduate, music.

Winning student photographs displayed were by Christopher Chaucy, Cordell senior, math; Nick Dill, The Colony, Texas, junior, mass communication; Jake Lee, Ponca City senior, business administration; Dana Morrow, Vici senior, psychology; Ethan Sacket, Aline senior, business administration; Bohlen and Berryman.

At the winners' show, the painting titled "Rose" by Angelia Case was voted as the People's Choice by those in attendance.

At the 18th annual full show, "Entries may have been down a little this year because of Covid-19 concerns, but the art show definitely happened - successfully," Angelia Case,

*Continued on page 29*



*Nearly 250 pieces of artwork were displayed until March 26 in the J.W. Martin Library at Northwestern-Alva for the 18th annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show.*



# 100+ pieces shown...

NAS sponsor, said. “We didn’t do as much publicity on the art show this year because we just weren’t positive whether we’d get to have it or not after having to cut it short last year, so we were just trying to play it by ear as long as we could. Even with less notice on entry submissions in this year, we still had nearly 250 total pieces for the show. And, for the first time, we had more entries from our non-students than we did from our students.”



*The People’s Choice award winner “Kois en Flores,” an aluminum art piece created by Northwestern custodian Victoriano Muniz Mendoza, at the 2021 NWSU Art Society Art Show.*

NAS has offered prize money to students in the past and did again this year; however, because of the pandemic club members were not able to do their normal fundraising to help provide for all prizes, leaving them no choice but to reduce the prizes offered.

Prize ribbons were awarded to all students and non-students placing first through third in all categories, along with Best of Show and People’s Choice. A \$50 cash prize was awarded to the student winning Best of Show, and students placing first place in each category earned \$10. Everyone entered in the show was eligible to receive the People’s Choice cash prize of \$25.

“We want to thank the Student Government Association for co-sponsoring our show again this year and providing \$250 to help us with funding it,” Case said. “We were especially grateful this year.” “I’m so happy that we were able to have a show this year and that so many people participated after the year we’ve all had,” Angelia

Case, NAS sponsor, said. “I know it’s been a tough year, so taking the time to be creative was important. Having a creative outlet can be very good for our mental health.”

To see a complete list of winners from this year’s show, visit [www.nwsu.edu/art/nas-art-show](http://www.nwsu.edu/art/nas-art-show).

To view photos of each piece shown this year, visit: <https://nwsuartsocietyphotos.shutterfly.com/25>

Questions should be directed to Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, at (580) 327-8577 or [arcase@nwsu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwsu.edu)



*Angelia Case (left) won the People’s Choice ribbon for her painting titled “Rose” at the NWSU Art Society’s annual Winners’ Show. Allison Huffmaster (right), Enid junior majoring in nursing and NAS vice president, presented the ribbon at the close of the show.*

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- 1) Shake a sedimentation tube!
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- 3) Amaze your peers with your articulated observations!

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For the second year in a row - the Northwestern Online RN-to-BSN Program is ranked the #1 RN-to-BSN Program in Oklahoma by [registerednursing.org](http://registerednursing.org)

Nursing programs are assessed on several factors which represent how well a program supports students during school, towards licensure, and beyond. Check it out at [registerednursing.org/](http://registerednursing.org/)!



# ETS testing completed in April

Northwestern's assessment and institutional effectiveness office called upon students who had between 40 and 75 credit hours at Northwestern to complete a general education assessment this spring. The Educational Testing Service proficiency profile test was open April 12-13.

The test took place in the Academic Success Center (IE 105) each day from 8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Northwestern is required to assess the general education curriculum and ETS results are one tool for doing so.

Testing appointments were available at the Enid campus by contacting Enid campus coordinator Tiffany Misak at (580) 213-3102 or by email at

tdmisak@nwsu.edu; Woodward campus students were to contact Woodward campus coordinator Rachael Hopkins at (580) 327-2502 or by email at rahopkins@nwsu.edu; University Center students in Ponca City needed to contact Hansen at (580) 327-8150 or by email at klhansen@nwsu.edu.

The online test took less than 40 minutes to complete, Hansen said. "The test covers critical thinking, mathematics, and basic reading and writing skills. Studying for the test was not necessary, and scores do not impact your grade or GPA."

The overall results for Northwestern

(not individual scores) are reported to department chairs, deans, the executive vice president, Oklahoma State Regents, and the general education committee.

"This helps us gauge how Northwestern is doing in teaching general education courses and whether or not we need to make any adjustments to our curriculum," Hansen said.

Those who took the test were entered into a drawing for Apple AirPods, \$25 bookstore gift card, \$25 Visa gift card, \$50 Visa gift card, and a \$100 Amazon gift card.





# 300+ dresses given to students from 18 high schools

More than 300 dresses were given away to students from 18 high schools across northwest Oklahoma during the annual Primp for Prom event recently held in the Woodward High School Practice Gym.

This year more than 500 dresses and nearly 100 pairs of shoes were donated to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Social Work that co-sponsors the event with members of the Woodward High School Key Club.

“Primp for Prom is an event that always highlights the generosity of others and the kindness that exists in northwest Oklahoma,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair, said.

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

“It’s always fun to see the busloads of girls come in from surrounding towns and from Woodward as well, who get to come shop around,” said Key Club sponsor Stefanie Alexander. “They get to look for shoes and jewelry and find the perfect dress. And, it’s just always such a fun experience to get to see them enjoy the shopping experience.”

Camryn Beaner-Howard, a Northwestern junior social work major from Woodward, loves her volunteer experiences with Primp for Prom. She enjoys assisting girls in finding the perfect dress and watching their smiles emerge in the mirror. Wynter Standridge, a Northwestern senior from Woodward and member of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) organization that helps with the event, enjoys being a volunteer each year. She sees Primp for Prom as being an important event for any high school student who is dreaming of a wonderful

prom experience but is not quite sure they can afford their attire.

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

Rehder expressed appreciation on behalf of the department of social work to those who helped with the event’s success including the Woodward High School Key Club members and their sponsor Stefanie Alexander; Woodward campus dean Dr. Jonathan Thomason, Northwestern social work student

volunteers, SWAT members, Woodward High School employee volunteers, and all the generous dress and accessory donors from across northwest Oklahoma. She noted a special thanks to the administration of Woodward Public Schools for playing host to the event.

“The department of social work and the Key Club are always honored to sponsor this

event,” Rehder said. “This event is about more than dresses for us; we see it as a means to embody our university mission to build a sense of community and an opportunity to serve others.”

For more information about this event or the department, please contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135.



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# Cook honored as 2021 Newman Civic Fellow

Braeden Cook, junior political science major at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has been named a 2021 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 2021 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows is comprised of 290 students, including Cook.

"The Newman Civic Fellowship award is about working together with other community actors to bring social change," Cook said. "This is one thing I hope to do through starting the new College Republicans chapter on campus.

"We will work as a club to engage with the community in promoting not only Republican values, but values that we as Americans all share. Values such as the freedoms of speech and assembly, and our common disdain for political violence of any kind."

The Alva native is heavily involved with the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature. Cook even had his own piece of legislation passed with the OIL.

He is also an active member of the Ranger Marching and Concert bands.

"Both inside and outside the classroom, Braeden represents a highly motivated, engaged, and well-informed individual who understands how he and others across the political spectrum can work together at our university,



*Northwestern student Braeden Cook of Alva was named a 2021 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow.*

in our broader community, and even across the nation," Dr. Eric Schmaltz, department chair of social sciences and professor of history, said. "The Newman Civic program offers a most constructive platform and environment for the next generation of citizens, like Braeden,

to develop and expand their leadership skills and work toward the goal of contributing further to society."

Cook says he sees the Newman Civic Fellowship as a great opportunity to speak and engage with other people willing to work together to help find a starting point in working to unite the country. He says the goal is not

necessarily for everyone to unite under a particular political party, but rather come to an agreement on values that are the foundation of the country.

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

"We are proud to recognize these extraordinary student leaders and thrilled to engage with them," Andrew Seligsohn, Campus Compact president, said. "The experience of the last year has driven home to all of us that we need open-minded, innovative, public-spirited thinkers and doers. That is what Campus Compact is about, and the stories of our Newman Civic Fellows demonstrate it's who they are."





# Two education fairs held in April

Education employers seeking employees had an opportunity to go right to the source by attending virtually or in-person the spring 2021 Education Fair at Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Alva. The in-person event took place Monday, April 12. The virtual event took place Wednesday, April 21.

Northwestern education majors could attend both sessions and were encouraged to be prepared to provide copies of resumes and cover letters.

Oklahoma education organizations planning to attend in person were El Reno Public Schools, Enid Public Schools, Epic Charter Schools, Newcastle Public Schools, Ponca City Public Schools, Taleb Enterprises and Woodward Public Schools.

Out-of-state area education organizations who registered to attend in person were Allendale County School District of South Carolina, Clark County School District of Nevada, Doniphan County Education Cooperative 616 of Kansas, Garden City Public Schools USD 457 of Kansas, Hobbs Municipal Schools of New Mexico, Omaha Public Schools of Nebraska and Southwest Kansas Area

Cooperative District 613.

Education organizations who planned to attend virtually were Aurora Public Schools of Colorado, Bureau of Indian Education, Cabarrus County Schools of North Carolina, Camp Lokanda, Churchill County School District of Nevada, Cityscape Schools Inc. of Texas, Clark County School District of Nevada, Cleveland ISD of Texas, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD of Texas, Dandelion Jobs, E Teacher

App, Garden City Public Schools USD 457 of Garden City, Kansas, International Schools Consortium, Jefferson Parish Schools of Louisiana, Mission-Haiti, Oklahoma City Public Schools, Opportunity China Ltd., Parker USD of Arizona, Providence

Public School Rhode Island, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Woodward Public Schools.

Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services, always encourages job seekers to dress well and to stop by her office in Ryerson Hall 209 if assistance is needed before the fair. She may be reached at [tawilson@nwsu.edu](mailto:tawilson@nwsu.edu).

For more information visit [www.nwsu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services](http://www.nwsu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services).





# 'Greater Tuna' presented in Herod Hall

The Northwestern fine arts department presented its first theatre production of the spring semester, "Greater Tuna," in April.

Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager, said "Greater Tuna" by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard is a colorful comedy about radio and daily life in the third smallest town of the Lone Star State, Tuna, Texas. The wacky inhabitants -- men, women, children and animals -- are all played by skillful, transformative actors who must change parts at breakneck speed and use inventive voice work to bring the citizens of Tuna to life.

'Greater Tuna' allows the audience to laugh at themselves and the people they know," Weast said. "It is a wonderful story with relatable characters, humor and a few minutes of contemplation."

Cast members for this production include the following:

Adele Callaway, nursing freshman

from Shattuck; Sydney Endsley, speech and theatre junior from Ringwood; Lilith Ferrero, English education sophomore from Cordell; Sam Grinder, biology freshman from Sayre; Alica Hall, speech and theatre alumna, printing services coordinator; Temberlenn Hall, speech and theatre sophomore from Austin, Texas; Anastasia Harper, biology freshman from Alva; Erin Lehr, speech and theatre alumna; Peyton Lucas, psychology senior from Fairview; Austin Morton, mass communication junior from Buffalo; Lisa Turner, biology freshman from Alva; Dr. Dena Walker, associate professor of mathematics; Felicit Wall, undecided freshman from Duncan; and Jordan.

Assisting behind the scenes, there are many other theatre crew members who work to give the production life. Scenic design was created by Chris Chauncey, m a t h e m a t i c s senior from

Cordell; scenic painting by Sara Acosta, speech and theatre alumna; costumes were organized by Ferrero; lighting designed by Endsley; audio design resonating throughout the auditorium with work from Chauncey; and the production on the stage came together thanks to stage managers Callaway and Destiny Engelken, biology sophomore from Alva.

"It is so gratifying to see the dedication of our students," Jordan said. "Theatre majors, minors and interdisciplinary participants committed to create an outstanding production. The hours that go into the unseen rehearsals, set construction, lighting and audio design are many, and the reward is great."

For more information about or the theatre program, contact Weast or Jordan at (580) 327-8458 or mojordan@nwsou.edu.





## *Agriculture students productive with class, fun, attend conference*

Despite a challenging environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Northwestern agriculture students had a productive 2020-2021 academic year and were able to participate in several classroom and student organization activities.

Members of the Aggie Club helped with local and district livestock shows in the spring, and were able to host a handful of fun events such as outdoor cookouts and a cornhole tournament.

In addition, several Agricultural Education students attended the 95th annual Oklahoma State FFA Convention in Oklahoma City on April 27 and 28. Those in attendance managed a recruiting booth at the convention trade show in an effort to bring more students into Ranger Nation.



*This semester agriculture students were able to work in a bit of fun with cookouts and a cornhole tournament.*



*Representing Northwestern at the 95th annual Oklahoma State FFA State FFA Convention in Oklahoma City were: (above, left to right) Cy Lucus, Britni Stewart, Kaleb Townsend, Josie Myers; (left, standing left to right) Jack Staats, Mackena Tennyson, Britni Stewart, Cooper Sneary, Steve Sneary; (seated left to right) Caitlyn Wray, Jasmine Hagemeier.*





Local artist and retired farmer, Mr. Warren Little, (left) recently completed an agriculturally themed mural in the hallway of the Jesse Dunn building on the Alva campus. An accomplished muralist, Warren created a scene representing typical agricultural practices in northwest Oklahoma. The portrait embodies realism which came naturally to Mr. Little as he was able to draw upon a lifetime of personal experience as a Woods County agricultural producer.

## ***Freshman Connection offered enrollment in person, virtually***

Northwestern offered an early enrollment opportunity for high school seniors during “Freshman Connection” in April on the Alva campus.

Freshman Connection is the first event for committed and accepted high school seniors to enroll as freshmen at Northwestern. High school seniors work with faculty members and/or academic advisers to enroll in classes while they are on campus.

Matt Adair, assistant dean of student affairs and recruitment and director of housing, said because of COVID, he and his staff decided to expand the traditional one-day event to five days, allowing seniors to choose a time that would work with their schedules. The students were still able to come to campus to learn more about Northwestern and get enrolled before they left.

The restructuring to a five-day event also allowed the students and staff to avoid large groups and follow the CDC guidelines for COVID.

The process was a simple one for the students - once they were registered, they were contacted by recruitment staff to set a date and time for their enrollment. While on campus, the students began their advisement session in the Student Center’s Wyatt Room.

Parents were welcome to attend and be with their students as they built their first-semester college schedules.

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Sigma Tau Delta is hosting Spoken Word Festival on April 15th. It consists of a Poetry Slam and 3 raffle drawings. If you are interested in performing, here is the information. Submissions are open!

SIGMA TAU DELTA

Poetry Slam 

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING HERE ARE THE RULES:

- Poems cannot go over 3 minutes.
- Your poem needs to be submitted for approval.
- Submissions close April 8th.
- Lyrical/musical performances are welcome.
- Those that submit a poem will receive a free raffle ticket.

Submit entries to the email provided below.



# Social Work program accreditation is reaffirmed

During the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation's (COA) February 2021 meeting, the COA voted to grant reaffirmation of accreditation to Northwestern's social work program for eight years, ending in February 2029.

Reaffirmation is administered through a multistep accreditation process that involves program self-studies, site visits and COA reviews. To become accredited, Dr. Kylene Rehder, professor of social work and chair to the department of social work, and Jennifer Pribble, assistant professor of social work and director of field experience, worked diligently preparing a written self-study that covered the program's mission and goals, implicit and explicit curriculum and assessment.

In September 2020, a site visitor from CSWE visited the program and interviewed faculty, administration, advisory board members and

students.

"Reaffirmation of accreditation assures the highest quality of education to our students and prepares them for the professional practice of social work," Rehder said.

CSWE is a national association preserving and enhancing the quality of social work education for practice and promoting the goals of individual and community well-being and social justice.

"I am extremely proud of our social work department," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "The faculty navigated the reaffirmation process flawlessly. Our program provides social work professionals who are sorely needed in all areas of the state and nation."

The profession of social work in the United States looks to CSWE-accredited programs to produce social workers with the knowledge and skills to be professional

social workers. To apply for licensure as a social worker one has to be a graduate of a CSWE accredited program. This accreditation also affords students the opportunity to apply for advanced standing placement in a Master of Social Work program.

Northwestern's social work department has been accredited since 2005 and offers state-of-the-art labs to Alva, Enid and Woodward students.

"Trained with the professional foundation of social work, graduates are prepared to address complex psychosocial functioning in individuals, families, and groups; as well as create change in society to enhance the welfare of all people," Rehder said.

To learn more about Northwestern's department of social work, contact Rehder at [kdrehder@nwsu.edu](mailto:kdrehder@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8135.





# Ranger Rocketry competes at Argonia Cup

Members of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Ranger Rocketry team competed alongside 15 other teams from 13 universities during the fourth Argonia Cup Collegiate Rocketry competition March 27-28 at the Rocket Pasture near Argonia, Kansas.

Dr. Steve Maier, chair of the department of natural science, professor of physics and co-sponsor of the team, is proud of the students.

“The team made great strides this year, and it was a pleasure working with them,” Maier said. “They gained experience testing ejection charges, using sets of sheering pins properly for separate ejection charges and successfully using multiple onboard GPS trackers. The 3D printed payload bay and weathervaning glider were robust and well designed. I am proud of the

work done and the commitment of each member of the team.”

According to the Argonia Cup website, its mission is “to provide a competition that challenges teams of collegiate students to design, construct and execute a multi-disciplined rocketry project utilizing innovative engineering and technology concepts.”

This year’s competition challenge was to fly a rocket to an altitude of at least 8,000 feet using a Level 2 motor then recover it at a predetermined location.

Maier explained that the Ranger rocket was 2.56 inches in diameter and stood 6’9” tall. It was designed to fly to an altitude of 8,600 feet before deploying a glider to return a golf ball near the launch site.

“We flew our competition rocket ‘Alpha’ on Saturday,” Maier

said “The ejection charge from the motor detonated early (before the rocket reached its peak). This caused damage when the body tube separated. Due to the nature of that separation, the primary parachute opened early, which caused the rocket to drift much farther away than planned (it was supposed to fall in tumble recovery for a while to prevent drifting).

“The payload section carrying the golfball was a glider and was released properly, but at a distance much farther away. While it glided into the wind as designed, it started from a distance much farther away from the target as planned—so it landed about 4,000’ from the target.”

Maier said the altimeter indicated that the rocket did not achieve 8,000 feet in altitude

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# Ranger Rocketry...

(due to the motor ejection charge detonating early). This year, Team RRRocket did not post a qualifying flight to earn a prize award, and placed 11th overall.

“Motor ejection charges come with the motor and have a history of not always detonating at the correct time,” Maier said. “Moving forward for next year, we have a solution for that issue.”

The team video is available to view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6431OuRaFtc>. The video was produced by Dr. Luis Antunes Rocha, assistant professor of mass communication.

Team members working on the project included Sharon Boeckman, Hitchcock senior, payload construction and parachutes; Chris Chauncey, Cordell senior, team captain who worked on the rocket’s design and construction and is Level 2 certified with Tripoli.org; and Noah Rodriguez, Tyrone sophomore, payload and rocket construction. Dr. Jason Wickham, professor of chemistry, is a team co-sponsor.

“I enjoyed brainstorming with the team,” Chauncey said. “We had to find a way to get the payload to the location at the launch site and decide to start from scratch or use a prior year’s rocket for our rocket construction.”

Oklahoma State University’s team won the event with Southwestern Oklahoma State University placing second, the University of Tennessee at third and Southern Illinois University, fourth.

Other schools competing included the University of Oklahoma, Missouri University

of Science and Technology, Kansas State University, LeTourneau University (Longview, Texas), Southern Illinois University (Carbondale), University of Colorado (Denver), University of Illinois (Chicago), University of Missouri and Western Michigan University.

To learn more about Northwestern’s Department of Natural Science or the Ranger Rocketry team, contact Maier at (580) 327-8662 or [sjmaier@nwosu.edu](mailto:sjmaier@nwosu.edu).



Sharon Boeckman (left) and Chris Chauncey (right) show off their 6’9” rocket for the Northwestern Ranger Rocketry team, which competed in the Argonia Cup Collegiate Rocketry competition near Argonia, Kansas.





# Celebrating Social Work Month in March

By Dr. Kylene Rehder

The Department of Social Work celebrated Social Work month in March. This year's theme, "Social Workers Are Essential," has provided an opportunity for social workers around the nation and their supporters to educate the public about the invaluable contributions of the profession.

Social workers are essential to community well-being. As practitioners, social workers are trained to help people address personal and systemic barriers to optimal living. They are employed to effect positive change with individuals, families, groups and entire communities. As a profession, social workers frequently use their collective power to pass laws and establish policies that give more people access to community services and benefits, improving the quality of life for everyone. Social work is the only helping profession which requires social justice advocacy as part

of its professional code of ethics, and is therefore a large workforce mandated to advance the rights of the most vulnerable in society.

For more than 120 years, the social work profession in the United States

has helped bend the arc of justice, making our nation a more equitable and inclusive place.

The entire social work department spring newsletter can be found by [clicking here](#).

## About Social Workers

There are more than 700,000 professional social workers employed in the United States, and more than three million worldwide. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics continues to identify social work as one of the fastest growing professions in the United States. Other government sources report there are more clinically trained social workers providing mental health and behavioral health services than any other professional discipline in the nation. The nation needs more social workers as it continues to deal with entrenched problems that have stressed our society, including systemic racism and the Coronavirus pandemic. The

United States is also experiencing one of its worst economic downturns since the Great Depression.

Social workers are on the front lines, helping people overcome these crises. In fact, social workers are everywhere people need help navigating tough life challenges. They contribute to interdisciplinary care teams in schools, hospitals, mental health centers, nonprofits, corporations, the military—and in local, state, and federal government. Many social work professionals also own private consultation practices.

*(Adapted from the National Association of Social Workers, 2021)*





# Campus Beautification event held in April

Staff Council members and volunteers made Campus Beautification Day events successful in Alva, Enid and Woodward in April.

On Thursday, April 29, Staff Council members welcomed volunteers for Campus Beautification Day on the Alva campus. All students and university employees were welcome to volunteer their services to help give the campus a facelift.

All volunteers met at 12:45 p.m. to receive instructions on the projects to be completed for the day. Staff Council took a group photo of the volunteers before work began.

Campus Beautification Day events were held at the Enid campus Thursday, April 22, and at the Woodward campus Friday, April 23.

Staff Council appreciates all of the volunteers for these events.

The Staff Council appreciates Dr. Mindi Clark, assistant professor of agriculture, and her students for growing and providing the plants to be used on the campuses during these events.

A record of the number of hours volunteered by employees

and students was kept so it can be reflected in service-learning reporting.

Questions about Campus Beautification Day or the Staff Council may be directed to Sue Burks, financial aid assistant director and Staff Council chair.



*Alva Campus Beautification Volunteers 2021*



*Scenes from Staff Council's Alva Campus Beautification Day 2021*





# Social work faculty present at NASW state conference

Northwestern Oklahoma State University social work faculty recently presented at the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) 46th Annual Oklahoma State Conference.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work, and Jennifer Pribble, director of field education presented "Virtual Reality: Building Awareness and Skills in Social Work Practice." Their presentation focused on recent research



Northwestern social work faculty members Dr. Kylene Rehder (left) and Jennifer Pribble presented at the National Association of Social Workers 46th annual Oklahoma State Conference.

on the use of virtual reality in social work education and applications of this technology in the field of social work practice.

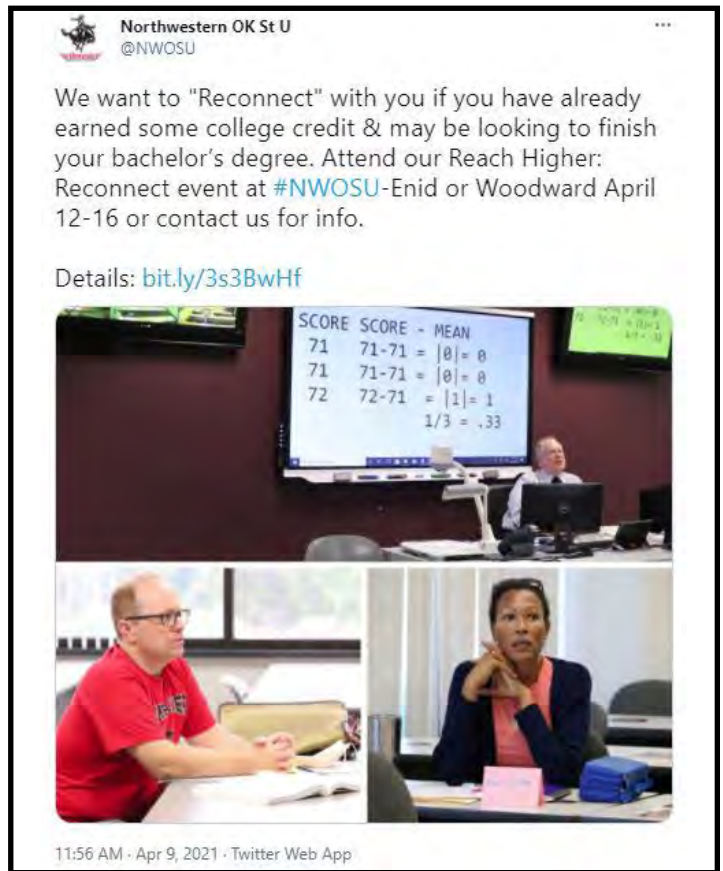
The opening address was presented by the president of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Mit Joyner, DPS, MSW, BSW, LCSW.

Northwestern was also represented by the following social work students: Sara Houchin, Ardmore senior; Cyntyia Lloyd, Enid senior; Julie Mayer, Enid junior; Barbara McPherson,

Enid senior; Jamie Metcalf, Blackwell senior; Mazzy Priest, Enid senior; Carolyn Reaves, Fort Supply senior; Wynter Standridge, Woodward senior; Rebecca Wasson, Enid senior; and Heather Wilkinson, Enid senior.

NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world and focuses on enhancing the professional growth and development of its members, creating and maintaining professional standards, and advancing sound social policies.

To learn more about Northwestern's department of social work, contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135.





# Online nurse practitioner program deemed one of nation's best

Northwestern's online nurse practitioner program has been named the 13th best in the country out of 203 accredited colleges and universities in the nation evaluated by Intelligent.com. Criteria used for the ranking included curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation and post-graduate employment.

Intelligent.com created a Top 50 Nurse Practitioner Programs list from their evaluations. Northwestern is the top-ranked Oklahoma nursing school in this listing.

Other factors Intelligent.com used to evaluate each program included student engagement, the potential return on investment and leading third-party evaluations. According to their website, they looked at how easy it would be to earn back the cost of each degree program. They calculated the average weekly wages of the occupations that a particular degree leads to versus the cost of the program.

"Northwestern's BSN-to-DNP program strives to serve rural

Oklahoma to provide caring and competent primary care providers," Dr. Shelly Wells, professor of nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, said. "This recognition of our program validates the fact that our graduates are valued and in high demand. Northwestern's graduate nursing faculty are all practicing APRNs and are keenly aware of the ever-changing health care demands.

"It is this level of professional integration of academics and clinical expertise that assures our graduates are ready to enter the practice settings upon completion of their degrees. This program strength sets Northwestern among the leaders in nursing education."

Northwestern currently has 45 students in the BSN-to-DNP family nurse

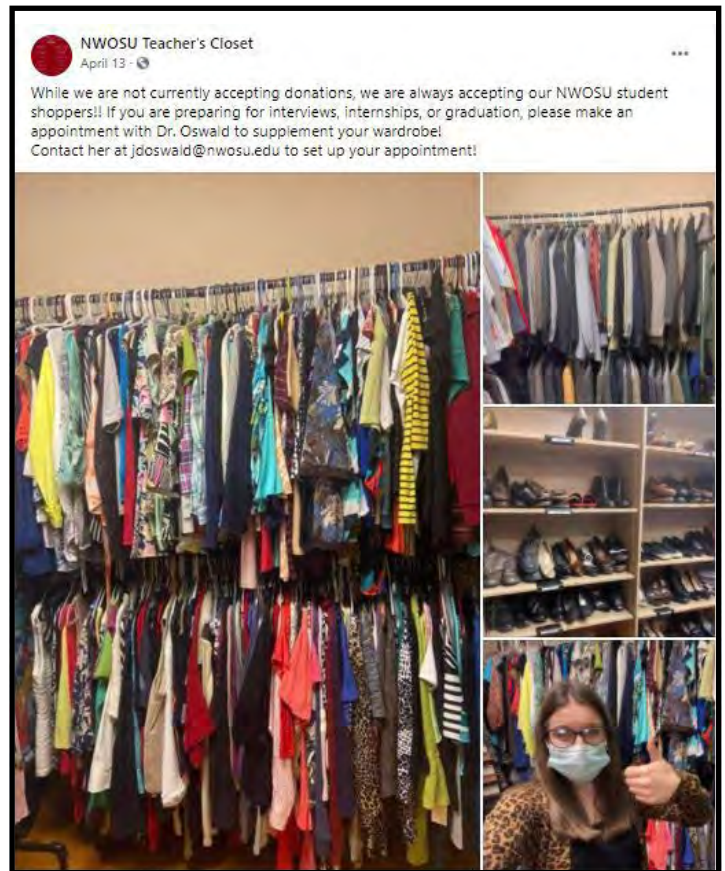
practitioner program.

The BSN-to-DNP program for Family Nurse Practitioners has received full approval from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Northwestern is one of only two public universities in Oklahoma to offer a Family Nurse Practitioner program,

was the first public university with a BSN-to-DNP offering, and the only program in the state with an emphasis on nursing in rural communities.

For more information on Northwestern's nursing degree programs visit [www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing](http://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing) or contact Wells at (580) 327-8489 or [scwells@nwosu.edu](mailto:scwells@nwosu.edu).





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Come support your Rangers tonight in Enid as they take on the ECU tigers at 7PM at the @DBallpark!

**Northwestern OK St U @NWOSU** · Apr 14

Our #NWOSU Ranger Rocketry team competed at the 4th Argonia Cup Collegiate Rocketry competition. The team video is available to view at [youtube.com/watch?v=6431Ou...](https://youtube.com/watch?v=6431Ou...) Full story [bit.ly/3mKzCY](https://bit.ly/3mKzCY) @NWOSUscience

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April 13

Join us April 24th from 2p-4p for a chance to virtually connect with both current and past students of NWOSU nursing. We will have breakout sessions for you to learn about all the great things our graduates are doing. There will also be representatives from all our program offerings so whether you are considering the traditional BSN program, the RN-BSN or the BSN-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner program, someone will be there to answer your questions!

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The NWOSU Enid campus will be open til 7 p.m. April 15 to help answer questions about the Reach Higher program & how #NWOSU can help you finish the degree you started.

Questions: [jjgustafson@nwosu.edu](mailto:jjgustafson@nwosu.edu)  
Info: [bit.ly/3s3BwHf](https://bit.ly/3s3BwHf)



# SWAT fosters 'wooden children' in project

Members of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) took part in the "Wooden Children" project sponsored by the Garfield County Child Advocacy Center.

The "Wooden Children" project has been designed to bring awareness to the number of child abuse cases that are investigated each year. In 2020, 248 confirmed cases of child

abuse were reported in Garfield County.

The Garfield County Child Advocacy Council has conducted the Wooden Children Program annually for approximately the last 10 years. It was canceled last year due to the pandemic.

"The number of substantiated abuse cases are usually higher than the number of cases in 2020," Dustin Albright, Garfield County Child Advocacy Council

executive director, said. "We believe that quite a few cases were not reported last year because children were not in school and not in the public eye.

"Teachers,

injuries or the child confides in them about abuse."

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

Organizations, businesses, groups and individuals were asked to "foster" a wooden child for \$25. The group sponsoring the child dressed and displayed them. On April 1 the Wooden Children were taken to the courthouse lawn to be displayed for

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*The Wooden Children on the Garfield County Courthouse lawn wearing their SWAT organization t-shirts.*

counselors, and the child's friends are sometimes the ones who cause the abuse to be reported because either they see

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Spoken Word Festival is tomorrow starting at 6 p.m. 😊  
 If you are planning to see the first showing of "Great Tuna," first stop by, enjoy some free pizza, and enter a chance to win a gift card. You don't have to be present to win!

 **SIGMA TAU DELTA**

**SPOKEN WORD FESTIVAL**

April 15th at 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
in the Student Center Ballroom.

CONSISTS OF A POETRY SLAM AND RAFFLE DRAWINGS DURING INTERMISSIONS.

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**

- 9 available prizes
- raffle tickets are \$3

**PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED!**

Go to @NWOSU\_SigmaTD on Twitter for more information.

 Northwestern Enid @NWOSUEnid

Join us tomorrow for the last meeting of the year!

**Join The**

**Enid Leadership Council**



See what we're all about during our Spring 2021 meetings.

Dates: 01/21, 02/11, 03/11, 04/15  
 Time: 4:00 PM  
 Location: Meetings will be conducted via zoom.

- Go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)
- Select "Join a Meeting"
- Meeting ID: 424 139 2948
- Password: NWOSUELC



# SWAT fosters...

all of April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This project not only creates awareness about the number of children who are abused but also helps the Garfield County Child Advocacy Council 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.

If you would like to volunteer with the Garfield County Care Campus or become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) call 580-242-1153.

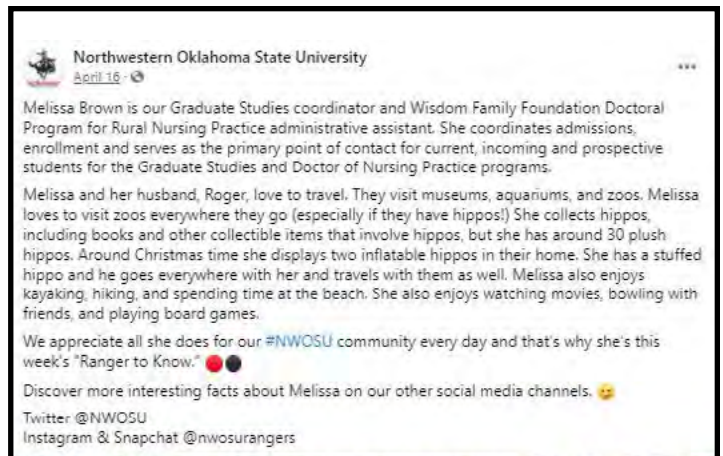
“This is a subject not many enjoy discussing, and amid the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still child abuse occurring within our area,” Jennifer Pribble, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said. “This is a subject that all individuals need to be aware of as mandated reporters of child abuse in Oklahoma. Visual reminders of this act bring the awareness that there are children experiencing child abuse and neglect, and it takes all of us to protect this vulnerable population.

“Participating in Child Abuse Prevention initiatives allows our organization to show support for advocacy efforts to end child abuse in the state of Oklahoma.”

To learn more about Northwestern’s department of social work, contact Kylene Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu.



**Wooden Children at Courthouse:** The 248 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.





# the Spotlight

## On the Library

What do you think of when you hear the term “library”? Do you think of books? E-resources? Printers? What about spaces? The J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus offers many spaces and services you may not have previously thought of. Could you use a six-foot by six-foot bulletin board in a high traffic area to highlight your special topics course for the next semester? We have one of those. Looking for space to display your students’ work? We have that. What about space dedicated for employee use only? We have two such spaces. Come talk to a librarian and make a suggestion. We’re open to ideas!



*The J.W. Martin Library is offering their 6’x6’ bulletin board to highlight opportunities such as a special topics course. Dr. Roxie James took advantage of this to publicize her special topics course. Talk to a librarian today about other opportunities.*



*The fine arts department presented “Greater Tuna” by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard in April. The show was a comedy- satire about the residence of the third smallest town in Texas during the late 1970s presented by a cast and crew of 18 students, alumni, and faculty. Cast included (back row) Alyiah Bidwell, Adele Callaway, Chris Chauncey, Sydney Endsley, Temberlen Hall, Destiny Telinde, Austin Morton, Peyton Lucas, Feliciti Wall, Kimberly Weast; middle row- Alica Hall, Erin Lehr, Dena Walker, Mickey Jordan; (front row) Samuel Grinder, Lisa Turner, Lilith Ferrero, Anastasia Harper.*

Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus  
 April 27 · 🌐

Despite the cold and the rain, our groundscrew was able to get several pots and planters filled last Friday on Campus Beautification Day! Thank you so much Ken, Shelby, and Huldah!  
 #neitherainnorsoleet #thatsourcrew #campusbeautification #woodwardcampus





**nwosu\_sigmatadelta** @NWOSU\_SigmaTD · Apr 16  
 Thank you to everyone who attended the Spoken Word Festival! And a special thank you to those that shared! Congrats to our big winners: Ollie McLain, Campbell Payne, and Carys Delaplaine.



**Northwestern Enid** @NWOSUEnid · Apr 16  
 NWOSU's Creative Activities class performed "The Wizard of Oz" for students at the Fowler Early Childhood Center.

More photos from this event are available at [nwosu-enid-photos-2020-2021.shutterstock.com/pictures](https://www.shutterstock.com/pictures/nwosu-enid-photos-2020-2021)



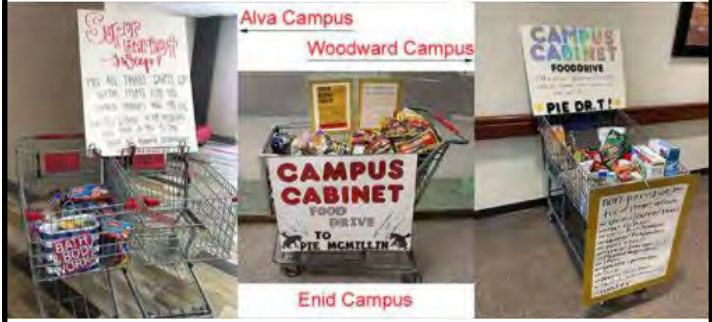
**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
 April 16 ·  
 We are grateful the Mackeys chose to help nursing students!



OURNORTHWESTERN.ORG  
**Scholarship to support future business owners and nurses in the area**  
 "Establishing this scholarship will help Northwestern recruit and educate students in the fields of business and nursing"



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
 April 20 ·  
 The NWOSU SGA is sponsoring an end-of-semester non-perishable food drive to benefit the Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantries in Alva, Enid & Woodward. Full grocery carts = pies in the face fun! More info: <https://bit.ly/2RHOF5O>



**Northwestern Enid**  
 @NWOSUEnid  
 Campus Beautification is still planned for this Thursday! If you would like to participate, please contact Tiffany Misak at [tdmisak@nwosu.edu](mailto:tdmisak@nwosu.edu) or call (580) 213-3102.



# Campus Beautification

• THURSDAY, APRIL 22 • 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. •

Feel free to bring your own tools!

**VOLUNTEERS SHOULD SIGN UP AT THE FRONT OFFICE**

\* Pre-register by contacting Tiffany Misak by Monday, April 19  
[tdmisak@nwosu.edu](mailto:tdmisak@nwosu.edu) or (580) 213-3102  
 Sponsored by NWOSU Staff Council



3:02 PM · Apr 20, 2021 from Enid, OK · Twitter for iPhone



**NWOSU Division of Education**  
 @NWOSU\_EDUCATION

Dr. Jenlink welcoming the students from the Fowler Early Childhood Center to NWOSU Enid campus for a performance of Wizard of Oz by Dr. Golightly's class.





# SWAT completes Dignity Drive

Students in the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter at Northwestern completed their Compassion in Action Dignity Drive for the 2020 fall semester.

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

said. "The annual Dignity Drive would not be possible without this wonderful community and the giving spirit this community has."

The Campus Cabinet is a resource available to assist Northwestern students and employees on all three campuses. This resource offers non-perishable food assistance as well as personal hygiene products. In order to assist, all requests can be made via their online web form. To learn more and access this resource visit their website at <https://www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet>.

SWAT members would like to thank everyone who assisted with putting this event together and those who were able to donate from all three Northwestern locations.

"The Dignity Drive is something that pulls all students from

the three Northwestern locations together to be able to assist the community," Wynter Wilson, SWAT president and Woodward senior, said. "As the pandemic thrived, students of Northwestern fought back, showing their resilience and desire to be able to serve the community."

Northwestern's SWAT members and social work majors, with their hometowns, classification and SWAT involvement include Ty Albers, Woodward senior, member; Perla Fonseca Torres, Enid junior, member; Natalie Haskins, Woodward sophomore, member;

Sara Houchin, Ardmore senior, member; Camryn Beaner-Howard, Woodward junior, member; Joelynn Karben, Enid senior, member; Isis Lair, Woodward senior, member; Kori Leech, Kiowa, Kansas, senior, member; Cyntyia Lloyd, Enid senior, treasurer; Patricia Lugo, Enid senior, member; Julie Mayer, Enid junior, member; Barbara McPherson, Enid senior, member; Scott Messenger, Enid senior, Enid campus vice president; Jamie Metcalf, Blackwell senior, member; Mazzy Priest, Enid senior, member; Carolyn Reaves, Fort Supply senior, member; April Schultz, Alva sophomore, member; Jewel Shepherd, Mooreland junior, member; Jessica Wildman, Pocasset senior, Alva campus vice president; Heather Wilkinson, Enid senior, member; and Wilson.

For more information concerning the Compassion in Action Dignity Drive, contact Kylene Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or [kdrehder@nwosu.edu](mailto:kdrehder@nwosu.edu).



*Northwestern's Campus Cabinet food pantry receives donations from the SWAT Compassion in Action Dignity Drive. SWAT Enid campus members pictured (left to right) with donations are Julie Mayer and Barbara McPherson.*

while supporting community partners and their consumers. The Compassion in Action Dignity Drive is one of the community service projects SWAT students host to give back to the community.

This year SWAT was able to gather donations for Northwestern's Campus Cabinet food pantry at all three campus locations to begin filling their personal hygiene product needs.

"Gathering these donations was not possible without the help from the Northwestern community," Jennifer Pribble, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work,



*Scott Messenger, Enid senior and SWAT Enid campus vice president, separating the donations to disperse to all three campuses.*





**NWOSU Theatre**  
 April 21 at 9:26 AM · 🌐

The future is bright here.

#nwosutheatre #NWOSU #nwosurangrers #nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosu #riderangerside #theatre #oklahomatheatre #collegetheatre #theatreproduction #theatreinspires #theatreeducation #alvaoklahoma #nwosurangrers #stage #spotlight #baldwinpiano #departmentoffinearts #potential #theatrelife 🎭



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
 April 20 · 🌐

Check out these #NWOSU grads who work at Woodward High School! #RRR #onceanangelalwaysanangel

Pictured: Front Row (left to right): Kim Long, Carriann Cook, Daci Fletcher, Illanna Spicer, Beth Baker

2nd row (left to right): Dawn Castor, Tonya Quinby, Tyler Laubach, Gayleen Bussellato, Chelsea Cruse, Angela Clern, JoLynn Love, Michelle McDonald, Ron Sunderland

Back Row (left to right): Jake Wiederstein, Charles Roach, Aaron Pierce, Kirt Province



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
 April 21 · 🌐

Dawson the camel from Bradt's Menagerie west of town is at the Intramural Field today for #HumpDay! Drop by to say hi!

**NWOSU Division of Education**  
 @NWOSU\_EDUCATION

Andrea Storm teaching Kindergartners at Newkirk Elementary. Cooperating Teacher is Ashley Watters, NWOSU alum.



# Enid High students learn more about teaching

Northwestern-Alva played host to 13 Enid High School students in April for the high school's "Teach Oklahoma" course.

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

The students were welcomed by Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, and participated in a game in which they learned about Northwestern, university life, and the Northwestern teacher preparation program. Northwestern teacher candidates who assisted were Alva junior Juan Licea, Elgin junior Lashon Chew, Vail, Arizona, senior Mikayla Edris, and Alvarado, Texas, senior Canon Arnold.

Enid High School's students were able to see the types of work Northwestern's teacher candidates create in their programs, like the course requirement of Northwestern teacher candidates needing to video-record their own lessons to use as a reference. The students were able to watch some

examples of videos to show the length of preparation that goes into creating and sharing a lesson plan.

The high school students also toured the campus and had lunch in the Coronado Café. During lunch, they were presented additional information about Northwestern by Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management.

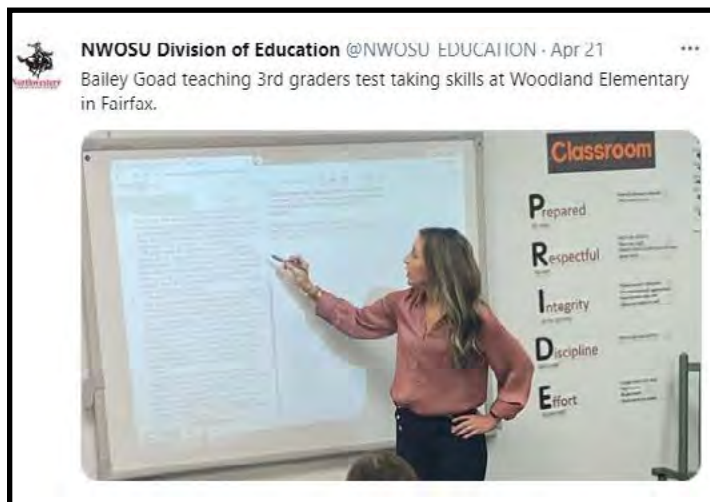
Students attending included Breianna Bolenbaugh, Hannah Burnett, Kaitlyn Chermack, Abigayle Counce, Jasmine Crase, Kirsten Davis, Lucero Delgadillo, Jerry Felber, Cheyenne Gill, Kailey Heidloff, Samara Koehn, Jalyn Ring, Laney Williams, and sponsor Dusty Hugaboom.

Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education, chair to the Division of Education and associate dean of the School of Education, understands and believes in the importance of students actively learning and getting hands-on experience, especially in the teaching field.

"The shortage of well-trained teachers is at the crisis level," Jenlink said. "Every child deserves an educator who is trained from day one to meet the needs of every student. The Teach Oklahoma program is an excellent way of encouraging high school students to become the excellent educators every child needs and deserves."

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

For more information about Northwestern's teaching programs contact Jenlink at (580) 327-8450 or [cljenlink@nwsu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwsu.edu).



*Students from Enid High School visiting Northwestern to learn more about the teacher education program include left to right (front row) Samara Koehn, Abigayle Counce (second row) Jasmine Crase, Kaitlyn Chermack, Kailey Heidloff, Breianna Bolenbaugh, Cheyenne Gill, chair of the Division of Education Dr. Christee Jenlink (third row) Jerry Felber, Jalyn Ring, Hannah Burnett, Lucero Delgadillo, Kirsten Davis, Laney Williams, Northwestern education student Mikayla Edris, professor of education Dr. Martie Young (back row) Northwestern education students Canon Arnold, Juan Licea, Lashon Chew, sponsor Dusty Hugaboom, associate professor of education Dr. Steven Mackie, and associate vice president for academics Dr. James Bell.*



# 5 take pies in face for drive reward

The Student Government Association sponsored an end-of-semester food drive to benefit the Campus Cabinet food pantries housed in Alva, Enid and Woodward. With the drive came a little bit of pie-in-the-face fun, too.

Grocery carts were set up in the Student Center and J.R. Holder Wellness Center in Alva and inside the campus buildings in Enid and Woodward for “Super Market Sweep” so the food pantries would be better stocked over the summer term.

Olivia Yandel, SGA co-sponsor and assistant director of the Wellness Center, said that besides helping the food pantries to fill their shelves, another incentive to donate non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products was that once the carts were full, representatives from each campus location would get pies to the face.

In Alva, taking one for the team was Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management; Ethan Sacket, Aline senior who served Northwestern as SGA president, as well as Yandel. Dr. Wayne McMillin, Enid campus dean, and Dr. Jonathan Thomason, Woodward campus dean, were the recipients of pies to the face at their campus locations.

“If the carts on your respective campuses are filled up, the pies will fly!” Yandel said. “But, the carts

must be full.”

Donations were accepted from the campus community, but the public was welcome to help.

Currently, the most-needed items in Enid include soups, canned pastas and canned meals. In Woodward, the need is canned fruit,

blankets.

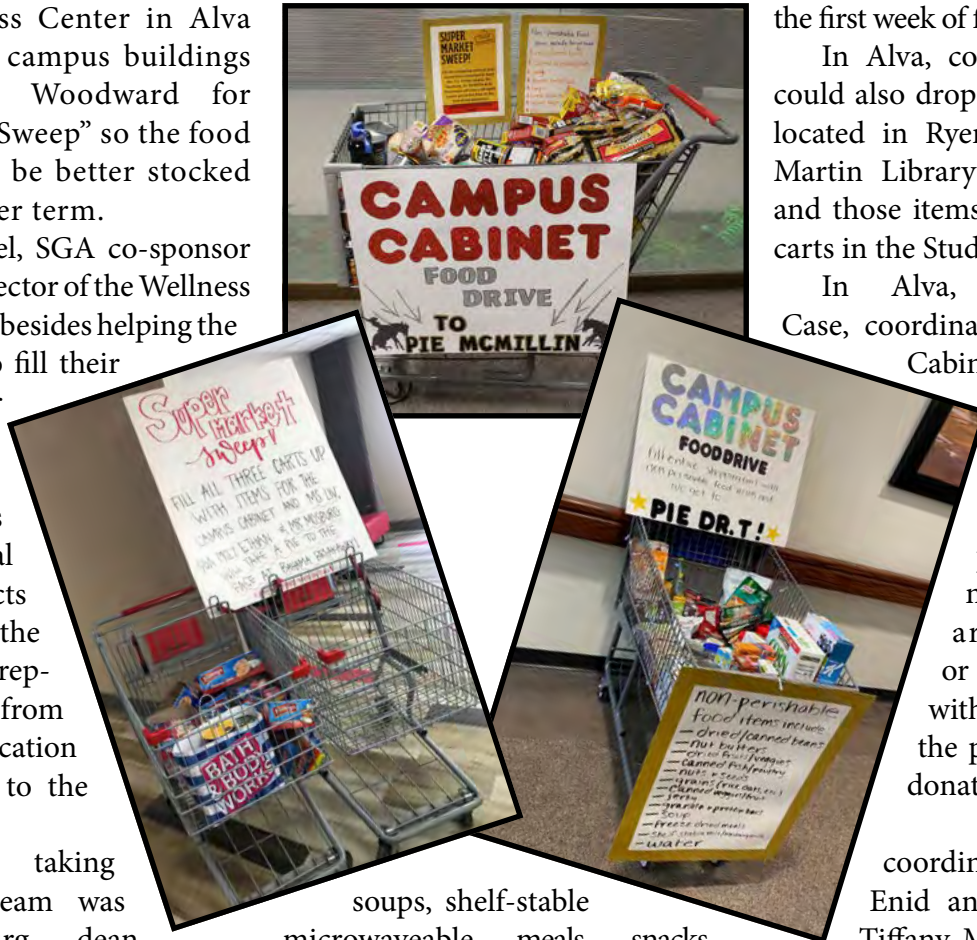
Yandel said the plan in Alva was to present the pies in the face during the annual Bahama Breakaway event set on April 22 but only if the carts were full by then. The drive deadline for pies in Enid and Woodward was April 30 with the pies in the face to be shown live via their Facebook pages the first week of finals.

In Alva, community members could also drop donations in boxes located in Ryerson Hall, the J.W. Martin Library and Vinson Hall, and those items were added to the carts in the Student Center.

In Alva, contact Angelia Case, coordinator of the Campus Cabinet who also serves Northwestern as an assistant to the dean of faculty and as an academic projects assistant/media specialist, at [arcase@nwosu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8577 with questions about the pantry or to request donation assistance.

Helping to coordinate the pantries in Enid and Woodward were Tiffany Misak, Enid campus coordinator/VA coordinator, who can be reached at [tdmisak@nwosu.edu](mailto:tdmisak@nwosu.edu) or (580) 213-3102, and Jewell Shepherd, Woodward junior majoring in social work, who can be reached at [jnshepherd@nwosu.edu](mailto:jnshepherd@nwosu.edu) or (580) 254-2503.

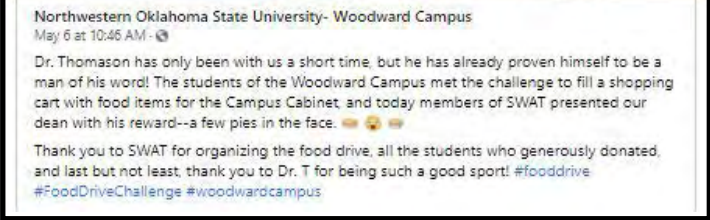
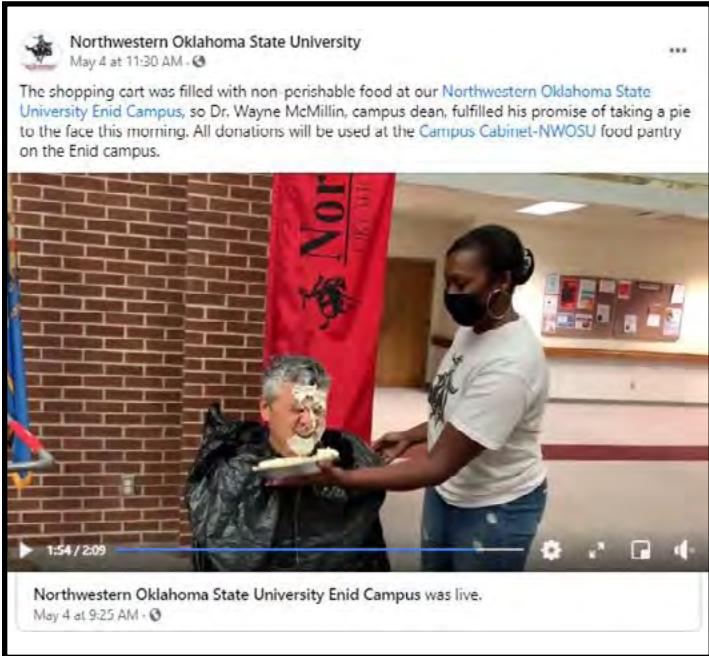
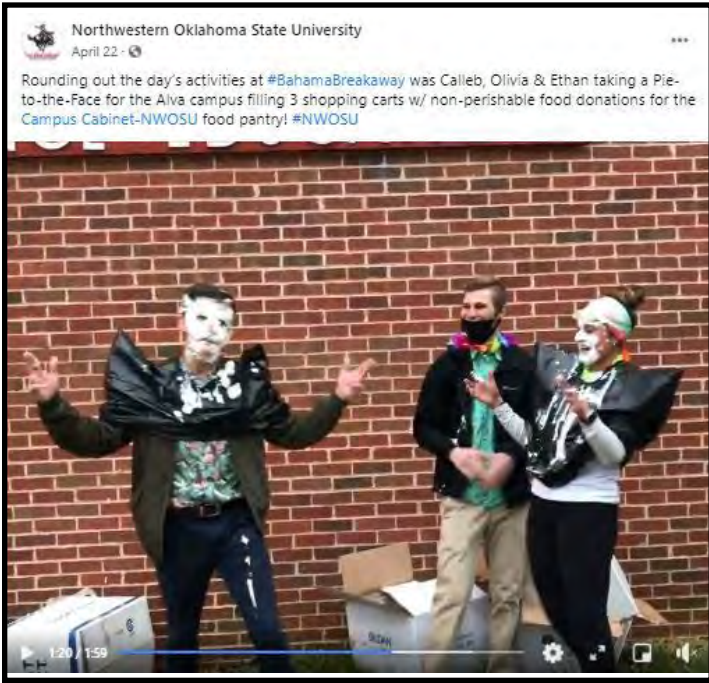
Additional information about the Campus Cabinet, which services Northwestern students and employees, may be found at [www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet](http://www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet).



soups, shelf-stable microwaveable meals, snacks, condiments and miscellaneous items.

In Alva, the food pantry can use just about any non-perishable foods or personal hygiene products, but the greatest needs include chili, microwaveable meals, breakfast drinks, cereal, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene items and other feminine products, new bed pillows, new or like-new twin XL sheets and







# Education students present 'Wizard of Oz' for Fowler students

Education students performed "The Wizard of Oz" for Enid Public Schools Fowler Early Childhood Center students in April. The performance was held in the Northwestern-Enid commons area.

"The students at Fowler were completely captivated by the characters in the story and enjoyed the up-close interaction," said Becky Meyer, a teacher at the Fowler Center. "They are still singing 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road.' It was an experience that will be with them forever."

The creative activities class, led by Dr. Colleen Golightly, associate professor 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 Northwestern theatre department assisted Golightly by providing costumes for the production.

"It was amazing to see the smiles and hear the laughter from the little

ones, and older ones, too," Golightly said. "It was such a fun experience just knowing everyone was having a great time!"

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

Davin DeVilbiss, Alva senior, early childhood education, as Glinda the Good Witch; Mikayla Edris, Vail, Arizona, senior, early childhood education, as Dorothy Gale; Abbigael Ford, Canton junior, elementary education, as the narrator and The Wizard of Oz; Stine Kristensen, Alva senior, early childhood education, as The Tin Man and Uncle Henry; Morgan Villarreal, Okeene senior, early childhood education, as The Scarecrow; Cydnee Wray, Isabella senior, elementary education, as Aunt Em, The Cowardly Lion and a munchkin; and Golightly, as The Wicked Witch of the West.

"It was great to see all of our hard work pay off," Edris said. "The students were so engaged and seemed to love the play!"

Photos from

this event are available at <https://nwosuenidphotos20202021.shutterfly.com/pictures>.

For more information about Northwestern's teaching programs contact Dr. Christie Jenlink, professor of education, chair of the Division of Education and associate dean of the School of Education, at (580) 327-8450 or [cljenlink@nwosu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwosu.edu).



Northwestern education students performed "The Wizard of Oz" for the Enid Public Schools Fowler Early Childhood Center students. The cast included (left to right) Morgan Villarreal, Cydnee Wray, Mikayla Edris, Stine Kristensen, Dr. Colleen Golightly and Davis DeVilbiss.

NWOSU Department of English  
April 22 · 🌐

In honor of #NationalPoetryMonth and because we all need a little mental break in week 15 of the semester, a challenge: write a found poem. Go be creative. Have some fun and then share it with us. Don't forget to tag #NWOSU\_English & #NationalPoetryMonth when you share your work!

NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH & FOREIGN LANGUAGE, & HUMANITIES

## FOUND POETRY CHALLENGE

FIND inspiration where you can--amidst a classic poem, a newscast, a conversation, LIFE--and CREATE a poem from it. Let's make something beautiful from the mundane.

Share your found poem with us  
#found, #nationalpoetrymonth, #nwosu\_english, #poetry, #rrr, #writerangerswrite

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
April 22 · 🌐

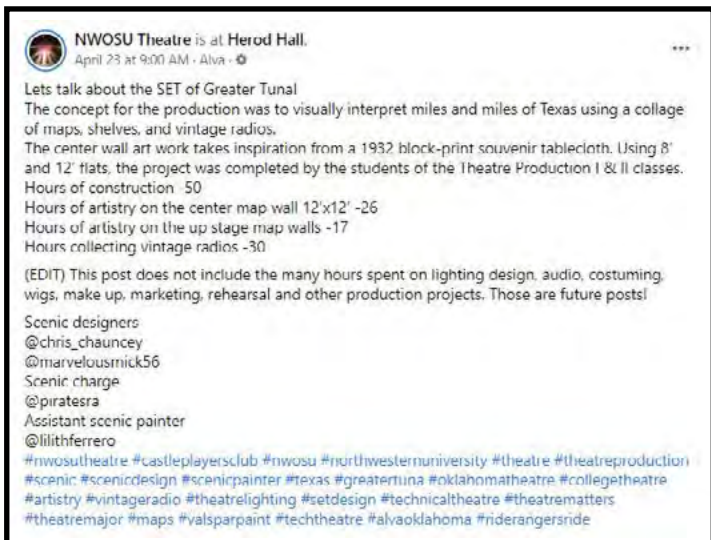
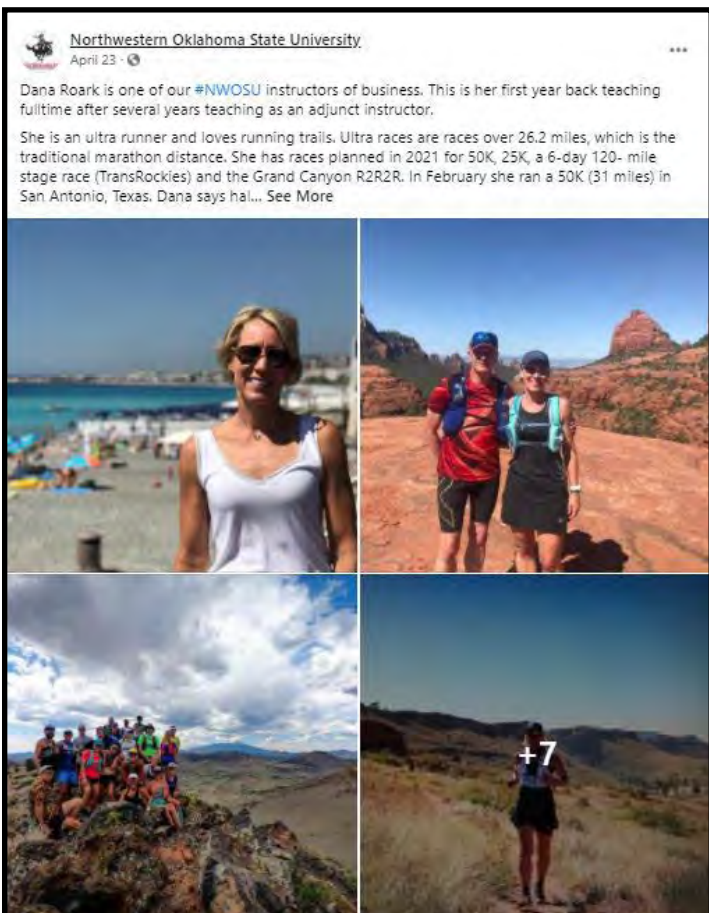
Bahama Breakaway may be a little chilly today, but everyone is out having fun!

**Bahama Breakaway!!**





**Castle Players Club partnered with community group The Alva Twisters to host a line-dancing night out on the tennis courts. Club members, guest students, and faculty learned how to line and square dance.**





# 5 students awarded EFLH scholarships

Five English, Foreign Language and Humanities students were awarded scholarships.

The Gladys Bingham-Dotter scholarship was awarded to Angel Marshall, sophomore English major of Proctor; Yamil Ortega Rios, junior English education major of Woodward; and Paige Swatek, junior English major of Woodward.

The Gloria Piersall Education scholarship was awarded to English education majors Shayna Miller,

Tuttle sophomore; Lacey Navarro, Meno senior; and Rios.

The Frances Wadley Slack scholarship was awarded to Marshall and Swatek.

The Agnes Lebeda Writing scholarship and Geraldine Burns Award for Excellence in English education were both awarded to Rios.

Students will receive their scholarship funds in two equal payments per semester.

the Feb. 15 deadline. Students should contact the department's chair or faculty members to ask for more information about an application form.

For more information on the English, Foreign Language and Humanities Department contact Dr. Kathryn Lane, chair of the department and associate professor of English, at (580) 327-8470 or email kelane@nwosu.edu.



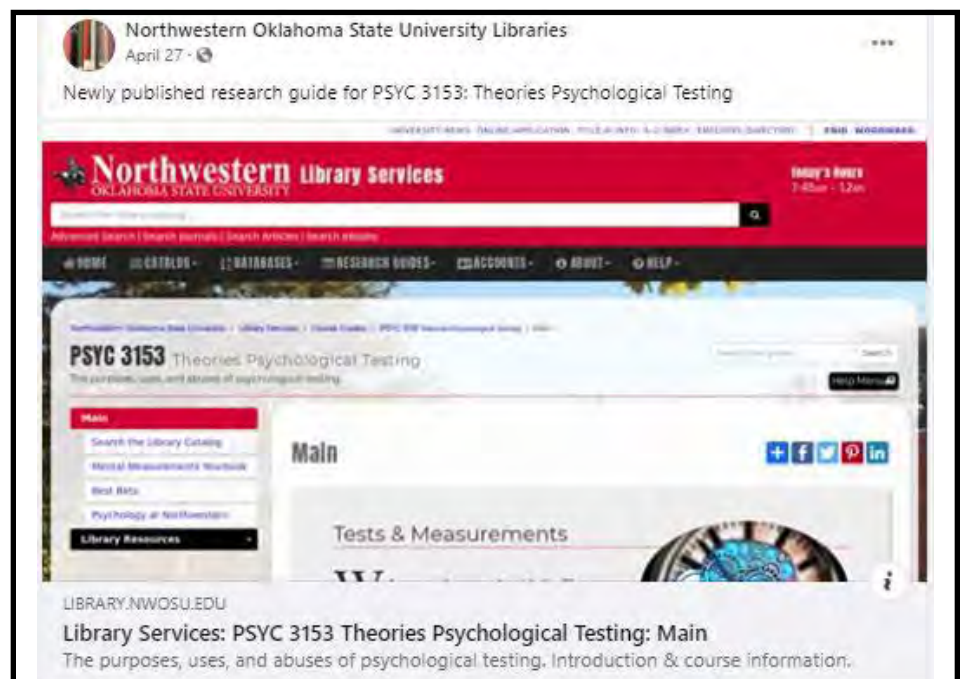
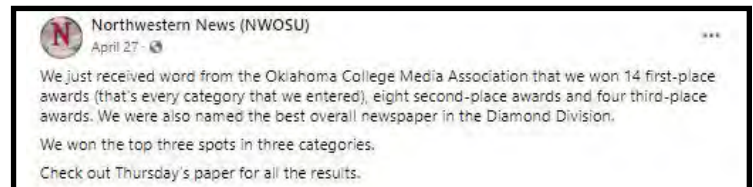
*The Agnes Lebeda Writing scholarship and Geraldine Burns Award for Excellence in English education were both awarded to Yamil Ortega Rios, junior English education major of Woodward.*



*The Gloria Piersall Education scholarship was awarded to English education majors (left to right) Shayna Miller, Tuttle sophomore; Yamil Ortega Rios, Woodward junior; and Lacey Navarro, Meno senior.*



*The Gladys Bingham-Dotter scholarship was awarded to Angel Marshall (left), sophomore English major of Proctor; Yamil Ortega Rios, junior English education major of Woodward; and Paige Swatek, junior English major of Woodward (Not pictured).*





**NWOSU Theatre** is at Herod Hall.  
April 28 · Alva · 🌟

The higher the hair, the closer to the Coweta Baptist Church! Wig designer Alyssa Danielle has coiffed a show into shape... "I was inspired by famous figures/characters from various periods of the mid to late mid 20th century, really, Brigitte Bardot for Vera, Lucille Ball for Pearl, and an older Joan Holloway for Bertha's wig. For Charlene, I pictured a younger Beth Harmon from "The Queen's Gambit." I had to play around with some of them after giving them brushes, detangling them, and then attempting to sculpt before styling and pinning. Of course, I had to do some research and put some thought into what I did, as well assess what I had to work with for each wig and think about how I was going to achieve each look."

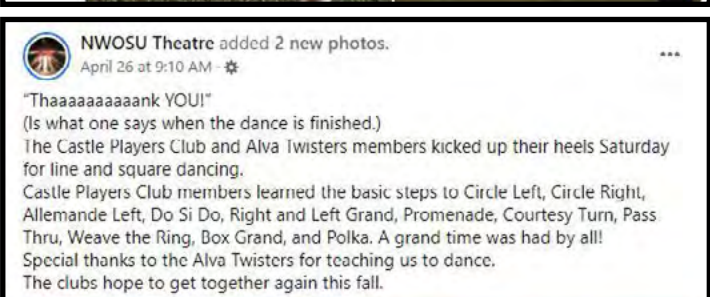
The ladies pride of Tuna Texas was shellacked in their fabulous bouffant hairdos!

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosu #theatre #collegetheatre #oklahomatheatre #oklahoma #greatertuna #wigs #bridgetbardot #lucilleball #joanholloway #bethharmon #styling #theatrekid #theatreartist #theatreife #theatreeducation #theatreproduction @ Herod Hall



**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Apr 28

Last lab of the year in Engineering Physics !! 🚀  
@LocPrecision EZI-65's Frown on Aerotech G80-7 motors. 54mm motor mounts adapted down to 29mm  
#NWOSUscience



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
April 30 · 🌟

Amy Melton is the secretary of our Division of Education. In addition to regular office duties, she supervises student workers, assists faculty, monitors the database system, etc.

She has been married to her husband Tyler Melton for six years and they have two sons, Myles, 3 years old and Austyn, 4 months old. Needless to say, having a newborn keeps Tyler and Amy busy! A couple of years ago they discovered Myles has a rare genetic disorder called Dyrk1a, so his therapies and doctor visits keep their family busy. Myles is one of 450 children in the world with this rare genetic disorder. They are family number 2/b. In his past year, Dr. Irabuc invited her to speak to his Intro to Exceptionalities class and Amy has found a new love in public speaking and being an advocate for children with special needs. They are also members of the local Parent's Support Group in Alva.

For more information on Dyrk1a visit <https://www.simonsearchlight.org/.../what-we-study/dyrk1a/>

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

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

Twitter @NWOSU  
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



**NWOSU Theatre** added 2 new photos.  
April 26 at 9:10 AM · 🌟

"Thaaaaaaank YOU!"  
(Is what one says when the dance is finished.)  
The Castle Players Club and Alva Twisters members kicked up their heels Saturday for line and square dancing.  
Castle Players Club members learned the basic steps to Circle Left, Circle Right, Allemande Left, Do Si Do, Right and Left Grand, Promenade, Courtesy Turn, Pass Thru, Weave the Ring, Box Grand, and Polka. A grand time was had by all!  
Special thanks to the Alva Twisters for teaching us to dance.  
The clubs hope to get together again this fall.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music**  
April 24 · 🌟

Mr. Justin O'Neil and singers from Navajo Public Schools, Thanks for visiting our Chorale rehearsal this past Thursday! We enjoyed watching your student's sing for us (it was fantastic!) and enjoyed having them observe and participate with us during our rehearsal! #RRR #NWOSU #RideRangersRide #RideOnSingOn #choircool 🎵





*Castle Players Club has started a new club activity called "Dapper Day." The club will endeavor once a month to dress up and attend a school or community event. Members of the Castle Players Club attended the final NWOSU Band concert on the square.*



**NWOSU Theatre**  
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Castle Players Club's "Dapper Day" was a genteel success! Dressed to the nines, members met at the Holder Drug fountain for ice cream. Indulging in waffle cones, floats, and the famous "Jack and Jill's" a pleasant time was had by all. Then it was over to the Woods county courthouse lawn (the Hollywood Bowl of Alva Oklahoma) to settle on blankets and take in the NWOSU Band's performance of "The Clearing," a lovely concert! A special thank you to Holder Drug for hosting us, and thanks to all who dressed up to step out!

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #dapperday #nwosuband #holderdrug #vintage #dapper #pink #theatrekid #theatreife #sodaountain #nwosu #nwosurangers #alvaoklahoma #woodscountyok #concert #nostalgia #fancy #riderangersride #riatoalva #datenight #dressingupisfun #dressingup #vintagestyle #vintageclothing



**Northwestern Enid**  
@NWOSUEnid

You have until midnight to participate in the trivia competition. Follow the instructions below or go to the following link: [kahoot.it/challenge/0965...](https://kahoot.it/challenge/0965...)

## TRIVIA COMPETITION

TOPIC: Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE WISE!

DEADLINE: Friday, April 30th by 11:59 PM

Prize: \$20 NWOSU Bookstore Gift Card for the student with the highest score!

Instructions:

- 1) Go to [www.kahoot.it](https://www.kahoot.it) or open the Kahoot! app
- 2) Enter the Game PIN: 09656408
- 3) Enter your first and last name



# 'The Clearing' concert presented on square

"The weather could not have been more perfect," said Dr. Seth Cudd, assistant professor of music and director of bands. "We had a good turnout for the concert as well."

At the 'The Clearing' concert Katherine Blair, Jacob Steckbeck, Peyton Lucas, Noreen Wagner, and Nicholas Nakvinda were all recognized as seniors.

The Jazz Band performed "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" by Charles Mingus, "Chameleon" by Herbie Hancock, "Hallelujah I Love Her So" by Ray Charles and "Aguas de Março" by Antonio Carlos Jobim.

The Concert Band performed "Variations on an African Hymnsong" by Quincy Hilliard, "Medieval Legend" by Michael Story, "The Falling Rain" by James Swearingen and "Kentucky 1800" by Clare Grundman.


The Symphony Band finished the concert with "Polly Oliver" by Thomas R. Root, "Country Gardens" by Percy Grainger, music from 'How to Train Your Dragon' by John Powell and "Tiptoe Through the Tubas" by Joe Burke and arranged by Jerry Brubaker. They also premiered "The Clearing" by Michael Seth Cudd.



*Above, Jason Steckbeck performs with the university jazz band as Angie Aguilera waits for her solo. Left, the concert band presents its portion of the concert.*



*The university Jazz Band and Concert Band presented their final spring concert on April 30. Many in the community came to support the bands and to enjoy the great weather.*





The NWOSU Department of Fine Arts Presents

## THE CLEARING

Featuring the Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, and Symphony Band

Presenting the music of Percy Grainger, Clare Grundman,  
Ray Charles, Michael Seth Cudd, Charles Mingus,  
Herbie Hancock, and John Powell

**"THE SQUARE" IN DOWNTOWN ALVA**  
April 30th, 2021 at 7:00 PM







*During the final meeting of the semester, NWOSU Art Society members enjoyed a relaxing time of no-stress painting. With a little bit of masking tape and paint, members made designs and*

*applied a little color to make some very nice artwork. The photo group on the left shows some of the early works and the photo group on the right shows finished or nearly finished work.*



*Mickey Jordan, instructor of technical theatre was nominated and received the 2020 Alva Chamber of Commerce "Citizens Choice- Arts, Music, and Theatre Award." This award is presented to an individual or entity who advances and contributes to the Alva community through the arts and culture.*





# 'Soundscapes V' presented on May 1

Northwestern's choirs, which consist of the University Singers and the University Chorale, presented "Soundscapes V" on Saturday, May 1, at the Alva Independent School Bus Barn.

The concert was live-streamed via the university choir's Facebook page. An archived copy may be found [here](#).

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

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music, says the choir students have been working hard after not being able to have a Soundscapes concert experience last spring due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

Longhurst said the choirs sang Renaissance works by Spanish composer Tomas Luis de Victoria and Italian composer Giovanni Pierluigi

da Palestrina; vocal jazz works like "It Don't Mean a Thing," "Smile" and "Water Fountain" by tUnE-yArDs, and other contemporary choral works by Eric Whitacre, Jake Runestad, Jean Berger and Stacey V. Gibbs.

"We were excited to perform in front of a crowd even though we had to cap the attendance at 150 seats due to social distancing and COVID precautions," Longhurst said. "Most of the music will be a cappella but will represent an amazing span of compositional periods and styles."

M i k a y l a Carpenter, senior vocal music performance major from Alva, was excited about the upcoming concert.

"I love singing

in this space," Carpenter said. "The building produces amazing acoustics." She looked forward to bringing these songs to life with her choir family for the audience to experience.

For more information about Northwestern's choirs, upcoming concerts or fundraising efforts, contact Longhurst at [krlonghurst@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlonghurst@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8692.



Northwestern choir members entertain the audience in the Alva Independent School Bus Barn during their spring Soundscapes concert.







*Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor in music, will be using his musical talents along with two other NWOSU alums this summer. The trio entertained at Mayfest on May 6 and at the Salt Fork June Jam in Alva on June 5. They will also performing on June 27 at the Oklahoma City Festival of the Arts.*



**NWOSU Opioid Prevention**  
May 3 at 9:45 AM ·

Definition Monday: Opioid use disorder (OUD) 📖

From a desktop, scan the QR code below for opioid prevention resources on-campus. 📱 From mobile, check out our pinned post with resource links!

#nwosuopioidprevention #opioid #opioidcrisis #opioidepidemic #opioidaddiction #opioidawareness

### What is Opioid use disorder?

A problematic pattern of opioid use that causes significant impairment or distress.

A diagnosis is based on specific criteria such as unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control use, or use resulting in social problems and a failure to fulfill obligations at work, school, or home, among other criteria.

Source: CDC

SCAN FOR OPIOID PREVENTION RESOURCES!





**Castle Players Club came together to present the awards for the 2019-2020 and 2020-21 seasons. The event was presented live on Facebook and Instagram. The ceremony is available on the NWOSU Theatre Instagram, please follow us! (Masks were removed for photo only). Left to right- Adele Callaway, Mickey Jordan, Felicity Wall, Lilith Ferrero, Anastasia Harper, Chris Chauncey, Sydney Endsley, Dena Walker, Lisa Turner, Kimberly Weast. Photo by Mckayla Holson.**

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
May 7 at 8:26 PM

Mickey Jordan is our director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager. He teaches the ins and outs of technical theatre and coordinates the backstage crew aspects of events in Herod Hall.

He enjoys movies from the heyday of Hollywood. Noir, black and white, murder mystery, or splashy technicolor musical, Mickey is captivated by the silver screen. OETA -PBS Movie Club is one of his favorite places to tune in on Saturday night for a classic movie. In the fall of 2019, he went to Los Angeles to sightsee and track down movie film locations. He enjoys learning about the past.

"World history, local history, family history... it all intrigues me," Mickey said. "There are so many stories waiting to be told."

We appreciate all he does for our #NWOSU fine arts department every day and that's why he's this week's "Ranger to Know."

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

Twitter @NWOSU  
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
May 6 at 3:55 PM

Mrs Heidi Ritchie addressing the 2021 Nursing graduates at the Enid campus celebration.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music** added 32 new photos.  
May 7 at 5:37 PM

We had a great time at Hatfield Park today for our Chorale Cookout! We were able to have our annual Choir Awards as well! Food, fun, and friends! What a great way to end finals week! Our students have worked so hard this year and we are so happy to have such a great community within our choirs. Have a great summer and we can't wait to see you in the fall!

#RideOnSingOn #RRR



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
May 6 at 4:55 PM

We celebrated our #NWOSU retirees from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years today and wish them all the best! Congratulations! #RRR

**Congratulations!**

**2020 & 2021 Retirees**

Standing - Dabbie Ackerman (21), Annette Schwerdfeger (20), Dr. Mary Brune (21), Dr. Chandler Mead (20)  
Seated - Dr. Colleen Golightly (21), Dr. Deena Fisher (20), Dr. Kay Decker (20), Janet Cook (21)  
Unable to attend: Dr. Ramona Bartlow (20), Dr. Ralph Bourret (20), and Roxann Clark (21)

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# Wildman earns deSERVING Ranger Award

Jessica Wildman, senior social work major at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 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 Pocasset native has completed more than 75 service hours in volunteer opportunities. A few of these activities include her involvement with the Northwest Domestic Crisis Center, Northwest Family Services, the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter at Northwestern.

“For me, the act of serving others holds a significant place within my morality,” Wildman said. “Growing up, both my parents demonstrated acts of service to the community through volunteering. Whether it was coaching sports teams, fighting fires, or simply providing resources and support to those in need, they were always active.”

She is the current SWAT Alva campus vice president and treasurer with the NWOSU Art Society. Wildman also completed service-learning projects in her coursework.

“Throughout her time at Northwestern and during multiple service-learning projects, I have observed her unwavering commitment to service in our region and state,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, professor of social work and chair of the department of social work, said. “She serves as a student leader focused on bridging the gap between the university and its communities through service.”

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

Wildman says the concept of serving a community was deeply rooted in her moral compass from a young age. Through the lectures, guidance and modeling from both professors, and her parents, she learned that “service” has little to do with the resources and time provided but more to do with the hope that you are instilling in others when providing said services.

“To me, that hope can create a foundation, or a starting point, to strive for the betterment of that individual,” Wildman said. “Hope is a vital feeling to have, and far too many people lose sight of that hope during hardships. It is my goal, in serving others, to bring that hope back into sight for those individuals.”



Jessica Wildman





# Highfill is commencement speaker

Dr. Joe Highfill of Norman, a 1966 graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, delivered the commencement address at his alma mater during the University's commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8, at Ranger Field.

A native of Alva, Highfill graduated from Northwestern State College with a bachelor's degree in natural science, and later earned a master's degree in natural science and a Ph.D. in phycology with a minor emphasis in human anatomy, both at the University of Oklahoma. While at Northwestern, Highfill was a member of the Ranger choir, band and other organizations.

"I have great memories of all of the activities in the organizations to which I belonged at Northwestern," Highfill said. "I loved the labs and field trips associated with my natural science major. And, the memories of all my instructors at Northwestern are all pleasant, especially those of my adviser, Dr. Anna B. Fisher."

Highfill taught eighth-grade science at Curtis Junior High in Wichita, Kansas, for a year and then taught high school biology at Woodward High School. Following those two years, he entered the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. After two and a half years in the army as Assistant Registrar and Assistant Patient Administrator at U.S. Army Hospital Fort Carson, Colorado, and promotion to Captain, he retired from the military and returned to Woodward, where for 18 years he

taught a number of different science classes, coached tennis and also earned his master's degree during summer sessions.

Following his second teaching stint in Woodward, Highfill returned to OU as a full-time student studying human anatomy at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. He then moved to the main campus



Dr. Joe Highfill

in Norman where he completed his doctorate and was soon hired to become faculty at the university, where he taught biology for teachers, introduction to botany and economic botany in the botany - microbiology department. He then moved to the zoology department, where he taught human cadaver anatomy, comparative vertebrate anatomy, introduction to zoology, protozoology and the senior capstone course.

After retirement from OU, Highfill entered the nursing program at Oklahoma City Community College, where he graduated with an associate degree in nursing. The following five years he worked as an oncology nurse in the Norman Regional Hospital Oncology department.

The University of Oklahoma asked him to return, so he spent an additional 12 years there teaching

comparative vertebrate anatomy. During the first two years of his return to teaching at OU, he also worked part-time as a hospice nurse in the Norman area.

After a 40-year career that started in 1966 and ended in 2015, he now enjoys reading, working in the yard and traveling the world on Disney cruises.

During the commencement exercises eleven candidates earned Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.

Thirty-five candidates received master degrees, 21 earned Master of Education degrees, 13 received Master of Counseling Psychology degrees, and one received a Master of Science in General Psychology degree.

A total of 208 candidates earned bachelor's degrees with 38 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 and 3.89 are magna cum laude, and those above 3.90 are summa cum laude.

Video of the commencement can be found [here](#) or [here](#).

A complete list of graduates and their hometowns can be found [here](#).





# 'Anatomy of Clay' approach coming to campus

"The mind cannot forget what the hands have learned." This simple slogan was coined by Jon Zahourek, founder of Anatomy in Clay.

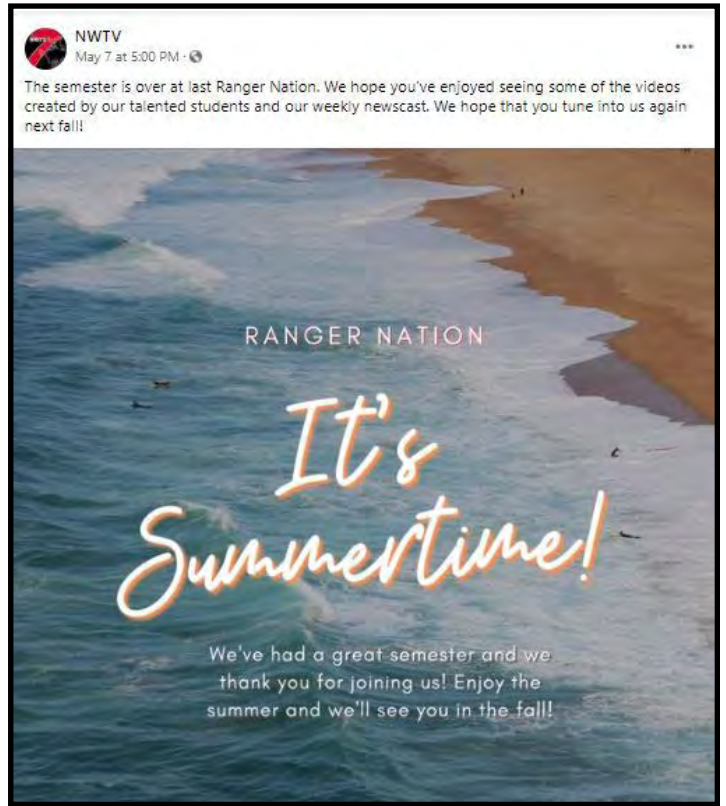
NWOSU Science will soon begin utilizing this learning system said Dr. Piper Robida, assistant professor of biology. After Dr. Robida learns the system, classes will incorporate a hands-on kinesthetic learning approach that is starkly different from

classical rote memorization or blunt animal dissections traditionally used in anatomy training programs.

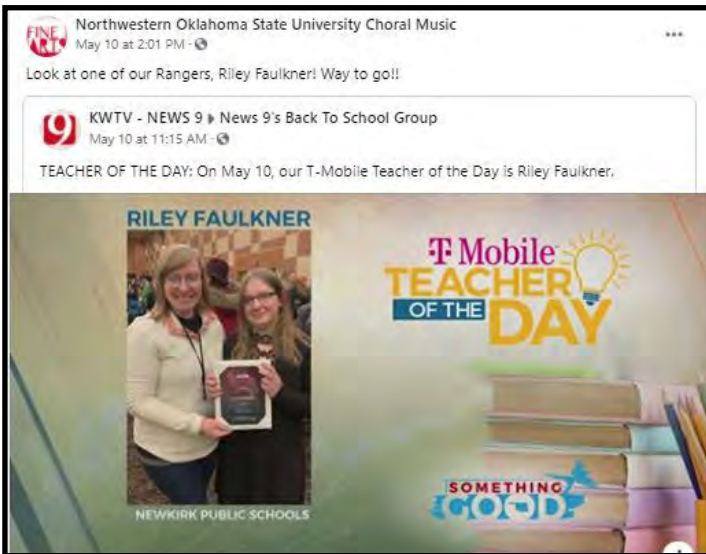
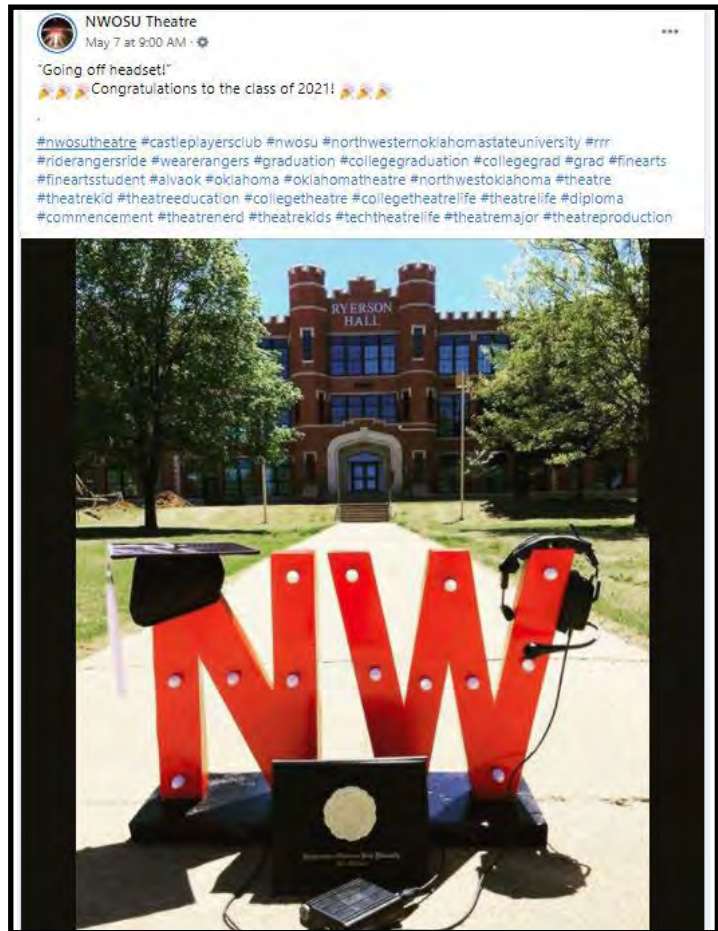
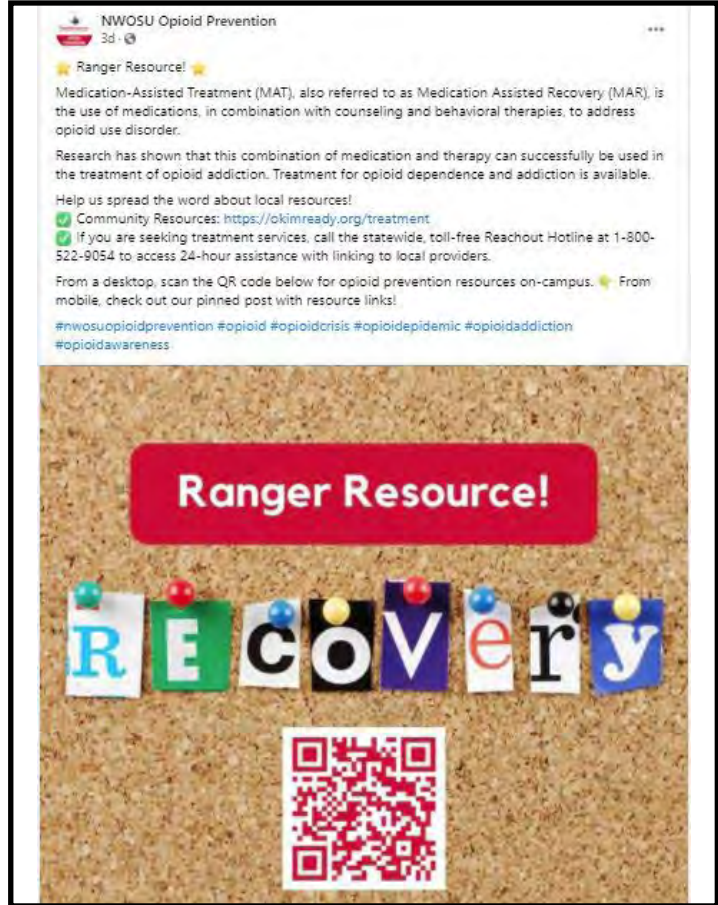
With Anatomy in Clay, students use clay as the medium to build muscles, nerves, blood vessels and various body organs, which they then attach to a Maniken model. This process allows students to gain new insight into where organs are in relation to one another and allows

them to explore how muscles, vessels and nerves are layered throughout the body.

The clay and models are also reusable, durable and long-lasting, making this learning system a cost-effective tool that can be enjoyed for many years to come.









# Red and Black Scroll inducts 35 new members

Northwestern inducted 35 new members into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society this year.

Because of the restrictions COVID-19 has placed on social gatherings, there was no ceremony, but the students received their certificate via email.

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

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

This year's inductees include Camryn Beaner of Woodward, social work major; Liberty Bird of Alva, business administration major; Braylon Bradt of Alva, agriculture major; Jady Budig of Shattuck, biology major; Destiny Chew of Elgin, criminal justice major; Braeden Cook of Alva, political science major; Lily Crickmar of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, biology major; Justin Dewhirst of Muskogee, nursing major; Brianna Duncan of Kiowa, Kansas, undecided major; Savannah Francis of Tahlequah, political science

major; Samantha Friday of Lake Dallas, Texas, psychology major; Landry Gaddy of Alva, political science major; Jordan Green of Blackwell, mass communication major; Tyler Gregory of Follett, Texas, political science major; Iridian Herrera of Freedom, agriculture major; Caitlin Hofen of Alva, mass communication major; Allison Huffmaster of Enid, nursing major; Delia Jackson of Newalla, biology major; Timothy Jacobson of Snyder, instrumental music major; Crystal Keeler of Atoka, accounting major; Cheyanna Kephart of Carmen, pre-nursing major; Carlen Lazcano of Alva, biology major; Alexis

McNeill of Enid, nursing major; Clare Merrigan of Tucson, Arizona, nursing major; Nylyssa Morgan of Alva, biology major; Marisella Perez of Ringwood, biology major; Aayush Bikram Rana of Kathmandu, Nepal, computer science major; Paige Robinette of Waukomis, biology major; Priscila Samaniego of Alva, chemistry major; Gracie Scarbrough of Alva, business major; Destiny Telinde of Alva, biology major; Ashton Tuck of Woodward, accounting major; Dayra Verduzco-Serrano of Enid, undecided major; Jordan Villalva of Enid, elementary education major; and Briley Yunker of Enid, biology major.







*Continuing the tradition of service a 'late night breakfast' to students are administrators Dr. Janet Cunningham and Caleb Mosburg.*



*David Pecha and Brad Franz (bottom photo) pause for a moment while serving students in the cafeteria*



*Dr. James Bell attempts to present Declan Kirkham with his diploma from Miss Sudha's Tiny Steps Montessori Preschool during the May 12 ceremony. (photo used with parental permission)*

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
May 12 at 8:36 AM · 🌐

A number of awards were presented to #NWOSU students & faculty at the end of the semester including Outstanding Seniors, John Sheffield Teacher of the Year, T.C. Carter Award, John F. Kennedy Award, Dr. Joe Dollins Merit Award, John Ted Meier Student Teaching Award, Outstanding Psychology Award, Sabin & Pearl Percefull Scholarship Award, Newman Civic Fellows Award & deSERVING Ranger Award. Congrats to all the honorees!

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NWOSU Theatre is at Enid Symphony Orchestra.  
May 12 at 9:00 AM · Enid · 🌐

The NWOSU Fine Arts faculty had the pleasure of visiting the Enid Symphony Center for a department retreat that was more like a gilded day dream!

(Left to right)  
Lawana Newell- Instructor of Music  
Kyle Larson- Associate Professor of Art  
Karsten Longhurst- Director of Choral Studies  
Kimberly Weast- Professor of Theatre Arts, Chair, Department of Fine Arts  
Mickey Jordan- Instructor of Technical Theatre

We are all big fans of the Enid Symphony Orchestra and the exemplary work they produce. A special thank you to Maestro Douglas Newell and Lawana Newell, for giving the faculty free reign of the space for a day. We hope to be back to collaborate soon!

#nwosu #nwosurangers #nwosufinearts #nwosutheatre #northwestmokiahomastateuniversity #nwosuchoir #enidsymphonyorchestra #enidsymphonycenter #enidsymphonyhall #enidsymphony #enidchamber #enidoklahoma #enidok #enidbuzz #eniddowntown #enidarts #enidschools #finearts #artseducation #theatreeducation #riderrangersride #northwestoklahoma #visualart #visualarts #collegeband #band #universitychoir #universityvisualart #universityband #universitytheatre



# Students earn broadcasting award, program plans announced

A three-member team of mass communication students at Northwestern Oklahoma State University earned third place in the 2020 video newscast category during the annual Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association contest.

Students completing the work included Leah Darnell, Haysville, Kansas, senior; McKayla Holson, December graduate from Waynoka; and Ashley Watts, a graduate student from Wellington, Texas.

Dr. Luis Rocha Antunes, assistant professor of mass communication, said that he is proud of his students who competed against entries from 12 other colleges.

“They produced the newscast and created all the news packages for my Broadcast News class in the fall 2020,” Antunes said. “What impressed me the most was their work ethic. They worked very hard and were always very receptive to my ideas and feedback and willing to go back and improve their work.”

Antunes just finished his first year teaching within Northwestern’s mass communication program and has many plans for its future.

He said he has been working on an improved workflow for the campus television station, NWTV-7, as well as the campus radio station, KNSU.

He said he will be working with students on a new broadcast website that will include all the work produced by the students in the broadcast classes as well as one weekly news story in broadcasting. Additionally, he would like to be more active in the broadcasting presence on social media.

He also plans to work with students on creating a weekly radio talk show

around politics, arts and culture, and sports. The show will include two guests in the studio each week.

In the fall, students will be focusing on a weekly newscast with a more



advanced structure and improved graphics. He said the newscast will be produced by his broadcast practicum class and will use content produced in his classes.

“We are going to have a weather section, a sports segment and other

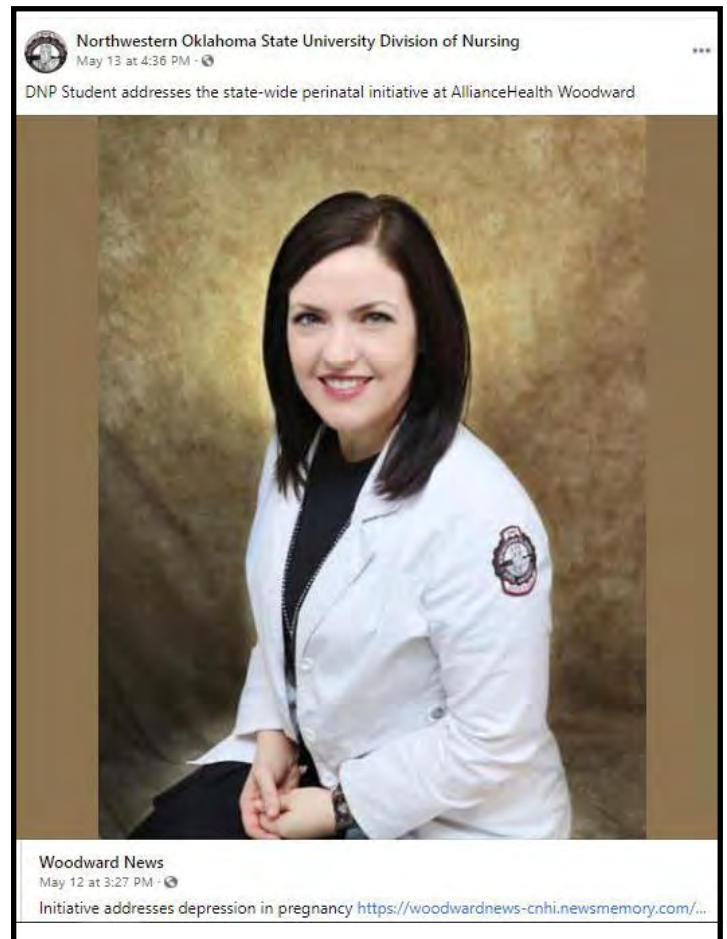
news stories about actualities in the campus and the community,” Antunes said. “It’s going to be broadcast to channel 7 (locally) four times per week – Wednesdays and Fridays, morning and afternoon. It is also going to be available on YouTube. And, we are going to take a more proactive stance in advertising our content on social media.”

He also announced

plans for his audio/visual production class to work in collaboration with the theatre and music programs to live stream a couple of their concerts with multiple cameras, as well as recording and editing using multicam editing. Students in the class also will work on short documentaries on one of the theatre productions or on other projects taking place around campus.

He said he also hopes to get his students involved with the theatre program’s 72-hour video marathon, and to create spotlight videos about faculty and staff with QR codes on their office doors that will open links to the spotlight videos.

To learn more about the broadcast area of Northwestern’s mass communication program, contact Antunes at (580) 327-8465 or [lrochaantunes@nwsu.edu](mailto:lrochaantunes@nwsu.edu).





# Social sciences, business induct students to honor societies

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's division of business and social sciences department inducted new members into several international honor societies.

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

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

This year's 16 inductees include business majors Jose Amador, Hooker junior; Branson Brewer, Woodward senior; Brittney Buckendorf, Garber senior; Zachary Davis, Pond Creek junior; Yamila Galindo, Waynoka junior; Patricia Lopez, Enid senior; Lydia Marrs, Port Townsend, Washington, senior; Peyton McDonald, Pearl, Mississippi, senior; Daresa Moser, Alva junior; Tarra Parks, Wichita, Kansas, junior; Maxwell Parsons, Alva junior; Lane Scarbrough, Alva senior; Mardee Thompson, Sterling, Kansas, senior; Wendi Vanderhorst, Oklahoma City senior; Ashlyn Watkins, Vici senior; and Tara Wilson, Oklahoma City senior.

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

The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Dr. Eric Schmaltz,

department chair of social sciences and professor of history.

This year's six inductees include history majors Tristan Harzman, Alva junior; Andrea McMurry, Enid senior; political science majors Savannah Francis, Tahlequah junior; and Tyler Gregory, Follett, Texas, junior; and social science education majors Mary Berntsen, Conway Springs, Kansas, senior; and Jenna Brooks, Taloga senior.

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

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

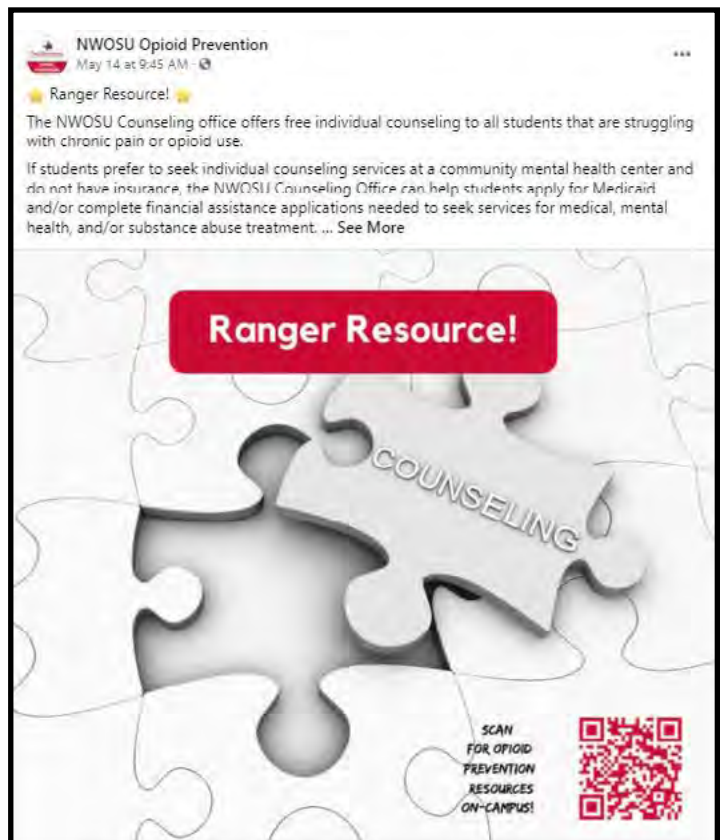
This year's three inductees are political science majors Braeden Cook, Alva junior; Francis and Gregory.

Pi Gamma Mu is an international social sciences honor society dedicated to promoting excellence in social sciences and upholding scholarship, leadership and service. Requirements

for membership include a minimum of 20 hours of social science, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and inclusion in the top third of the graduating class.

The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Jana Brown, instructor of history.

This year's 15 inductees include social work majors Rachel Beaver, Alva junior; Ariel Forsyth, Alva junior; Julie Mayer, Enid junior; Barbara McPherson, Enid senior; Chantal Rocha, Woodward junior; Jessica Wildman, Pocasset senior; social science education major Jacob Webster, Deer Creek junior; criminal justice major Brian Gonzalez, Fort Worth, Texas, junior; sociology major Yvonne Jensen, Tonkawa senior; and political science majors Daniel Pappan, Kaw City junior; Blake Trekell, Alva senior; Berntsen, Brooks, Harzman, and McMurry.







**Valarie Case, left, leads website editing training for Dr. Sarah Fry and Dr. Eric Schmalz. If faculty or staff in your area would like to update your own web pages, email Case at [vcase@nwosu.edu](mailto:vcase@nwosu.edu) to ask about a training session.**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
June 10 at 3:14 PM

Kyle Fuller hired as chief of police at #NWOSU.  
Read more: <https://bit.ly/358PJTQ>

NWOSU Division of Education @NWOSU\_EDUCATION · May 14

Drandon Deichler teaching Creative Activities students about the fine art of paper mache.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
May 14 at 4:58 PM

Tandy Keenan is our director of sponsored programs. Her duties include grant oversight, compliance, and researching new opportunities. She supports faculty and staff in applying for funding opportunities and also serves as the chair of both the Institutional Review Board and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Tandy and her husband, Clayton, will celebrate their 20th anniversary in October 2021. On their first date, he took her to the Capulin Volcano National Monument in New Mexico. She loved it! They share a love of horses, cattle, ATVing, shooting, and the road less traveled.

Tandy loves to trail ride and backpack and recently discovered that she enjoys paddle boarding too. She loves a bold, forward, energetic horse or mule. Tandy says there is nothing better than viewing the world from between a set of ears. Tandy truly believes that it's usually the most difficult horses that have the most to give you, and she tries to offer them the best chance to shine under her guidance.

"There is nothing like that look in their eye when they finally trust me," Tandy said. "I also have a soft spot for llamas and have packed and done obstacles with them."

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

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

Twitter @NWOSU  
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers

This will be our last "Ranger to Know" post for this spring semester. We will bring these posts back with the start of our academic fall semester.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
May 19 at 1:39 PM

Join Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University for a Miss Oklahoma send-off party on May 23 at 5 p.m. in the #NWOSU Student Center Ranger Room.





# Northwestern's online RN-to-BSN program ranked #1 in state

Northwestern's online Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has been named the best online RN-to-BSN program in Oklahoma by RegisteredNursing.org.

"Our nursing division continues to give our students the best educational opportunities," said Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president. "We have great leadership within the nursing division and I am proud of the dedication our students receive from the faculty and staff."

Schools were ranked in order of total points. The points breakdown is as follows:

1. If the institution is accredited (5 Points)
2. If the institution offers online programs (20 Points)
3. Ratio of total nurse program completions vs. total program completions awarded by the institution, sorted from higher to lower ratios (25 Points)
4. Annual tuition and fees adjusted for each county's cost of living,

- sorted by lowest to highest (25 Points)
5. Ratio of instructional faculty that are tenured (5 Points)
6. Acceptance rate percentage for the College/University (10 Points)
7. Graduate rate at 150% of normal time (10 points)

Once all the points were totaled, RegisteredNursing.org ranked the schools from highest to lowest total points.

"The online RN-to-BSN program is designed for working RNs and provides its graduates with an expanded set of skills to open new doors for them in the nursing profession," Dr. Shelly Wells, professor of nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, said. "The ability to critically analyze evidence to base their patient care activities as well as to identify community resources and health trends allows the graduates to be strong advocates for their patients and profession."

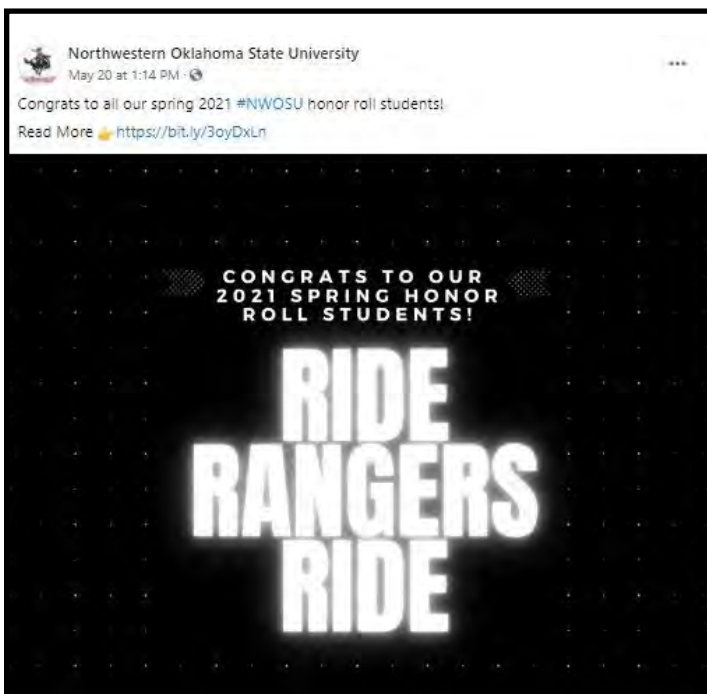
"Program alumni have been active

in their professional organizations, have received promotions, and have even completed graduate degrees. We currently have four graduates of the online RN-to-BSN program successfully progressing in the BSN-to-DNP program. The small classes and engaged faculty set our program apart from others."

Northwestern currently has 16 students in the online RN-to-BSN program for the summer semester.

The Northwestern Nursing Program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) and is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Northwestern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

For more information on Northwestern's nursing degree programs visit [www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing](http://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing) or contact Wells at (580) 327-8489 or [scwells@nwosu.edu](mailto:scwells@nwosu.edu).





# 3 seniors awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship

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

Those awarded are Steven Pfluger of Tonkawa, health and sports science education; Matthew Reed of Enid, history education; and Nikki Wadkins of Woodward, early childhood education.

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

Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, and Dr. Christee Jenlink, associate dean of education and professor of education, presented the students their scholarships.

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational

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

For more information on the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship or the Division of Education contact Jenlink at (580) 327-8450 or email [cljenlink@nwosu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwosu.edu)



**Dr. James Bell (far left) and Dr. Christee Jenlink (far right) recently awarded three students with the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship. The recipients are (left to right) Matthew Reed, Steven Pfluger and Nikki Wadkins, all recent spring education graduates of Northwestern.**



NWOSU Opioid Prevention  
May 21 at 9:45 AM

Ranger Resource!

Below are tips for recognizing and responding to overdose according to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

#nwosuopioidprevention #opioid #opioidcrisis #opioidepidemic #opioidaddiction #opioidawareness

## RESPOND TO OVERDOSE

**RECOGNIZE OVERDOSE**

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

**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

**Key Steps to Administration**

**1 FEEL**

**2 PLACE**

**3 PRESS**

**NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY**

Source: Oklahoma Mental Health and Substance Abuse







Remember, you are welcome (and encouraged) to submit news any time of the year for The Spotlight.  
<https://www.nwsu.edu/forms/submit-news-to-spotlight> or email [jlbell@nwsu.edu](mailto:jlbell@nwsu.edu) or [arcase@nwsu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwsu.edu)



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Psychology  
 May 7

We are pleased to announce the NWOSU Psychology Club will be hosting its annual Ethics and Supervision trainings again this year. These workshops are for mental health professionals working in the field. Both sessions have been approved for continuing education credit by the Board of Behavior Health Licensure and the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors. Please see the attached files for details. NWOSU will be able to host the first 25 respondents for each session (as the event will be face-to-face only). Please know the LPC board is requiring that Ethics CEUs be earned in a face-to-face setting again resuming 5/10/2021. Attendees will be hosted in a large room with plenty of room to adequately socially distance.

In the morning session, Professor [Allissa Miller](#) will present: Addressing Spirituality in the Counseling Session: Ethical Considerations. In the afternoon session, Professor Taylor Randolph will work interactively with supervisors to approach supervisees intentionality within a larger developmental process.

Unfortunately, digital payments will not be accepted this year. Fees will be collected the morning of the event. Licensed Professional(s): 1 session - \$35, or both sessions - \$60. Case Managers/CADCs: \$25.

Please RSVP to Rafaela Avila at [RCAVIL1441@RANGERS.NWOSU.EDU](mailto:RCAVIL1441@RANGERS.NWOSU.EDU). NWOSU Psychology Club President. Again, the event will be limited in the number. So, if you do not RSVP, we cannot guarantee a seat. We hope to see you there!

<p>NWOSU Enid Psychology Club</p> <p><b>ADDRESSING SPIRITUALITY IN THE COUNSELING SESSION: ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS</b></p> <p>3 HOURS OF CEU CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR LPC</p> <p>with Allissa Miller</p> <p>May 17th, 2021        9:00am to 12:00pm        NWOSU Enid Campus Room 127        2929 East Randolph, Enid, OK 73701</p>	<p>NWOSU Enid Psychology Club</p> <p><b>STAGES OF COUNSELOR DEVELOPMENT: MEETING SUPERVISEES WHERE THEY ARE</b></p> <p>3 HOURS OF CEU CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR LPC AND LADC</p> <p>with Taylor Randolph        MCP, MTS, LPC-S, LADC-S</p> <p>May 17th, 2021        1:00pm to 4:00pm        NWOSU Enid Campus Room 127        2929 East Randolph, Enid, OK 73701</p>
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# Ridgway featured on music podcast

Max Ridgway, Fine Arts department adjunct instructor of music, was recently interviewed to discuss improvised electric guitar music for the Right Brain Music podcast program series.

The Alva native was a guest speaker on [episode 26](#), “Electric Guitar Innovators,” of the podcast series hosted by Scott Schaffer of Right Brain Records. They discussed Ridgway’s music and electric guitar improvisation in general.

“Because of COVID restrictions, I was unable to meet with Scott in person,” Ridgway said. “Instead, we conducted a lengthy interview by telephone. We discussed improvised music in a general way, and later, during the editing process, Scott Schaffer selected the examples of my music, which are heard in the podcast.”

Right Brain Records is a non-profit label that promotes the exploration of uncharted musical territories. Their recordings are improvisational soundscapes, excerpts

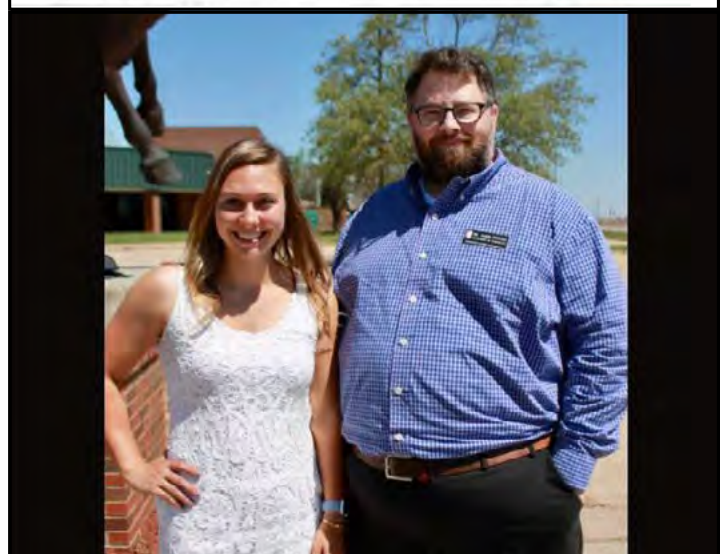
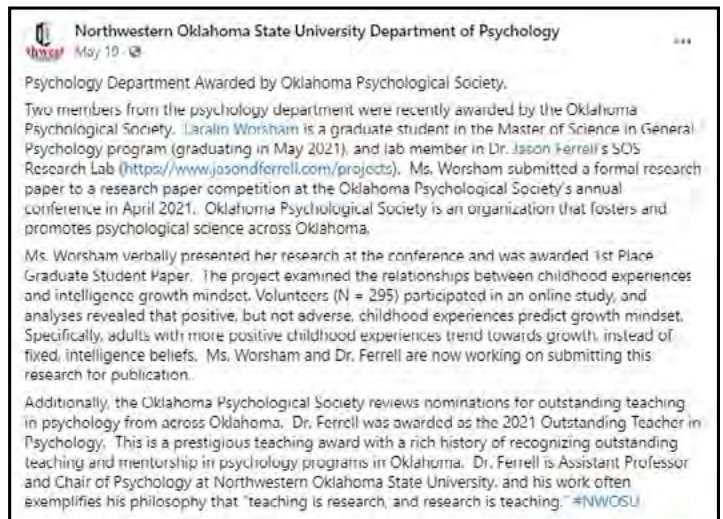
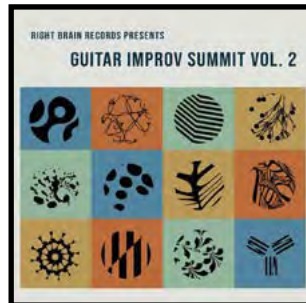
of the vast potential of the human mind. According to their website, the Right Brain Music Podcast explores the realm of the musical unknown and artists who pitch their tents there.

“Doing interviews is a new thing for me, but I found it exciting and intellectually stimulating,” Ridgway said. “Scott asked intelligent questions, and I think the podcast he put together was brilliantly done. I look forward to working with him again.”

The podcast is posted for the public on the Right Brain Records website at [www.rightbrainrecords.com/blog/2021/4/26/electric-guitar-innovators](http://www.rightbrainrecords.com/blog/2021/4/26/electric-guitar-innovators).

All episodes of the Right Brain Music podcast can also be found on the digital audio streaming service Spotify.

Ridgway studied guitar with Jon Damian at Berklee College of Music and graduated in 1990, summa cum laude. He holds a master’s degree in music education from Northwestern.





# Bird competes in Miss Oklahoma contest

Miss Northwestern 2020 Liberty Bird, Alva junior majoring in business, represented the university and northwest Oklahoma in the 2021 Miss Oklahoma competition June 8-12 at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa.

Joining Bird at the contest was Miss Northwestern Star Brooklyn Zimmerman and Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen 2020 Libby Williams.

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 event was canceled.

Bird, daughter of Skeeter and Raye Lyn Bird, won the Miss Northwestern title the fall of her



*Liberty Bird*

freshman year and will finally have the opportunity to compete in interview, social impact, talent and evening gown at the Miss Oklahoma competition along with 39 other candidates.

Bird competed with the Sigma group at the contest. Her competition began on June 8 with a morning interview. That evening she had her on-stage interview and gave her social impact pitch. She shared her evening wear on June 9 and presented her talent on June 10, singing the song "Wondering."

She also had the opportunity to share this talent selection as a special guest at the Miss Waynoka Pageant and at the Miss Oklahoma Send-Off party held on May 23 on the Northwestern campus. Zimmerman also shared her talent on the piano at

both of these events. Throughout her reign of service, Bird has been an advocate of blood donation, encouraging those who are able, to give blood regularly. An avid blood donor with a rare blood type, she has given regularly since the age of 16. Her

social impact statement indicates that only 10 percent of those who can give blood choose to do so, despite a need for 36,000 pints daily in the U.S.

While at Alva High School, Bird won the Miss Alva competition as well as the Interview Award and also placed as second runner-up in the Miss Cinderella competition, a scholarship pageant for high school seniors during Northwestern's annual homecoming festivities.

At Northwestern, Bird is on the President's Honor Roll, is a member of the Red & Black Scroll Honor Society and has participated in many college activities. She also volunteers regularly. She has especially enjoyed serving as a judge for various speech and music competitions and providing entertainment at different venues. Bird currently works full-time for 4 Generations Organic and plans

to one day own her own business.

"I appreciate those who have supported me in this journey, and I want to thank the local businesses who have supported me financially, as well as for their support of the Miss Northwestern competition," Bird said.

Zimmerman, daughter of Michael



*Brooklyn Zimmerman*

Zimmerman and the late Allison Cunningham Zimmerman, will be in the fourth grade and plays softball, soccer and basketball. Brooklyn accompanied Bird on-stage during the evening gown competition.

Williams is from Norman and recently graduated from Community Christian High School. She was part of the Alpha Group and began her portion of the competition on June 9 with an interview. On June 10, she presented her activewear and evening wear and answered her on-stage question. She presented her talent on the morning of June 11 by

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# Bird competes...

singing the song “The Impossible Dream.”

Miss Northwestern empowers young women to achieve their personal and professional goals and provides a forum in which to



Libby Williams

A cooperative effort of the Presidential Partners Program, the university and the community helped bring back the Miss Northwestern competition in 2001 after an 18-year absence.

The Miss America Organization is currently in its 99th year, supporting its mission of preparing great women for the world and preparing the world for great women.

To learn more about the Miss Northwestern contest, contact Paige Fischer, executive director of the competition, at [plfischer@nwsu.edu](mailto:plfischer@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8533. To learn more about Miss Northwestern’s Outstanding Teen contest,

contact Olivia Yandel, teen director, at [oayandel@nwsu.edu](mailto:oayandel@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8105. Additional information may be found online at [www.nwsu.edu/miss-nwsu](http://www.nwsu.edu/miss-nwsu).

**NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association**  
June 10 at 5:56 PM

The Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association is pleased to announce the launch of our new alumni to student mentoring program - Ranger2Ranger.

Ranger2Ranger will connect students to alumni and alumni to alumni for career advice. Read more about the program and sign-up as a mentor on our website. <https://ournorthwestern.org/news/ranger2ranger-launches>

Photo:  
Jeremiah Campbell, '15, President, Northwestern Alumni Association Board with Northwestern accounting student, Mishelle Rios, '24.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
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The Division of Nursing and the Department of Natural Science hosted the OSUHSC Operation Orange Healthcare Career event on the Enid campus. Highschool students from western Oklahoma learned about career opportunities at Northwestern and the OSU Medical School. Students participated in learning about normal and abnormal heart sounds and pupil checks working with Mrs. Wahlgren, Dr Wells, and 2021 graduate Caitlin Harris. Dr Maier demonstrated the physiological link of arm muscle movement and electrical stimulation of the arm movement.

**NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association**  
June 1 at 5:14 PM

Teach your child all about Ranger Spirit from the get-go!

Send us your child's birth announcement and we'll send you our Lil' Ranger t-shirt. What's the catch? We want you to send us a photo of your child wearing the shirt, and we'll print the information in the pages of the roundUP alumni magazine.

Please identify your child by: name, birthdate, parents' names and graduation years of parents, city/state of residence

Information should be sent to [nwalumni@nwsu.edu](mailto:nwalumni@nwsu.edu).





*Five wonderful picnic-style tables were donated to Northwestern by Alva's local banks. BancCentral, Alva State Bank and Community Bank provided funds for the purchase of five tables for open air seating near the Student Center and Science Building.*

## Local banks fund purchase of five campus picnic tables

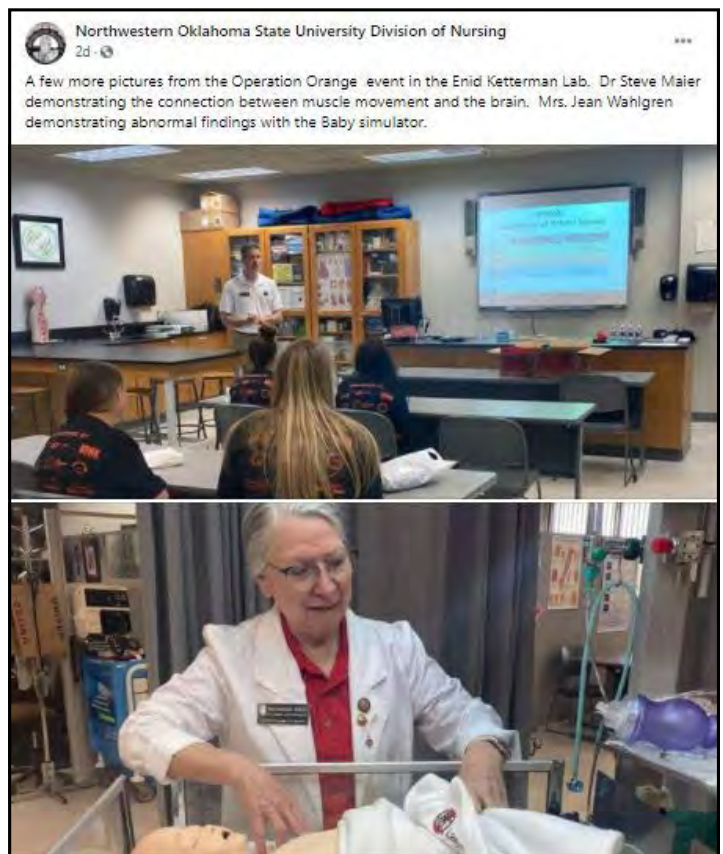
Have you noticed the five new, bright and shiny red and black picnic tables near the Student Center and Science Building? Maybe you've already put them to use?

Three Alva banks came together to provide funding for these tables in lieu of the financial support they normally provide for the Northwestern Foundation's annual Donor Dinner according to Skeeter Bird, chief executive officer, Northwestern Foundation.

The tables were purchased to provide our students and community added socially distanced space outside to allow safer gathering spaces.

The banks agreed to purchase the tables last fall, but because of COVID-19 and other unusual events, it took much longer for them to be secured than expected.

Many people took advantage of the tables and cool weather during the spring semester.





# Schmaltz presents on Germans from Russia

Dr. Eric Schmaltz, chair of the department of social sciences at Northwestern, presented a talk on Saturday, June 19, at the Sod House Museum located southeast of Aline on State Highway 8.

Schmaltz presented on “Resilience and Transformation: Germans from Russia in Northwestern Oklahoma (1889-1940).”

Schmaltz provided information on the general migrations and settlements of ethnic Germans from the Russian Empire in the western parts of Oklahoma at the turn of the last century. He explored the factors that led this group to settle across the Great Plains in vast numbers, as well as how these resilient immigrants and their descendants navigated great challenges and dynamic opportunities in American society.



*Eric Schmaltz*

“According to the 1920 U.S. Census, more than 120,000 Germans from Russia (or more than 300,000 if factoring in the second generation) lived in the United States,” Schmaltz said. “Oklahoma, the former Indian Territory, achieved statehood in 1907. More than 10,000 Germans from Russia lived in Oklahoma by

1920 (counting the second generation), many of them coming from Russia’s Volga region.

“At this time, more than 4,000 of these Russian immigrants in Oklahoma included Mennonites, while other German groups from Ukraine also settled in the new state. Today, their countless descendants have become an integral part of the region and the country.”

Schmaltz earned a Ph.D. in history in 2002 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Since 2005, he has taught European, American, and world history at Northwestern, and in 2019 began serving as Departmental Chair of Social Sciences. In 2014 he received the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award and has been nominated for it on three other occasions.

For more information on this topic, contact Schmaltz at (580) 327-8526 or [ejschmaltz@nwsu.edu](mailto:ejschmaltz@nwsu.edu).

The Sod House Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact museum director Renee Trindle at (580) 463-2441 or [sodhouse@okhistory.org](mailto:sodhouse@okhistory.org).

**HOMECOMING IS BACK!**  
**Save the Dates!**

**Miss Cinderella Pageant**  
 Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m - Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

**Ranger Run**  
 Oct. 9, 8 a.m.

**Homecoming Parade**  
 Oct. 9, 10 a.m.

**Homecoming Football Game**  
 Oct. 9, 4 p.m.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is feeling proud with Sharil Hardy. June 10 at 4:09 PM

Did you know #NWOSU Women's Softball won the state championship & earned a trip to the #CollegeWorldSeries #WCWS in May 1976?!

Thank you to Jake Marple for tagging us on Instagram to share the info about his mom, who was on that team. Last two photos are from him. First two are from a Ranger yearbook.

#throwbackthursday

Women's Softball

NWOSU women's softball team travels to World Series



# Larson's paintings featured in ArtNow 2021 Exhibition

Multiple paintings created by Kyle Larson, associate professor of art, will be among the artwork of 26 others July 29-Sept. 13 at an exhibition in Oklahoma City that celebrates Oklahoma-based artists.

His work will be displayed during Oklahoma Contemporary's ArtNow

dynamic group of artists who represent the breadth and diversity of art-making throughout the state," Larson said.

Among the artwork to be displayed is a special exhibition featuring several of Bert Seabourn's works in recognition of his contribution to the cultural landscape in the state. Seabourn's

works are in national and international collections, and he is the recipient of the Governor's Arts Award from the Oklahoma Arts Council (1981) and an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (1997) from his alma mater, Oklahoma City University. Besides his dedication to art, Seabourn has fostered comradeship in the arts in Oklahoma and has committed his time and talent to

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and closed on Tuesday.

Additional information about the exhibition and the artists represented may be found at <https://oklahomacontemporary.org/exhibitions/upcoming/artnow-2021>.

Larson has been teaching at Northwestern since 2015. He earned a Bachelor of Art in English and Visual Art and a Master of Art in Painting, both from California State University-Sacramento before earning a Master of Fine Art in Painting from Boston University.

He has been a part of numerous solo and duo exhibitions as well as selected group exhibitions. He also has taken part as an artist-in-residence in North Adams, Massachusetts, and Santiago, Chile, and served as a Northwestern artist-in-residence in 2014 before his employment at the university.

To see more of Larson's artwork, including some that will be displayed during ArtNow, visit <https://kyle-larson.com>.

To learn more about Northwestern's visual arts program, contact Larson at



*"The Road Home" is one of the multiple paintings created by Kyle Larson that will be included in the Oklahoma Contemporary ArtNow 2021 art exhibition in Oklahoma City July 29-Sept. 13. This oil on canvas measures 60 x 72 inches.*

2021, an exhibition in the Eleanor Kirkpatrick Main Gallery to showcase the new works of selected artists with active studio practices in Oklahoma. These artists' works respond to the complexities of contemporary culture, reflecting the vibrant diversity of contemporary art in Oklahoma.

Each artist in this exhibition was hand-selected by guest curator Helen Opper, an independent curator and an associate of the Appraisers Association of America. Opper owns her own business and serves as director of The Art Hall gallery in Oklahoma City. She also is an adjunct professor in the visual art program at Oklahoma City Community College.

"I'm honored to have my work included in this exhibition amongst this

teach at Oklahoma Contemporary for many years.

Tickets to view ArtNow 2021 and other exhibitions at Oklahoma Contemporary are free, but visitors are required to reserve limited-access timed tickets up to two weeks in advance. Currently, the museum is encouraging masks for visitors and requires them for children age 2-12 and public-facing staff. The facility is located at 11 NW 11th Street. Tickets may be reserved using <https://oklahomacontemporary.org/exhibitions/free-tickets>. The museum is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday through Sunday,



*Kyle Larson loads up artwork for transfer to exhibition at ArtNow 2021 in Oklahoma City.*

(580) 327-8108, [krlarson@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwosu.edu) or visit the web page at [www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/visual-arts](http://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/visual-arts).



# *Progress - changing the heart of campus*





# Division of Business to see new leader

The Division of Business will have new leadership beginning on July 1.

The Division of Business will welcome Garret Lahr as its new chair, replacing Dr. John Stockmyer, professor of business, who will remain on the faculty.



**Garret Lahr**

“I am excited about working with Garret,” Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president, said. “He will bring some new ideas to the table that will continue to move our Division of Business

in the right direction. He has a great rapport with our students and our existing faculty.

“He and the faculty will focus on our reaffirmation for our Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs accreditation over the next few years, and I look forward to helping him to be a successful chair.”

Lahr joined the Division at Northwestern in 2018 and specializes in personal finance, management and leadership. He is the Ranger Business Club sponsor. Lahr is currently pursuing a doctorate in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

“I’m excited about the opportunity and look forward

to continuing my career at Northwestern,” Lahr said.

The Division of Business under the School of Professional Studies offers a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with majors in Accounting and Business Administration. The division also offers a Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences degree with a major in Technical Management and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership degree.

For more information on Northwestern’s business degree programs visit [www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/business](http://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/business) or contact Lahr at (580) 327-8510 or [galahr@nwsu.edu](mailto:galahr@nwsu.edu).



*Work continues in Ryerson Hall on the final two restroom renovations. Left and top left are first floor restrooms. This area will now house a women’s restroom and private restroom. Second floor renovation is for a women’s restroom.*





# Northwestern News wins several top honors in state-wide contests

The Northwestern News, a student-run weekly newspaper at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and members of its staff garnered several top awards in two recent contests – The Oklahoma Press Association’s (OPA) Better Newspaper annual contest in the college division and the Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association’s (OCMA) annual contest.

Awards from the OPA were presented in Oklahoma City June 11-12 during its annual convention. The campus newspaper as a whole won first place in news content and second place in three categories – layout and design, photography and sports coverage. Seven individual awards were presented to News staffers.

Three issues from the 2020 calendar year were submitted for the news content, layout and design, and sports coverage categories with six photographs – two each of news, sports and feature – in the photography package category.

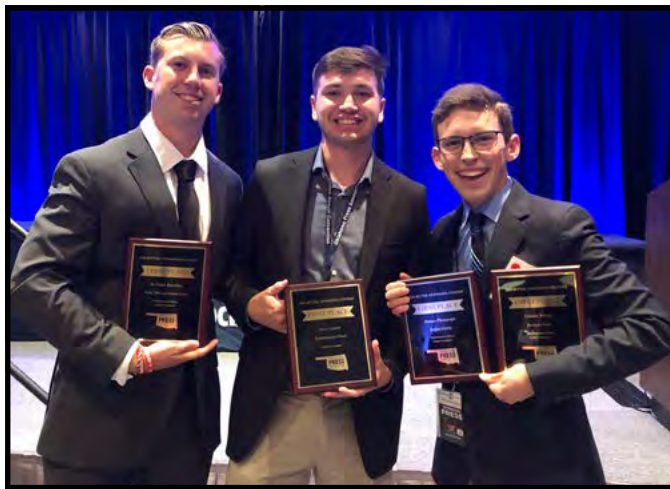
“Strong local coverage, good solid writing, the best use of photography in the competition all combined to put this paper on top,” according to the judge’s comments provided for the news content category.

Judges in the layout and design category loved the newspaper’s use of a “double-truck layout” each week in the middle of the newspaper and enjoyed the user-submitted reviews in the entertainment section.

Individually, staff members earned three first-place awards, two second-place awards and two third-

place awards.

Northwestern News editor-in-chief Jordan Green, Blackwell sophomore, earned a first-place award in feature photography for “October Sledding Fall,” and a first place for column writing with three articles submitted for the category titled “The Scoop on a remarkable man,” “Support local journalism,” and “It’s a hairy situation.” Judges said it was an interesting commentary on a broad range of subjects.



*Nick Dill, Dacoda McDowell-Wahpekeche and Jordan Green represent the Northwestern News in picking up the awards won by staffers during the 2021 Oklahoma Press Association’s annual awards convention June 12 in Oklahoma City.*

Nick Dill, The Colony, Texas, junior, and Kevin Ford of Oslo, Norway, a May 2021 Northwestern graduate, earned first place in the in-depth category for “University recycling programs.” Judges said this is an issue that expands well beyond the campus’s walls and that the students did well in interviewing a wide range of individuals while keeping the story feeling localized.

Second place honors in in-depth reporting went to Leah Darnell of Haysville, Kansas, and Logan Meriwether of Waynoka, both May 2021 Northwestern graduates, for “Covid-19’s impact on education.”

David Thornton of Slidell, Louisiana, a May 2021 Northwestern graduate who served as the newspaper’s photographer, earned a second-place award for a sports story titled “We have a chance: Coaches at Northwestern are keeping athletes motivated and conditioned.” Thornton also earned a third-place award in the news photography category for “Bob Ross painting event.”

Third place honors in column writing went to McKayla Holson of Waynoka, a December 2020 Northwestern graduate whose three articles submitted for the category included “What about those we don’t keep?” “Lucky me,” and “Saying Goodbye and reminiscing.”

“I am honored and humbled by the awards the Northwestern News earned during the Oklahoma Press Association’s Better Newspaper Contest,” Green said. “The News is home to Northwestern’s best and brightest, a group of students who passionately tell this university’s stories. We don’t put out a newspaper to win awards, but earning them proves that we’re serving our readers and our community well. We always have room to improve, and we will continue to tell the stories that matter at Northwestern.”

At the end of the spring semester, the Northwestern News also was named by the OCMA as the Best Overall Newspaper in its division. The News won 14 first-place awards in the competition, meaning the News won the top slot in every category it entered content in. The paper also won nine second-place awards and four third-place awards. In three categories,

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## Northwestern News...

the News won the top three slots, adding up to a total of 27 awards.

The categories, placings and students winning the awards are as follows:

Front Page Design: Winner – Northwestern News

Interior Page Design: Winner – Northwestern News

Enterprise/Investigative Reporting – Individual: first place, Dill

Enterprise/Investigative Reporting – Team: first place, Kaylea Brown, Terlton junior; Ethan Everson, Gunter, Texas, sophomore; Destiny Gardner, Fort Supply sophomore; Ovell Patterson, Fresno, California, senior; Jara Reeder, Alva sophomore serving as photo editor; Trinity St. Andrews, Ponca City junior; Dacoda McDowell-Wahpekeche, Little Axe sophomore serving as sports editor; and Thornton

Reporting Portfolio: first place, Green; second place, Sean Doherty of Branson, Colorado, a May 2021 Northwestern graduate

Feature Writing: first place, Green; second place, Doherty

General News Writing: first and second place, Green; third place,

Doherty

Sports Reporting: first place, Doherty; second place, McDowell-Wahpekeche

Column Writing: first place, Green; second and third place, Holson

Reviews: first, second and third place, Michelle Willson, Conway Springs, Kansas, senior

Feature Photography: first and third place, Green

News Photography: first place, Green; second place, Doherty

Sports Photography: first place, Green; second Place, Doherty

Cartoons: first and second place, Willson

Green praised the work of the newspaper's section editors -- Devyn Lansden, Beaver junior, editorial editor; McDowell-Wahpekeche, sports editor; and Willson, features editor; as well as the newspaper's reporters, photographers and additional staff members.

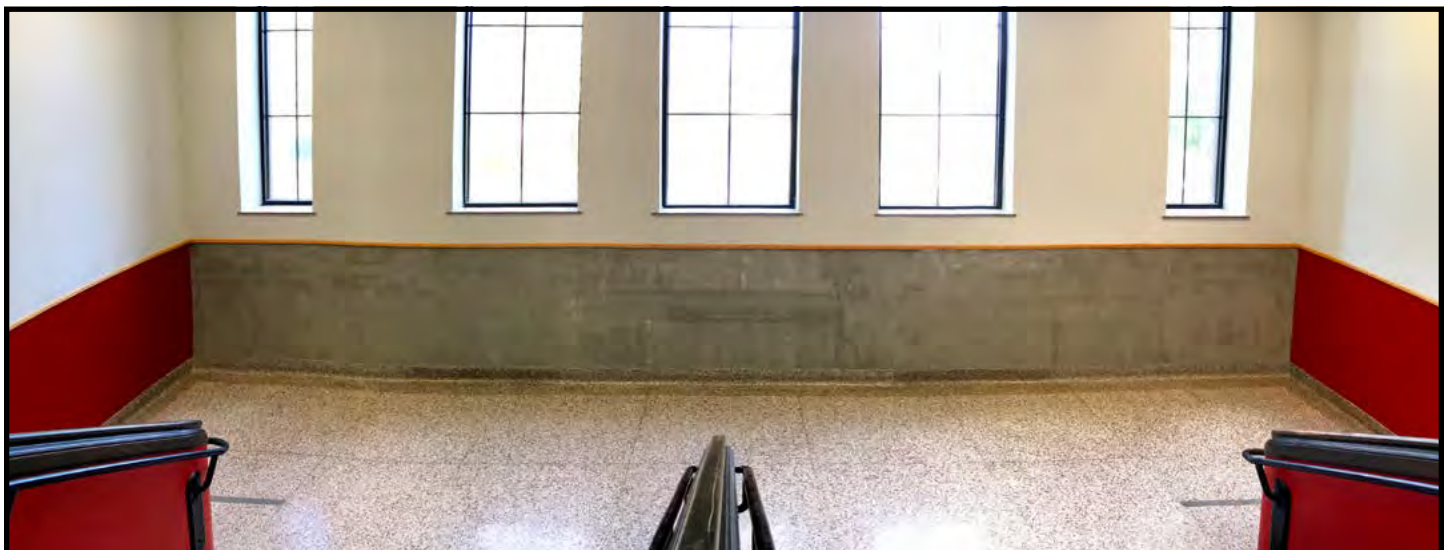
"There aren't many times in life when we are surrounded by talented, dedicated, hard-working, caring, compassionate, considerate people — but at the Northwestern

News, I am," Green said. "This team is comprised of some of the best people I've ever met. They love Northwestern, and more importantly, they love serving their peers and providing them with the information they need to succeed."

Northwestern News adviser Dr. Kaylene Armstrong, associate professor of mass communication, is equally proud of the work and commitment the students give to the newspaper.

"Everything that goes into making a paper every week – from writing and editing to photography, layout and design – takes so much more time than most people realize," Armstrong said. "They have all worked hard, and the honors show it. I am so proud to be able to work with these talented and dedicated students."

To learn more about the Northwestern News, contact Armstrong at (580) 327-8481 or kdarmstrong@nwosu.edu. To learn more about the communication department, contact Tamara Brown, assistant professor of speech and chair of the communication department, at (580) 327-8429 and tlbrown@nwosu.edu.



*The Education Center is having work done to correct wall issues. This section of wall is well on its way to a great refinish. New paint will be coming in the future.*



# 15 selected for President's Leadership Class

Fifteen incoming freshmen at Northwestern Oklahoma State University have been selected for a year-long adventure as members of the President's Leadership Class (PLC).

PLC is a leadership development program led by Dr. Janet Cunningham, 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.

"The students who are chosen for PLC have given us a glimpse into the leadership skills they already possess," Cunningham said. "We aim to provide more education in developing those skills, while they continue to excel academically, to create future leaders within our society."

"Activities are planned as normal this year, so we are all excited to see the growth from this PLC class and the opportunities they will have."

Students selected for this year's President's Leadership Class include:

Brianna Brantley – Amarillo, Texas; Kathryn Brashears – Beaver; Sage Budy – Waynoka; Colton Castor – Vici; John David Cloud – Seiling; Josie Gibson – Hooker; Kylie Hallmark-McLain – Fargo; Delaney Lambert – Alva; Gracie Myatt – Piedmont; Lindsay Olson – Timberlake; Joe Parsons – Alva; Maddie Pitts – Waynoka; Santiago Sanchez – Ville St. Laurent, Quebec, Canada; Cora Beth Taylor – Kingfisher; and Noah Voth – Enid.

Selection to the PLC is through a competitive process including applications, letters of recommendation and an interview, which was held in person or through Zoom.

The students will begin their year-

long adventure with an evening of team building on Aug. 7 and will then leave for Boston, Massachusetts, on Aug. 8.

"This trip is not only to learn about our country's rich history but also to form bonds among the students," Cunningham said.

Activities during the four-day trip include a walk along the Freedom Trail, an escape room experience, a whale-watching expedition, and of course, a Boston Red Sox game at historic Fenway Park.

The first PLC class began in fall 2001

with assistance from the Presidential Partners. In 2007, Presidential Partners was renamed to 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.

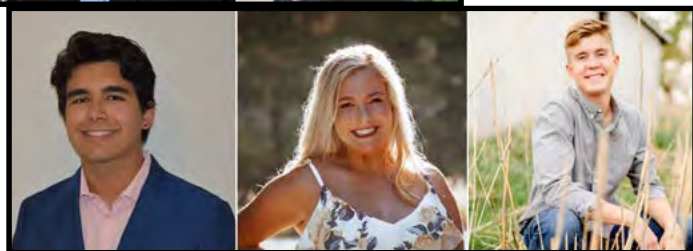
Class members participate in leadership activities and assist the president and her staff in hosting dignitaries on campus and in selected recruitment activities.



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Brianna Brantley,  
Kathryn Brashears,  
Sage Budy  
Bottom Row (Left  
to Right): Colton  
Castor, John David  
Cloud, Josie Gibson*



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# Budget approved for fiscal year 2022

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's budget has been approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for fiscal year 2022.

Northwestern will operate with a total budget comprised of \$32,001,968, compared to last year's budget of \$26,072,311. The budget consists of \$26,445,900 in E&G funding and \$5,536,068 from CARES funds. The FY22 budget shows an increase of \$557,926 in state appropriations.

Due to this increase in funding, tuition and mandatory fees will remain the same at \$248.75 per credit hour. The legislature and OSRHE highlighted several areas of emphasis including nursing, education and STEM fields for funding. Northwestern was able to retain a position in nursing and a position in education, as well as fill a vacant position in natural sciences. There will be an added \$50,000 in scholarships to encourage students to enter teacher education, with special emphasis placed on those interested in math, science and special education.

"We are thankful to receive the additional funding through state appropriations and CARES funding," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "We have many projects starting, now that this funding has been secured, to improve our campus for years to come."

A portion of CARES funding went directly to enrolled students to help with educational expenses. Other projects at the university include the installation of underground fiber, the addition of wireless access points, two new HVAC systems, additional technology for classrooms, as well as a new phone system being implemented later in the year.

"Not only are we able to improve certain areas on campus, our full-time staff also received a much-needed raise through the increase in funding," Cunningham said.

"Northwestern recognizes employees' hard work to create a great environment, and our students benefit from that, too."

Enrollment continues to be important. An enrollment management task force has been formed to create new strategies and solutions for recruiting and retaining students. This task force is comprised of staff and faculty. Northwestern will see a normal academic year regarding classroom set-up and activities, which will help students make decisions on where to attend.

"The upcoming year will look more traditional, as we have discontinued our face-covering policy. I have missed so many aspects of campus life because of the pandemic, and am excited to see student faces bustling around again."





# Summer choral camp planned on campus

Northwestern will play host to a choral summer camp for second through ninth grade students interested in singing with Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral music on the Alva campus.

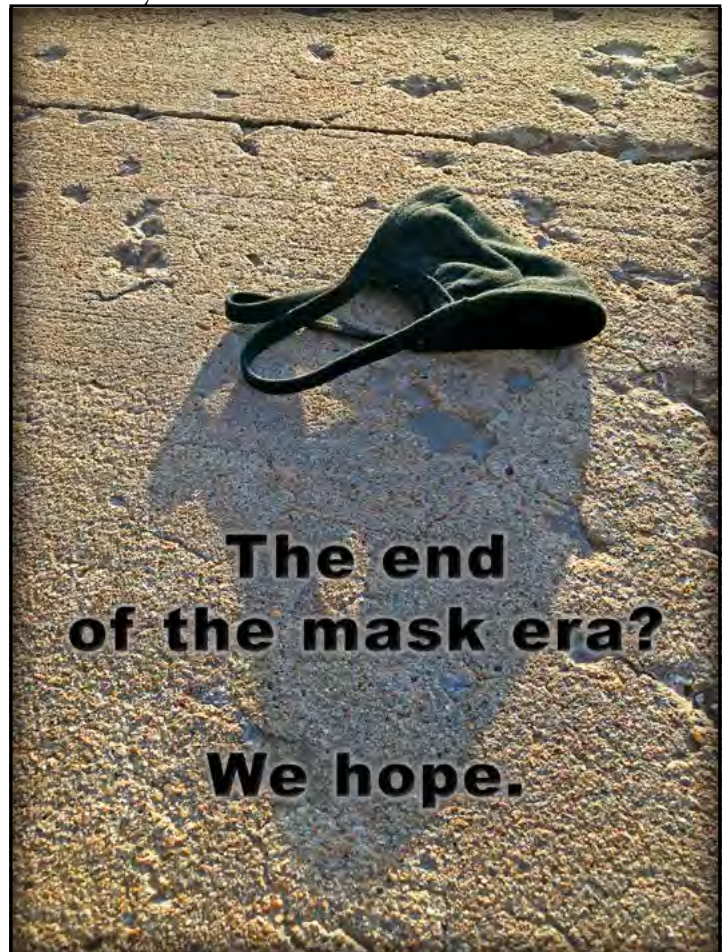
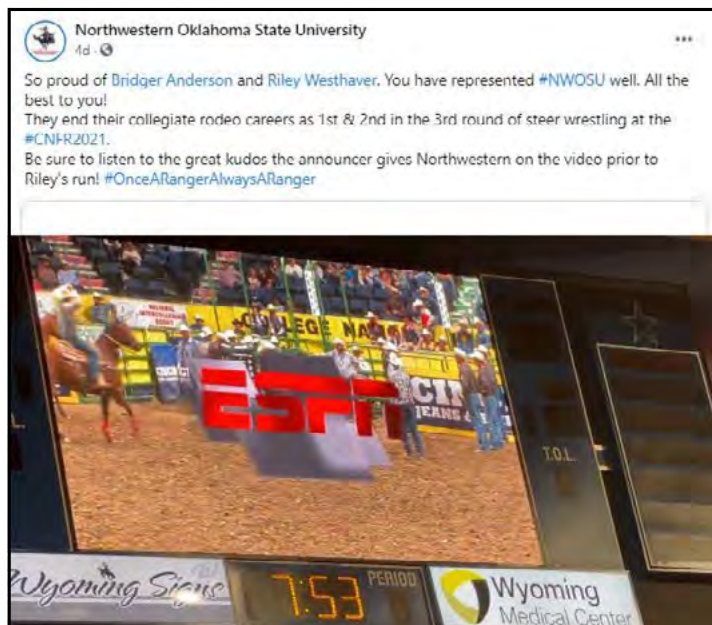
The two-week summer camp will be held at the Northwestern campus in Alva July 19-29 from 1-3 p.m. in Ryerson Hall 200 and the J.W. Martin Library annex. The campers will rehearse Monday through Thursday, practicing for performance, increasing musical knowledge and developing musical skills to sing in many genres including pop, musical theatre and more. At the end of the two-week camp, the students will perform a mini-concert planned for July 29 at 1 p.m. in the J.W. Martin Library annex, open to the public.

Longhurst said the students will be able to improve their singing, performing and musicianship through attending this camp. He also noted there will be solo opportunities at

the culminating concert.

Cost for the camp is \$75 for each singer to attend or \$125 to attend the camp plus receive three extra private vocal lessons from Longhurst. The attendees will also receive a T-shirt.

Interested individuals may register at <https://forms.gle/YayGueBhH6EZnTaj7> and/or by emailing [karstenlonghurst@icloud.com](mailto:karstenlonghurst@icloud.com) for more information. The deadline to apply is July 5, but arrangements can be made if necessary.



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