

the Spotlight

Newsletter

Issue 13 - Fall 2022

Greetings Colleagues, Students, Families, and Friends of Northwestern!

In the pages that follow, I invite you to catch a glimpse of what defines our faculty, our programs, our atmosphere, and our culture here at Northwestern. I think you'll find the stories of our students, faculty, staff, and programs to be an impressive collective that extend far beyond classroom activities. From local volunteerism and statewide collaboratives to awards and international honors, there is a tremendous

wealth of impactful activity we engage in here at Northwestern. What is most impressive is that these accomplishments are all from the Fall of 2022, having all taken place in just a single semester!

Therefore, as you browse these stories, photographs, and captured media posts, I hope you will appreciate how their

flow and presentation are like pieces of a larger mosaic. The pages contained in this newsletter attempt to celebrate the accolades of our community, celebrating one another, and you (as a current or future Ranger!). With all that takes

place here at NWOSU, it is difficult to fully describe the significance of

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each impression on a single page or even in a single story. Therefore, should you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out for additional information using provided contact information. We love sharing our points of pride!

Cordially, and Ride Rangers Ride!

Steve J. Maier



*Steve Maier
Dean of Faculty*

Administrators take on new roles

Northwestern's campus took on a different look beginning July 1 as several changes took effect.

Dr. Bo Hannaford, newly named University president, began his first year in this role. He replaces Dr. Janet Cunningham who retired at the end of June.

Dr. David Pecha was elevated to the role of Executive Vice President.

Dr. James Bell was named as Vice President for Academic Affairs. He replaces Dr. Hannaford.

Dr. Steven Maier is now the Dean of Faculty. He replaces Dr. Bell.

Dr. Leslie Collins is serving as chair for the Division of Nursing. She replaces Dr. Shelly Wells.

Dr. Jen Oswald was named as

the chair for the Division of Education. She replaces Dr. Christee Jenlink who retired at the end of the spring 2022 semester.

Dr. Jennifer Sattler was named as the chair of the Natural Sciences department. She replaces Dr. Maier.





Northwestern offers juniors more free concurrent tuition

Northwestern began offering qualified high school juniors tuition-free enrollment in up to nine credit hours with the start of the fall 2022 semester.

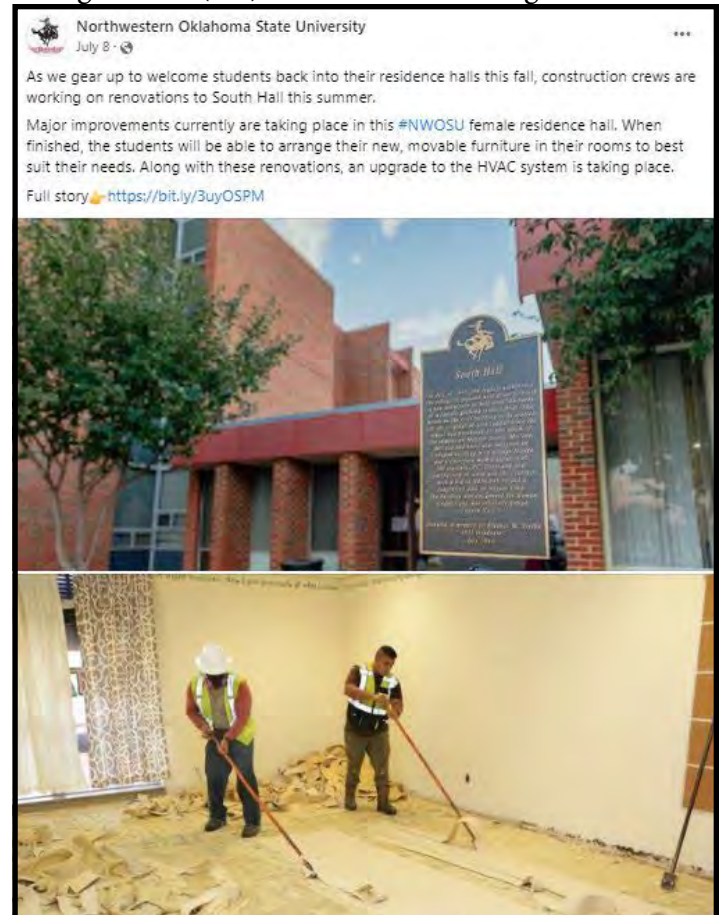
This is an increase of three hours from the previous year. The hours can only be taken during the fall and spring semesters of their junior year.

Students now have the ability to earn concurrent college credit of up to 27 hours (nine-junior year and 18-senior year), tuition-free, while in high school. Concurrent courses already are provided tuition-free to high school seniors, with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education reimbursing universities for the waived tuition. Northwestern takes the concurrent program a step further by offering waivers to juniors.

University fees, along with required textbooks or course materials, remain the responsibility of the student. However, Northwestern's condensed fee structure

for concurrent courses will save students money - up to \$180 for an online course.

For more information, high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to visit with their school counselors, principals or contact Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, at (580) 327-8415 or cnmosburg@nwosu.edu.



TSET awards Northwestern health-promoting grant

Northwestern began work on the 2022 NWOSU Tennis Court Renovation Project after receiving \$50,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) as part of an initiative to promote physical activity and healthier lifestyles, strengthen health policies and improve infrastructure.

The project repaired and resurfaced the entire area and added or replaced equipment. Northwestern added four pickleball courts and a full basketball court, replaced the goals on the two half basketball courts and maintained the four tennis courts. In addition, 10 benches and a commercial shade awning were to be added to the area.

“Oklahoma weather is hard on outdoor courts,” Tandy Keenan, director of sponsored programs, said. “Regular maintenance is a must, but we wanted to do more than just repair and resurface the area.”

Olivia Yandel, J.R. Holder Wellness Center director, and her staff surveyed the community and held a public forum to see what upgrades the community would like to see. Overwhelmingly, pickleball and full-court basketball topped this list, followed by tennis and seating options in the area.

“The popularity of pickleball has grown significantly in the last five years,” Yandel said. “It’s a sport that can be played by all individuals, regardless of age or physical activity level. I encourage anyone to play pickleball. It’s easy to learn and a fun way to engage in physical activity.”

“In addition, increasing the basketball court area and adding outdoor seating also provide more op-

portunities for our Northwestern students to engage in conversation and get to know one another. I’m very grateful for the work that Tandy Keenan and Dr. Bo Hannaford have put into making this possible. We are excited to share this new facility with the campus and surrounding communities.”

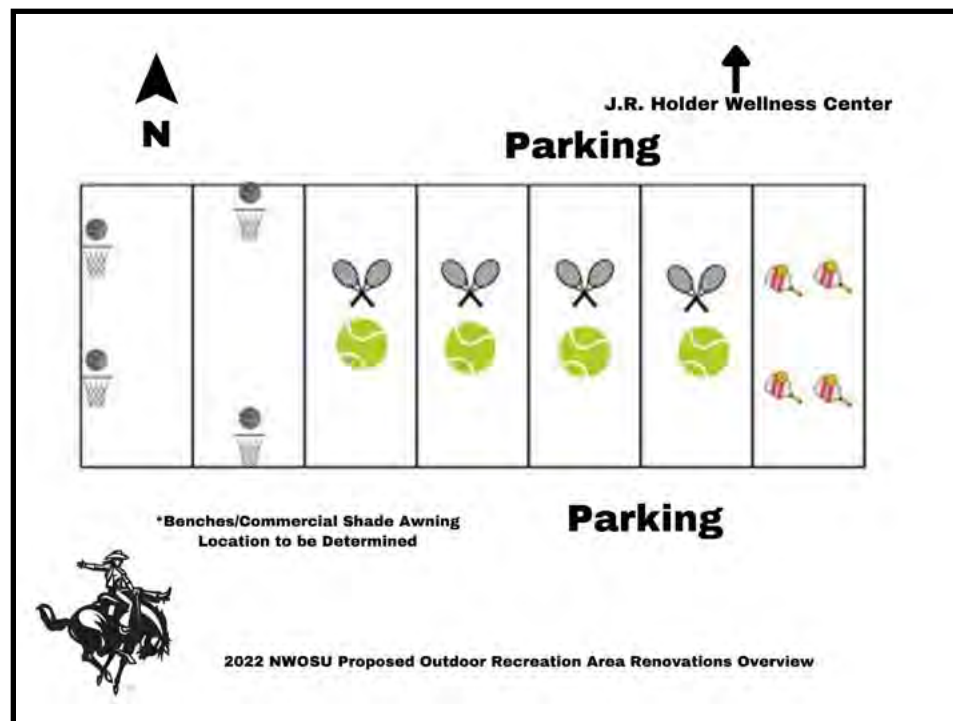
The award falls under a two-part funding opportunity offered by TSET – called Innovations in Active Living and Healthy Eating Grants and Policy and Built Environment Grants – that supports immediate, impactful programs to improve the health of Oklahomans. The TSET Board of Directors approved the awarding of nine grants between the two funding opportunities that totaled \$2.8 million.

“The projects and improvements are exciting, innovative and bring together local partners to tackle the complex issue of improving health behaviors in communities across the state,”

said Julie Bisbee, TSET executive director. “These projects demonstrate thoughtful, long-term visions about how to equip communities with resources to help all Oklahomans make healthy choices.”

The Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) serves as a partner and bridge builder for organizations working toward shaping a healthier future for all Oklahomans. TSET provides leadership at the intersections of health by working across the state, by cultivating innovative and life-changing research, and by working across public and private sectors to develop, support, implement and evaluate creative strategies to take advantage of emerging opportunities to improve the public’s health. To learn more, visit Oklahoma.gov/TSET.

For more information contact Keenan at (580) 327-8110 or trkeen-an@nwosu.edu.



Camp Ranger gives fun, education opportunities

All Northwestern's incoming freshmen were called for Camp Ranger held in July 28-30 at the Alva campus.

Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, explained this Northwestern event is organized and run by the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors, a group of campus leaders who are selected to represent Northwestern in and out of the classroom.

By attending, incoming freshmen were given the opportunity to meet their classmates, become familiar with the Alva community, learn what it is like to be a part of the Ranger family and more.

Mosburg said this three-day event included many fun and educational opportunities, and he hoped that the incoming freshmen took advan-

tage of this opportunity to be on campus, meet new friends and learn the Ranger traditions.

The cost was \$115 for the three days of activities, meals, housing and an exclusive T-shirt received only by students attending this event.



For more information on next year's event, contact Mosburg at (580) 327-8415 or cnmosburg@nwosu.edu.



OU School of Social Work
July 14 · 🌐

Field Spotlight, Online: Isis Claire Lair

Isis Claire Lair is an Online MSW student in her concentration year. She wanted to pursue a degree and career in social work because, "I want to have the knowledge and the necessary skills to lead and empower individuals and groups to influence social policies and institutions and promote social justice. [During practicum,] I have learned how all systems are interconnected. I have learned that even when I work at the micro level, there are many issues at the mezzo and macro level that need to be addressed in order for the micro level to function adequately. I have seen how unaddressed issues at the mezzo and macro level impact the micro level." After graduation, she wants to continue to work in child welfare and to promote change in policy.

No tuition increase for Northwestern this year

Northwestern's budget was approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for fiscal year 2023.

The budget consists of \$27,433,278 in E&G funding and \$1,173,400 from CARES funds. The FY23 budget shows an increase of \$459,791 in state appropriations.

Northwestern officials noted that no increase was made to tuition and mandatory fees with resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees remaining at \$248.75 per credit hour. However, room and board charges will increase.

Mandatory cost increases for the university include a 2.83 percent rise in health insurance costs

for full-time employees. Other areas in which the university will see cost increases include gasoline, utilities and risk management building insurance.

Northwestern has added a nursing position to focus on the RN-to-BSN program with funds from the new Oklahoma's Critical Workforce Development Initiative. Resources from this initiative will also be used to increase graduate offerings in education and additional courses in computer science, which are identified as other areas of critical need in the state.

"We are excited to start the new year," said Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president. "We are thankful for having some new money within our budget that allows North-

western to prioritize some needed changes that will help us meet the mission of the university while impacting students, faculty and staff. I am looking forward to having our students back on campus."

Northwestern continues to support student success by committing 82.4 percent of expenditures targeted for instruction, scholarships, student services and academic support. The university strives to protect the core academic functions of the institution and maintain the academic and support services required by students.

For more information about Northwestern, or to enroll for the fall semester that begins Aug. 15, visit www.nwosu.edu or call 580-327-1700.



Residency week brings hands-on training for DNP students

Twelve students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-to-DNP) program at Northwestern spent six days on the Alva campus for residency week July 10-15.

The students were involved in what is called a hybrid program meaning that much of their education is completed online. The students can complete work in clinics in their hometowns while the Northwestern faculty members supervise remotely. For residency week, the students come to the Alva campus for the week for hands-on training and to show that they are competent in physically assessing patients.

“While they are here, we also introduce them to some procedural basics such as suturing,” explained Dr. Courtney Ballina, who serves as the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice Doctor of Nursing Practice program director.

Joining Ballina to provide instruction to the group during the week was

Dr. Latesha Reed, assistant professor of nursing.

Ballina added that physical therapists from Northwest Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab of Alva visited with the students while they were here to teach them how to do more advanced musculoskeletal tests, and Gina Stafford from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing gave a talk on the rules and regulations of advanced practice RNs in Oklahoma. Also, several young children volunteered as patients for the students as did adult males and females who received physicals. Females also volunteered for well-woman exams.

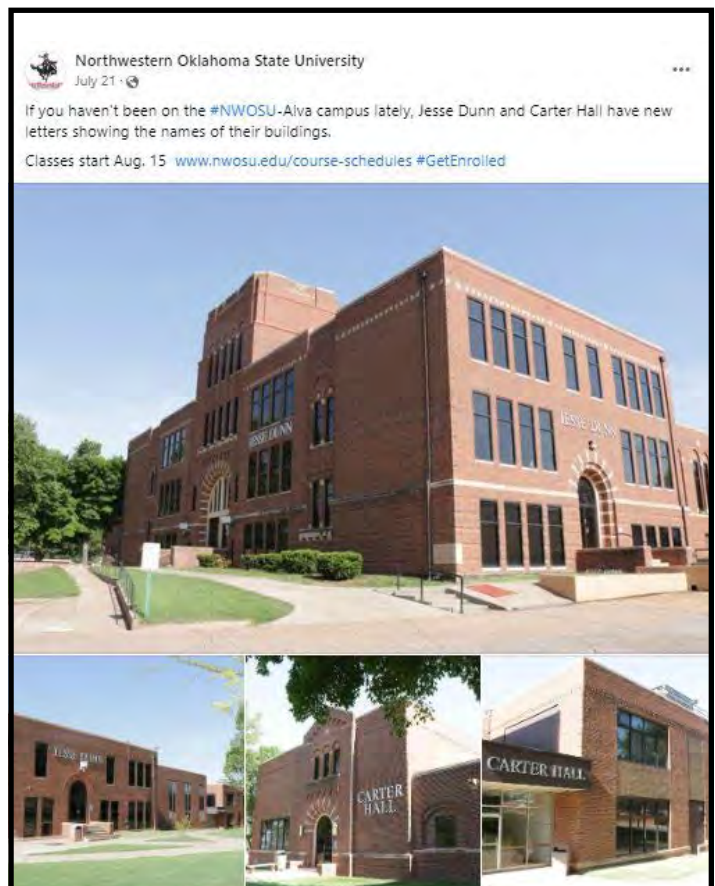
“But most importantly, residency week offers our students a chance to bond with each other and support each other through the remaining two years of their program,” Ballina said.

The group that attended residency week this time won't return to the Alva campus again until they graduate two

years from now. Each group that walks in the May graduation ceremony has a summer semester remaining and won't be fully finished until they return in July to complete their poster presentations.

“This is definitely one of my most favorite times of the year,” Ballina said. “I spend a lot of time getting to know them individually through the summer via Zoom due to the nature of the assessment course. Then, when they come to residency, I already have a sense of who they are and how they learn best. It is like they blossom right in front of my eyes! Watching their confidence grow throughout the week both as nurse practitioner students as well as socially within their cohort is really cool to watch. By the time they leave, not only do they know how to do what they were trained to do, but they also form a strong bond with

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Residency week...

each other, which seems to be critical to their success for the remainder of the program.”

Students attending this year’s week-long residency program include Shelby Amey of Mannford, Melissa Bell of Stillwater, Megan Durant of Collinsville, Alyssa Hudgens of Jenks, Pawana Itani of Edmond, Melissa McRay of Luther, Cyvil Moma of Yukon, Shalyn Monsees, Jennifer Moreland and Samantha Ridge of Enid, Isabella Ramer of Mustang and Miranda Smooth of Weatherford.

The BSN-to-DNP program enrolled its first class in August 2017. The fourth class to have graduated did so this year in May and tested at the end of the summer or in the fall. So far, the program boasts a 100 percent certification pass rate and a 100 percent employment rate.

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 is the only program in the state with an emphasis on nursing in rural communities.

This program also was recently named the best in the country out of 203 accredited colleges and universities in the nation evaluated by Inteligent.com.

Students may enroll full-time for the three-year program or part-time for the four-year program.

Instruction within this program helps to prepare DNPs to become certified Family Nurse Practitioners in their home communities and sur-

rounding areas without first earning a master’s degree; and, there is an advanced placement option for students



Pawana Itani of Edmond (left) and Melissa McRay of Luther practice their suturing skills during a Doctor of Nursing Practice residency week lab at Northwestern’s Alva campus.

who have already completed a master’s degree in nursing.

Additional information about the DNP program may be found online at www.nwsu.edu/graduate-studies/bsn-to-dnp or by calling (580) 327-8442.



Spending a week on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva campus July 10-15 for DNP residency week were (front row, left to right) DNP program director Dr. Courtney Ballina, Megan Durant, Pawana Itani, Jennifer Moreland; (middle row) Cyvil

Moma, Shalyn Monsees, Alyssa Hudgens, Samantha Ridge; (back row) Melissa bell, Melissa McRay, Isabella Ramer, Shelby Amey, Miranda Smooth and Dr. Latesha Reed, assistant professor of nursing.

New strategic plan released

Northwestern officials released the new strategic plan, "Success Lives Here," that will guide the university in its endeavors for the next five years.

The University's renewed strategic plan establishes goals and directions for the next five years that recognize and respond to the impact of an unstable economy, an ever-evolving employment market, and changing expectations for higher education institutions. The plan addresses four principal aims: (1) empowering faculty to deliver meaningful content and experience to students; (2) improving the campus environment and culture for students and employees; (3) advancing the mission of the university by enriching resources; and (4) placing further emphasis on recruitment and retention of students.

The previous plan guided university decision-making from 2016-2021, resulting in observable change. The

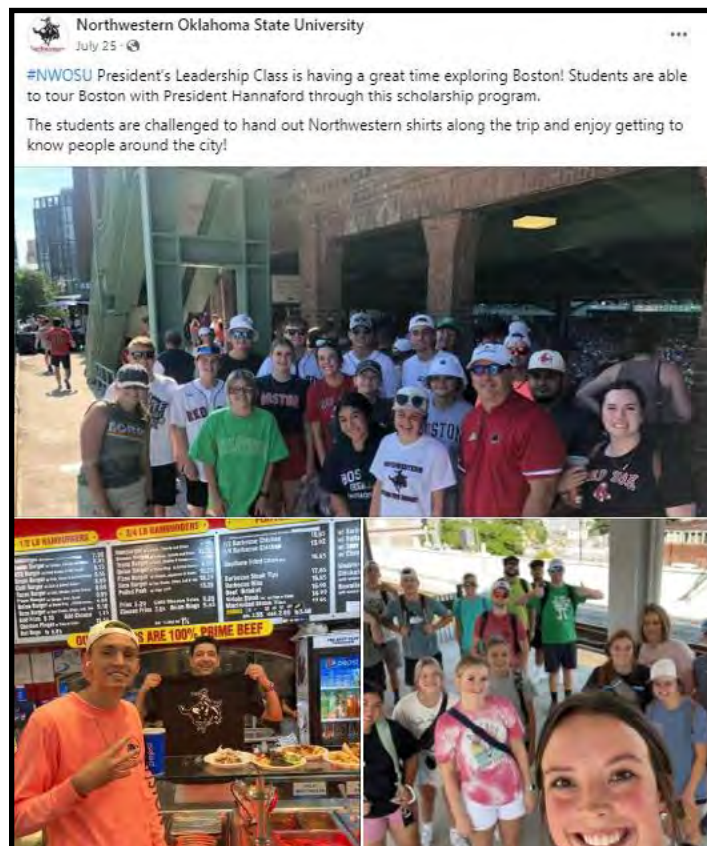
university accomplished upgrades and improvements to facilities, and the implementation of the new Enterprise Resource System enabled many internal functions to work more efficiently. Less obvious but equally meaningful changes to academic programs and the academic experience occurred, while the university continued to affirm and guide critical collaboration with constituencies and supporters.

"Success Lives Here" was a year-long collaborative effort with input from a diverse population of students, faculty, staff and alumni.

"We take pride in setting

these new goals that will guide Northwestern into the future," Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, said. "I will refer to this document often to ensure we are working on meeting the goals of the university that were envisioned by our stakeholders."

To view the new plan, "Success Lives Here," visit www.nwosu.edu/strategic-plan.



Case promoted to assistant director position

Northwestern was excited to announce Valarie Case as the new assistant director of university relations in July.

Case receives the promotion after 31 years in the university relations department and two years on the faculty side.

“What a great surprise,” Case said. “I want to thank Kelsey Martin (current director of marketing and university relations) for believing in me, my abilities and my work ethic to put forth this recommendation for a change in my title within our department.

“I love Northwestern, and I enjoy getting to spread information about our university to the public whether it’s through photographs, the website, university publications, marketing, social media posts or just visiting face-to-face with people.”

Case earned her bachelor’s degree in mass communication from Northwestern in 1985. After graduation, she was the editor of the Alva Review-Courier and also worked a short time in the same position at the News-gram. In 1989, Case returned to her Northwestern roots where she accepted the position of public relations secretary working under directors Terry Winn, Roger Gunn and Steve Valencia.

In 2002, Case changed career directions and became an instructor of mass communication to teach and advise students with the student-led on-campus newspaper, “Northwestern News,” where she spent time as editor when she was a student learning from her mentor Wayne Lane. Case also taught print-related and pub-

lic relations classes. In 2004, she returned to the university relations office with a new title of university relations specialist.

During her career, Case also earned her Master of Education degree in 2000.

While working a full-time job, Case also takes pride in volunteer activities. She helped establish the Northwestern Campus Cabinet food pantry with her sister Angelia, who serves as its coordinator while being an academic projects assistant, media specialist and assistant to the dean of faculty. Valarie also helps her sister with the student club Northwestern Art Society.

When not involved at Northwestern, Case enjoys photography and serves as the Nescatunga Arts Festival publicity chair.

“Valarie has an incredible wealth of knowledge, not only in the public relations area but with Northwestern itself,” Martin said. “She is always ready to lend a helping hand, and I am grateful for her leadership in our department.”



Valarie Case



Woodward campus has open house

Northwestern's Woodward Campus held an open house for all members of the community in August.

The event was a family friendly evening with a free meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. Door prizes were given and inflatables were enjoyed.

This was an opportunity for students to ask questions they may have had before starting the school year. Staff members were ready and willing to help with any questions.

For more information about the Woodward campus, contact Dr. Jonathan Thomason, dean of Woodward campus, at 580-254-2500.



Many enjoyed the hospitality of the Woodward Campus during the open house held this past summer.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
July 18

We've extended our Bridge Student/Transfer Student scholarship deadline to July 29, 2022! Make Northwestern the next step to earning your degree!

Check out our Bridge program* with Northern Oklahoma College here - <https://www.nwosu.edu/app.../transfer-student/bridge-program>

*Students must apply for the Bridge Program AND complete a transfer student scholarship application before graduating from NOC.

NWOSU TRIO-SSS
July 26

Today, July 26, 2022, we celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This act provides civil rights protections and equal opportunity in all areas of life

We at SSS are proud to work with our students receiving accommodations, and advocating to make sure that education is accessible to everyone.

If you have questions about receiving accommodations at NWOSU, please contact us or our ADA office.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR BRIDGE AND TRANSFER STUDENTS!

July 29, 2022

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
August 17 · 🌐

The Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantry is available to all employees & enrolled #NWOSU students. To learn more about the process of getting a little food help, visit www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet.

Currently, the pantry would welcome monetary/food donations. Contact Angelia Case at arcase@nwosu.edu.

Welcome Back, Rangers!

WE ARE HERE IF YOU NEED US

Campus Cabinet

Northwestern Food Pantry

For more information:
www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
August 19 · 🌐

KOCO 5 News interviewed Dr. Jennifer Oswald recently about the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program. #NWOSU can now offer qualified Oklahoma education students up to \$25,500 in scholarships and incentives through House Bill 3564 to help ease the critical teacher shortage. Deadline to apply is Aug. 24.

Deadline to enroll at Northwestern is Aug. 23. www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules



KOCO.COM
Oklahoma college offering scholarship to give more opportunities to future teachers

Kimberly Weast
10h · 🌐

Today Mickey Jordan took me by surprise. Thank you. Then a student said, "I had my birthday yesterday. I turned 20. Wow! You have taught here as long as I have been alive." Yikes- I'm old- how did this happen?



NWOSU Theatre
23h · 🌐

🎉 Welcome back Rangers! 🎉❤️
Today we are celebrating 20 years of Professor Kimberly Weast teaching at Northwestern Oklahoma State University!
Be sure and say hello if you see her today!

RIDE RANGERS RIDE!

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosufinearts #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #finearts #theatreproduction #acting #stagecraft #universitytheatre #teaching #excellence #welcomeback #20 #northwestemoklahomastateuniversity #rangers #rrr #théâtre #theatrearts #theatreartist #educator #legend #theatrelife #theatrelove #theatrefamily #comecreatewithus #riderrangersride #firstdayofschool #2022

Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
August 15 · 🌐

We had such a blast at our Open House event last Thursday! We are so grateful we have such a supportive community and we really enjoyed getting to show off all that #NWOSU and your #woodwardcampus have to offer!

❤️❤️ We want to thank all of the students and staff who helped us set up and prepare the food!
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Free choir workshop held on campus for junior, senior high school students

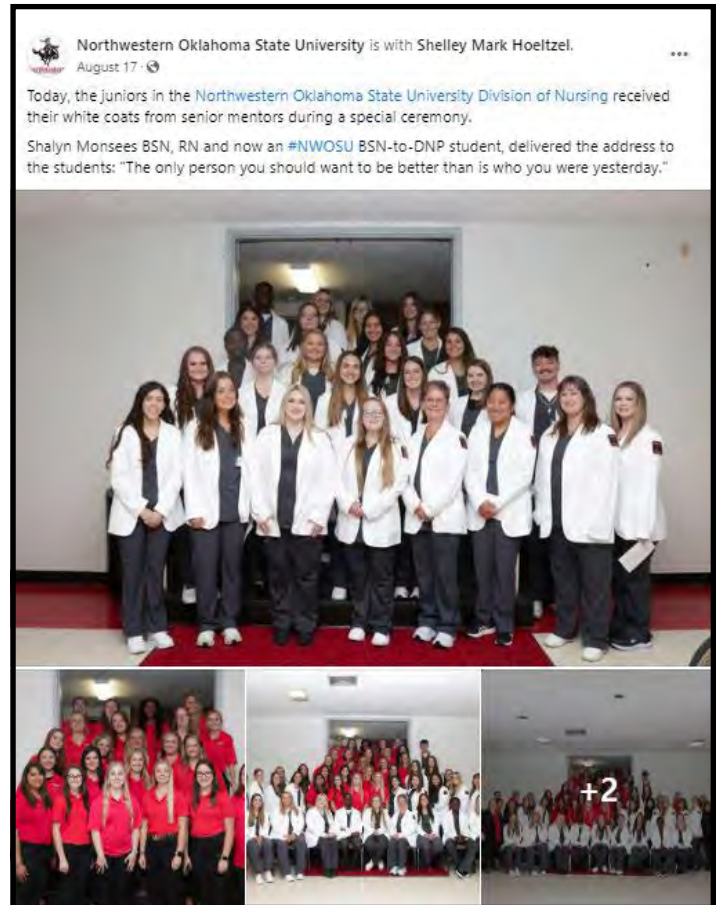
Local and area junior high and high school students were welcomed to a free choir workshop at Northwestern-Alva to help prepare honor choir and Oklahoma All-State Choir audition songs.

The choir workshop was held Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Junior high students rehearsed in the J.W. Martin Library Annex while high school students were in the Student Center Ballroom.

The high school students were instructed by Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral studies at Northwestern, while Matt Johnson, director of choirs at Enid High School, instructed the junior high students. All groups had the opportunity to rehearse alongside members of the Northwestern Chorale and University Singers.

Longhurst noted that students broke out into sectionals along with singing together.

A free lunch was enjoyed after rehearsal.



Northwestern Oklahoma State... · 2h · ...
 Enrollment open until Aug. 23. We have a great scholarship program to help you pay for school. Because of that & lower tuition, more than 50% of our students graduate debt-free! Join us at [#NWOSU!](#)
[#BeARanger](#)

OK Higher Ed @OKhighered · 13h
 Social benefits of higher education include increased community service, better quality of civic life. @IHEPtweets
[#okhighered](#)
 Photo credit: @NWOSU

NWOSU Division of Education · 7h · ...
 Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom always creates a creative environment with hands on activities. Student Teachers Fall 2022

New scholarship introduced for teacher education students

Northwestern is able to offer qualified Oklahoma education students up to \$25,500 in scholarships and incentives through House Bill 3564 signed by Gov. Kevin Stitt. The application deadline was Aug. 24.

Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program, also called Inspired to Teach, is offered to students planning to pursue a degree and a career in teacher education.

The scholarship amount is \$1,000 per year for up to three academic years and \$2,500 for the final academic year. Following graduation, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is authorized to make employment incentive payments to scholarship recipients employed as certified teachers in an Oklahoma public school. The employment incentive provides participants with \$4,000 a year, for up to five consecutive years. Students who have graduated are not eligible for the new program.

"I'm excited for the opportunity this provides for our teacher candidates, who will enter Oklahoma classrooms ready from day one," Dr. Jennifer Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education, said. "It's a step in the right direction, as this ultimately benefits Oklahoma public school children by providing more highly qualified educators."

Below are the requirements of the new program:

- Must be an Oklahoma resident and graduate from an Oklahoma high school
- Must meet higher education admission requirements
- Must declare a major in teacher education and at-

tend an Oklahoma university with a state-accredited teacher education program

- Must be enrolled as a full-time student majoring in teacher education

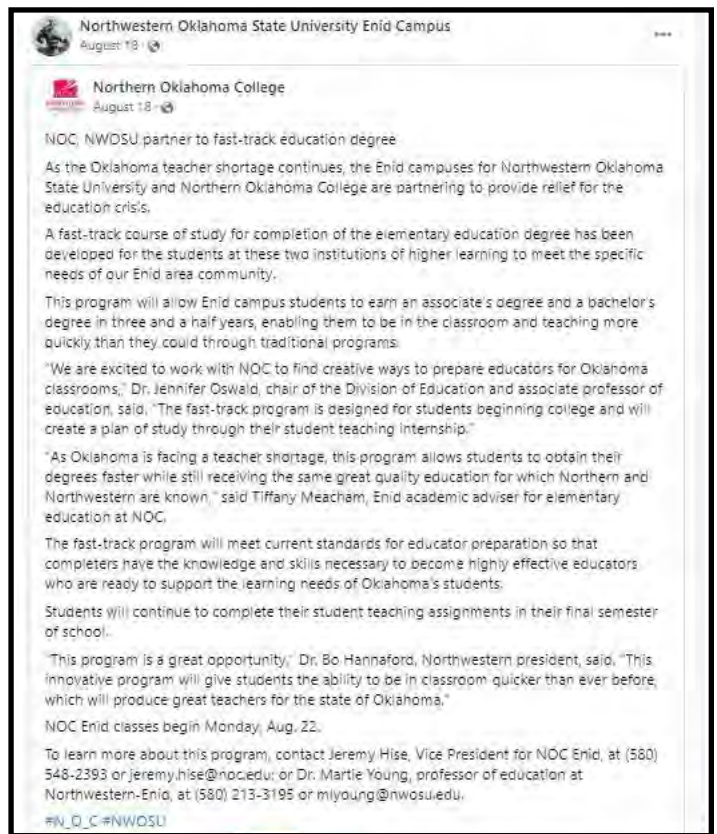


Derek Trabuc, instructor of education, guides an education student through an activity.

- Must declare an intent to teach five consecutive years in an Oklahoma public school following graduation

- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), including a 2.5 GPA

To apply for this program or to ask questions, contact Oswald at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwsu.edu.





Open house held for new Esports gaming arena

Northwestern's Esports team held an open house in Shockley Hall 125 to unveil its new gaming arena in August.

This facility will be utilized for practice as well as gaming competitions, which could include high school competitions.

Students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the program and scholarships available to students who participate.

"We are excited for others to see the new space for Esports and learn more about the growing Esports program at Northwestern," Dr. Tim Maharry, chair of the mathematics and computer science department, said. "The Northwestern Esports team currently has over 30 members and we welcome anyone who is interested in the program."

For more information on Esports or scholarships for the program, contact Evan Vaverka, director of Esports

and instructor of computer science, at (580)327-8587 or epvaverka@nwosu.edu.



NWOSU students participate in an Esports practice.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
August 26 · 🌐

Megan Garnett is a financial aid assistant/loan coordinator. She assists incoming and returning students of all programs with their loans and financial aid.

She has loved art her whole life; specifically, portrait drawing, painting, and character design! In high school, she was chosen twice to have her art displayed in the United States Capitol Building in the Congressional Art Contest, which was such an incredible experience! Megan learned to paint when she was in college and taught herself digital art along the way.

"I've been drawing for a long time, and I never plan to stop learning and improving. I have a picture of myself when I was little, drawing with my left hand because even breaking my dominant arm couldn't stop me."

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

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

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat: @nwosurangers



Northwestern News (NWOSU)
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Supply shortages delay work on dorm, but wait is 'worth it'
The South Hall renovation project is nearing completion, though no final date ha...

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
August 30 · 🌐

Kevin Fields started working in maintenance at #NWOSU on Sept. 1, 2004. After 18 years, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, will be his last day before a well-deserved retirement.

Thank you, Kevin, for your years of hard work on many projects for the university with the most recent being the updating of concrete areas on the mall and circle drive. You and your crews have made a difference for years to come.

NWOSU TRIO-SSS
August 19 · 🌐

We've had two new members join the Student Support Services team recently! Da'Mario is a recent NWOSU Graduate in General Studies and Ely is an accounting major. Stop in to say hi, and let us help you be successful in college!
#WWYB #riderangersride

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR
NEW ADMIN ASSISTANT
ELY AGUILAR**



TRIO

Please Welcome 🍁

*Da'Mario
Mattingly*

★
**As the New Student
Support Services (SSS)
Project Advisor!!!**



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
August 28 · 🌐


Join us tomorrow for the Ice Cream Social and Club Fair! #nwosu #Enid

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND CLUB FAIR

SCOOPS IS COMING TO CAMPUS!

MONDAY

August 29, 2022
3:30-4:30PM
Front Entrance



INFORMATION

- ❖ First 100 Students and Employees receive a free ice cream from the Scoops Ice Cream Truck!
- ❖ Visit with our campus clubs and get involved!
- ❖ Prizes and giveaways during event!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
August 22 · 🌐

The NWOSU Teacher's Closet is available to all students in need of professional clothing. Monday, the student teachers in the NWOSU Division of Education had a shopping day! Students should contact Dr. Jennifer Oswald at jdoswald@nwosu.edu if in need of free dress clothes.
Last day to enroll for the fall semester is Aug. 23.




Northwestern Oklahoma State University
August 26 · 🌐

Nice facilities for our new eSports team! Open House happening until 2 with refreshments! Stop in and check it all out.







OU School of Social Work
August 29 · 🌐

Congratulations to MSW Scholarship recipient, Sara Houchin!

Sara Houchin is in the Advanced Standing program at the Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work. She currently works at Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy as an Engagement Specialist, helping to support students and ensure their success in the online school. She attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated with her BSW in 2021. It was while at NWOSU that she learned that by pursuing a degree in social work she would be equipped to be a family therapist as well as work with non-profits.

Twelve new faculty members welcomed

Twelve new faculty members began their teaching assignments at Northwestern for the 2022-2023 school year on Aug. 15. Four have been hired in the School of Arts and Sciences with eight in the School of Professional Studies.

Short biographies of each faculty member from the School of Arts and Sciences are listed below:

Dr. Rebecca MacKay, assistant professor of biology, holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Florida. She has a Master of Science in Marine Sciences from Savannah State University and a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Bowling

Green State University.

Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music and accompanist for the university choirs, holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Performance from the Federal University of Rio Grande Sul in Brazil. He also has a Master of Music in Musical Performance from the University of Strasbourg in France and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Collaborative Piano from the University of Oregon.

Lars Roeder, assistant professor of visual arts, has a Bachelor of Science in Geography from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and a Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art from Texas

A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Dr. David Vaughan, assistant professor of English, has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Oklahoma State University, a Master of Arts in Editorial Studies from Boston University and a Ph.D. in English Literature from Oklahoma State University.

Short biographies of each faculty member from the School of Professional Studies are listed below:

Teri Allen, instructor of accounting, holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Admin-

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Northwestern's new faculty members include (left to right, front row) Esmeralda Herrera and Crystal Gillett, both instructors of nursing; Dr. Rebecca MacKay, assistant professor of biology; Dr. LaTasha Reed, assistant professor of nursing in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program; (back row) Whitney Cotton, instructor of education; Teri Allen, instructor of accounting; Yesenia Buckhaults, instructor of education; Lars Roeder, assistant professor of visual arts; Dr. David Vaughan, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music and accompanist for the university choirs. Also newly employed this year but not in the group photo are returning faculty members Dr. Leigh Kirby, assistant professor of psychology, and Dr. Krista Tilley, assistant professor of nursing in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Grants received for opioid, stimulant prevention

Northwestern was awarded two Higher Education Prevention Services (HEPS) grants, one for opioid prevention and the other for stimulant prevention, through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

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New faculty...

istration, both from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Yesenia Buckhaults, instructor of education, has a Bachelor of Science in Education-Mathematics and a Master of Education in Adult Education Management & Administration, both from Northwestern.

Whitney Cotton, instructor of education, earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership, both from Northwestern.

Crystal Gillett and Esmeralda Herrera are both instructors of nursing who earned their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from Northwestern.

Dr. Leigh Kirby, assistant professor of psychology, has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Stephen F. Austin State University. She also holds a Master of Science Counseling & Guidance and Doctor of Philosophy Counseling, both from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Dr. LaTasha Reed, assistant professor of nursing in the Doctor of

Each grant received \$50,000.

These grants are funding campus efforts to prevent opioid and stimulant misuse and provide referral services for those needing treatment. Northwestern will provide outreach, engagement and evidence-based opioid and stimulant prevention services.

Taylor Wilson, L.P.C, director of

counseling and career services, has developed a prevention campus coalition to create the best strategies to disseminate information regarding opioid and stimulant misuse.

“Our goal is to reduce opioid and stimulant misuse as measured by the National College Health Assessment (NCHA),” Wilson said. “The grant will provide students, staff and faculty information on the safe disposal of medication, treatment options, naloxone, how to respond to an opioid overdose, and safe storage of medications.”

Funding for these grants was awarded for three years, and the grants are renewable each year contingent on performance and availability of funding of state and/or federal funding.

For more information about the grants, or to join the coalition, contact Wilson at (580) 327-8547 or tawilson@nwsu.edu.

Nursing Practice program, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Southern California, has a Master of Business Administration from California State University-Dominguez Hills, a Master of Science in Nursing as a family nurse practitioner from Samuel Merritt University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of New Hampshire.

Dr. Krista Tilley, assistant professor of nursing in the Doctor of

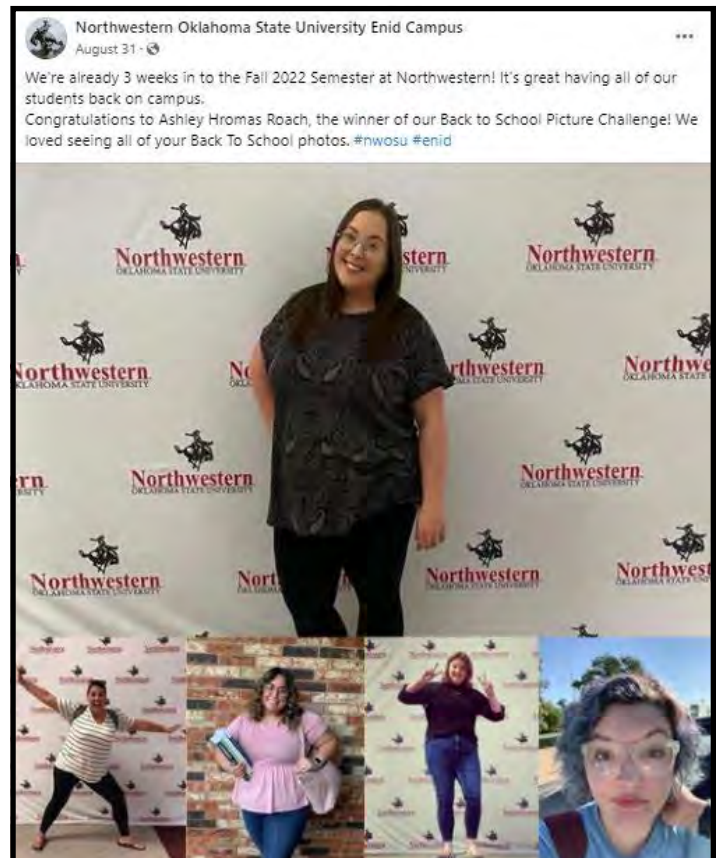
Nursing Practice program, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from Eastern Washington University. She also has a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma-Health Sciences Center and a Doctor of Nursing Practice-Administration from Samford University.



Krista Tilley



Leigh Kirby



Upward Bound programs receive grant renewals

Northwestern received notification early in the fall semester from the U.S. Department of Education of the renewal of two federal Upward Bound grants.

Together, Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math & Science will receive over \$2.9 million in grant money over the next five years, beginning in September. The grants provide the institution with \$595,202 annually, with both programs receiving \$297,601 per year to serve 122 participants.

The university's Upward Bound programs are designed to provide participants with STEM-focused academics and summer activities designed to give students the skills and motivation necessary for entry and success in post-secondary education. The programs are 100 percent federally-funded and serve students from area high schools in Alfalfa, Major and Woods counties.

Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, expressed his appreciation to the director of Upward Bound at Northwestern, Jaunita Dotson, for her diligence and perseverance during the grant application and award process. He stressed the importance of this influx of federal funding to the college and surrounding communities.

"The funding secured for these grants provide great opportunities for high school students to not only learn more about possible careers but Northwestern as well," Hannaford said. "The services provided to these students would not be available without these grants, and it makes an impact on our communities in northwest Oklahoma."

Upward Bound works with high school students by providing ser-

vices to help them complete high school and enter a college or university of their choice. The program offers support in academics, course selection, study skills, personal development, college admissions, financial aid and college scholarship applications.

Students participate in the Upward Bound program at their local high schools and through other opportunities at the Northwestern-Alva campus. Parents and guardians are offered informational workshops, meetings and events to support the family through the college-preparation process, and students can attend college tours throughout Oklahoma.

"The students in our Upward Bound programs have so much promise and untapped potential, but their opportunities might have been limited by their first-generation college status and/or socioeconomic status," Dotson said. "Upward Bound opens up educational and career paths that can help break generational cycles that generally prevent students from pursuing a college education. We're very grateful for the continued funding that will allow us to continue doing this important work."

Dotson orga-

nizes and chaperons activities for the Upward Bound programs along with the Upward Bound coordinators.

Upward Bound staff provides after-school tutoring services at the following partner high schools – Alva, Burlington, Cherokee, Freedom, Fairview, Waynoka, Aline-Cleo, Cimarron, Timberlake and Ringwood. The program also meets with students for a once-a-month "All Day" Saturday program on the Northwestern-Alva campus. In the summer, the Upward Bound staff designs a six-week residential program that offers a positive learning experience that covers social, cultural and academic learning experiences.

For more information about Northwestern's Upward Bound programs for area high school students, contact Dotson at (580) 327-8113 or jrdotson@nwsu.edu.




NWOSU Department of Social Work
September 23 · 🌐

The department of social work was proud to support Circle of Care's ribbon cutting ceremony for their new counseling office in Woodward.




NWOSU Division of Education
September 5 · 🌐

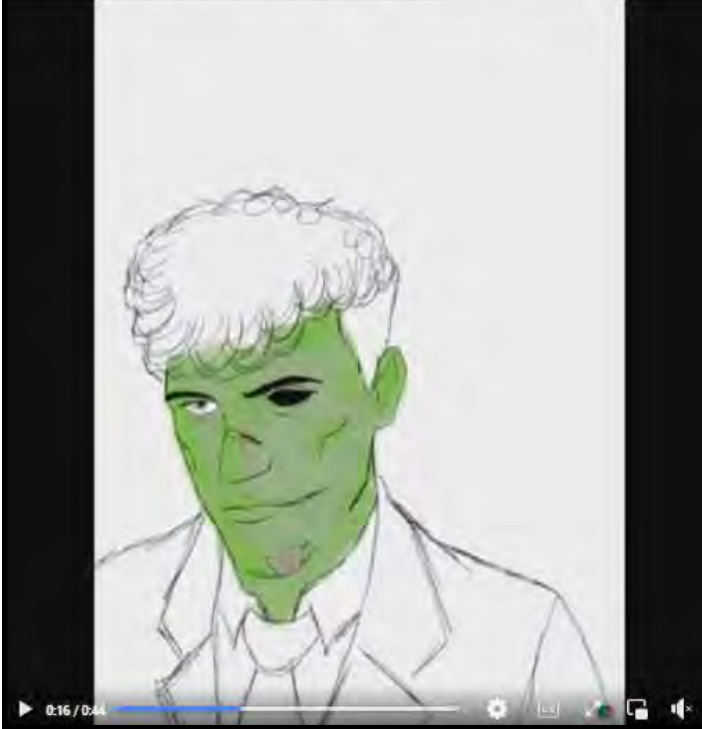
Alva Washington Elementary Student Teacher Tanner Clarkson meets up with one of his buddies, Myles Melton. Myles is the son of our Education Secretary, Amy Melton.



NWOSU Theatre is at Ryerson Hall.
September 7 · Alva · 🌐

Check out this incredible Zombie Prom art Timelapse submitted by Fine Arts student Kevin Jaquez!

You won't want to miss this musical comedy about 1950s atomic teenage love!
Coming to the Herod Hall MainStage October 6, 7, & 8!
Advanced tickets are on sale now, Link in bio!... See more



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 2 · 🌐

Tosh Miller is the director of the TRIO Student Support Services grant. The mission of the SSS grant is to aid first-generation, low-income, and students with disabilities to succeed in college, graduate, and consider graduate school.

He loves to travel and has been to at least 15 different countries and 12 states. He has traveled extensively with People to People International but has also traveled with his wife, Allissa, his dad and once with a choir to sing at Carnegie Hall. They performed Gloria by Vivaldi. With People to People, he was able to do homestays of several nights with families in Austria, England, Ireland, and Australia, and play in an international baseball tournament in the Netherlands.

"I want to continue to explore new places, but if I could revisit anywhere that I've been, I would go back to Ireland and Italy. I want to visit the Trinity College library in Dublin and would love to revisit the gorgeous architecture of Florence, Venice, and Rome."

We appreciate all he does for our #NWOSU community every day. He's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🍎🍌

Discover more exciting facts about Tosh on our other social media channels: 📺

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwsurangers



NWOSU Division of Education
September 8 · 🌐

Great job, Carson Hannaford! <https://www.examiner-enterprise.com/.../65474904007/...>



EXAMINER-ENTERPRISE.COM
Dewey teacher Carson Hannaford learns sometimes you can go home again

NWOSU Department of Social Work
September 8 · 🌐

Thanks to Linda Smith from the University of Oklahoma's Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) for presenting today!




NWTV Online



Campus Cabinet
Northwestern Food Pantry

We are always in need of financial support.
If you'd like to make a tax deductible donation, contact [Angelia Case](#), RH 211.

We're here when needed.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 8 · 🌐

#NWFamilyDay is Saturday, Oct. 1! The annual event brings families to Alva and to the campus where they can take #NWOSU tours, purchase Ranger gear, shop for tuition scholarships and attend a Ranger football game.
More details <https://bit.ly/31ZxGUP>

FAMILY DAY



FINE ARTS
Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music
September 8 · 🌐

Thank you to the Board of Regents for giving us the opportunity to premier our 2022-2023 NWOSU Singers!
Here's to a great year ahead!!
#rideonsingon #nwosuchoirs #NWOSU #nwosusingers #nwosufinearts #riderangerside



4 acts scheduled for Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series (NWOCS), an organization that seeks to bring cultural performances and entertainment to northwest Oklahoma, began its 2022-23 season Tuesday, Sept. 13, with the first of four scheduled acts. All four concerts will take place on Tuesdays, with the respective dates, at 7 p.m. in Northwestern's Herod Hall Auditorium.

This year's schedule includes Mat and Savanna Shaw, held on Sept. 13; Poor Man's Gambit on Oct. 11; Cecilia's Muse, Jan. 24, 2023; and The DIAMONDS, March 21, 2023.

More information on the four scheduled acts follows:

Mat and Savanna Shaw

Mat and Savanna Shaw are a daddy-daughter duo from Utah that rose to prominence during the COVID-19 pandemic. Savanna, eager to keep in touch with her music friends, started a music social media

account. Normally a shy and private teenager, she was nervous to sing her first song by herself, so she asked her dad to join her in singing "The Prayer."

After that video went viral, Mat and Savanna continued releasing duets on social media and streaming platforms, with singles charting in multiple countries. They quickly garnered a worldwide following,

now resulting in over 600,000 YouTube subscribers. In October of 2020, their first album "Picture This" debuted at #1 on the iTunes Pop Chart and #1 on multiple billboard charts. They have now released a total

of five albums, all of which have debuted at the top of iTunes, Amazon, and Billboard charts worldwide. The New York Times said they "harmonize into billowy bliss." Kelly Clarkson called them "incredibly gifted," and Good Morning America said, "this father-daughter duo's music is bringing hope."

Mat and Savanna's uplifting

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4 acts scheduled...

song choices and harmonies have inspired people the world over. They have a passion for using music for good – often supporting charities, good causes, and providing inspiration with their performances. Their goal and mission is to share hope and spread joy through music.

Poor Man's Gambit

Poor Man's Gambit was formed in 2015 and hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The trio has released three albums, completed two international tours, and has been noted as an increasingly popular Irish-American group.

Featuring fiddle, button accordion, guitar, bodhran, bouzouki, vocals, and dance, PMG brings together diverse musical backgrounds that complement the other's musical styles both on stage and in the studio. With two multi-instrumentalists in the line-up, PMG has been noted for its ability to change instrumentation many times over the space of a performance and offer several levels of musical depth to listening ears. The addition of Corey Purcell's flashy footwork on the occasional reel adds an extra punch of energy to their shows.

The trio's latest album "Land of Sunshine" showcases a carefully selected offering of spirited tunes balanced with an equal number of expressively performed songs. Most of the repertoire is rooted in Irish traditions, but some pull from other provincial influences including England, Brittany and Scotland, in addition to several original compositions also included in the collection.

Cecilia's Muse

Cecilia's Muse is comprised of musicians from the Enid Sympho-

ny Orchestra. The group members perform music of the 16th through mid-18th centuries playing on replicated musical instruments and bows similar to those in use when this music was composed. Their instruments are tuned to A415 HZ as opposed to the brighter/higher pitched sound of the modern tuning A set at 440 Hz. The musicians are led by a soloist/leader as was customary, and Caroline Cox Turek, violinist, will be featured in that role.

The DIAMONDS

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

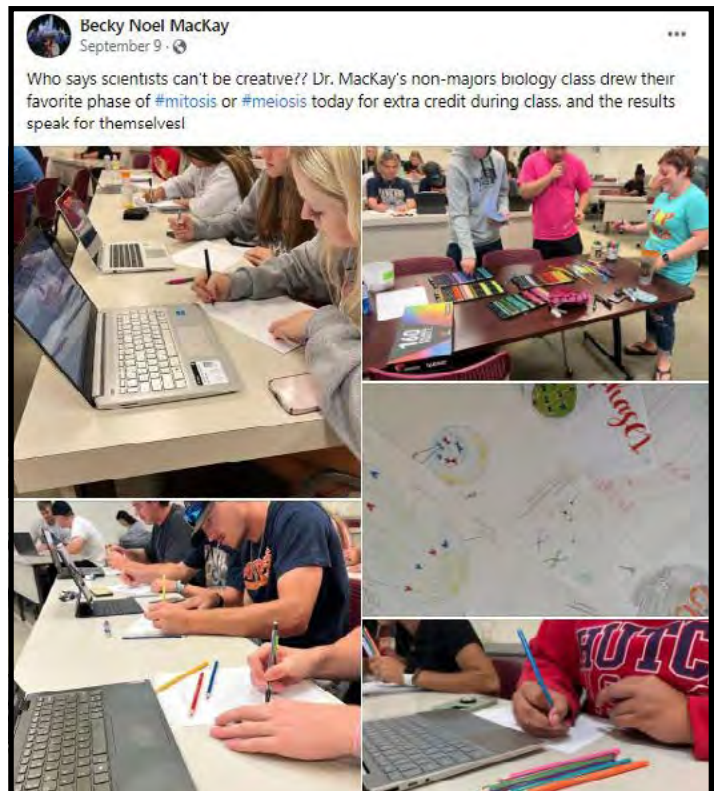
The DIAMONDS' many accomplishments over the years include three gold re-

cords, 33 appearances on American Bandstand, vocal group hall of fame and doo-wop hall of fame.

Season tickets, as well as individual performance tickets, may be purchased online at www.nwocs.ludus.com or from Holder Drug or Graceful Arts Center. Anyone interested in buying a contributor package or tickets can contact Kimberly Weast, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at kkweast@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8462.

Stay up-to-date with NWOCS by liking the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthwestOkCS/ or on Twitter at @NorthwestOkCS. Keep an eye out for the hashtag #NWOCS.

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by Northwestern, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust.






NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall.
September 14 · Alva · 🌐

NWOSU Fine Arts students had the opportunity to collaborate with singers Mat and Savanna Shaw for the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series this month!


From preparing Herod Hall, to running tech for the concert, and performing on stage with the artists, our students experience and develop a rich appreciation for all aspects of the entertainment industry.

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosufinearts #nwosu #nwosurangiers #theatre #vocalperformance #northwestoklahomaconcerts... See more



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 10 · 🌐

Over 150 junior high and high school students from surrounding areas attended a workshop put on by Northwestern Choirs! This workshop was to prepare them for All-State auditions happening soon. It was a great morning of learning and beautiful music! [Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music](#)



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 12 · 🌐

Our #NWOSU community is rooting for you Dakota!
Read more on Dakota Samarco's story <https://kfor.com/.../injured-woodward-h-s-football.../>




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From L to R:

- Miranda Ealey - Learning Coach
- Lisa Franz - Project Director
- Julie Lehr - Learning Coach
- Taylor Phillips - Career Coach

Stop by and say hi. We love visiting with students and assisting you with whatever you might need. Plus, we have snacks, and who doesn't love snacks?! 🍪

- advisement & enrollment
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NWOSU Division of Education

17m · 🌐

Free virtual literacy tutoring provided by NWOSU Teacher Candidates – a few vacancies remain:
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Becky Noel MacKay

September 15 · 🌐

You may have noticed there has been a bit of shuffling around in the Natural Sciences department this semester. Your trusty favorites, Drs. Ledbetter, Mihai, Moorthy, Robida, and Wickham have remained the same, but Dr. Thompson retired at the end of last semester. He was replaced by our newest faculty member, Dr. MacKay. Additionally, Dr. Maier was promoted to Dean of Faculty (huge congratulations there!), so Dr. Sattler is now the department chair!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

September 16 · 🌐

Teri Warren is an assistant registrar/admissions coordinator. She is beginning her 24th year at #NWOSU this month! Her main jobs are admitting new students to Northwestern and applying transfer credit to student transcripts.

She is a singer and sang publicly for the first time at 9 years old. She's sung in all kinds of contests, talent shows, weddings, and sports events. In college, Teri auditioned to sing at the Oklahoma Opry and performed there several times. Around the same time, she also had an opportunity to visit a recording studio and recorded one cover song.

In 2009, she had the honor of singing the National Anthem at a triple-A Oklahoma City Redhawks baseball game. She's also sang the National Anthem at a few high school games and the NWOSU Rodeo. Just this past summer Teri sang the National Anthem at a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) baseball World Series game. She also recently took over the role of Worship Team leader at the Alva Church of God.

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

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

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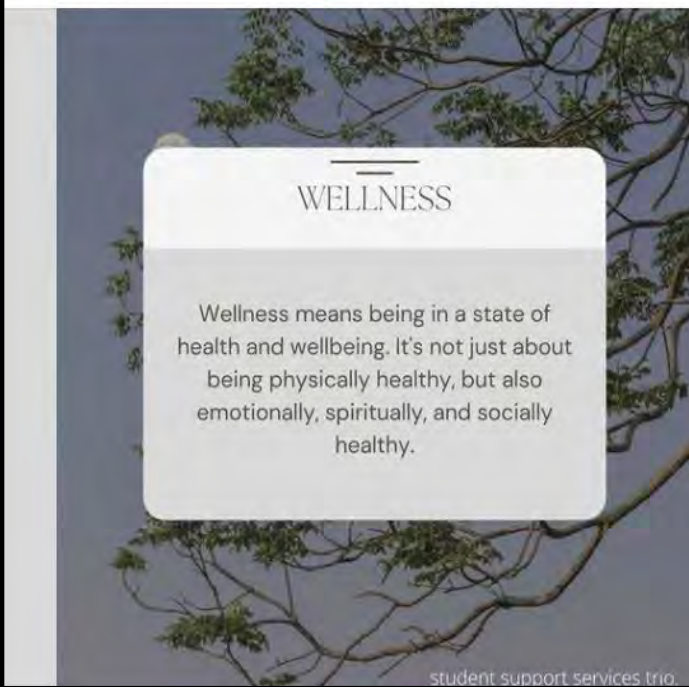


NWOSU TRIO-SSS

September 14 · 🌐

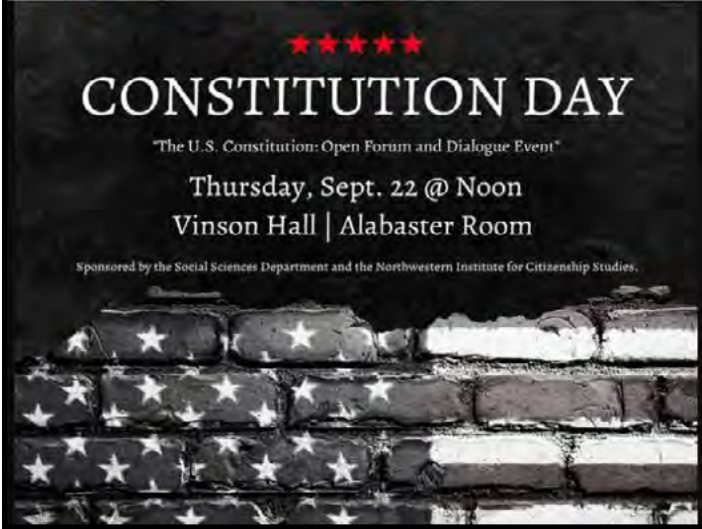
Happy Wednesday!

If you are struggling with Wellness come see us in Ryerson Hall 108 and we can connect you with resources!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 September 20 · 🌐

Constitution Day at #NWOSU is Thursday, Sept. 22, at noon in the Vinson Hall Alabaster Room. Admission is free and open to all.
 Full story 📄 <https://bit.ly/3Rdfg1f>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics
 September 19 · 🌐

Ranger Volleyball Takes Three GAC Player of the Week Awards
 #RRR



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 September 20 · 🌐

Upcoming resume building workshop: FREE & Open to ALL #NWOSU students!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 September 20 · 🌐

A little fun and games happening on the intramural field and tennis courts area now courtesy of NWOSU SGA. A basketball and some tennis rackets are available for anyone wanting to check out the new area. There are 8 pickle ball courts!



Thanks Jonathan Kratz, graduate coordinator, from the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work for presenting about the exciting opportunities of a MSW degree.



17 student teachers complete assignments

Students leave Northwestern with the knowledge to succeed in a particular field. In the fall semester, 17 senior education students received their student teaching assignments and were placed in area schools to gain hands-on experience.

The students returned to campus for seminars in October and November with their exit interviews in December. Graduation and the education pinning ceremony were held on Dec. 4.

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

Agriculture Education – Mackena Tennyson of Yukon, Hydro-Eakly High School

Early Childhood Education – Angela Egger of Williamsville, Illinois, Longfellow Elementary School (Alva); Erin Lewis of Tonkawa, Ponca City Early Childhood Center

Elementary Education – Sarah Averill of Norman, Fairview Elementary School; Paytan Hodgson of Ponca City, Newkirk Elementary School; Allie Hufford of Arvada, Colorado, Longfellow Elementary School (Alva); Hannah Mosburg of Beaver, Forgan Elementary School; Beret Watters of Marysville, Washington, Newkirk Elementary School; Susannah Welty of Modesto, California, Lincoln Elementary School (Alva)

English Education – Tyler Callaway of Enid, Waukomis High School; Jayden Dillon of Helena, Woodward High School; Lacey Navarro of Perry, Chisholm High School; Camille Soderstrom of Dewey, Alva Middle School

Health and Sports Science Education – Tanner Clarkson of Platte City, Missouri, Washington Early Childhood Center (Alva); Jean Dodds of Enid, Drummond Schools; Simeon Shepherd of Tonkawa, Newkirk Elementary School

Mathematics Education – Juan Licea of Gonzales, Texas, Alva High School

Teacher candidates were able to find free and “new” professional outfits from the Teacher’s Closet to help tran-

sition their wardrobe to professional dress.

For more information on Northwestern’s teacher education program or to donate gently used or new clothing to benefit young professionals contact Dr. Jen Oswald, associate professor of education and chair of the Division of Education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu.



Social Work receives Potts Family Foundation Gift

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

Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work, said that the funds from this gift will provide continued sup-

port for a focus on infant health through education, workforce development, multi-disciplinary collaboration and advocacy for best practices.

port for a focus on infant health in the curriculum. The department also will be able to use the funds to join the Oklahoma Association for Infant Mental Health, which promotes awareness, understanding and excellence in infant and early childhood mental health

through education, workforce development, multi-disciplinary collaboration and advocacy for best practices. Rehder added that the department is honored to be supported by the Potts Family Foundation, whose mission is to provide support for sustainable early childhood initiatives and nonprofit capacity building.

Rehder added that the department is honored to be supported by the Potts Family Foundation, whose mission is to provide support for sustainable early childhood initiatives and nonprofit capacity building. "The social work program is focused on developing professionals able to support the healthy social-emotional development of infants, toddlers and their families," Rehder said.

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



(Left) Harlie Altland, freshman social work major, and Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work, accept the Potts Family Foundation gift.

NWOSU Division of Education 17m · 🌐

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Zombie Prom comes to Northwestern campus

More than 30 people were in rehearsals, building set and getting costumes and stage props ready for the Northwestern's Reichenberger Fine Arts Department's production of "Zombie Prom" in October.

According to the Concord Theatricals website, the following is part of the show's plot and history:

"'Zombie Prom' is an off-Broadway musical with music by Dana P. Rowe and a book and lyrics by John Dempsey. The musical is set in the atomic 1950s at Enrico Fermi High, where the law is laid down by a zany, tyrannical principal. Pretty senior Toffee has fallen for the class bad boy. Family pressure forces her to end the romance, and he charges off on his motorcycle to the nuclear waste dump. He returns glowing and determined to reclaim Toffee's heart. He still wants to graduate, but most of all he wants to take Toffee to the prom. The principal orders him to drop dead while a scandal reporter seizes on him as the freak du jour. History comes to his rescue while a tuneful selection of original songs in the style of 50s hits keeps the action rocking across the stage."

Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts chair, served as the director and lighting designer of the musical while Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and instructor of music, was the music director. Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager, Caleb Kaiser, instrumental music freshman from Enid, and Delaney Lambert, English junior from Alva, served as the choreography team. Jordan also created the set/prop design and joined Weast in working on costuming. Lisa Turner,

speech and theatre sophomore from Alva, was the Stage Manager while members of the student campus organization Castle Players served as the House Management team. Members of the theatre production classes helped to build the set and prepare lighting. Jerad Bradt with BOSS Music was the sound technician.

Jordan said costuming this show was a treat, where everyone (both living and dead) gets to look their best. The theatre students have used old high school yearbooks to create various looks for the characters.

"We have pulled so much from our campus costume shop and used true vintage clothing for this production," Jordan said. "Northwestern employees and the local community have been such a great help in finding period-appropriate formal for everyone. I especially love the petticoats and full skirt dresses. I am really pleased with how things shaped up; all of the fun mid-century clothing looks great on everyone!"

Cast members for this production included the following:

Gabriel Bussinger of Woodward, freshman speech and theatre major; Jade Campbell of Woodward, freshman instrumental music major; Kenzi Cronkhitte of Enid, freshman vocal music education major; Levi Crumpton of Cushing, freshman vocal music education major; Alan Garcia of Beaver, sophomore biology-health science major; Sam Grinder of Sayre, junior vocal music education major; Jameson Hale of Elk City, sophomore vocal music education major; Kylee Harzman of Alva, junior criminal justice-law enforcement major; Kevin Jaquez of Enid, freshman vocal music education major; Sadrie Overall of Wakita, senior biology major; Emily

Smith of Harrah, junior vocal music education major; Bethany Towns of Alva, sophomore psychology major; Jerilynn Wilkins of Pima, Arizona, junior vocal performance major; Donovan Winkles of Alva, freshman computer science major; Emily Wright of Cheyenne, freshman mass communication major; and Kaiser.

The tech crew included the following:

Dorothy Benton of Enid, freshman business administration major; Lilith Ferrero of Alva, junior speech and theatre major; Maegan Holson of Waynoka, sophomore psychology major; Kelsy Martinez of Woodward, freshman undecided major; John Snyder of Oklahoma City, freshman history major; Rubi Tena of Woodward, freshman instrumental music major; Rosa Vargas of Lahoma, freshman social science education major; and Turner.

For more information about the theatre program, contact Weast at (580) 327-8462 or kkweast@nwsu.edu or Jordan at (580) 327-8458 or mojordan@nwsu.edu.

For additional information about the theatre program, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/speech-and-theatre>. More about all facets of the Reichenberger Fine Arts Department may be found at www.nwsu.edu/fine-arts.



Cast members rehearse choreography for a scene from the musical "Zombie Prom" at Northwestern.

Interest meetings held for Study Abroad trip

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

Spend 11 days abroad, earn college credit, and experience something new. In the British Isles, the bindings of culture and history are as strong as King Arthur's sword. As travelers zip across the landscapes that knights spent centuries battling for, it all comes into focus. Participants will see where ties were broken and kingdoms were defended. English works everywhere the group goes, but the jam-packed adventure will leave group members fluent in everything British Isles.

Some items on the itinerary in-

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

Six opportunities were available during the semester to learn more about the Northwestern Summer 2023 Study Abroad Trip.

To learn more about the trip including dates, pricing and payment plans, visit www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad.

[nwosu.edu/study-abroad](http://www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad).

Dr. Jenny Sattler, chair of the Department of Natural Science and associate professor of physics, and Dr. Leslie Collins, chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing and associate professor of nursing, are the group leaders for this next study abroad adventure. For more information contact Sattler or Collins at Incollins@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8489.



England, Ireland and Wales
NWOSU Summer 2023





ENROLL NOW to secure your spot and rate.
Enroll at: efst.com/2484578NP
Questions: email Dr. Jenny Sattler at jasattler@nwosu.edu





NWOSU Theatre is at Ryerson Hall.
September 23 - Alva -

"That boy really loves you, it's written all over what's left of his face!"
At last week's Castle Players Club meeting, members tried their hand at creating ghoulish makeup designs for the character of teenage nuclear zombie- Jonny Warner. The exercise led conversations about types of make up, application techniques, and promoting our upcoming production of *Zombie Prom!*

These students are quite a creative bunch!
To see what Jonny's final make up design turns out to be, make plans to attend *Zombie Prom* October 6, 7, & 8!
Advanced tickets are available in the Linktree in our bio.

The next Castle Players Club Meeting will be held this coming Monday, September 26, in Ryerson Hall room 327!
We hope you'll join and come create with us!

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosufinearts #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #theatreclub #musicaltheatre #zombiepromthemusical #zombieprom #theatremakeup #theatrestudent #theatrestudies #theatrebizarre #theatrelife #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #theatrekid #theatrearts #theatreartist #theatrelove #theatrekids #theatreeducation #theatremajor #theatreproduction #zombie #theatretch #theatreteacher #zombiemakeup #theatreworkshop #comecreatewithus

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 29 · 🌐

UPDATE:
Change of location -- Education Center, room 109.

Motivational speaker, author & Northwestern alum [Willie Spears](#) will speak at the #NWOSU FCA's next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Open to all Northwestern students/employees, & the public is welcome to attend.
[The Willie Spears Experience](#)
[www.williespears.com](#)

NWOSU Opioid Prevention
September 23 · 🌐

Whether it's you, a family member, a friend, or someone in the community looking to stop using substances, educating yourself is a great first step! 🟢

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

Despite what we know is true, studies show people still face discrimination and stigma that can impact their health and well-being in numerous ways.

Check out this article for more information! <https://okimready.org/education/#people-first-language>

#nwosuopioidprevention

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 23 · 🌐

Students are learning a lot as they prepare for the musical "Zombie Prom" set for Oct. 6-7 at 7 pm and Oct. 8 at 2 pm.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 23 · 🌐

Tasha Diesselhorst is the head women's basketball coach (starting her 7th year here at #NWOSU) and also teaches a Wellness Concepts course in the fall.

She comes from a long line of coaches in her family. Her dad, mom, sister, aunt, two uncles, and both grandpas were all coaches. Her grandpa Kramer has a football field named after him in Balko, OK and her dad has a basketball court named after him in Burlington, OK.

When Tasha was in high school, her dad was her head coach and her mom was her assistant coach. She's been coaching for 16 years, nine years at Pond Creek-Hunter High School and the last seven at NWOSU.

"I love that my family is involved in my career. My favorite thing about coaching is my relationship with my girls. I love watching them grow into successful young women and they become family for life."

We appreciate all she does for our Lady Ranger basketball team every day. She's our "Ranger to Know" for this week. 🏀🏀

Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
September 24 · 🌐

Yesterday afternoon our WLAB members represented #NWOSU in the Woodward High School's Homecoming Parade. The candy and balloons may not have made it to the end of the road, but as you can see-- everyone had a blast! 🎉🍬🎈

#RRR #paradelife #woodwardcampus #WLAB

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
September 29 · 🌐

The Enid Leadership Council will have its next meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd.

See what we're all about during our Fall 2022 Meetings

Enid Leadership Council

Dates: 10/03, 11/07
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Room 124

Optional: Zoom Attendance

- Go to www.zoom.com
- Select "Join a Meeting"
- Meeting ID: 424 139 2948

Becky Noel MacKay
September 26 · 🌐

Have you noticed the beautiful artwork adorning the sidewalks on campus? If so, you have Dr. Sattler's astronomy class to thank for the view. In order to visualize the distance between the planets in our solar system, the astronomy students drew planets using sidewalk chalk with the distance between each to scale. These planets span from the Science Building all the way to the library and are definitely worth a trip to see! Plus, who doesn't want to learn a little more about space?!

Dena Walker
2h · 🌐

First Gen Club

Who are we?
The first generation of people in our families to attend a college or a university and those who stand with first-gen.

What is the purpose of this club?
To unite first generation college students and empower them to achieve their post-secondary educational goals. Also to create connections to support networks and other available resources.

Highlights:

- National First Generation Day- Nov. 8th
- First Generation College Celebration Day- Nov. 17th
- Meetings scheduled for Fridays at 12:30PM
- No dues at this time


Questions? Contact:
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 27

"Going to nursing school in Enid and now working at the hospital here has helped me stay a part of the community I grew up in. I'm glad I can care for patients here and give back to people in my town." -Baleigh Petree

We're super proud of our #NWOSU alumna Baleigh! 🥰

"I think it was easier for me to find a good job after graduation because I had a bachelor's in nursing. All the hospitals in northwest Oklahoma know that nurses who come out of NWOSU's program are well-trained and ready to practice."
- Baleigh Petree



RUSO

Regional University System of Oklahoma
September 20

Everyone is nervous on their first day of a new job. But Baleigh Petree says **Northwestern Oklahoma State University** provided all the tools and training to skillfully care for patients from the very first day she set foot in a hospital. <https://www.ruso.edu/single-post/baleigh-petree-registered-nurse-graduate-nwosu>

Other blogs from RUSO are available about NWOSU alums by clicking [here](#).

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
September 29

Northwestern Junior and Senior BSN students are a big presence at the ONA Student Bootcamp in Tulsa Oklahoma! #ona #2022onaconvention #celebrateona



NWOSU TRIO-SSS
September 29

Join us for a fun and informative event!
#WWYB #RRR

FAFSA PREP WORKSHOP

Thurs. Sept. 29th

contact 580-327-8120, RH 108, or trio-sss@nwosu.edu for more info




- 5-6pm in Library Annex with Student Support Services
- Prizes for winners in Trivia
- Free Admission

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
September 28

Check out this mini one-day conference for music educators in the #NWOSU Student Center Ranger Room on Sept. 30!

"We started this last year to answer a need to provide professional development opportunities to teachers in our region. Our location is much easier than driving to OKC or Tulsa." -Dr. Karsten Longhurst

Register here <https://forms.gle/C4YPzCNLRMLJfy8m8>

BUILDING OUR MUSIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY

Friday, 30 September
9 AM - 2:30 PM at NWOSU

Northwestern
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY




Schedule

- 8:30 AM - Workshops and Lunch Break
- 9:00 AM - Registration
- 10:00 AM - Building a Culture of Community in the Classroom
- 12:00 PM - Lunch
- 1:00 PM - Tips to make your life easier in the choral classroom

Alex Rivera
Choir Director
Bartlesville High School
Formerly, Bartlesville MS

Tiffany McGrew
Director of Choral Music
Deer Creek Public Schools
7th - 12th Grade

Karsten Longhurst
Director of Choral Music
NWOSU
Former HS and MS teacher

For Registration & Info, email krlonghurst@nwosu.edu

Registration Deadline
Wed, September 29

FINE ARTS
CONFERENCE

Becky Noel MacKay
September 28

Last week, Dr. MacKay's ecology lab ran line transects to compare biodiversity within and outside of the alabaster caverns! After data collection, the students were sure to do a little extra exploring, finding a small creek and amazing geological formations deep inside one of the cave, and they even stumbled across a small bat (see last week's featured species for more information)!



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Concert choir open to students, employees, public

Northwestern's music program once again welcomed members of the public and anyone from the university to participate in the Concert Choir. Rehearsals were Monday evenings in the J.W. Martin Library Annex.

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral music, welcomed community members, alumni to sing with the students.

Three separate sessions were open to everyone interested in all surrounding communities at no cost. The first session, "Cantate," was held Aug. 23 - Oct. 18. The second session, "Holiday Session," was Oct. 24 - Dec. 3. The "Masterworks Session," began Jan. 9, 2023, which was the first Monday of the spring 2023 semester.

The first concert, "Cantate," featured works from musical theatre, the Renaissance, Africa, and more, took place on Oct. 18 at the First Baptist Church of Alva. The second concert, "Holiday Session," was a joint concert with the university band at the Holiday Gala Concert on Dec. 3 in Herod Hall. The third concert, "Masterworks Sessions," will take place on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. More information about each concert will be later.

"Concert Choir is an opportunity for people in all walks of life to come and be a part of the experience of making beautiful music," said junior Emily Smith, a vocal music education major from Harrah. "With such a friendly and hardworking atmosphere, so many new connections are made and hearts are filled. Personally, it is so cool to see the camaraderie between the 'choir vets' helping others who are on the beginner side of music and then witnessing their growth from when they first joined Concert Choir."

For more information about the Concert Choir, contact Longhurst at (580) 327-8662 or krlonghurst@nwsu.edu.

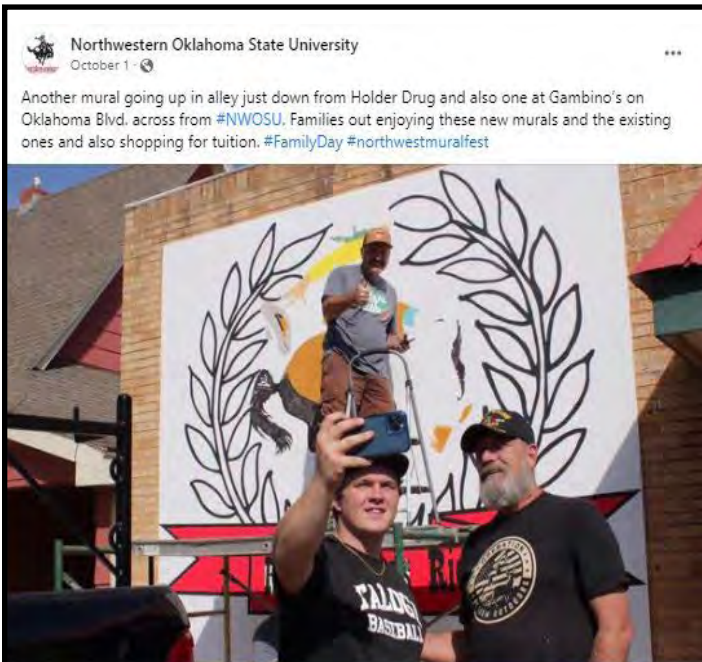
For additional information about the choral and vocal studies program, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/>

[school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/choral-and-vocal-studies](https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/choral-and-vocal-studies). More about all facets of the Reichenberger Fine Arts Department may be found at www.nwsu.edu/fine-arts.



Victoria Moreira, adjunct instructor and flautist, performs with the university concert choir at the Holiday Gala held in December. Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music, accompanies the choir on piano as Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choirs, conducts the group.





Night sights

Northwest Oklahoma's dark, pristine skies perfect for stargazing

By Ruth Ann Replogle

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FREEDOM, Okla. — The stars. The moon. The planets. Meteors and comets. The Milky Way. Unidentified flying objects.

The night sky has an amazing array of things to view, but it's not always easy when you're in an area where there are lights everywhere to dim your stargazing.

Fortunately, Oklahoma is home to some of the most pristine dark skies in the United States, void of light pollution. Black Mesa State Park outside Kenton is the only location in the state that ranks a 1 on the Bortle Dark Sky Scale.

"Dark skies are a real value. They attract tourism from all over," said Bobette Doerrie during her stargazing and astrotourism presentation at Red Carpet Country's tourism conference in August at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Doerrie cited that the annual Okie-Tex Star Party every fall at Black Mesa draws visitors from around the world, including Australia and Europe.

Doerrie, who formerly taught at NWOSU-Woodward as sciences professor (biology, chemistry, earth and space science, physics and astronomy), is a member of Starcreek Astronomical Society.

Starcreek regularly meets the second Saturday of every month either in Woodward or at the Selman Living Lab (SLL) located southwest of Freedom. SLL is a field station for the University of Central Oklahoma to do biological research and study in conjunction with the Department of Wildlife Conservation. SLL also

is an observatory site featuring two astronomy domes, several program-mable telescopes, and a teaching facility as well as bunkhouses.

"It has a stunning landscape. There are so many research opportunities out there," said Gloria Caddell, SLL's director and UCO's dean of math and science. Her husband, Bill Caire, is the one who set up the living lab in 1998 after Betty Selman of the historical Selman Ranch donated the land surrounding the Selman Caves.

A memorandum of understanding was established between Starcreek Astronomical Society and UCO through Steven Maier, who was then the physics professor at NWOSU and is now Northwestern's dean of faculty.

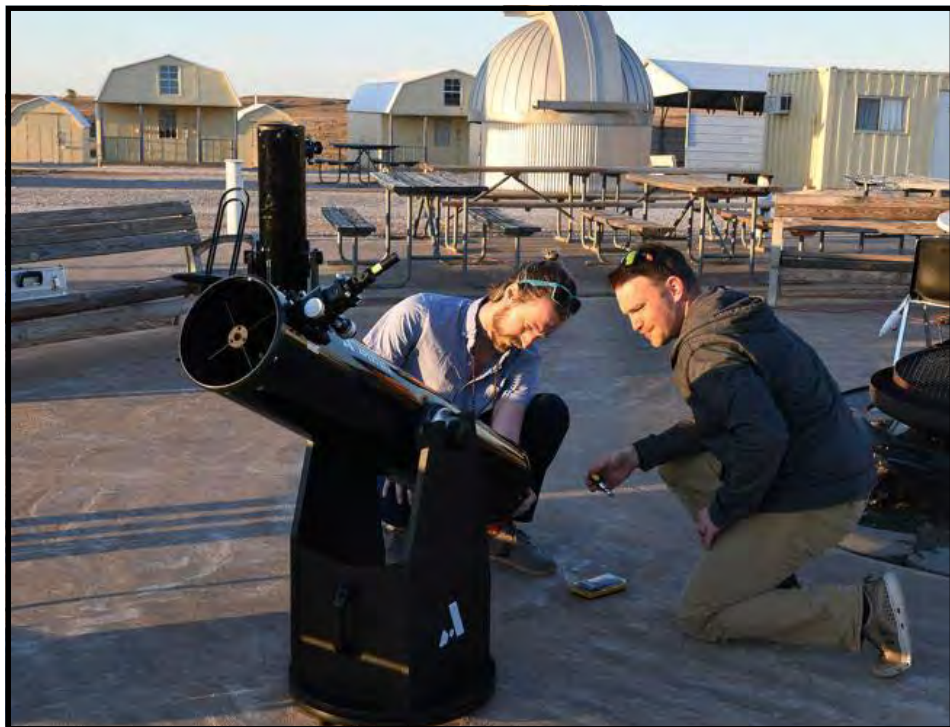
SLL isn't quite as void of light pollution as Black Mesa, but it's pretty close, Doerrie said. The skies above SLL and the nearby Alabaster Cav-

erns State Park are a 2 on the Bortle Dark Sky Scale. Other locations in the state that are ranked a 2 include Gloss Mountains State Park near Fairview and Southeastern Oklahoma in the Choctaw Nation near Talimena State Park and the Ouachita Mountains.

"It's an amazing countryside," Doerrie said of the gypsum hills surrounding the Selman Living Lab. She and her husband Jerome currently live in the Texas Panhandle, but return to Northwest Oklahoma often to meet with fellow stargazers.

Late September into early October is a fantastic time to view the night sky in Oklahoma, according to the experts. Starcreek Astronomical Society recently co-hosted a star party at the Selman Living Lab with Kansas Astronomical Observers, out of the Wichita, Kan., area. Oklahoma City Astronomy Club hosted its 39th an-

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David Vaughn and Jake Cook set up a telescope at the Selman Living Lab near Freedom Sept. 25, 2022. Photo by Billy Hefton, used with permission of Enid News & Eagle

Night sights....

nual Okie-Tex Star Party at Camp Billy Joe outside Kenton this past week.

Astrophotographer David Gaede said the best time to spot the Milky Way this fall is Oct. 15-28.

“You have to be away from the city lights and look to the south,” he advised. If you can’t travel to one of the dark skies’ locations aforementioned, Gaede recommended going at least 20 miles out of town to ensure less light pollution.

A storm chaser for Channel 8 in Tulsa, Gaede has been an observer and videographer of the Oklahoma skies for nearly 50 years. He grew up in Duncan, but has lived in Owasso the last three decades. His passion turned to astrophotography in 2018, and several of his photos have appeared in the magazine Oklahoma Today. His favorite site for capturing shots of the Milky Way is the Gloss Mountains.

Astronomers strongly recommend planning ahead when going out stargazing, using these tips:

- Watch the weather forecast. You can’t see anything if it is cloudy or raining. And you don’t want to be in the desert when thunderstorms are rolling through due to flash flooding, Gaede said.

- Track the moon phases. The moon can wipe out your visuals of the starry sky and the Milky Way, Gaede said. He suggested downloading the PhotoPills app (photopills.com) to figure out current positions of the sun, moon and Milky Way.

- Get a star chart. You can download the SkyView app (there is a free “lite” version) to learn planets and constellations in real time by holding up your smartphone to the sky. You also can go to skymaps.com and print them

off for free each month, Doerrie said.

- Have the right gear. Sure, you can witness the majestic evening sky with the naked eye, but it’s helpful to have a zoom with a smartphone, camera, binoculars or telescope. Cover a flashlight with a red cloth or taillight tape since red light protects your night vision.

- Get familiar with your location in the daylight, especially if you’re going off the beaten path, so you know how to find it in the dark.

“Use Google Maps and pin it,” Gaede said.

- Safety first. Pack a first aid kit, jumper cables and bug spray. If you’re going alone, let someone else know your schedule and coordinates, or download a tracker app to your and their smartphone such as Life360. And dress warmly as temperatures drop after the sun goes down.

- Join a group. Starcreek Astronomical Society of Northwest Oklahoma has members ranging in age, hometown and experience, but all have a passion for the night sky. Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Wichita all have astronomy clubs, too.

“We are always looking for a better view,” said Bobette Doerrie’s husband, Jerome. The advantage of joining an astronomy club means you have someone to sit around and talk with and share your observations with.

Enid’s own Jake Cook has been gazing into the universe for over 10 years and tried to find an astronomy club locally but discovered many were disbanded. He finally surfed NASA’s website in search of one and stumbled upon Starcreek through the Night Sky Network. He officially became a member this past summer.

Cook said he chose Starcreek because of “how friendly they were and they were the closest club to me.” He encouraged anyone in the Enid area remotely interested in the night sky to consider attending a Starcreek meeting or star party.

To learn more about how to join Starcreek Astronomical Society, go to starcreek.org. Annual membership is \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families.

For Fred Gassert, a longtime member of Kansas Astronomical Observers, his interest in stargazing exploded while he was serving as a Girl Scout leader for his daughters’ troop. After the local Girl Scouts camp purchased new telescopes and started an astronomy club, the camp director asked him to assist since he was allegedly the astronomy expert (since he knew something about telescopes), Gassert said, laughing.

“Fred’s gone from looking at the stars to building telescopes,” chimed in fellow Kansas stargazer Richard Meredith. The two of them met the Doerries and other Starcreek members at an Okie-Tex Star Party years ago.

“How far do you want to go?” Meredith asked. Haley’s Comet spurred his astronomical interest in the 1980s and he found his way to Lake Afton Public Observatory outside Goddard, Kan. That led him to join Kansas Astronomical Observers.

Kansas Astronomical Observers costs \$20 a year and includes membership to the Astronomical League; go to kaowichita.com for more information.

The heavens above are waiting for you to step out and notice.

“You can see pictures of the Grand Canyon, but wouldn’t you rather go to the Grand Canyon yourself?” Gassert said.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
1h · 🌐

The Application Cycle for the 2023 Traditional BSN Cohort and the 2023 BSN-to-DNP Cohort is now open!!!

Check out the website for the BSN Program Cohort at [https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing/bachelor-of-science-in-Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing](https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing/bachelor-of-science-in-Northwestern-Oklahoma-State-University-Division-of-Nursing)

Check out the website for the BSN-to-DNP Program cohort at <https://www.nwosu.edu/graduate-studies/bsn-to-dnp>

APPLY NOW!

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nwosu_democrats Today's the day! Come get registered to vote at ranger registration!

Help filling out the form is available!

Enrollment on the rise at Northwestern

Northwestern officials have announced an increase in student enrollment for the fall 2022 semester.

With a freshman class of 337, freshman numbers grew by 20.8 percent, with a total enrollment of 1,849 students. Northwestern saw an increase of 3.4 percent in student population and concurrent increased by 17.7 percent.

“We are so proud of our recruiters and employees for their hard work,” Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, said. “There is a national trend of decreasing student population in higher education, and we are actively working against these statistics.

“Northwestern continues to provide a great education at an economical price, which gives students the opportunity to earn their degree.”

Northwestern’s Woodward and Enid campuses also provide opportunities for those in regions outside of Alva. Woodward experienced a 9.3 percent increase with a total number of 153 students. Enid saw a minimal decrease of 1.8 percent in headcount but had an increase of 1.8 percent in credit hours.

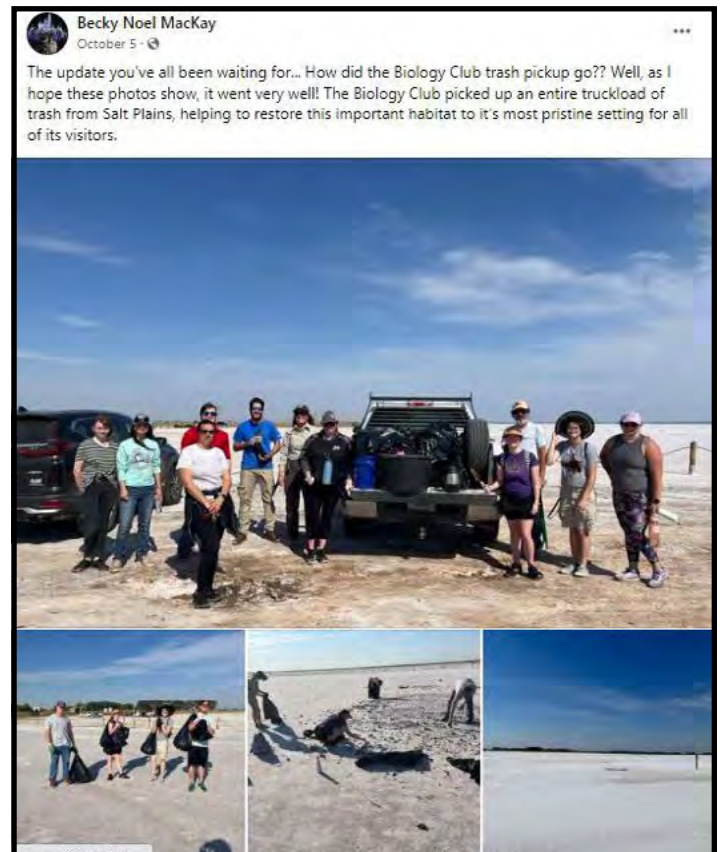
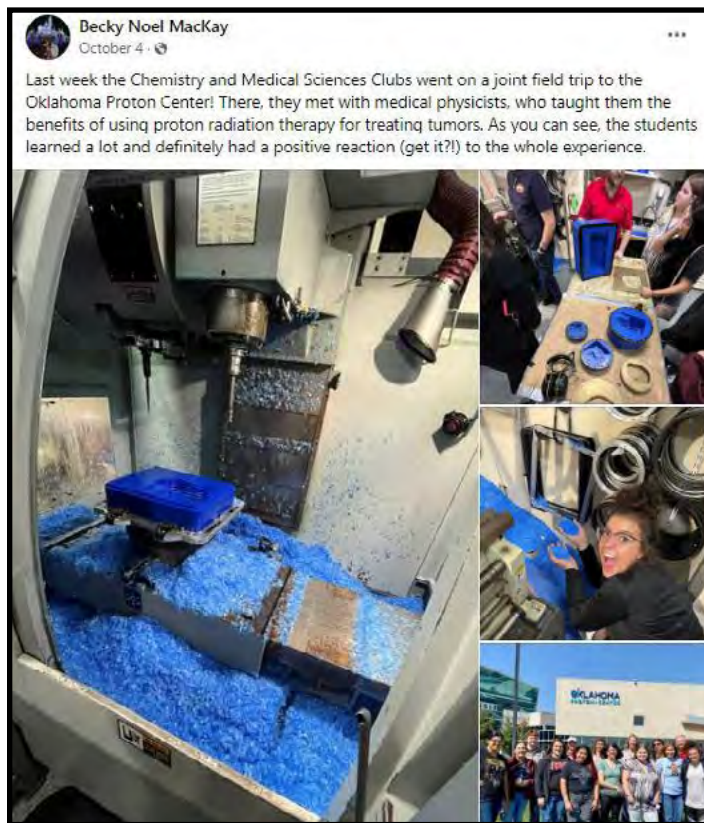
Northwestern provides coursework in Alva, Enid, Woodward and the University Center in Ponca City, as well as many online options. Through these offerings, students can begin their degree or complete a degree that has already been started.

Along with positive enrollment numbers, Northwestern

also achieved high employment outcomes upon graduation from a report produced by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Northwestern ranks at 90.5 percent, meaning 90.5 percent of Northwestern graduates stay employed within the state of Oklahoma within five years of graduating.

“Not only do our students develop their careers and learn what they’re passionate about at Northwestern, we are seeing them remain in Oklahoma and become active citizens within their communities,” Hannaford said.

For more information about Northwestern, visit www.nwsu.edu or call (580) 327-1700.



Kilmer hired as Chief of Police

Dennis Kilmer has been hired as the chief of police at Northwestern.

The CLEET-certified Alva High School grad began working within the Oklahoma Department of Corrections at the Bill Johnson Correctional Center in Alva in 2000. He retired from that position in 2020.

After retirement, Kilmer worked as a police officer and school resource officer for the Waynoka Police Department before moving into the role as chief of police at Northwestern this fall.

“We are very excited to see Dennis join our team as the new chief of police,” said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management at Northwestern. “He has

come to us with great experience, and I believe this will help to continue our safe campus environment.”

Kilmer said he will be working toward a main goal throughout the year.

“While at Northwestern, I want to be visible and accessible to all students and staff on campus,” he said. “One of the best things about Northwestern is all the employees and students are very friendly.”

Northwestern’s campus po-

lice officers may be reached at (580) 327-8511 in Alva or (580) 213-3130 in Enid. Kilmer’s email address is dmkilmer@nwsu.edu.



Dennis Kilmer

Becky Noel MacKay
October 6 · 🌐

The Biology Club is definitely not the only club in town (or in the department for that matter)! The Medical Sciences Club has a meeting TONIGHT all about suturing. Trust me when I say it'll have you in stitches!

MEDICAL SCIENCES CLUB
SUTURING NIGHT

WHEN:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH @ 5 PM

WHERE:
SCIENCE AMPHITHEATER

WHAT WE'LL BE DOING
WE'LL BE HAVING OUR MEETING AND PRACTICING SUTURING!!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 7 · 🌐

Thank you Jim Booth for your generosity to #NWOSU!
The public is welcome to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication for the Jim Booth Training Room in Percefull Fieldhouse at 1 p.m. on Oct. 15 before the 2 p.m. football game vs SEOSU.
Military members and Veterans also will be honored at the game.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics
October 5 · 🌐

Northwestern Will Play Host to the Jim Booth Training Room Dedication and Military and Veterans Appreciation Day

OCTOBER 15TH 1:00 PM
JIM BOOTH CEREMONY / MILITARY & VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - 1:00 PM
@ PERCEFULL FIELDHOUSE

MILITARY & VETERANS DAY - 2:00 PM
@ RANGER FIELD

ALL MILITARY AND VETERANS ENTER GAME FREE

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Northwestern Will Play Host to the Jim Booth Training Room Dedication and Military and Veterans Appreciation Day - Northwestern Oklahoma State Athletics

NWOSU Division of Education
October 6 · 🌐

Children's Literature class leads Family Literacy at Parent Teacher Conferences
Service learning is fun!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
October 7 · 🌐

One last look at the 2022 Oklahoma Nurses Association Annual Convention and Nursing Student Bootcamp. Northwestern Nursing was a BIG presence, leaving a great impression on all who attended. Division Chair Dr Leslie Collins was re-installed onto the Association's Board of Directors. Dr Shelly Wells completed her term as the Association's president. It was a great conference, and we are already looking forward to the 2023 event!

NWOSU Division of Education
October 10 · 🌐

Professional Development led by Sarah Yauk of Buffalo about Observations and Evaluation when they become on Oklahoma Teacher.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 7 · 🌐

Garret Lahr is an assistant professor of business and the chair of the Division of Business. He's worked at #NWOSU for nearly five years.

Garret and his dad (Troy Lahr) farm and ranch west of Aline. Garret has been working with his dad in agriculture since he was very young. Garret says they are primarily cattle and have a cow-calf operation. They plant rye for grazing but do not cut any wheat. Garret's grandfather and great-grandfather also farmed and ranched in the area.

"I hope to stay in agriculture and involve my kids in the family business someday."

We appreciate all he does for our Division of Business every day and that's why he's this week's "Ranger to Know." 🌟

NWOSU Division of Education
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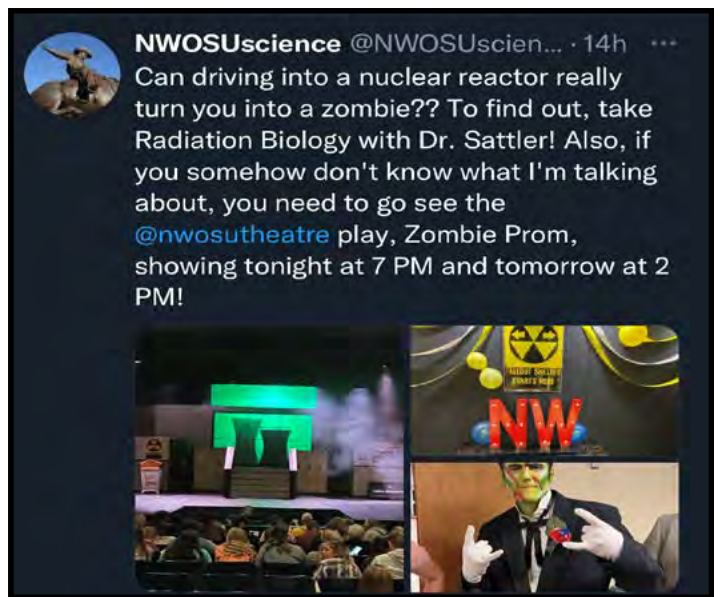
NWOSU students in Mrs. Foster's Children's Literature completed their community service project. They spent the evening sharing literacy activities with Longfellow Elementary students during Parent Teacher Conferences.

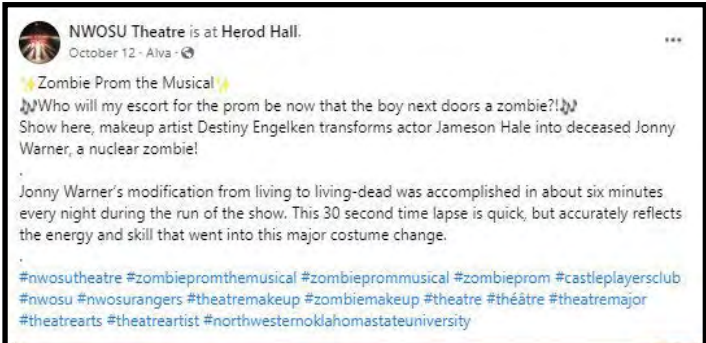
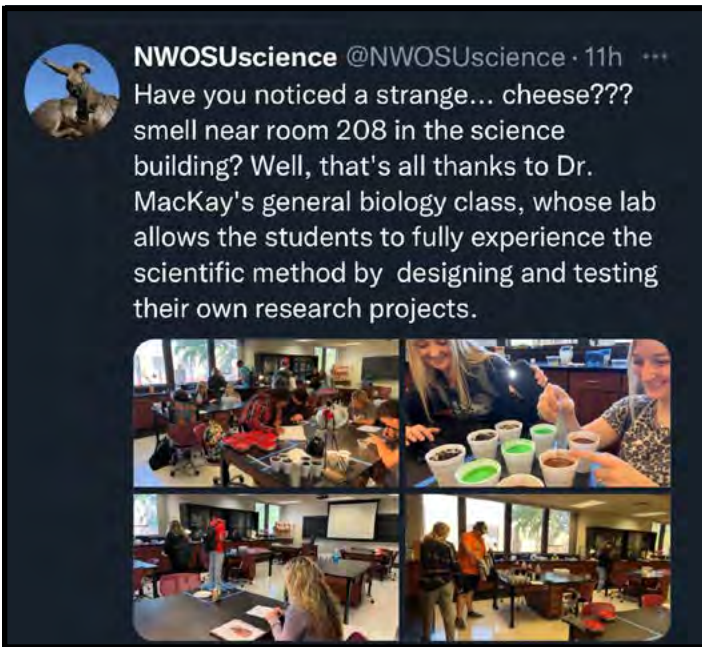
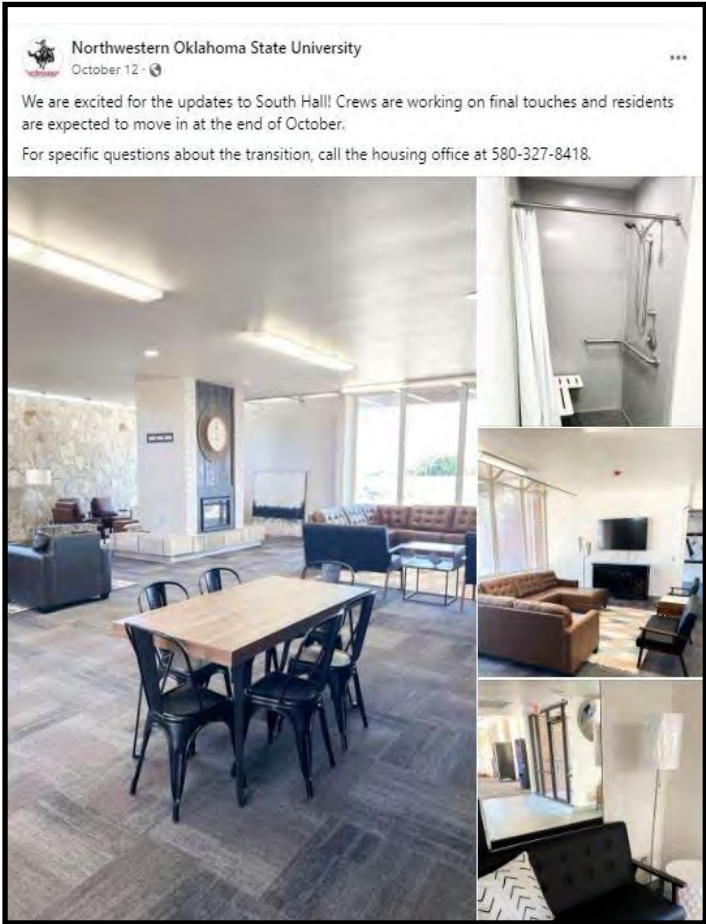


The Celtic band Poor Man's Gambit performed in Herod Hall Auditorium in October as part of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series. Hailing from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the band featured a trio of instrumentalists playing fiddle, button accordeon, guitar, bodhran and bouzouki, along with singing and dancing. With two of the members playing multiple instruments, Poor Man's gambit is well known for its ability to change instrumentation many times during a performance and offered several levels of usical depth to listening ears.



Student Lindsay Olson takes a moment to enjoy the weather and study outside Ryerson Hall





Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 17

Congrats to John Mazzuca & Rickki Delvecchio (Baseball), Brandon Brown (Basketball) & Coach Garin Higgins (Football) -- the newest inductees into the #NWOSU Sports Hall of Fame. Ceremonies to be Jan. 28, 2023. Read more: <https://bit.ly/35oeaJH>.



HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023
31ST HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2023

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 17

Education Career Fair at #NWOSU today from 10 a.m. to noon in the Student Center Ballroom. Education majors are welcome to attend and should be prepared to provide copies of resumes and cover letters. Open the public.



Becky Noel MacKay
October 17

Suture night really ap-peeled to some of the members of the biomedical sciences club! In fact, local veterinarian Dr. Cori Hoffman was so excited by the idea, he decided to make a guest appearance and lend his expertise for our students. I would certainly trust them to stitch me up, even if a few of them ate their patients afterwards.



NWOSU Department of Social Work
October 17

"Primp for Prom" dress drive on the Alva campus. Prom dresses, jewelry, and shoes are all being accepted. Drop off location: Wellness Center, October 18-November 18. Huge shoutout to Summer Verrill for organizing this event and thanks to all of our Northwestern partners



Northwestern DRESS DRIVE!

WHAT IS IT?

- Wondering what to do with your prom dresses, jewelry and shoes now? Join us for Northwestern's Social Work Department's dress drive! This drive will support the University's "Primp for Prom" event. Primp for Prom is an annual spring event for high school students in the Northwest Oklahoma/Tristate area to pick out formal attire and accessories at no charge!

INTERESTED JOINING US?

YOU CAN CONTACT THE CONTACT BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.

(405)962-8475
ssverrill52@rangers.nwosu.edu

When + Where?
Front Desk of the Wellness Center
October 18th-November 18th!

NWOSU Approved Student Services

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 17

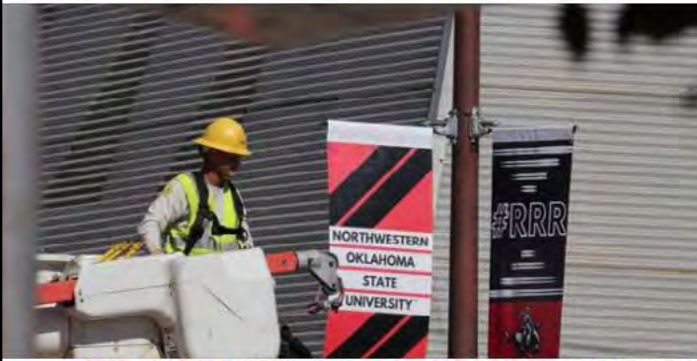

There was a nice turnout of attendees at the #NWOSU Jim Booth Training Room dedication ceremony Saturday in Percefull Fieldhouse. Many thanks to the Jim Booth Estate for its thoughtful contribution to the renovation to create an excellent facility to help our student-athletes.



Jim Booth TRAINING ROOM

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 18 · 🌐

It's beginning to look a lot like... HOMECOMING!
Crews providing community service from the City of Alva and OG&E worked toward hanging #NWOSU banners today around the downtown square and along College Blvd. leading up to the university helping the Homecoming Committee get 50 banners hung!
Homecoming is Nov. 3-5. Learn more at www.nwosu.edu/homecoming.

NWOSU TRIO-SSS
October 18 · 🌐

Join us tomorrow in the Student Center Ranger Room at 5!
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Share Medical Center - A St. Anthony Hospital Affiliate
8h · 🌐

This week our group of NWOSU Nursing students completed their clinical rotation at SMC! They spent their last day with us learning to start IVs and practicing their skills. We enjoyed having this group and seeing them progress throughout the rotation! SMC wishes them the best in their future nursing careers!






Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 20 · 🌐

Celebrate creative writing with our English program Friday during the Writing Marathon in downtown Alva, 9 a.m. to noon. Headquarters is the Graceful Arts Gallery with creative writing locations all around downtown!


WRITING MARATHON

DATE: OCTOBER 21ST

Time: 9am to 12pm

Location: Graceful Arts Center

"If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."
-Toni Morrison



Four awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarships

Four Northwestern seniors were awarded the 2022 Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Those awarded this semester are Jayden Dillon of Helena, English education; Juan Licea Jr. of Gonzales, Texas, mathematics education; Camille Soderstrom of Dewey, English education; and Susannah Welty of Modesto, California, elementary education.

Each semester the scholarships are awarded to

teacher candidates who are completing their professional semester.

Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Jennifer Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education, presented the students with their scholarships.

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation works primarily with children with language and/or reading disorders. Recipients are chosen by the 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 Oswald at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu.



Dr. James Bell (far right) and Dr. Jennifer Oswald (far left) awarded four students with the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship. The recipients are (left to right) Susannah Welty, Camille Soderstrom, Juan Licea Jr. and Jayden Dillon, all senior education students at Northwestern.



Becky Noel MacKay
October 19

Dr. MacKay's ecology class isn't going to let a little thing like freezing temperatures keep them from exploring Sandy Creek to find benthic macroinvertebrates! And hey, if there's a little extra time to play once the data is collect, what's the harm in that?

Helpful Resources

Three helpful Facebook pages are available from our NWOSU Counseling Services office:

Suicide Prevention- <https://www.facebook.com/NWOSU-Suicide-Prevention-107915781780938>

Stimulant Prevention- <https://www.facebook.com/NWOSU-Stimulant-Prevention-100450295874829>

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

NWOSU Opioid Prevention
October 21

Wondering what is the most important step you can take to prevent opioid addiction? 🤔

It's important to recognize that no one is safe from substance use disorder and that we all play a role in tackling the grip these drugs currently hold on our loved ones and communities.

Find more tips to prevent Opioid addiction below!

Visit: <https://okimready.org> for more information on sub#nwosuopioidprevention

Source: Mayo Clinic

#NwosuOpioidPrevention

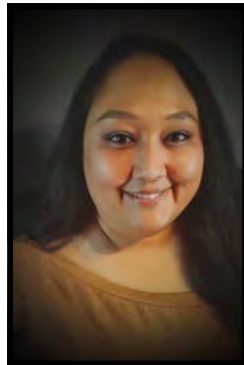
Steps To Prevent Opioid Addiction

- Opioids are safest when used for three or fewer days to manage acute pain, such as pain that follows surgery or a bone fracture. If you need opioids for acute pain, work with your doctor to take the lowest dose possible, for the shortest time needed, exactly as prescribed.
- If you're living with chronic pain, opioids are not likely to be a safe and effective long-term treatment option. Many other treatments are available, including less-addictive pain medications and nonpharmacological therapies. Aim for a treatment plan that makes it possible to enjoy your life without opioids, if possible.
- Help prevent addiction in your family and community by safeguarding opioid medications while you use them and disposing of unused opioids properly.

Social Work senior awarded CWPEP stipend

Northwestern's Department of Social Work announces Northwestern-Woodward senior Carolyn Reaves of Fort Supply as the stipend recipient of the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) for the 2022-2023 academic year.

CWPEP provides funds for students who plan careers in child welfare services in Oklahoma. The stipends are awarded to full-time students majoring in social work and provide money toward educational expenses to participating students. Students who receive the stipends complete educational internships in child welfare agencies within the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). Upon graduation, students are assured employ-



Carolyn Reaves

ment in the participating DHS programs.

"I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to advance my professional skills in the area of child welfare," Reaves said. "A career to make a real difference in the lives of children and families is the reason I went into social work."

CWPEP is a Title IV-E partnership between the University of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Council, and Social Work Education (CSWE) in accredited social work programs in Oklahoma.

The University of Oklahoma manages the child welfare consortium. Other

partners along with Northwestern include East Central University and Oral Roberts University.

Funding for the educational program is provided by Title IV-E of the social security act, called the Child Welfare Training program.

"The social work program is proud to administer the CWPEP program and play an essential role in securing and retaining quality social workers in the public child welfare system," Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair, CWPEP coordinator, and professor of social work, said. "CWPEP at Northwestern has graduated 21 students, resulting in more than \$160,000 being awarded in educational assistance."

For more information on Northwestern's department of social work, contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 24

#NWSU Reach Higher: RECONNECT Week begins today!
We have extended our hours this week to make it more convenient for adults to come by our campus and talk to faculty and staff to get back on course to graduate!
For more information, click here nwsu.edu/reach-higher or here <https://bit.ly/3svWQaN>.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid
Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus

REACH HIGHER RECONNECT

NWSU RECONNECT AFTER-HOURS:

- Oct. 24-26: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 28: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Northwestern
IMAGINE YOUR FUTURE

Smith crowned 2023 Miss Northwestern

Emily Smith of Holdenville was named Miss Northwestern 2023 during the annual Miss Northwestern competition on Sunday, Oct. 23. Tristyn Burgess was crowned Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen 2023.

Smith, a junior vocal music education major, performed the vocal solo "Think of Me," and her platform is "Make Big Talk."

Burgess performed a contemporary acrobatic dance to "Crocodile Rock" by Elton John for the competition, and her platform is "Social Inclusion for Children with Disabilities."

Smith will receive a \$1,500 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship as Miss Northwestern. When Burgess attends college at Northwestern, she will receive a \$1,500 tuition scholarship as well.

Tierney Crissup of Alva, named Miss Northwestern's Star 2023, will accompany Smith to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Competition in Tulsa in June. Crissup is the daughter of Jesse and Janell Crissup of Alva.

Miss Northwestern's first runner-up is M'Cheila Rader, junior English major from Eudora, Kansas. She will receive a \$1,250 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship.

Second runner-up, Miss Northwestern People's Choice and top ad sales/patron donations is Jadyn Budig, senior chemistry and biology major from Shattuck. She will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship.

Third runner-up is Chloe Lehr, freshman secondary science education major from Alva. She will receive a \$750 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship.

Fourth runner-up is KD Mc-

Cleary, senior chemistry and biology major from Blackwell. She will receive a \$500 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship.

First runner-up for the teen category is Kya Carpenter of Cordell. Winner of the teen category for People's Choice Award is Mattilyn Bixler of Tonkawa.

Candidates for the Miss Northwestern title were judged on talent, red carpet (evening gown), private interview, and social impact and on-stage interview. Candidates in the Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen competition were judged on talent, private interview, lifestyle and fitness, and evening gown/on-stage question.

Ella Gibson, freshman psychology major from Pond Creek; Halea Locke, sophomore early childhood education major from Hooker; Madison McMahan, junior biology major from McAlester; Jordan Pierce, freshman biology major from Enid; Elisabeth Ridgway, sophomore biology major from Alva; Cora Beth Taylor, junior biology major from Kingfisher; Keeli

Truelove, freshman psychology major from Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Kaitlyn Vincent, freshman vocal music performance major from Grand Junction, Colorado; Rebecca Wagner, junior mass communication major from Pawnee; and Mikayla Webb, freshman early childhood education major from Seiling, also competed in the Miss Northwestern competition.

Abigail Miller of Pond Creek also competed in the teen contest.

Other candidates for the Miss Northwestern Star program included

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Emily Smith (left) was named Miss Northwestern 2023 during the annual Miss Northwestern competition on Sunday, Oct. 23. Tierney Crissup was named Miss Northwestern's Star 2023 (front row). Tristyn Burgess (right) was crowned Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen 2023.

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Smith crowned...

Cheney Berends of Shattuck, Mia Cueto of Laverne; Josie Feige of Pond Creek; Mila Franta of Alva; Whitlee Gaskill of Waynoka; Josephine Gaskill of Waynoka; Sutton Hansen of Alva; Tindler Mead of Alva; Brea Moffatt of Alva; Reese Mosburg of Alva; Lawson Ream of Alva; Carter Ream of Alva; Mona Redman of Goltry and Brooklyn Trout of Stillwater.



Miss Northwestern's candidates were (front row, left to right) Halea Locke; Cora Beth Taylor; Jady Budig, Miss Northwestern People's Choice, second runner-up, top ad sales/patron donations; Chloe Lehr, third runner-up; Emily Smith, Miss Northwestern 2023; M'Cheila Rader, first runner-up; KD McCleary, fourth runner-up; (back row, left to right) Kaitlyn Vincent; Mikayla Webb; Madison McMahan; Rebecca Wagner; Elisabeth Ridgway; Jordan Pierce; Keeli Truelove; and Ella Gibson.



Mass Comm junior earns OAB Scholarship

A Northwestern mass communication major received one of four \$1,000 scholarships from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters.

Cade Kennedy, Alva junior, accepted the award Oct. 5 at the annual Student Day Conference held in Oklahoma City at the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority studio and co-sponsored by the Oklahoma Broadcast Education As-

sociation. The program is live streamed on <https://www.twitch.tv/nwtv7> on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m., though the times can vary, and then posted to YouTube for later viewing. He has about 100 regular fans following his work.

Kennedy also works at the local radio station, KRDR 105.7, and has been a correspondent for KWOX 101.1 in Woodward for high school sports coverage.

Besides his podcast and radio work, Kennedy produces two sports pages each week for the student-produced Northwestern News.

Dr. Kaylene Armstrong, associate professor of mass communication, is his adviser at the newspaper.

excellent grades.”

Armstrong also attended the Student Day event and said she spoke with Harrison, who said the judging panel was extremely impressed with Kennedy’s work and ranked him high.

Each university is allowed to have only one student apply for the scholarship. Two other Northwestern mass communication students also attended the event: Allison Schieber, Okeene sophomore, and Colby Dalton, Amarillo, Texas, freshman. The day-long conference featured four panel discussions on media election coverage, corporate and non-profit video production, life after “news” and sports/new media.

The 2022 Student Day was the first since Covid-19 that forced the organizers to cancel the event for the last two years.

To learn more about Northwestern’s Communication Department, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/communication>.



Mass communication student Cade Kennedy (left) visits with Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters President Vance Harrison after receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from OAB.

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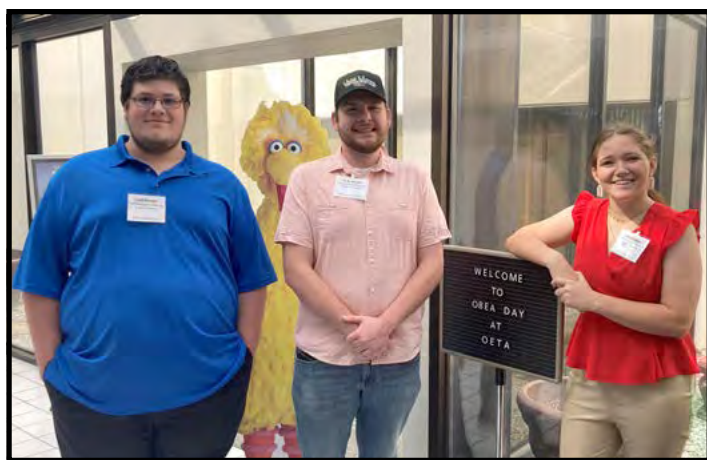
OAB President Vance Harrison presented the scholarship awards.

The scholarships are intended for communication students with a strong interest in broadcast. Kennedy has been producing a sports video podcast, *The Guys Who Stare at Stats*, usually twice a week, sometimes more often if breaking news occurs in the world of sports.

He started the podcast on Aug. 31, 2021, and has continued producing even during the summer. He has completed more than 80 episodes.

Kennedy has various co-hosts who participate on the podcast, but he is the main host of each epi-

“I’m really proud that Cade has been keeping his show going even though our department staffing has been in flux since summer, so he has had to do it on his own,” she said. “He really works hard at doing the best job possible, both for the newspaper and for his podcast. And through it all, he maintains



Northwestern students attending the annual Student Day in Oklahoma City are (from left) Cade Kennedy, Colby Dalton and Allison Schieber. The event was sponsored by the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association, along with the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority and the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters.

Over 100 students compete at regional Esports event

Northwestern Esports played host to the Oklahoma Scholastic Esports (OKSE) regional qualifier for Super Smash Brother Ultimate on Thursday, Oct. 27, where approximately 100 middle and high students were on the Alva campus.

These students from across

Oklahoma competed in the Esports Arena on the first floor of Shockley Hall.

Players used Nintendo Switches to play and earn points that go towards their year-long total to determine who gets to participate in the state championships held in the spring.

Schools scheduled to attend included Aline-Cleo, Arapaho-Butler, Blackwell, Canute, Clinton, Deer Creek-Lamont, Freedom, Guymon, Hammon, Laverne, Taloga, Texhoma and Watonga.

Evan Vaver-

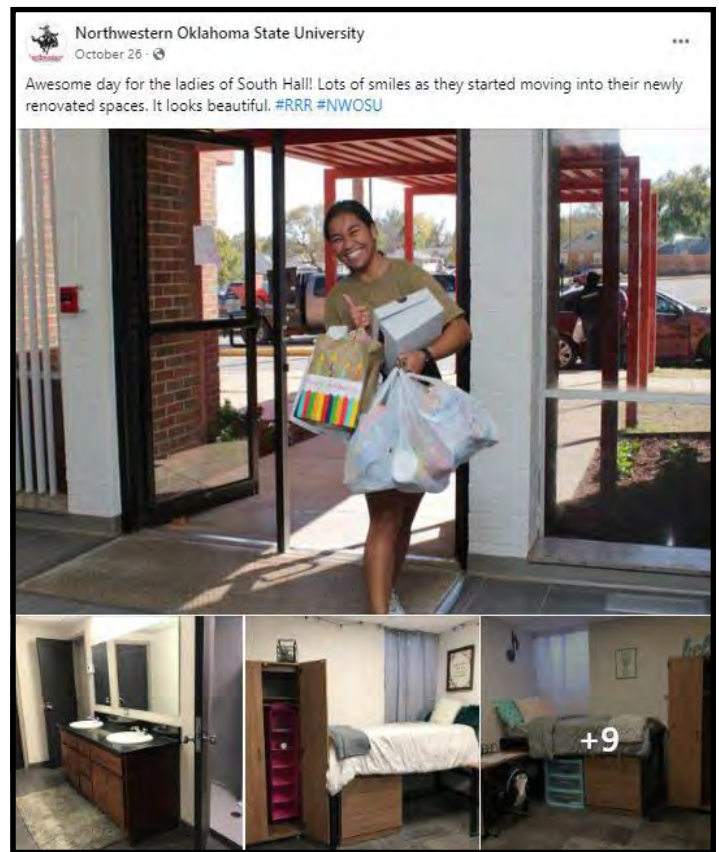
ka, director of Esports and instructor of computer science, said universities across the United States offer scholarships to compete in this video game, including Northwestern.

“When we built the Esports arena, we wanted to be able to host both high and middle schools in events here,” Vaverka said. “We were excited to be host this event for OKSE. There were many top players from around the state coming to play Super Smash Brothers Ultimate. We hoped to build bridges with these students and interest them in coming here as undergraduate students to play for us as well.”

For more information on Esports or scholarships for the program, contact Vaverka at (580) 327-8587 or epvaverka@nwosu.edu.



Students were able to use the new Esports arena for practice and events for both high school, middle school and collegiate events.



Retired educators award two scholarships

Two Northwestern education majors have been awarded scholarships from the Woods County Retired Educators Association (WCRE).

Recipients Kaleigh Henke, Alva freshman, and Mattie Ann Pitts, Waynoka junior, who are both majoring in early childhood education, accepted their awards from WCRE treasurer Thelma Crouch.

Henke was originally a theatre major but decided to take some time off to work and decide if that is what she wanted to do. After the birth of her daughter and watching her grow and learn new things, she realized

she could help and care for children, in the same way, every single day.

Pitts knew that she wanted to be a teacher since she was 5 years old. After graduation, she plans to teach in a rural school in northwest Oklahoma and turn her passion into a lifelong career.

To learn more about Northwestern's Division of Education, visit www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education or contact Dr. Jen Oswald, chair and associate professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwsu.edu.



Kaleigh Henke (left) and Mattie Ann Pitts (right) accept scholarships from the Woods County Retired Educators Association treasurer Thelma Crouch.



Ranger Preview held on Nov. 12; \$600 scholarship possible

Northwestern's annual Ranger Preview event for high school seniors was held Saturday, Nov. 12, in Percefull Fieldhouse on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

Any high school senior who attends a Ranger Preview event, is admitted to Northwestern as a full-time student at the Alva campus, and lives in Alva during the academic school year receives a \$600 scholarship.

Students began check-in at 9 a.m., and received a welcome and entered breakout sessions to complete applications. They

had the opportunity to visit with faculty members from academic departments, which gave prospective students more information about potential major options. Student organization representatives were also available so prospective students could learn more about becoming involved on campus. Tours were on-going through-

out the morning.

Attendees received a free t-shirt, and a free lunch in the Coronado Cafeteria. There were also inflatables and yard games for families to play.

Students were able to complete the application for admission as well as submit their scholarship application form.



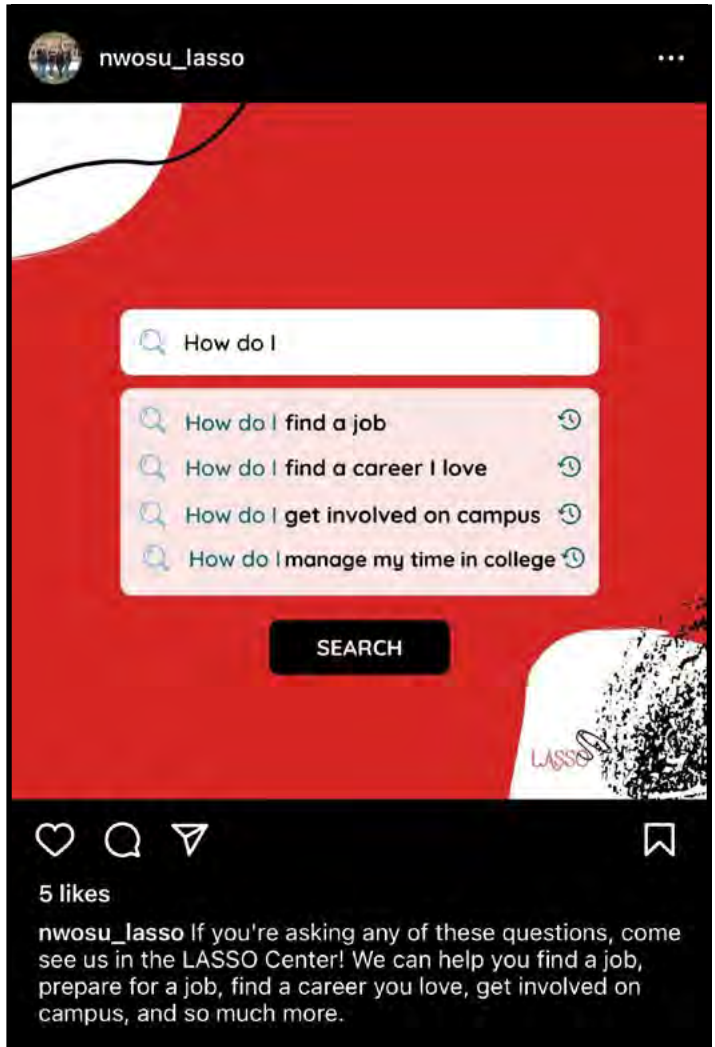
Above: Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services, assists a prospective student.



Calleb Mosburg, dean of students, addresses those in attendance at the 2022 Ranger Preview.



Left: Jeff McAlpin, instructor of sociology/criminal justice, has visitors at the Social Sciences information table.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
October 31 · 🌐

Help us vote!
Our NWOSU Enid students participated in a Sugar Skull Decorating Competition. Like, comment, and share your favorite sugar skull!
Sugar skulls are on display in the Enid Campus Commons so don't forget to vote in person as well!



Judging will run from 8AM on Monday, October 31st, until 3PM on Friday, November 4th.
The student with the most likes, comments, and shares on their photo will win the prize. All likes, comments, and shares must originate from the Facebook Album.
The winner will be announced on Monday, November 7th.
All sugar skulls will be on display in the Enid Campus Commons for in-person voting as well.

JUDGING

- 1) Go to Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus's Facebook Page (@NWOSUenid)
- 2) Go to Photos
- 3) Under Albums, select "2022 Día de los Muertos Competition"
- 4) Like, Comment, and Share your favorite Sugar Skull

Don't forget to vote in person!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 29 · 🌐

The final night of the #NWOSU Ranger Rodeo is underway the Woods County Fairgrounds Arena.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 29 · 🌐



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
October 29 · 🌐

If downtown Alva looks a bit brighter for Northwestern Homecoming this year, you can thank the Rangers In The Community (RITC) event attended by Northwestern faculty, staff, alumni and students, Ranger Connection classes, and Alva area community members. A partnership between the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association and the Alva Chamber of Commerce, this event provided time for painting crosswalks, cleaning windows and sweeping sidewalks and gutters. Thank you to the ROWDY Rangers for grilling a delicious lunch and for providing a heaping helping of Northwestern spirit. ❤️RRR❤️

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 29 · 🌐

Derek Trabcu is an instructor of education. In addition to teaching, he serves on various committees and is taking classes to obtain a doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction. As far as adventures, Derek has been skiing in Colorado, surfing in Costa Rica, zip-lining in St. Kitts and para-sailing in Mexico to name a few. Derek likes to blend his passion of history and geography when he travels.

"Having toured San Juan, Costa Rica, Spain, London, South Africa, the Caribbean, Barbados and many more destinations. This allowed me to bring history to life in the classroom when I taught at the elementary level."

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

Discover more interesting facts about Derek on our other social media channels. 🤖
Twitter @NWOSU1
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



Knedler serves as homecoming parade marshal

Dr. Mike Knedler was chosen to lead Northwestern's annual homecoming parade as its marshal starting on Saturday, Nov. 5, on Alva's downtown square.

Upon learning he was chosen as parade marshal, Knedler said Northwestern will always have a special place in his heart.

"I feel so honored to have been selected as this year's honorary parade marshal," Knedler said. "I'm looking forward to seeing my friends in Alva."

Knedler worked at Northwestern for 32 years (1983-2015). He started as an instructor in the Music Department, then became band director and chair of the department, and ultimately Dean of Arts and Sciences. In addition to classroom and administrative responsibilities, he also chaired the Homecoming committee for nine years and served as General Manager for the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series.

The Ponca City native also played a role in obtaining the first Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education and contributed to accreditation reports for the Higher Learning Commission. Knedler was also named as one of the 2016 Governor's Arts Awards recipients by the Oklahoma Arts Council.

"I will always be grateful for the opportunities I had at Northwestern," Knedler said. "I got to work with some fantastic faculty members, administrators and staff members who maintained a strong commitment to the institution and to their professions. I will always cherish the memory of my time on the faculty, when I got to work with dedicated students in the band program, and I still maintain contact with many of them."

Knedler served as the band di-

rector in the late 1990s when the Rangers went to the NAIA National Football Championship game twice. He said he will never forget the 1999 championship game when the Rangers were behind 20-0 at halftime, then rallied in the second half to win the game 34-26.

"I still remember one of the playoff games at home in December when we had rain and sleet during the entire game, but the Ranger Band stayed in the stands throughout to support the team," Knedler said. "Only a handful of other fans braved the weather to support the team that day."

Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs, noted how honored the university is to have Knedler serve as this year's marshal.

"Dr. Knedler is an exceptional choice to serve as parade marshal," Bell said. "He has been a critical part of Northwestern's homecoming celebration through the years. He is widely respected and admired by returning band members, students, and Northwestern employees."

Knedler earned a bachelor's degree from Phillips University in music education and was a member of the Enid Symphony Orchestra. He then attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he earned a master's degree in music, specifically clarinet performance. While teaching at Northwestern, Knedler took a short leave of absence to complete his doctorate from the University of Oklahoma (OU) receiving a Ph.D. in music education.

When Knedler retired from Northwestern in 2015 he moved with his wife Ragina to Edmond to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law. Knedler continued teaching for a while after his wife passed away in 2016, but is now fully retired and devotes much of his time to his young grandchildren

Troy and Colbie.

He still serves as a peer reviewer for the HLC and stays busy with reading, oil painting, traveling, and attending arts events in Oklahoma City.



Mike Knedler



Mike Knedler, 2022 Homecoming parade marshal, waves to the crowd during the homecoming parade.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 1 · 🌐

19 high school seniors will be representing their schools at this year's Miss Cinderella Pageant Thursday/Friday as part of the annual #NWSU Homecoming festivities. #NWHoco #RRR

Read more 📄 <https://bit.ly/3sTo0bO>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 31 · 🌐

It was a fantastic rodeo! Great job to all involved and congrats to those who placed!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
October 31 · 🌐

Congratulations to our overall winners of the 2022 Pumpkin Decorating Contest--Michelle Wingo and Mariana Tapia!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
October 31 · 🌐

Here are our People's Choice Winners for the 2022 Pumpkin Decorating Contest including our Honorable Mentions! #creativestudents #pumpkindecorating #woodwardcampus #cuties



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
October 31 · 🌐

The Holistic Assessment class participated in an escape room during lab today. Students had to utilize their assessment skills to provide care to different patients and identify several clues placed in each patient's room. #NWSU





Former OKC Mayor Mick Cornett speaks at Northwestern

Mick Cornett spoke on the topic of leadership at Northwestern in November. His presentation, "Lessons in Creative Leadership," informed and entertained.

Cornett also spoke to student leadership groups earlier in the day.

Cornett is a former TV personality, businessman, and 4-Term Mayor of Oklahoma City. In 2018, he was named to Fortune Magazine's list of the The 50 Greatest Leaders in the World.

His latest book, "The Next American City," was published by Penguin/Random House. He now spends his time traveling to speak about his book and consulting for a diverse group of businesses.

Cornett spent 20 years as a television sportscaster/news anchor/sports play-by-play broadcaster. Following the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, he diverted his attention to public service and served as a full-time college professor before winning a seat on the Oklahoma City Council in 2001.

In 2004, he won the city-wide election for mayor and thus began a series

of record-setting political victories. His re-election percentage of 87% in 2006 is the highest in city history. During his tenure, Oklahoma City experienced an economic renaissance that is still in progress.

Cornett is best known for helping to bring an NBA franchise to Oklahoma City and for addressing the community's shortcomings in areas of health and wellness. His leadership to pass the transformational MAPS 3 initiative has spurred an enormous amount of private investment into the city.

Newsweek called him one of The 5 Most Innovative Mayors in America. The European-based World Mayor Organization named him the second-best Mayor in the World. And Governing Magazine proclaimed him a Public Official of the Year. He was the President of the United States

Conference of Mayors in 2016-17.

In 2018, he chose not to run for a fifth term as mayor.

Cornett has a Journalism degree from the University of Oklahoma and an MBA from New York University.



Mick Cornett



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
November 3 · 🌐

Congratulations to Faith Nino, Felicia Bueno, and Sydna Edmiston - all three junior nursing students and Soccer Team members - honored in the Great American Conference for 2022!



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Northwestern Oklahoma State University


To end the parade today, the Ranger Band has begun a new tradition of welcoming everyone to fall in behind the band for a mardi gras type march around the square and back to the bandstand area... here's a little jazzy version of Ride, Rangers, Ride!



Like Reply 4w

NWOSU Division of Education
November 5 · 🌐

Another fabulous NWOSU Education Major! Doing great things!



Perkins-Tryon Elementary
November 3 · 🌐

PTES Second Grade Teacher, Jacey Duncan was a presenter today at the Oklahoma Society for Technology in Education Conference in Tulsa 🙌 Our teachers are awesome! Way to go, Mrs. Duncan!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 4 at 1:05 PM · 🌐

The BEST fight song ever! #RideRangersRide
The #NWOSU Homecoming pep rally was held in Percefull Fieldhouse this year because of the weather.
#NWHoco



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 7 at 2:28 PM · 🌐

Career Fair happening in the Student Center Ballroom til 3. #NWOSU alum Don Holly with the Peace Corps is here visiting with students.
All are welcome to attend an info session about the Peace Corps tonight at 6 pm in the Wellness Center.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 5 at 9:41 AM · 🌐

Presley Pruet, Miss Woodward, won the title of Miss Cinderella for the 70th Miss Cinderella Pageant.
Pruett took home the Talent Award for her Jazz dance to "Blue Suede Shoes" by Elvis Presley.
First runner-up was Norah Scarbrough, Miss Alva; second runner-up and winner of the interview portion was Zoe Walker, Miss Chisholm; third runner-up was Ryan Oliver, Miss Mooreland; and fourth runner-up and Miss Congeniality winner was Jaxy Cloud, Miss Seiling.
#NWHoco #NWOSU
Full story 📄 <https://bit.ly/3Tde6wp>



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Burlington, Lawton Academy qualify, compete at BEST regionals

Students from Burlington High School and Lawton Academy of Arts & Science advanced to the Regional BEST Robotics competition in Denver, Colorado, on Dec. 3-4 after placing first and second, respectively, in Northwestern's Heartland BEST 2022 "Made2Order" contest in Alva.

These students competed against other teams from Colorado, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

Placing third in the Heartland BEST overall competition was Alva Robotics.

"The competition went very well, and there was a lot of energy throughout the day," Dr. Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and co-director of Heartland BEST, said. "Approximately 150 students, coaches, mentors, judges and spectators attended the event in the Alva Recreation Complex."

Maharry noted that Burlington won both the BEST and Game Awards for the second straight year.

Others placing in the Game Award category were Leedey High

School, second place; Waynoka High School, third place; and Lawton Academy, fourth.

Special awards went to the following:

Most Elegant Robot – Pratt (Kansas) High School

Most Photogenic Robot – Lawton Academy

Most Robust Robot – Waynoka Founders Award for Creative Design – Burlington

Coach of the Year – Heath Sharp, Pratt High School

At regionals in Colorado, Burlington earned the third place award in game competition and 6th in the BEST Award. Lawton Academy won the award for best t-shirt design.

To learn more about the Heartland BEST

Robotics competition at Northwestern, contact Maharry at (580) 327-8583 or tjmaharry@nwsu.edu, or co-directors Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics, at (580) 327-8437 or mriegel@nwsu.edu and Dr. Jenny Sattler, associate professor of physics and chair of the department of natural science, at (580) 327-8568 or jasattler@nwsu.edu. Information also may be found at <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science/heartland-best>.



Students from six schools took part in Northwestern's Heartland BEST Robotics Game Day contest recently at the Alva Recreation Complex. Burlington High School and Lawton Academy of Arts & Science move on to the regional contest in Denver, Colorado, on Dec. 3-4.



Librarian offers 2 workshops aiding students with APA style

Just in time for final papers and projects, Douglas Davidson, Research and Instructional Services Librarian offered two workshops on APA style on Nov. 15 and 16, to ensure that student papers were polished and ready to turn in.

Davidson said that information on formatting a paper and correctly citing sources would be covered at the events. He planned to offer tips and tricks to make paper formatting a breeze and would offer pointers to explain some of the more puzzling aspects of APA style.

The workshops were held in Room 221 of the Library Annex.

Kindness Day celebrated again on campus, and area

Many plans were made for Kindness Day in Northwest Oklahoma as club and organization members at Northwestern as well as community members put the finishing touches on projects for the Nov. 18 event.

A local group of Northwestern and Alva community members worked with the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma in Enid again this year to shine a bigger light on kindness, something the Enid organization has been doing since 2015. And, although Kindness Day in North-

west Oklahoma was observed on Nov. 18 this year, the international observance of World Kindness Day, which has been in existence since 1998, was on Nov. 13.

Multiple groups as well as individuals from Northwestern and in the communities of Alva and Wynoka planned various projects and random acts of kindness.

“We had projects from food drives for the Campus Cabinet

food pantry and painting kindness messages on rocks to making signs to put out on campus and providing fun hands-on activities for elementary students,” Valarie Case, assistant director of university relations and one of the organizers for the local Kindness Day event, said.

“Groups within the Alva community also took part in a big way,” Case said. “Alva State Bank and Community Bank were monetary sponsors for local Kindness Day events helping to fund some of the needs of

our local groups. Alva State Bank personnel also have a few other fun things up their sleeves. Our elementary, middle, high school and Northwest Technology Center groups had various projects lined up for the days leading up to Kind-

ness Day and the day of. Alva 4-H students did a project on Nov. 16, and

Kayla’s Kindness Project planned her project for Nov. 17. So, we had projects happening until the end of the month and even into December.”

For those who took in the Northwestern Homecoming Parade on Nov. 5 in downtown Alva, they may have received a Kindness Day card from Woods County 4-H members as they made their way around the square or could have seen cards at their fundraiser at the eXtreme following the parade.

On Nov. 10, the Woods County Oklahoma Home and Community Education group took items to the Alva Public Library’s Chocolate Fantasy Fundraiser in honor of Kindness Day.

OHCE sponsored a Christmas Craft Workshop open to the public on Nov. 15 in the Woods County Courthouse conference room in

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Kindness Day...

honor of Kindness Day to make items for the Northwest Family Services fundraiser. NWFS had a Facebook Auction in early December from among all the Christmas items donated.

Members of the Waynoka Girl Scouts planned some fun surprises for their community.



Any individual, club, school class, group, church, civic organization, business, etc., that wished to be included in this project locally or in the surrounding towns and wanted to be added to the overall list of those planning acts of kindness that were shared with the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma contacted Case at vcase@nwosu.edu, Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist at Northwestern, at arcase@nwosu.edu or Magen Lehr, an information security officer at Alva State

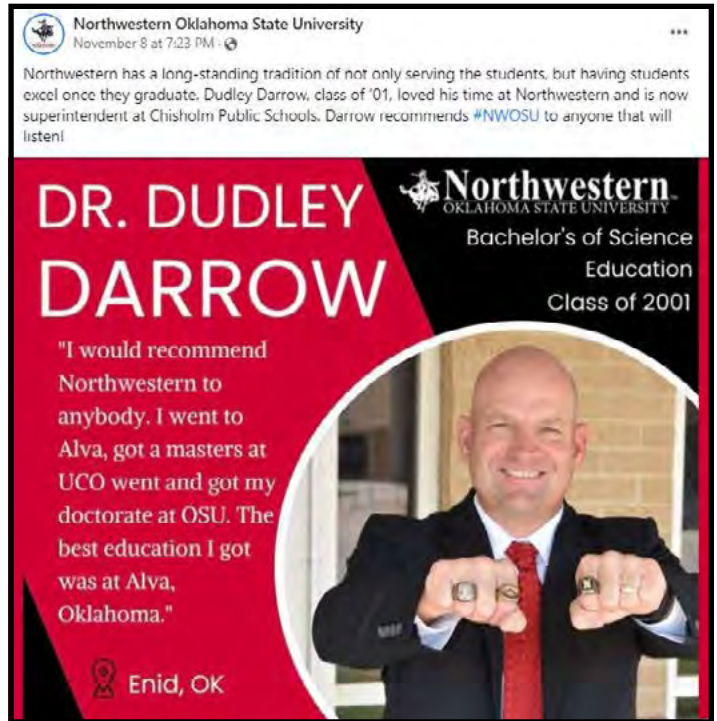
Bank, at magenl@alvastatebank.com.

“We always welcome all those taking part with projects to post photos on their social media accounts throughout the day using the hashtag #BeKindNWOK,” Valarie Case said.

“If you were on the receiving end of an act of kindness, we also welcome you to post about it using the same hashtag. This was a fantastic day in northwest Oklahoma.”

Anyone who would like to be a monetary sponsor of the overall Kindness Day in Northwest

Oklahoma event next year should contact Dan Schiedel, CEO and executive director of United Way of Northwest Oklahoma in Enid, at (580) 237-0821 or dan@united-wayenid.org.



Moreira presents solo piano recital

Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music at Northwestern, performed a solo piano recital at Alva's First Baptist Church on Nov. 18. The program included works by Frédéric Chopin and Franz Liszt.

Moreira is an experienced concert pianist, having performed in several important venues all over the world including Brazil, France, Germany, the United States and Uruguay. Northwest Oklahoma community members had the opportunity to listen to a world-class concert pianist perform some of the most virtuosic works ever written for the piano.

"I chose to perform Chopin's Four Ballades and Liszt's Dante Sonata, not only because they are some of the most important and technically chal-

lenging pieces ever written for the piano, but also because they are all very dramatic in nature," Moreira said. "I wanted the audience to imagine stories in their minds as they listen to these works. This music is so powerful that the listener has the impression the musical sounds are telling them a story, even though there is no clear plot. It is up to the listener to create their own, guided by the music."

At Northwestern, Moreira teaches piano, as well as accompanying the Northwestern choirs and all music students.

Moreira holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Performance from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil. He also has a Master of Music in Musi-

cal Performance from the University of Strasbourg in France and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Collaborative Piano from the University of Oregon.

"My wife and I were welcomed warmly by everyone in Alva, and we are very happy to be part of the community," Moreira said. "We both love working at Northwestern, it is a truly special place."

For more information about the concert, contact Moreira at (580) 327-8192 or emoreira@nwsu.edu. For more information about the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, contact Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and department chair, at (580) 327-8462 or kkweast@nwsu.edu.



Eduardo Moreira

FIRST-GEN AFFIRMATIONS

- I deserve to feel healthy and happy
- I am proud of how far I have come on my journey
- I am strong and amazing
- I feel energetic and motivated
- Working towards my goal makes me feel happy

@unainclusion

Liked by sss_nwsu and 18 others

nwsu_first_gen Today is National First Generation Student Day!!! As today goes on, remember these affirmations!! Repeat them daily!! We as First Gen Students are paving a way for our future!! Get with a fellow First Gen and celebrate today together!!! 🎉

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is celebrating First Gen day next week on November 17th!! More on that to come!!

November 8

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 11, 2022

In honor of Veterans Day, a few members of the **Northwestern Choir** and I wanted to put a song together to honor our country and those who have dedicated their lives to allowing us our freedoms in this amazing country. We say **THANK YOU** to you by singing "America the Beautiful"

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 11 at 4:54 PM

Dr. Piper Robida is an assistant professor of biology. She primarily teaches Human Anatomy and Human Physiology but she also enjoys teaching upper-level electives like Pathophysiology and Human Reproductive Biology.

She tries to expand her garden every year. Next year, she's excited to harvest asparagus (which has been growing for three years!). For the past few years, she's attempted to grow some plants using the straw bale garden method. However, she's found that they dry out very quickly in the hot Oklahoma weather!

Cooking is another passion Piper enjoys.

"I love coming up with new ways to incorporate more vegetables and fruits into my family's meals, eating primarily out of the garden for several months a year."

We appreciate all she does for our **#NWOSU** Department of Natural Science every day and that's why she's this week's "Ranger to Know."

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

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers

NWOSU TRIO SSS
November 8

Join our student coaches tonight as they lead a study session!

STRESSED ABOUT CLASSES?
Come to SSS Study Sessions where we:

- ★ STUDY FOR EXAMS
- ★ TUTOR EACH OTHER
- ★ CHAT ABOUT STRESSORS
- ★ SIP ON TEA AND COFFEE
- ★ ENJOYED HOMEMADE CHEESE DIP

WHAT: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES STUDY SESSIONS
WHEN: NOVEMBER 8TH AND 9TH AND NOVEMBER 15TH AND 16TH
WHERE: STUDENT CENTER FROM 5PM-10PM
HOW: OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
November 2

This year, the Woodward Student Advisory Board wanted to revive the old tradition of a campus-wide Halloween Costume contest--and make it more accessible by holding it online! Our entries are below, and please feel free to drop a like for your favorites!

We will keep the poll open through the weekend and announce a winner on Tuesday!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
November 8 at 7:04 PM

Some of our traditional BSN juniors visited with members from the Alva EMS crew at NW Tech. They got to see the emergency equipment, training devices, the truck, etc...

Thank you, Alva EMS! We are looking forward to more inter-professional collaboration with Alva EMS and NWTC in the future!

Homecoming 2022 was all-around success

Hundreds gathered around the downtown square on Saturday, Nov. 5, for Northwestern's annual Homecoming parade, then headed to Ranger Field to watch the massed bands perform, learn who the Ranger Royalty and homecoming button winners would be, and watch a Ranger football game, all to celebrate Northwestern's homecoming. The theme was "Together We Ride." People came from all over to be in Alva for this event.

Festivities on Saturday began with the annual Ranger Run. McKinsey Bier was the 1-Mile Fun Run winner with a time of 11:23; Patrick Allen was the male 5K winner with a time of 20:23, and Avery Case was the female 5K winner with a time of 24:58.

Leading the parade on Saturday was parade marshal Dr. Mike Knedler, who retired from Northwestern in June 2015 after 32 years as a Ranger. Knedler also served as Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, and before leaving Northwestern, he led the School of Arts and Sciences.

After the conclusion of the parade, the winners of the bands were announced.

First place for on-campus floats was the Student Government Association senators, second place went to the Delta Zeta sorority, and third place went to SGA: Ranger Royalty.

In the off-campus, non-profit float category first place went to the Cherokee Strip Museum.

For the off-campus, commercial business float category first place went to Beadles Nursing Home.

The President's Award for the best overall float went to Beadles Nursing

Home. The Northwestern Alumni Association Ranger Spirit Award for the float depicting exceptional Ranger spirit went to the Cherokee Strip Museum.

Five bands participated in the parade. Bands that placed include the following:

Middle School Marching Competition – first place, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale

Class 2A High School Marching Competition – first place, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale; second, Okeene; third, Beaver

Class 3A High School Marching Competition – first place, Watonga

Overall Outstanding Drumline – Pioneer-Pleasant Vale High School

Overall Outstanding Color Guard – Pioneer-Pleasant Vale High School

Seven bands in addition to the Northwestern band participated in the massed band performance bringing the size of the performance to about 150 students.

Northwestern played host to several other activities including the alumni band and the crowning of the Ranger King and Queen.

This year's Ranger Royalty included

Ranger King Fernando Nunez, a junior psychology major from Laverne, who was sponsored by the Student Support Services. He is the son of Oscar and Jaqueline Nunez.

Ranger Queen is Carli Seabolt, a junior business administration major from Perry, who was sponsored by the Ranger Business club. She is the daughter of Steve and Shellie Seabolt.

Maria Sosa of Laverne was crowned Freshman Queen during the Ranger Royalty Finalist ban-

quet. The biology major is the daughter of Julian Sosa and Pilar Martinez.

The winner of the Northwestern homecoming button drawing for the \$1,000 Alva Chamber Bucks was Erin Davis of Alva. The Northwestern university relations specialist also earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern.

Winner of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association medallion hunt was Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science, and his wife, Dee Mason. The Masons won the medallion along with \$100 in Alva Chamber Bucks.

The winner of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association Ranger quilt raffle was Jana Brown, instructor of history.

Northwestern's on-campus activities had a great turnout of decorations that showed Ranger spirit.

Best in Show for the on-campus Spirit Sheets Competition was the NWOSU Art Society, and the Ranger Spirit award went to the Castle Players Theatre Club.

Best in Show for the on-campus Spirit Boards Competition was the Chemistry Club, and the Ranger Spirit award went to the Woodward Leadership Advisory Board.

The winning office/window display went to the J.W. Martin Library, the J.R. Holder Wellness Center received second, and the Financial Aid office received third.

The winning door/wall display went to the Dean of Faculty office, Student Support Services received second, and the Division of Business received third.

Northwestern's Homecoming Committee had a drawing incentive for button salespersons where two winners could take home \$50 in Chamber Bucks. The winner of the drawing for button salespersons for



(Left) Karen Koehn, homecoming button chair, and Dr. David Pecha, university executive vice president and homecoming chair, presented the \$1,000 in Alva Chamber Bucks to button winner, Erin Davis.

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Homecoming 2022...

on-campus sales was Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist for Northwestern, and the winner for off-campus sales was Elizabeth Richey.

“On behalf of the Northwestern Homecoming Committee, thank

you to everyone who sold and purchased Northwestern homecoming buttons, and thank you merchants for sharing your generosity and enthusiasm with the incentives,” Karen Koehn, Homecoming button chair, said. “Thanks to everyone’s generosity, we were able to continue to move into a new era of decorating Alva by purchasing new banners. Our committee strives to build homecoming every year and with the button sales,

we’re able to enhance our homecoming activities.

“As chairman, I cannot do this alone! Forty phenomenal salespeople volunteer their time and dedication to help Northwestern

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Homecoming get better every year. The money from the sale of these buttons pays for everything that involves Northwestern’s Homecoming. You all continue to inspire me and restate my favorite saying, ‘Lucky me...I live in Alva, OK!’”

Homecoming is a community effort, and the homecoming committee is grateful to everyone who made the week and official homecoming day a success.

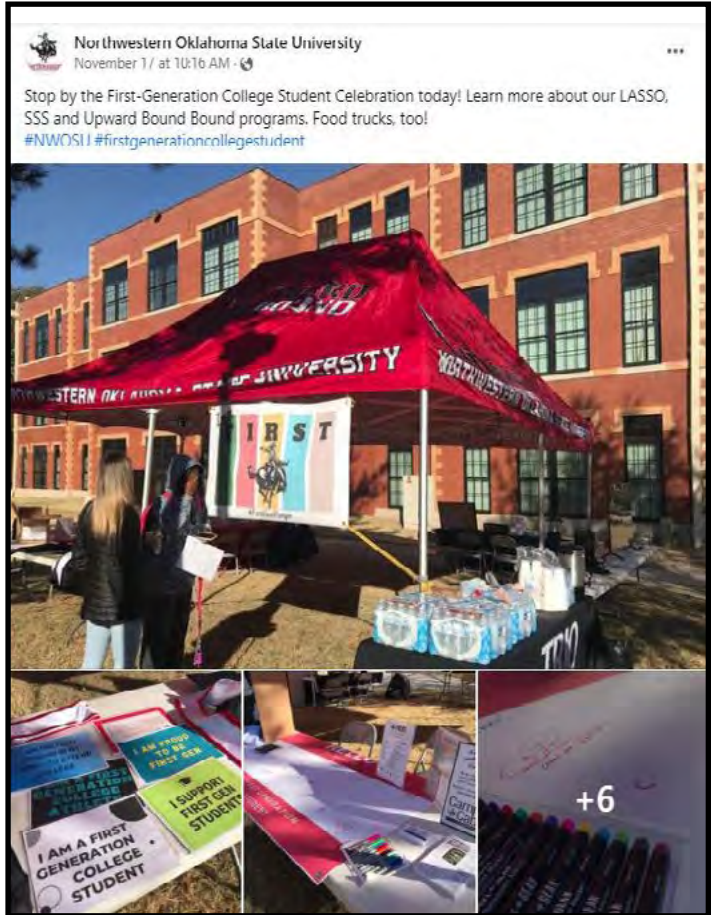
“Despite the cold start on Saturday morning, I would say Homecoming 2022 was very successful,” said Dr. David Pecha, homecoming chairman and university executive vice president. “This annual event allows friends and alumni of Northwestern to reunite. The committee has already started work for Homecoming 2023!”

Be watching for a contest to open during the spring semester to enter ideas for next year’s homecoming theme and parade marshal. Until then, people may enter the competition at www.nwosu.edu/homecoming. The homecoming committee will consider all entries and make an announcement of the new theme and parade marshal during the spring semester.

Photos from the homecoming events can be found at <https://nwosuhomecoming.shutterfly.com/>.

Next year’s Homecoming will be celebrated Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 5-7, 2023.





Children's play supplies fun, lesson, toothbrush kits

Students from 11 elementary schools and the public had the opportunity to see Northwestern's production of "Cinderella and the Candy Kingdom" in November.

Students attending came from Alva-Lincoln, Alva-Longfellow, Alva-Washington, Burlington, Cherokee, Freedom, Medford, Mooreland, Okeene, South Barber and Waynoka. The show was open to the public at the Saturday performance

Everyone in the Candy Kingdom has a sweet tooth, except for one poor, country girl: Cinderella. She is neglected by her father, a dentist who is too busy with house calls; overworked by her bitter stepmother; and teased and tormented by her two sticky stepsisters. Meanwhile, Queen Caramel, the queen of Candy Kingdom, is throwing a "Gum Ball" for her son, Prince Reese, to find him a bride. Alas, the prince is sour on

the idea and is counting on his best friend, Hershey, to get him out of it! With the whole kingdom a-twizzle, Cinderella's tooth fairy godmother shows up with her magical helpers, the Peeps, and arranges for Cinderella to attend the ball. If Cinderella can go to the ball, maybe she will find a charming prince who doesn't like sweets! The queen thinks Marsha Mallow will be a great match for her son, but he is not interested. After the ball, the queen's guards, M and M, join the prince and Hershey in the search for the foot that fits the shoe.

Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre and chair of the Department

Cast members for this production include the following:

Aliyah Bidwell, junior mass communication major from Geary; Archer Bohlen, junior computer science major from Ringwood; Gabriel Bussinger, freshman speech and theatre major from Woodward; Jade Campbell, freshman music-instrumental major from Woodward; Ashland Crites, freshman English major from Hennessey; Chancie Davidson, freshman instrumental music major from Alva; Lilith Ferrero, junior speech and theatre major from Alva; Alan Garcia, sophomore biology health science major from Beaver; Sam Grinder, junior vocal music education major from Sayre; Itzy Gutierrez, ju-



Cinderella, her Fairy Godmother and "Peeps" having a moment during "Cinderella and The Candy Kingdom."

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Children's play....

nior early childhood education major from Guymon; Jameson Hale, sophomore vocal music education major from Elk City; Erika Hernandez, senior elementary education major from Laverne; Kevin Jaquez, freshman vocal music education major from Enid; Madeline Long, freshman early childhood education major from Gate; Fernando Nunez, sophomore psychology major from Laverne; Sadrie Overall, senior biology major from Iola, Kansas; Emily Smith, junior vocal music education major from Holdenville; Bethany Towns, sophomore psychology major from Alva; Rosa Vargas, freshman social science education major from Lahoma; Jerilynn Wilkins, junior vocal performance major from Pima, Arizona; and Emily Wright, freshman speech and theatre and mass communication major from Cheyenne.

Executive director of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation John Wilguss delivered 1,750 toothbrush kits to the Northwestern theatre staff on Tuesday.

The kits were handed out to the children and others Nov. 17-19 at the end of the annual children's production. This activity was organized as a part of the Kindness Day activities happening in northwest Oklahoma on Nov. 18.

ODF employees attended the Friday productions and handed out the kits.

For more information on theatre performances and

courses at Northwestern, contact Weast at (580) 327-8462 or kkweast@nwosu.edu or see more info at www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 15 at 7:29 PM

Northwestern had always been home to Megan Darrow, class of '01, but affordability also helped her make her decision to become a Ranger. She is now a dentist and Northwestern takes pride on educating its students in the pre-professional fields. Ask us today about how to earn your degree and further your education in pre-health and pre-engineering fields!

<https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and.../natural-science>

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DR. MEGAN DARROW
Northwestern OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Science
Class of 2001

"One thing great about Northwestern is the community of Alva itself. The community supports the students by going to their football games and basketball games. They hire the students at their businesses."

Enid, OK

MobileSmiles Oklahoma is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
November 15 at 1:59 PM Alva

Beautiful, snowy day learning more about Northwestern Oklahoma State and it's outstanding theater programming - focusing this week on dental ideas in a fun play!

Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation
LIBERTY Dental Plan of Oklahoma
DentaQuest

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 15 at 12:51 PM

#NWOSU is celebrating National First-Generation College Day Nov. 17, recognizing the students attending or planning to attend college who will be the first members of their families to earn college degrees.

Northwestern's First Gen Club, Upward Bound, Student Support Services and LASSO will celebrate First-Generation Day with the following events, 9 a.m. to noon, located in front of the J.W. Martin Library open to all Northwestern students and employees:

- Free donuts (until they run out)
- Three food trucks (serving food around 10:30 a.m. in the west horseshoe parking lot)
- Corn hole boards
- T-shirts and stickers
- Photo booth

Full story on the upcoming event <https://bit.ly/nwfirstgencollegeday>

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION
NOV 17TH
DR. STEVEN MAIER
DEAN OF FACULTY

Employees honored for years of service

Northwestern's employees were honored during the annual Employee Service Recognition Ceremonies Nov. 8-9 ceremonies in Alva and Enid.

Dr. Jennifer Oswald, division of education chair, was awarded the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award during the annual ceremony. Nominations for the award are made by faculty, staff and students then the recipient is determined by a selection committee. To be selected, the recipient must be a full-time faculty member at Northwestern and exemplify distinguished teaching and administrative leadership.

Jodie Randels, administrative assistant to the president, was named the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year. This award was established to recognize exceptional performance and/or service by a member of the Northwestern staff. The recipient of this award shows dedication to Northwestern and its students. The Student Government Association accepts nominations for this award and then determines the recipient.

Employees who were honored for their years of service are listed by name and job title:

•Five-year service recognition: Dr. Courtney Ballina, Doctor of Nursing Practice director; Sharon Batchelder,

Enid campus police officer; Ryan Bowen, baseball head coach; Glenn Gagnon, maintenance; Ken Gordon, assistant head football coach, defensive coordinator and instructor of health and sports science; David Hawkins, maintenance; Lynn Nickel, groundskeeper with maintenance; Heidi Ritchie, instructor of nursing; and Randels

•10-year service recognition: Dr. James Bell; vice president for academic affairs; Lisa Cline, Title III/LASSO Project director; Paige Fischer, bursar;

Stockton Graves, head rodeo coach; Tim Lauderdale, associate director of athletics for internal operations and golf coach; Shannon Leaper, library services director and assistant professor of library and information science; Trent Spade, Bill Johnson Correctional Center treatment director; Dr. Shelly Wells, professor of nursing; and Oswald

•15-year service recognition: Matt Adair, director of housing and

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(Right) Dr. Jen Oswald, Division of Education chair, was presented the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award from its namesake.



(Left) Jodie Randels, administrative assistant to the president, is presented with the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year award from its namesake.



Northwestern's five-year service award recipients are (from left to right, back row) Ryan Bowen, Lynn Nickel, David Hawkins (front row) Glenn Gagnon and Jodie Randels. Not pictured are Dr. Courtney Ballina, Sharon Batchelder, Ken Gordon and Heidi Ritchie.



Northwestern's 10-year service award recipients are (from left to right, back row) Stockton Graves, Dr. James Bell (middle row) Dr. Jennifer Oswald, Lisa Cline, Paige Fischer (front row) Dr. Shelly Wells and Shannon Leaper. Not pictured are Tim Lauderdale and Trent Spade.

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Employees honored...

assistant dean of student affairs and recruitment; and Deborah Anderson, custodial supervisor

•20-year service recognition: Darcie Obermeier, maintenance; Dr. Dean Scarbrough, agriculture department chair and professor of agriculture; Dr. Dena Walker, associate professor of mathematics; Kimberly Weast, department of fine arts chair and professor of theatre arts

•25-year service recognition: Dr. Wayne McMillin, Enid campus dean

•30-year service recognition: Kenneth Knabe, HVAC technician; Sheri Lahr, registrar; and Natalie Miller, assistant certification officer with the Division of Education

•35-year service recognition: Diane Penner, UDS/records coordinator

Kaylyn Hansen, director of assessment and institutional effectiveness and academic support senior woman administrator who also serves as service learning coordinator, presented service learning awards on behalf of the SL/CE committee. Those being honored include:

•Greatest Student Involvement Award: Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral studies -- given to an employee who had the greatest student involvement in a project. Students provided a holiday concert with tree lighting and caroling.

•Greatest Community Impact Award: Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager; and Weast -- given to the faculty or staff whose project impacted their community through

beautification, culture, sustainability or other areas that put a community's needs first. Students participated in three performances of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man." College students and community members came together to put on the production. Participants learned vocal skills, dance, history, production skills, and fostered a strong sense of community.

•Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Robert Vest, assistant professor of Spanish -- given to an employee whose commitment to service sets a high standard in Service Learning while promoting the meaning of Service Learning and Civic Engagement. Students designed, advertised, planned and gave English as a Second Language classes on campus to local immigrants. Students were responsible for learning the basics of language acquisition theories as well as designing communicative lessons that crossed cultural and linguistic barriers.

•Most Inventive Project: Jana Brown, instructor of history -- given to a faculty or staff member who had a unique, creative project. Students performed Oral History interviews with veterans or others from the Northwestern community to preserve public history in-

terests. Some students volunteered at museums helping them prepare exhibits or helping with public events.

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Northwestern's 15-year service award recipients are (from left to right) Matt Adair and Deborah Anderson.



Northwestern's 20-year service award recipients are (from left to right) Darcie Obermeier, Dr. Dena Walker, Dr. Dean Scarbrough and Kimberly Weast.



(Left) Dr. Wayne McMillin, Northwestern's Enid campus dean, receives his 25-year service award from Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs.

Employees honored...

•Applaud Award: Coach Bowen and Ranger Baseball Team-- given to a club/organization that shows the greatest overall effort, participation and hard work. The Ranger Baseball team helped set up and take down the Alva Car Show. They made sure the event was clean and ran smoothly.

•Most Expressive Award: Austin Rankin, junior political science major from Waynoka, along with students in the collegiate 4-H club -- given to a club/organization that had a unique project/event. This project was hosted by multiple clubs to provide a fun Halloween experience for the campus and residents.

Collegiate 4-H club members hosted the game and gave out candy to the winners.

•perSERVERing Ranger Award: Coach Tasha Diesselhorst and the Lady Ranger Basketball team -- given to an organization for its extraordinary service and serving in multiple community service projects throughout the year. The Lady Ranger Basketball team volunteered for numerous community service projects including the Lincoln Elementary Mentoring Program, activities at the Homestead, Reading with the Rangers, helping at the Cross Country meet and Fall Festival, volunteering at the Thank-A-Thon, participating in Stamp Out Starvation and Campus Beautification.

Dr. Roger Brown, associate professor of business, presented Diversity Initiative recognitions to Mark

Bagley, instructor of computer science; Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music; Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science; Shawna Gilbert, access services librarian and assistant professor of library science; Dr. Tim Maharry, mathematics and computer science

department chair and professor of mathematics; Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science; Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work; Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science; Dr. Martie Young, professor of education; Leaper, Oswald and Scarbrough.

Dr. Steven Maier, dean of faculty, presented Retention and Enrollment awards to Tamara Brown, communication department chair and assistant professor of speech; Leslie Collins, Charles Morton Share Trust



Northwestern's 30-year service award recipients are (from left to right) Natalie Miller, Kenneth Knabe and Sheri Lahr.



(Left) Diane Penner, UDS/Records Coordinator, receives her 35-year service award from Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs.



(Left) Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music, is presented with the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year award from Dr. Steven Maier, dean of faculty.

Division of Nursing chair and associate professor of nursing; Jason Ferrell, psychology department chair and assistant professor of psychology; Sarah Fry, instructor of criminal justice and sociology; Shane Hansen, health and sports science department chair and instructor of health and sports science; Dr. Roxie James, English, Foreign Language and Humanities department chair and associate professor of English; Allissa Miller, instructor of psychol-

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Employees honored...

ogy; Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics; Dana Roark, instructor of business; Piper Robida, assistant professor of biology; Jordan Leaper, Longhurst, Oswald, Rehder and Scarbrough.

Maier also introduced a new award recognizing an outstanding adjunct faculty member. Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music, was honored for over 20 years of service offering humanities and music courses, developing new courses, making existing courses more accessible to students, actively engaging in departmental functions such as developing and hosting the annual guitar festival as well as assisting with co-curricular performance needs throughout the university. The award will be awarded each year to one adjunct faculty member, alternating between the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Professional Studies every other year.

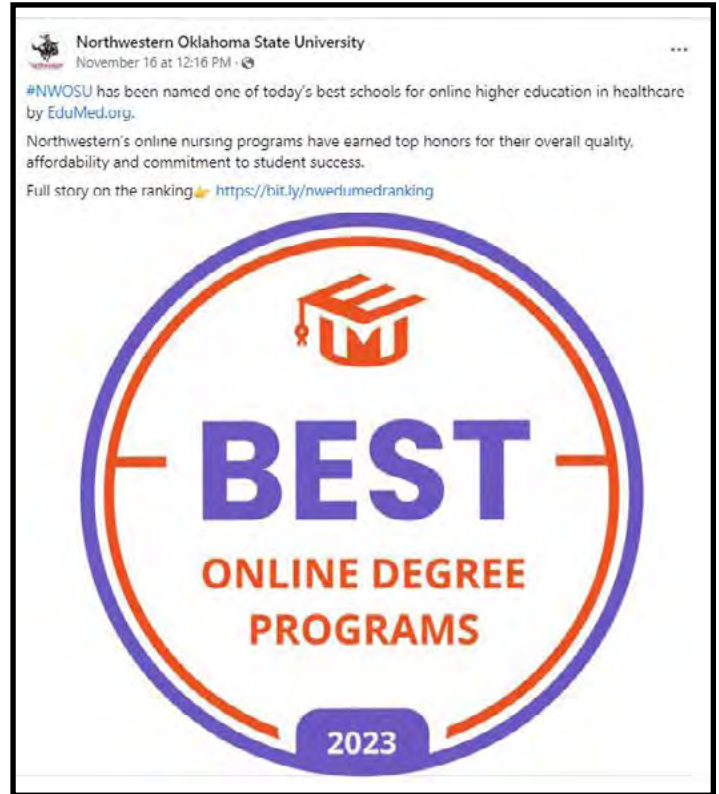
Tandy Keenan, director of sponsored programs, presented highlights of happenings from her office for the past year including the fact that nearly \$1.9 million in grants were funded this past year, up from the \$1.5 million in grants awarded the previous year.

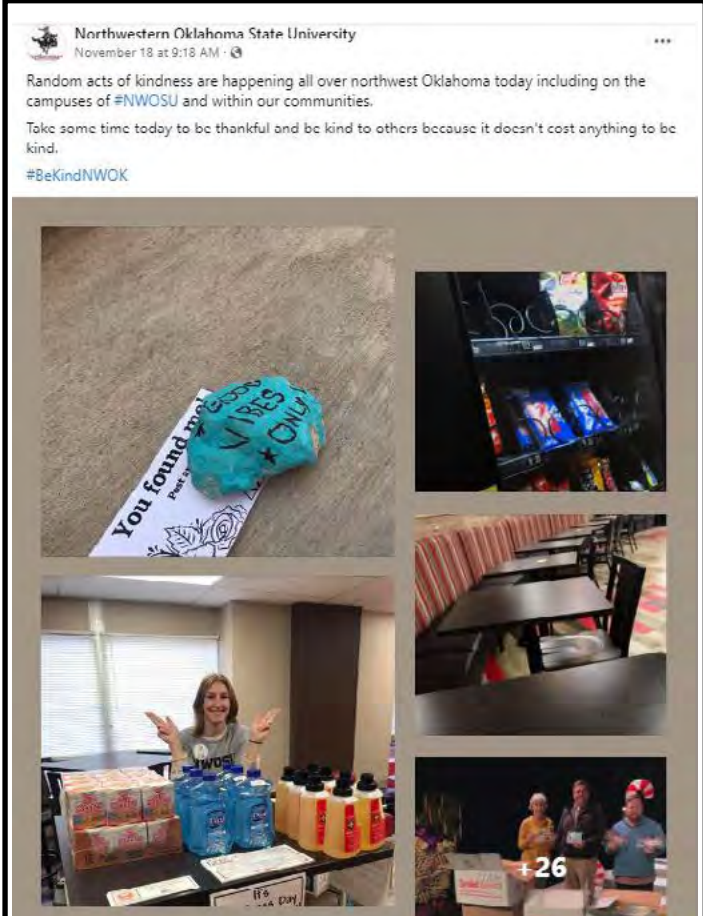
Several employees also were recognized during the ceremony for their service to the Faculty Senate, Staff Council and Professional Staff Council.

At the Enid campus ceremony, employees were rec-

ognized for their service.

Images from the ceremonies may be found online at <https://nwosuphotos202122.shutterfly.com>.





NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. November 10 at 9:00 AM · Alive · 🌐

"It is exciting to think that I can spread the word about good dental habits to so many who need it." - Cinderella and the Candy Kingdom

Shown here, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation John Wilguss, presents Professor Kimberly Weast and Mr. Mickey Jordani with a gift of 1750 dental kits for the NWOSU Theatre production of Cinderella and the Candy Kingdom by Kelly Lazenby. Each kit will be distributed to grade school children attending the annual childrens show at Herod Hall Auditorium as part of a Kindness Day project!

NWOSU Theatre in collaboration with the Oklahoma Dental Foundation would like to thank Delta Dental, Liberty Dental and Dentaquest, for their generous donation of dental kits for our audiences!

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Libraries November 18 at 9:44 AM · 🌐

Come by the library and warm up with some free hot apple cider and popcorn! #BeKindNWOK #111



NWOSU Division of Education November 18 at 11:45 AM · 🌐

Ashley Hromas-Roach and Candace Brown were honored this week at the Garfield County Retired Teachers meeting as the scholarship winners for this year. The luncheon was held at Autry Tech Center in Enid.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University November 18 at 7:53 PM · 🌐

Wayne McMillin is the dean of the #NWOSU-Enid campus which Wayne explains is part administration, part community liaison, part faculty, and part everything else that is needed. He played collegiate tennis for the Rangers back in the day. Some of the best times he had in college were the hours and hours spent on the NWOSU campus courts.

"I went on to develop a wicked spin serve and power forehand, but my coach always said my best stroke was my running." Lol

He also went on to injure his shoulder and become a 10 HC at golf 🙄 Wayne coached competitive soccer for quite a while as well.

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

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

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



Northwestern celebrates First-Generation College Day

Northwestern celebrated National First-Generation College Day Nov. 17, recognizing the students attending or planning to attend college who will be the first members of their families to earn college degrees.

Northwestern was awarded a \$500 grant to support the First-Generation College Student Celebration Day. A First-Generation College student is someone whose parents/guardians did not graduate with a four-year college degree.

Northwestern's First Gen Club, Upward Bound, Student Support Services and LASSO had tables set up outside between the Library and Ryerson Hall to inform First-Generation College students about the services and organizations available to first-gen students on campus.

There was a photo booth, First-Gen stickers and an interactive art installation available. The organizers made short videos with First-Gen students, faculty and staff as part of a social media campaign. A video booth was also set up.

"I'm excited to be able to celebrate a group of students who don't get celebrated often," Tosh Miller, TRIO-SSS director, said. "First-Gen students have a significantly lower six-year graduation rate than legacy students and often don't know what resources are available to them.

"We worked with First-Gen faculty, staff and current students to create an event that connected other First-Gen students with resources, clubs and opportunities on campus they may not know about. We hoped to provide information and generate excitement about the opportunities that First-Gen students

have to complete their degree and create a new family legacy."

Upward Bound and Student Support Services worked together to submit the grant application. Only 50 grants were awarded from the Center for First-Generation Student Success, which is an initiative



of NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) and The Suder Foundation.

These groups celebrated First-Generation Day with the following events located in front of the J.W. Martin Library open to all Northwestern students and employees:

- Free donuts (until they run out)
- Food trucks (serving food around 10:30 a.m. in the west horse-shoe parking lot)
- Corn hole boards
- T-shirts and stickers
- Photo booth

The first national First-Generation College Celebration Day occurred in 2017 when the nonprofit Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) encouraged institutions

nationwide on or around Nov. 8 to celebrate first-generation college students or graduates.

"First-generation students have repeatedly demonstrated that supporting and encouraging promising students, often low-income, whose parents never went to college, is one of the great investments our country can make," said COE President Maureen Hoyler. "Their success stories are worth celebrating."

COE selected Nov. 8 to honor the anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1965. This landmark legislation emerged as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. It ushered in programs, particularly the Federal TRIO programs, necessary for postsecondary access, retention, and completion for low-income, potential first-generation college graduates.

Now the nationwide celebration is carried out by scores of institutions nationwide. COE, in partnership with NASPA's Center for First-Generation Student Success, encourages events such as panel discussions, open houses, and student rallies to celebrate the achievements of first-generation college-goers and also provides approximately \$25,000 in grant awards to assist organizations in hosting their local celebrations.

First-generation students who enroll in college do so against the odds and should be commended for their efforts. Research shows that students whose parents do not have a college degree are far less likely to enroll than those whose parents graduated from college, according to the Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the U.S.: 2022 Histor-

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ical Trend Report.

The report showed that 93 percent of the children of college graduates enroll in college within eight years of high school graduation, while just 72 percent of students from families in which neither parent holds a college degree enroll within eight years of high school graduation. (Equity Indicator 1h(I))

“This event is important because there are a number of First-Generation Northwestern students who do not know about the resources that are available to them on campus,” Miller said. “Or, that it is a big deal to be the first in their family to graduate from college. We want to see all of our students succeed, and provide the resources to help our First-Generation Students on campus. We also want to show that being First-Generation can change your family tree, and build solidarity and relationships between First-Gen students, faculty, staff and alumni.”

Many well-known and successful Americans across professions and industries were once first-generation students, among them Academy Award-winning actress Viola Davis, US astronaut Ronald McNair, best-selling

author Sarah Smarsh, journalist Wil Haygood and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Many of them are alumni of the Federal TRIO programs.

For more information on Northwestern’s Student Support Services visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services/student-support> or contact Miller at (580) 327-8119 or trio-sss@nwosu.edu. For more information on Northwestern’s LASSO project visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services/lasso> or contact project director Lisa Cline at (580) 327-8131 or lifranz@nwosu.edu. For more information on Northwestern’s Upward Bound visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services/upward-bound> or contact project director Jaunita Dotson at (580) 327-8113 or jrdotson@nwosu.edu.



Northwestern celebrated First Generation College Day on November 17.



Garnett, Phillips selected as Campus Kudos winners

Blake Garnett, systems analyst with Information Technology at Northwestern, has been selected by the Staff Council as the recipient of the 2022 spring semester Campus Kudos Award, and Taylor Phillips, career coach with the Title III/LASSO

Campus Kudos is a public acknowledgement 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.

Taylor always has a smile on her face and wants to help all students that come her way. She is proud to be a Ranger and wants each student to succeed here at Northwestern.”

Phillips has served in her North-



(Left) Sue Burks, financial aid assistant director and Staff Council member, and Lisa Vermillion (right) administrative assistant to the vice president for administration and Staff Council chair, present Blake Garnett with a spring Campus Kudos Award.

The person nominating Phillips for this award said, “Taylor goes above and beyond what her job as a career coach is defined as. She took it upon herself to complete training as a career coach with coursework over the summer. She gives each student that comes into the LASSO office her full attention and strives to help them in any way possible,



Sue Burks (right) presents Taylor Phillips with a summer Campus Kudos Award.

Project, has been selected as the 2022 summer semester award recipient.

The person nominating Garnett for this award said, “Blake interacts with people with a bit of ‘extra.’ Whether it’s friendliness or supportiveness, he’s effective in his assistance with members across campus and by giving that ‘extra,’ it’s a pleasant experience, which leaves you with a smile.

“He is not robotic or negative in fixing problems, and I appreciate that ‘extra’ effort.”

Garnett has served in his Northwestern position since May 2021.

“What a pleasant surprise to be honored with this award,” Garnett said. “I’m very thankful to be surrounded by so many great people here at Northwestern. It doesn’t cost anything to be kind; I am happy to pay it forward.”

not just in career coaching.

“She has begun to hold workshops for students to teach them the impor-

western position since April.

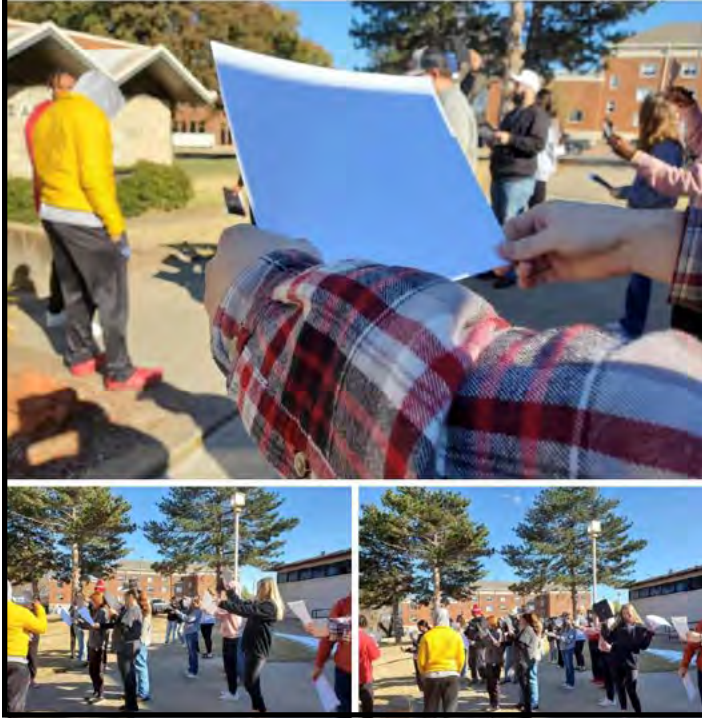
“I was honestly shocked when I found out I received the award,” Phillips said. “It’s an honor, and I appreciate the kind words. It’s been a joy to serve students on campus.”

As a part of the Kindness Day activities from Nov. 18, Dr. Steve Maier, dean of faculty, presents LaDonna Durkee, representing Alva Public Schools, a collection of funds to help pay some unpaid balances for school lunches. Funds came from Northwestern’s academic department/division chairs and administrators.



NWOSU Science · Follow
 Becky Noel MacKay · 1d · 🌐

Dr. [Jenny Sattler](#)'s astronomy class casually acting like NASA employees and looking sun spots! They utilized pin hole cameras, which they made in class, to protect their eyes, and as you can see here, this activity was definitely a bright spot in the students' week!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
 October 18 · 🌐

Tomorrow there will be an opportunity for our students and staff to take professional headshots on our campus. #saycheese #RKR
 If you are interested, stop by room 118!

Prices are as follows:

NWOSU Student/Employee	\$5.00
NWOSU Employee Family Member	\$10.00
NWOSU Alumni	\$15.00
Off-Campus Individual	\$20.00



Becky Noel MacKay
 November 18 at 11:16 AM · 🌐

If you're heading to Ranger Research Day, make sure you check out [Josena Frame](#) and [Averie Larson](#)'s (not pictured) poster all about Iodine concentrations of water!

Karsten Longhurst is in Hennessey, Oklahoma.
 8h · 🌐

Conducting the Hennessey High School Choral Festival in their "Dome" yesterday was an absolute blast! [Riley Faulkner](#) ran an incredible festival with the full support of her boosters and school. The students were well prepared and sang so expressively they were inspiring! Thanks to [Sohailah Sharp Stout](#) for playing so beautifully and being such a great collaborator as accompanist! [Brianna Bull](#) played violin, [Isi Ofiu](#) rocked the Baba Yetu solo, Hooker HS Principal, [Joshua Faulkner](#), also played the djemba! [Suzanne Marley Aylor](#) was brilliant with the junior high chorus and had them fine tuned!

One of the highlights of the evening was taking a picture with our music teacher alumni, [Aaron Pierce](#), [Isi Ofiu](#), [Adrianna Elaine Tibbetts](#), [Riley Faulkner](#), and [Joshua Faulkner](#). Y'all are doing so well! Ride on, Rangers!!



Schultz designated as Brad Henry International Scholar

Northwestern junior social work major April Schultz has been selected as a Brad Henry International Scholar by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The Alva native will spend the spring 2023 semester studying at Swansea University in Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom.

"I am beyond excited to be the recipient of this scholarship," Schultz said. "It is such an amazing opportunity that I never could have dreamed of. I cannot wait to experience the culture in Wales and be able to tie that experience into my social work education that I have received here at Northwestern. I am grateful to have been chosen as the Brad Henry Scholar."

Schultz was nominated by Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair and professor of social work. She will

receive funding for tuition and lodging for a full semester of study at Swansea University, as well as a stipend to help with other expenses such as airfare and passport fees to and from the UK.

"Northwestern is pleased to congratulate Ms. Schultz on this honor," Rehder said. "It is an acknowledgment of her hard work and talent, as well as a valuable opportunity to broaden her horizons through international study."

The Brad Henry International Scholarship program was es-

tablished by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in June 2008. The Regents provide a stipend for students selected to participate in the semester-long study or research programs affiliated with Swansea University. Recipients are selected by a committee of State Regents' staff based on their excellent academic performance, outstanding communication skills, exemplary character, and exceptional leadership, maturity and judgment.

For more information on the Brad Henry Scholarship program visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/study-abroad/brad-henry-scholarship-program>.



April Schultz

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 22 at 6:26 PM

See how Northwestern helped give Drew the tools to succeed in his next degree, and now career! We have classes that will prepare you for your next steps and professors that care about your success.

How can we help you succeed?
#SuccessLivesHere #NWSU #RRR

DREW CUNNINGHAM

Northwestern OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
Class of 2014
Business Administration

"Northwestern provided me with the tools necessary to be ready for law school. Many of my classes challenged me to develop skills I still use today in my career."

Alva, OK

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 24 at 6:02 PM

Matching Funds Help Make It Happen

Invest in Rangers' academic careers

Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association

Together -- we can give the gift of education

NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
#GIVING TUESDAY

NWSU Foundation & Alumni Association
November 21 at 8:18 AM

GivingTuesday Matching Funds raise the stakes. A \$10,000 matching gift has been made by David and Louise Johnson. Every donor's gift up to \$250 will be matched until the \$10,000 is depleted, generating \$20,000 in scholarships for Northwestern Oklahoma State University students.

Dr. Steven Mackie is offering a 1-1 matching gift up to \$4970 for gifts given to the Sara L. Bosworth & Mary Delisle Scholarship in NWSU Division of Education Teacher Education. This matching gift will help endow the scholarship before the end of the year.

Please go to our website to make your gift: <https://ournorthwestern.org/giving-tuesday>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 25 at 11:02 AM · 🌐
What a great service you provided to our #RangerFamily at #NWOSU.

Jarrold Cloud is with Jaxy Cloud and 4 others at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
November 24 at 5:42 PM · Alva · 🌐

I just wanted to give a big shout out to my oldest, the one who began the grey hair process. 😂👉 JD Cloud or John as you are known on campus. We are so stinkin' proud of the young man you are. Your heart for people goes way beyond your years. This Thanksgiving, he wanted to do something special. Northwestern Oklahoma State University has many international students who wouldn't be going home over the Thanksgiving Break. JD has been working to organize a Thanksgiving luncheon held at the Ranger Room in the student center for all those who would still be on campus. He wanted to make sure they had the opportunity to eat a home cooked traditional Thanksgiving meal. So yesterday we had the honor of feeding some of these students, as well as a few coaches, and several players from the Northwestern Ranger Basketball team as they were still on campus due to a game last night. It was a blast to be able to talk to and connect with students, players, and coaches. We as a family had a great time preparing food and making sure that these guys and gals ate a great meal. Huge thank you to the in-laws Barry and Barbara Prock for helping out as well. We all had a fun Wednesday and enjoyed the day at Northwestern. JD, we love you man! We have your back in anything the Lord lays on your heart. #RKK



Karsten Longhurst is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music.
1h · Alva · 🌐

Had a great time catching up with my friend and colleague, Dr. Tatiana Taylor, teaching a class and working with our NWOSU choirs! Thank you for inspiring us and we loved having you visit!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University - Woodward Campus
November 28 at 10:07 AM · 🌐

☀️We could use your help with our Dignity Drive!
NWOSU's Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) members are collecting various hygiene products like deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo and more to give to local students in need this holiday season.
Collection boxes will be located in the Commons!

Hosted by S.W.A.T.

DIGNITY DRIVE

ITEMS LIKE....

- *Feminine Hygiene Products
- *Shampoo
- *Body Wash
- *Deodorant
- *Toothbrush
- *Toothpaste

WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL K-12 STUDENTS IN NEED.

Now- December 16th

Woodward Donations collected in the Main Room by the Coffee Maker



NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall.
November 28 at 8:45 AM · Alva · 🌐

🎭In days to come and years begun,
Throughout the land we'll praise your name.
For all your honor and your glory
And your great undying fame. 🎭

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosufinearts #nwosu #nwosuranglers #theatre #théâtre #theatreeducation #theatreproduction #theatrelife #theatremajor #theatrestudent #musicaltheatre #theatrearts #theatreartist #theatrekids #theatrecompany #theatreacostume #theatrefamily #theatretch #supportivetheatre #theatremakeup #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #alvaoklahoma #herodhall #comecreatewithus #sing #play #act #create



17th Annual Ranger Research Day winners announced

Northwestern's Alva campus played host to the 17th annual Ranger Research Day in the Student Center Ballroom where 20 projects were entered with 33 participants having the opportunity to display, share and discuss their research with peers, professors and the Alva community.

Graduate and undergraduate students created poster presentations of academic research papers conducted in one of their classes. All presenters were encouraged to attend Oklahoma Research Day on March 3, 2023, at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The mission of Oklahoma Research Day is to promote cross-campus and cross-disciplinary re-

search and scholarly work among all institutions of higher learning in the state. In doing so, the event seeks to encourage networking among scholars and the exchange of ideas among those studying and researching in their respective academic disciplines.

Student poster entries were critiqued and eligible for awards. Winners with classification, hometown, research project name and sponsor include:

Chemistry category first place went to Josena Frame, senior chemistry major from Kinsley, Kansas, for the project titled, "Study of Iodine Distribution and Concentrations in Western Oklahoma Brine Waters and Recycling of Used Chloroform." Dr. Jason Wickham, professor of chemistry,

was Frame's sponsor.

Psychology category first place went to Malliyah Baker, junior psychology major from Wichita, Kansas, for the project titled, "ADHD and Nicotine Use: Vaping Devices and Cigarettes." Taylor Randolph, instructor of psychology, was Baker's sponsor.

Second place for psychology went to Dayra Verduz-

co-Serrano, junior psychology major from Enid, for the project titled, "Adverse Childhood Experiences in College Completion." Randolph was Verduzco-Serrano's sponsor.

Third place for psychology went to Louis Miele, senior psychology major from Brooksville, Florida, for the project titled, "The Dark Triad of Personality Traits and Educational Attainment." Randolph was Miele's sponsor.

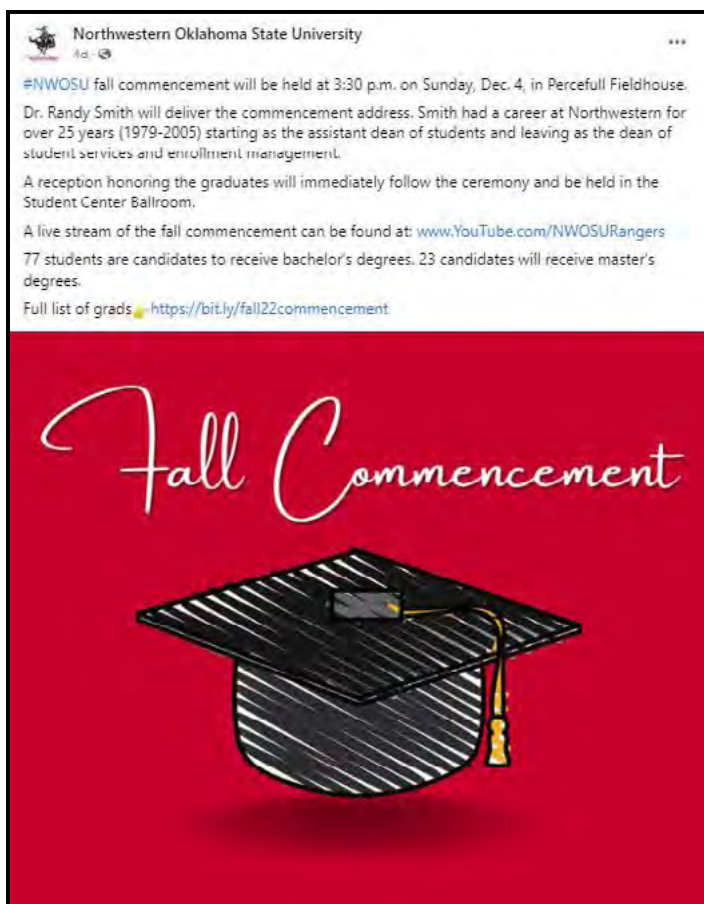
Honorable mention for psychology went to Grace Hise, junior psychology major from Enid, for the project titled, "Physiological Impact of Music on Mood." Randolph was Hise's sponsor.

Nursing category first place went to a pair of nursing majors – Kailin Lian, Laguna Niguel, California, senior; and Ally Riley, Alva senior -- for their project titled, "Readmission Rates and Length of Hospital Stay." Dr. Leslie Collins, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing, was their sponsor.

Second place in nursing went to a second group of nursing majors – Mary Kay Henderson, Hennessey senior; Casey Sims, Enid senior; and Shelby Smith, Lahoma senior -- for their project titled, "Effectiveness of Vaccines on HPV Infections and Cervical Cancer Prevention." Collins was their sponsor.

Third place in nursing went to a third group of nursing majors – Ashley Steadman, Woodward senior; and Kailee Holmes, Enid

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senior -- for their project titled, "Nurse Staffing." Collins was their sponsor.

Honorable mention for nursing went to a fourth group of nursing majors -- Anisha Bhakta, Alva senior; Allison Huffmaster, Enid senior; and Clare Merrigan, Tucson, Arizona, senior -- for their project titled, "Incidence of Mental Illness in Chronic Disease." Collins was their sponsor.

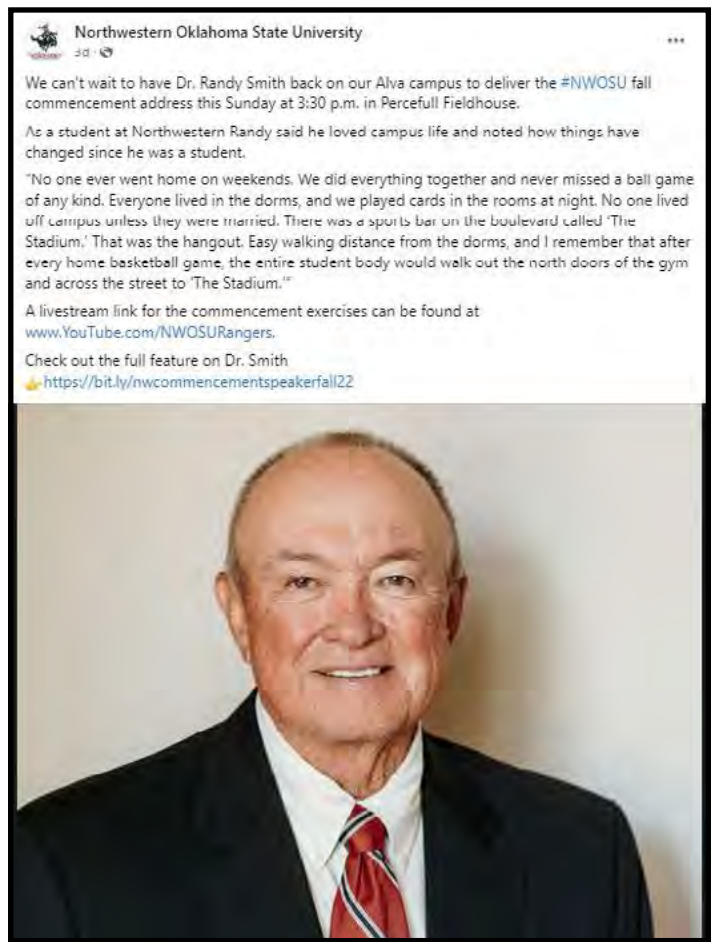
A second honorable mention for nursing went to a fifth group of nursing majors -- McKayla Monday, Granite senior; and Brenner Clark, Amorita senior -- for their project titled, "Reducing the Risks of Foley Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections." Collins was their sponsor.

Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of the graduate studies

office, said he believes students and community members are interested in pursuing a graduate degree should participate in Ranger Research Day as well as Oklahoma Research Day because research is an integral part of graduate studies.

For more information on Ranger Research Day, visit www.nwosu.edu/ranger-research-day or contact Holli-

day at (580) 327-8589 or spholli-day@nwosu.edu.



Alva, Enid, Ponca City 'Teach Oklahoma' students visit

Northwestern-Alva played host to Alva, Enid and Ponca City High School students for the high schools' "Teach Oklahoma" course.

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

Northwestern teacher candidates who assisted included Sapulpa senior Jerika Coon, Alva junior Saydy Graybill, Laverne senior Erika Hernandez, Alva senior Dono-

van Paden, Enid junior Natasha Stocks and Hutchinson, Kansas, junior Matt Voth.

AHS students attending included Julius Cardonita, Brileigh Duncan, Travis Hazelwood, Drake Wharton and Faina Whitaker. Halah Simon, AHS language arts educator and sponsor, also attended.

EHS students attending included Kiya Benz, Gage Blunk, Jessica Gonzalez, Dominique Harman, Jacob Hassler, Dottie Hill, Ospie Langrine, Kaylee Lantz, Kadence Larson, Parker Phillips, Aniston Ramsey, Bailey Roque, Emily Spruill, Marithza Velazquez and Kaitlyn Wilson. Dusty Hugaboom, EHS astronomy teacher and sponsor, also attended.

PCHS students attending included Jayden Batman and Kayleona Brown. Angela Buller, PCHS family and consumer sciences teacher and

sponsor, also attended.

The day's activities included the high school students sitting in on various college courses to experience a typical college class. Students could choose from the following options -- English with Dawn Allen, assistant professor of English; all things band- and music-related with Dr. Michael Black, director of Northwestern bands and assistant professor of music; education with Summer Foster, instructor of education; mathematics with Dr. Dena Walker, associate professor of mathematics; biology with Dr. Rebecca MacKay, assistant professor of biology, and psychology with Misti Kline, lecturer of psychology.

Students were welcomed by Dr. Jennifer Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education. Oswald facilitated a question-and-answer

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Students from Alva High School visiting Northwestern recently to learn more about the teacher education program include (left to right, front row) Brileigh Duncan, Julius Cardonita, Alva High School sponsor Halah Simon, (back row) Northwestern chair of the Division of Education Dr. Jennifer Oswald, Travis Hazelwood, Faina Whitaker and Drake Wharton.



Students from Enid High School and Ponca City High School visiting Northwestern recently to learn more about the teacher education program include (left to right, front row) Kayleona Brown, Aniston Ramsey, Dottie Hill, Bailey Roque, Kadence Larson, Kaylee Lantz, Dominique Harman, Ospie Langrine, Jacob Hassler, (back row) Jayden Batman, Kiya Benz, Enid High School sponsor Dusty Hugaboom, Gage Blunk, Marithza Velazquez, Jessica Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Wilson, Parker Phillips, Emily Spruill, Northwestern chair of the Division of Education Dr. Jennifer Oswald and Ponca City High School sponsor Angela Buller.

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Alva, Enid, Ponca City...

session with current Northwestern teacher candidates. The high school students also toured the campus and had lunch in the Coronado Café.

Oswald believes in active learning experiences, especially for future teachers.

“We are always excited to welcome high schoolers, and especially future educators, to our campus,” Oswald said. “Northwestern started as a normal school to train teachers and meet the demand for quality educators in northwest Oklahoma and beyond. We are proud to continue that tradition today.”


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 Office for Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA).

For more information about Northwestern’s teaching programs contact Oswald at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwsu.edu or visit their web page at <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education>.



Northwestern News (NWOSU)
December 1 at 9:39 AM · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/supply.../>



NORTHWESTERNNEWS.RANGERPULSE.COM

Supply shortages delay work on dorm, but wait is 'worth it'
The South Hall renovation project is nearing completion, though no final date ha...

Northwestern News (NWOSU)
4d · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/teaching.../>




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Teaching, serving coincide for Rogers
He not only serves the students of Northwestern. He also serves to protect his town and his country.

Northwestern News (NWOSU)
4d · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/lady-rangers.../>



NORTHWESTERNNEWS.RANGERPULSE.COM

Lady Rangers dominate for 3-0 start
The Northwestern women's basketball team is off to a hot start to the season.

NWOSU Theatre
6d · 🌐

We love our fellow NWOSU artists. A bit of caroling around the square last Friday. Thank you!



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To find NWTv videos online at any time, click [HERE](#).

NWOSU Department of Social Work
December 2 at 1:00 PM · 🌐

A huge thank you to Summer Verrill for coordinating a dress drive for #prim4prom and for Bishop Buck's help. 🙏👗





Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
1d · 🌐

Northwestern Nursing on the national stage!

Nursing faculty member Dr Shelly Wells presented at the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty's fall conference in Washington DC. The presentation: "The How: Launching a BSN to DNP program" also included Dr Brian Widmar from Vanderbilt and Dr Linda Rounds from the University of Texas Medical Branch whose BSN to DNP programs are both in the start-up phases.



NWOSU Division of Education 31m · 🌐

The education majors in Enid (Destiny, Nastassja, Alyssa, Anna, Ashley, Mary, Calista and Brandi) teaching science lessons.

NWOSU Division of Education 1h · 🌐

Student Teachers fulfilling their Service Learning project today at Longfellow Elementary in Alva.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University 5d · 🌐

Want to learn more about this #InspiredtoTeach program? #NWOSU can help! See more at <https://nit.ly/3F2fpcw> or contact Dr. Ien Oswald at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu. #OKHigherEdWorks

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education 5d · 🌐

Help us spread the word! Through the new "Inspired to Teach" program, full-time teacher ed students can earn a \$1,000 scholarship per year for up to 3 academic years & \$2,500 in the last academic year. <https://tinyurl.com/4m9wvj>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University 4d · 🌐

Sometimes our students aren't able to attend their commencement ceremony, and that was the case for Coleman Proctor who was busy competing at the NFR in Vegas. Proctor started as a student over a decade ago and left school to continue his rodeo dream. Years later, he wanted to finish what he had started and returned to school.

Dr. David Pecha, executive vice president, is an avid supporter of rodeo and attends the NFR every year. Pecha and Proctor's wife worked on a surprise diploma presentation while in Vegas. Do you think Coleman was surprised?

This is a great testament that it is never too late to earn your degree and Northwestern is a great place to help you do that!

Thank you to Purina Performance Horse for allowing us to present Coleman with his diploma! You can catch the presentation starting at 4:00.

Ride Rangers Ride!
#NWOSU

Purina Performance Horse was live. 4d · 🌐

A PreGame of youngster champions who are steadily becoming household names of the roping world. [Macon Murphy - Rodeo Athlete, Jr Dees team roping](#), and [Kincade Henry](#) talk about what it took to get to this stage and advice they have for young ropers wanting to follow in their footsteps. [Coleman Proctor Luke Branquinho Fan Club](#)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University 4h · 🌐

#NWOSU's newest football coach has been named!

RIDERANGERSRIDE.COM

Ronnie Jones Named Next Head Coach of Ranger Football - Northwestern Oklahoma State Athletics

NWOSU Division of Education
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Congratulations to Megan Brown! We are so proud of you! ❤️🌟

Liberty Elementary is happy to announce our Teacher of the Year Candidate! Our staff selected Megan Brown to represent our school as the 2023-2024 TOY candidate. She is a fifth grade teacher in her third year of service to our district. Ms. Brown is known for her sunny disposition, creating strong relationships with students and staff, and solving all of our tech problems! She is a great representative for our building! Congratulations to Ms. Megan Brown! 🌟🌟🌟

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Northwestern President Dr. Bo Hannaford recently attended the 2022 Visions Conference in Oklahoma City where Northwestern Alum Tom McDaniel, '60, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits. Tom serves as President of American Fidelity Foundation, after having served as President and Chancellor of Oklahoma City University from 2001-2011. He is included in the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2006. Congratulations to Tom on his many accomplishments.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University could not be more proud of Coleman Proctor! This cowboy is a true testament that you can chase your dreams while getting an education! Vice President David Pecha was able to present his diploma this year at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas!
#riderangerside

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Jennifer Mahieu is one of our associate professors of nursing. She graduated from #NWOSU and became a nurse in 1996 then returned to her alma mater in 1998 to become a nurse educator. Pediatric and Neonatal Nursing is her love and expertise but she dabbles in a little bit of all kinds of nursing.

Jennifer loves helping others. She says her passion is to help all NWOSU nursing students be successful and join the wonderful and challenging profession of nursing so they too may help others. She tries to always be there for students and looks forward to getting to know each one well.

After a horrible motor vehicle accident years ago, she was unsure if she could have children or even carry a child to term. She has been blessed with two boys, Logan (almost 16 yo) & Grady (11 yo).

"They are more of a miracle than most know. I think that might be why I tend to spoil them a little."

Jennifer says they keep her busy, entertained, and challenge her daily to be the best mom ever. We appreciate all she does for our Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing every day. She's our last "Ranger to Know" for this fall semester. 🌟🌟 These posts will resume with the start of the academic spring semester.

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

Twitter @NWOSU
Instagram & Snapchat @nwsourangers

Ripperger selected for United Nations Summit in Thailand

Kelsey Ripperger, a Master of Arts in Heritage Tourism and Conservation fall graduate at Northwestern attended a United Nations summit sponsored by Humanitarian Affairs Asia held in Thailand.

Ripperger, a Hastings, Nebraska, native, attended the Green Summit on Dec. 13-16 held at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, nominated Ripperger for the summit.

“The summit provided incredible opportunities that would allow Kelsey to learn more about ‘green initiatives,’ from diverse speakers from around the world,” Holliday said. “She also attended these events with other young leaders, aged 13-18, from many different countries that allowed for multiple networking opportunities.

“Once completed, Kelsey be-

came an official ‘ambassador’ for the summit, charged with educating others at home about what she’s learned. This was a chance of a lifetime.”

A private donor covered the tuition and housing fees for Ripperger while in Bangkok. Northwestern paid for half of the flight fare.

Ripperger said she is grateful for the opportunity and thankful for the academic pursuits Northwestern has opened for her, but she said the trip is a bittersweet one because of the climate crisis.

“We are currently living in times of mass ecological destruction, disconnection, and degradation,” Ripperger said. “The Green Conference was a chance for attendees to come together and honestly confront the reality that ecological collapse is radically impacting the entire world. There are many who continue to make mole-

hills out of the mountain of devastation that the climate crisis is causing. It is my hope that this experience will further enable me to create a sustainable future for generations to come.”

For more information about Humanitarian Affairs Asia and the summit, visit <https://humanitarianaffairs.org/>



Kelsey Ripperger



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
December 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Tanner Clarkson graduated with his bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Science Education during ceremonies at #NWOSU on Dec. 4, but still had some work to do with his student teaching assignment at Washington Early Childhood Center in Alva. Looks like both teacher and students grew fond of each other during the semester. If you'd like to make a difference in the lives of young people, consider checking into our Division of Education at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-education>.
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Alesa Murrow
December 16, 2022 at 3:52 PM

This day was hard. The kids absolutely loved Mr. C and I think Mr. C loved them more. This was one class out of 11..every class looked like this 🌟 Tanner sure made an impact with his student teaching semester and now has a newfound love of teaching littles ❤️❤️ Can't wait to see what's in store for him next!!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
December 10, 2022 at 11:46 AM

23 years ago today...
#NWOSU alum Willie Spears has been going down memory lane this week highlighting outstanding players and now the game... it truly was a tale of two halves. Thanks for the memories, Rangers!
#Champs #OnceARangerAlwaysARanger.

Willie Spears
December 18, 2022 at 6:34 AM

On this day in 1999...



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NWOSU Football 1999 National Championship
This video is one I made for Northwestern's 1999 National Championship football team. It ...

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
December 17, 2022 at 12:33 PM

Great job **Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team!**



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team
December 13, 2022


The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team got to have a bit of fun Christmas shopping before everyone headed home for break! We were lucky enough to get to participate in the AMS adopt a student/family this Christmas season. We are always super excited to be able to give back to the families and the community that gives us so much!
Merry Christmas from our rodeo family to yours!
Ride, Rangers, Ride

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
December 20, 2022 at 10:35 AM

#NWOSU President, Dr. Bo Hannaford, was challenged by Dr. Julie Dinger, OPSU President, to #GiveAHam this year. President Hannaford donated two hams to Northwest Family Services to help those in need this holiday season. Thank you to the Oklahoma Pork Council for this important campaign that supports our producers and gives back to families in our state. President Hannaford nominates Dr. Thomas Newsom, at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, to #GiveAHam
#OklahomaPork #RRR







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