

# the Spotlight

## Newsletter

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### *Spotlight on Change*

As a member of the committee that will give input on the outdoor classroom to be built on the site of the old power plant, which was razed last month, I became curious about the history of the building. That curiosity led me to dip into Wayne Lane's history of the college, *Northwestern Oklahoma State University: A Centennial History*. Two weeks later, I had read the book cover to cover, having gotten gripped by the story of the university from its founding in 1897 to its 100th anniversary in 1997. It was—unexpectedly, I admit—a page turner. If you haven't read it through, I recommend it highly.

As I read, I was struck by how often the challenges faced by our predecessors were the same ones we face today. The concern about enrollment, the scramble to make the most of limited funding, and the effort to respond to the needs of our community and the expectations of our board and legislature permeate every section of the book. Thinking about our

long-awaited and soon-to-be-completed bathroom remodel in Ryerson Hall, I laughed at how often we have faced similar delays. See if this sounds familiar: "The new education building... was to be completed in time for the 1936 spring term but was not occupied until that fall. Jesse Dunn Hall was to be ready for use in the fall of 1936. Its first occupants moved in in November 1936 while some parts of the building were still being completed." But aren't change and inconvenience the price of growth?

My experience is that we tend to find the books we need to read (or they find us) at the time we need to read them. The president's retirement announcement and the anxiety inherent in such a transition made this the right moment for this book.

And here's why.

The writer of *Ecclesiastes* complained about the monotony of life, saying there is no new thing under the sun. In times of uncertainty and change, though, it's comfort-

ing to find that we are not facing something new, the challenges we encounter having been faced many times before. More importantly, it's comforting to read the theme that emerges from these encounters: the university and its people are hardy, resilient, and optimistic. Through every challenge and change—even through the loss of the Castle on the Hill to fire—the campus community and the communities we serve have survived and ultimately thrived.

The change of a president is a momentous change, and Dr. Cunningham's presidency has been a workshop in leadership. When the sequel to Lane's book is written, President Cunningham will be remembered as one of the university's great presidents. She embodies the spirit of Northwestern. Yet Lane's book reminds us that the spirit of Northwestern is bigger than any individual in its history. It is our collective identity, and its story has many chapters remaining to be written.

# Budget approved, tuition/fees do not rise

Northwestern was approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for fiscal year 2022 to operate with a total budget comprised of \$32,001,968, compared to last year's budget of \$26,072,311. The budget consists of \$26,445,900 in E&G funding and \$5,536,068 from CARES funds. The FY22 budget shows an increase of \$557,926 in state appropriations.

Due to this increase in funding, tuition and mandatory fees remained the same at \$248.75 per credit hour. The legislature and OSRHE highlighted several areas of emphasis including nursing, education and STEM fields for funding. Northwestern was able to retain a position in nursing and a position in education, as well as fill a vacant position in natural sciences. There will be an added \$50,000 in scholarships to encourage students to enter teacher education, with special emphasis placed on those interested in math, science and special education.

"We were thankful to receive the additional funding through state appropriations and CARES funding," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "We have many projects starting, now that this funding has been secured, to improve our campus for years to come."

A portion of CARES funding went directly to enrolled students to help with educational ex-

penses. Other projects at the university include the installation of underground fiber, the addition of wireless access points, two new HVAC systems, additional technology for classrooms, as well as a new phone system implemented late in 2021.

"Not only are we able to improve certain areas on campus, our full-time staff also received a much-needed raise through the increase in funding," Cunningham said. "Northwestern recognizes employees' hard work to create a great environment, and our students benefit from that, too."

Enrollment continues to be important. An enrollment management task force has been formed to create new strategies and solutions for recruiting and retaining students. This task force is comprised of staff and faculty. Northwestern will see a normal academic year regarding classroom set-up and activities, which will help students make decisions on where to attend.

"The upcoming year will look more traditional, as we have discontinued our face-covering policy. I have missed so many aspects of campus life because of the pandemic, and am excited to see student faces bustling around again."



# Northwestern earns excellence certification as Certified Healthy Campus

Northwestern has been awarded Certified Healthy Campus status at the excellence level for 2020.

Certified Healthy Campus was created in 2011 to recognize both public and private post-secondary campuses and career technology centers that promote health and wellness for their faculty, staff, students and visitors. The program is administered by the Oklahoma Turning Point Council and the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Center for the Advancement of Wellness.

“We are proud of our university for this achievement,” Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. “We proactively encourage our employees to stay active and healthy through policies in place, and even through programs at the J.R. Holder Wellness Center. Having healthy employees is vital to our workforce.”

Certifications are awarded at the basic, merit, and excellence levels, depending on the number of criteria fulfilled. A smoke-free policy is required for Basic, and a tobacco-free policy submitted with the application is required for Excellence. The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Cam-

pus Program 2020 received 42 applications and certified 40 campuses at the basic, merit or excellence level. Northwestern earned the excellence certification.

“The Certified Healthy Oklahoma program is an exciting way to shape our future,” Dr. Julie Dearing, state programs coordinator, said. “We care about the



health of everyone around us. Let’s continue the momentum you have created to save lives and provide a healthier place to live, work, learn and play.”

Certified Healthy Oklahoma is a free statewide certification that recognizes entities going above

and beyond to make health and wellness a priority for all. The program is open to businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, restaurants and schools. Northwestern has received certifications from Certified Healthy Oklahoma every year since 2015.

“We strive to provide our campus with all types of options that can benefit the campus community’s health and wellness,” Olivia Yandel, J.R. Holder Wellness Center director, said. “It is so important that individuals make their health and wellness a priority for the betterment of their futures. I am very honored to be part of the culture here at Northwestern that supports positive health choices for its community members.”

For local information on Certified Healthy Oklahoma or the J.R. Holder Wellness Center contact Yandel at (580) 327-8109 or oayandel@nwosu.edu.



# 230+ high school students on campus for BASIC camps

The second group of members from the Oklahoma Association of Student Councils (OASC) gathered on the Northwestern Alva campus for BASIC, a leadership workshop, July 11-16. Overall the university welcomed 231 high school students from across the state. Sixteen are high school graduates who came to Northwestern prior to the camp's start so they could prepare for their roles as junior counselors during the workshop.

Students attending for the week included high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. During the workshop, students were divided into 12 councils, each of which came up with a school name, mascot, colors and a school song and chant. Students in each council were given real-life problems to solve and then act out their resolutions using skits. They also participated in breakout sessions that included leadership styles, team building, etiquette, school spirit and activities.

Junior Counselors, members of OASC for July who have graduated high school, were assigned to each of the 12 councils. Those counselors included Noah Albert, Delaney Barghols, Andrew Celedron, Maggie Dansbury, Risa Fitter, Michael Forhan, Kami Fryer, Lisa Gouldsby, Jordyn Jastice, Constance Kettler, Madison Lake, Lucas Martinez, Madeline Mueller, Laurel Reesling, Brody Smith and Nadily Smith.

Students used various buildings around campus and stayed in university housing along with the directors: Karen Koehn of Alva, workshop director for junior counselors and state officers; Kristi Neerman of Tulsa, director of facilities; Martha Embry of Tulsa, director of curriculum and

adult staff; and Janet Carter of Sulphur, director of registration.

Koehn added she is very thankful to Northwestern and the Alva community for their support in playing host to the event.

“Round two of OASC BASIC

kicked off just as enthusiastically as our June session,” Koehn said. “The difference our community makes in these young leaders will continue to serve our entire state. Thank you, Alva, for continuing to open your hearts to growing these leaders!”



High school graduates serving as junior counselors attending the July OASC Basic workshop are (front row, left to right) Risa Fitter, Laurel Reesling, Maggie Dansbury, Madison Lake, Madeline Mueller, Nadily Smith, Kami Fryer, Jordyn Jastice (back row, left to right) Lucas Martinez, Brody Smith, Delaney Barghols, Constance Kettler, Michael Forhan, Andrew Celedron, Noah Albert and Lisa Gouldsby.



## Enrollment encouraged for those interested in graduate programs

Enrollment for Northwestern's graduate programs was open into August.

Master's degree programs include Master of Arts in American Studies, Master of Counseling Psychology, Master of Science in General Psychology, Master of Arts in Heritage Tourism and Conservation and Master of Education with several options. Applications for admission into the graduate program were accepted through the beginning of August. Fall classes began Monday, Aug. 16.

"This fall semester is an excellent time for potential students to begin their graduate education," Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, said. "Northwestern offers a wide array of graduate programs that would be of special interest to nontraditional students that can help with retraining for a new or different career. Our small class sizes and supportive faculty also help students succeed. Don't delay, enroll today!"

To see degree program breakdowns, visit the online graduate catalog at [www.nwsu.edu/graduate-catalog](http://www.nwsu.edu/graduate-catalog).

To get started on a graduate degree program contact Melissa Brown, coordinator of graduate studies, at (580) 327-8410 or [mbrown@nwsu.edu](mailto:mbrown@nwsu.edu). An application for admission form, admission requirements and additional information may be found at [www.nwsu.edu/graduate-studies](http://www.nwsu.edu/graduate-studies).

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
July 19 · 🌐

Condolences to the family of Dean Linder, long-time Voice of the Rangers at #NWOSU where name will forever grace the Ranger Field Press Box. Your love & knowledge of Ranger sports never be forgotten. Memorial services today at 1:30pm. Obit at <https://bit.ly/3kELWNz>.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
July 28 · 🌐

Check out this [Enid News & Eagle](#) article highlighting our bridge program with [Northern Oklahoma College](#)!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus  
[https://www.enidnews.com/.../article\\_fb5e7274-e901-11eb...](https://www.enidnews.com/.../article_fb5e7274-e901-11eb...)

ENIDNEWS.COM  
**NOC, NWOSU Enid campuses offer higher education to community members**  
ENID, Okla. — Residents in Enid and surrounding areas have multiple opportunities to access higher education thanks to Northern Oklahoma College's and Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Enid campuses.

# Tutwiler serves as parade marshal

Events were announced for Northwestern's annual homecoming celebration Oct. 7-9, and the organizing committee looked forward to seeing many familiar, and some new, faces in Alva.

The Northwestern Homecoming Committee selected this year's theme – "Game On: Ranger 2021 Edition" in the spring semester of 2020. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Homecoming festivities were

canceled.

"Tradition and memories play a critical role for alumni that return to Alva for all of the homecoming festivities," Dr. David Pecha, general chairman, said. "This year's theme will hopefully provide an opportunity for everyone involved to catch the Ranger spirit by wearing something red and black, and taking part in the many activities."

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

Leading the parade on Saturday, Oct. 9, at in downtown Alva was the parade marshal

Linda Tutwiler, a former Northwestern student and staff member. Tutwiler was hired in 1986 as the President's administrative assistant and held that position for 22 years. She worked for the

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*Northwestern's Ranger band psychs up the crowd at the 2019 homecoming parade before the Ranger football game.*



*Linda Tutwiler  
2021 Homecoming Parade Marshal*



Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
July 20

The #NWOSU Enid and Woodward campuses are extending their hours today, July 20, from 5-7 p.m. to help you learn ways to finish your degree. Don't miss out on this opportunity for giveaways, advisement, tours, etc!  
<http://www.nwosu.edu/paying.../reach-higher-program-costs>

REACH HIGHER RECONNECT

July 19-22

FINISH YOUR DEGREE HERE AT NWOSU

July 20th | 5-7 p.m.

Stop by NWOSU to see your options on finishing your Bachelor's Degree! Receive advisement for enrollment, financial aid counseling, plus so much more!

# Tutwiler...

following Northwestern presidents: Dr. Joe Struckle, Dr. Tom McDaniel, Dr. Paul Beran and Dr. Janet Cunningham.

Tutwiler graduated summa cum laude in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in office administration and earned a master of education degree in 1998, both from Northwestern. She earned both degrees while working full time as the President's assistant.

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

Bursting at the seams, this improvement was LONG over due!  
See the before and after. 😊  
We are so thankful to our wonderful summer student workers for really overhauling the sewing lab! 🙌  
Fresh paint, a new layout, added storage, and organization will make working in the lab a breeze!  
Thanks to their hard work we are ready to drape, pattern, cut and sew this fall!

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangars #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #theatre #technicaltheatre #techtheatre #sewing #costuming #sewinglab #costumer #costumeshop #theatreproduction #theatreeducation #theatremajor #organization #glowup #sewingroom #theatrekid #theatrelife #theatrekids #theatrecostume #theatreworkshop #alvaok #visitalva #riderangerside #ridewithpride #summerproject

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
Division of Nursing  
2h ·

Dr. Pat Thompson (left) is moving to full-time faculty status from her BSN-to-DNP Program Director position effective August 1, 2021. You may be aware that Dr. Thompson is our inaugural BSN-to-DNP Program director. Her hard work and untold number of hours over the past 5+ years has resulted in a firm foundation for our program. Several of her many accomplishments include the development of the program's clinical courses, obtaining CCNE accreditation of the program, the establishment of many connections in professional settings throughout Oklahoma that have resulted in quality practicum experiences for our students, and the hiring of strong program faculty that enhance the program quality. Dr. Thompson will continue to teach courses throughout the BSN-to-DNP curriculum. We will forever be indebted to Dr. Thompson for her leadership and commitment to Northwestern, advanced nursing practice, and the profession of nursing.

Dr. Courtney Ballina will assume the position of the BSN-to-DNP Program Director effective August 1, 2021. Dr. Ballina joined the faculty in August 2017 and has been instrumental in the implementation of the BSN-to-DNP program. She is active in the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty and is a recognized leader within that organization. Dr. Ballina will be a strong leader for our Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice and will continue to assure our students receive a strong foundation for their advanced nursing practice as family nurse practitioners. Please join us in thanking Dr. Thompson for her leadership and congratulating Dr. Ballina on her new appointment.

**NWOSU Theatre**  
July 18 · 🌐

We enjoy seeing our talented alumni share their skills and gifts. Sara Acosta (left) is a 2014 Speech/Theatre graduate. Sara painted the beautiful backdrop and stage managed the Woodward Arts Theatre production of "Of Starch and Forgiveness" by Tyler Zwickau. Ashley Schmitz(right) is a 2012 Vocal Performance graduate. Ashley performed in the production, gracious what a phenomenal soprano.



**Janet Cunningham @NWOSU** president · Aug 7

New President's Leadership Class team building with Ultra Ranger Alum Karen Koehn! #PLC2021 #RRR



**NWOSU Theatre** is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.  
July 26 at 9:07 AM · Alva · 🌐

We are SEW excited about this new shelving in our sewing lab!

It may not look like much, but rest assured there is a SUBSTANTIAL amount of fabric carefully stored in those totes!  
We can't wait to add more this fall!

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #sewing #storage #theatre #techtheatre #theatretech #theatretechnician #theatreife #summerproject #sewinglab #sewingroom #costuming #costumer #theatreeducation #theatremajor #theatrekid #theatrekids #theatreworkshop #theatrearts #theatreproduction #theatre costume #theatreislife #loweshomeimprovement #glowup #sewingprojects #theatrenerds



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus**  
July 21 · 🌐

Reach Higher: Reconnect Weeks ends tomorrow! Feel free to contact us if you have questions about completing your degree at NWOSU.  
#NWOSU #ReachHigher #Reconnect



**To schedule a meeting or for more information on the Reach Higher program, contact Dr. Jerry Gustafson at 580-213-3184 or by email at [jgustafson@nwosu.edu](mailto:jgustafson@nwosu.edu)**

**For more information on admission requirements, tours, degree options or other questions, contact Keribeth at 580-213-3101 or by email at [khofen@nwosu.edu](mailto:khofen@nwosu.edu)**



**NWOSU Theatre** is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.  
July 30 at 9:04 AM · Alva · 🌐

Bursting at the seams, this improvement was LONG over due!

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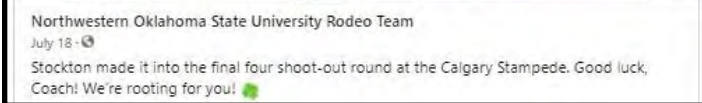
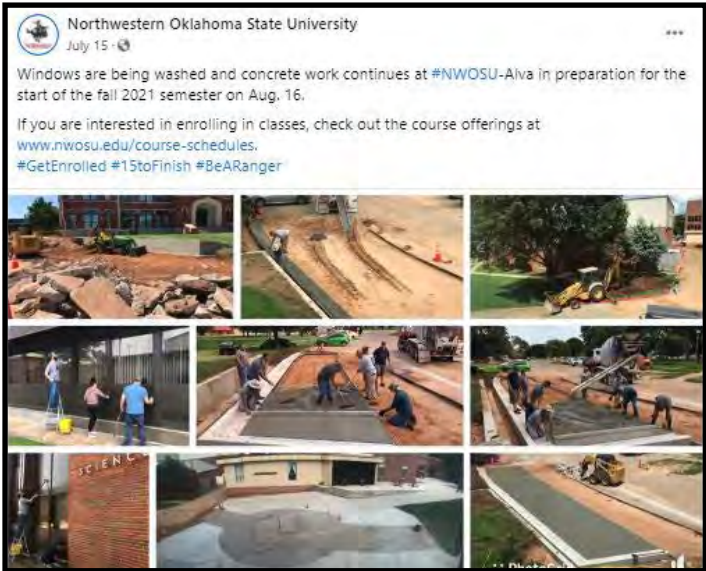
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**CampusCabinetNWOSU** @CampusCabinetNW · Jul 21

We are so thankful for our donors. Derek Jewell brought by a great donation for our pantry! We promise we'll put it to good use! We encourage all who can to make donations to your local food pantries at this time including ours. Questions, please DM, or email arcase@nwosu.edu



**Derek Jewell & Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline**



**Our Mission**  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to students with diverse needs by achieving ethical leadership and creating vibrant learning and local economic vitality.

Your donation will help us help our university community!  
Monetary, food, and hygiene donations are always welcome!  
Just ask us how you can help.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus**  
August 10 at 8:22 AM

Please be advised that there is construction on Randolph that will likely continue through the entire Fall semester. This will limit access to campus throughout the school year. Access must be gained through N. 30th St. We ask that you enter the campus parking lot by the intersection of E. Randolph and N. 30th St. (the sign says "Road Closed: Local Traffic Only"). The south two entrances on N. 30th St. are reserved for the Fowler Early Childhood Center school drop-off and pick-up. There are cones blocking the entrances from their parking lot areas to the NWOSU parking lots.

Please exercise caution as you navigate the intersection of E. Randolph Ave. and N. 30th St. as well as the NWOSU parking lots. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



**Janet Cunningham** @NWOSUPresident · Aug 9

PLC makes it to Boston! #PLC2021 #NWOSU



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
27m

Thanks to Dr Collins for her work in the community!!

## National Health Center Week

### MEET OUR BOARD PRESIDENT



**DR. LESLIE COLLINS, M.S., R.N. BOARD PRESIDENT**

Dr. Leslie Collins is the Assistant Chair of the Charles Marton Shure Trust Division of Nursing and an Assistant Professor at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She has been a nurse for over 12 years and has a background in Maternal-Newborn Nursing. She has been in nursing education for over 10 years and has had the privilege of teaching most courses throughout the nursing curriculum. In 2014 she joined the GSPHC Board of Directors and has served on many board committees and continues to serve with executive positions on the board. Dr. Collins received her doctorate degree from Duquesne University in 2015 and has focused on having an engaging and enjoyable workplace for her faculty. Dr. Collins has been a part of 2 ANA Nurse panels for increasing civility and decreasing workplace violence, which resulted in published works on these subjects. She was awarded with the John Borten Award for Distinguished Teaching and Service and was named a Faculty Champion in Obstetrics. Leslie is married to her high school sweetheart Brian, and they have two children Kendal and Kade. In their free time they like to be outside with their animals, riding trails, cooking/baking, and camping.

[WWW.GSPHEALTH.ORG](http://WWW.GSPHEALTH.ORG)

**RUSO** @RUSORegents · Jul 29

Congratulations to @NWOSU's Dr. Jason Ferrell, assistant professor of psychology, & Laralin Worsham, Master of Science in General Psychology graduate, for earning recent honors from the Oklahoma Psychological Society. [nwosu.edu/news/psycholog...](http://nwosu.edu/news/psycholog...)



**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Aug 13

Hey @NWOSU students! Looking for a short course that bundles fun content & building skills for the work place in the sciences? Check this opportunity out! [tinyurl.com/3634u63y](https://tinyurl.com/3634u63y) #NWOSUscience

## Become a Blue Thumb Volunteer!

- Receive valuable training on colorimetric analyses of water quality
- Learn about biological indicators of stream health
- Monitor the health of a stream in Oklahoma

Sign-up soon at: <https://tinyurl.com/3634u63y>

**Training workshop on Sept. 11 & 12**  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Optional: Earn college credit by enrolling in BIOL 4900 "Stream Health Monitoring"!

See Dr. Thompson, SC 201B, for more information



Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
 August 13 at 10:31 AM · 🌐

Band members have been working all week on the pre-game and halftime marching routines for this football season. Plenty of time to join the band. Participation scholarships available! Contact Dr. Michael Black for info: [mblack@nwosu.edu](mailto:mblack@nwosu.edu)  
 First game is Sept. 2!  
 #NWOSU #RRR



Band members working a week before school starts



Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
 August 14 at 10:44 AM · 🌐

Welcome to Northwestern 2021 Freshman class! What a great choice to #BeARanger at #NWOSU!  
 Plenty of time for others to join us! Enrollment open until Aug.24!  
[www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules](http://www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules)



Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
 August 12 at 2:57 PM · 🌐

Several students were able to move into university housing early, but today is an official #MoveInDay at #NWOSU! We are so excited to renew friendships & create new ones! We'd love to see how you've set up your room. #NWMoveInDay #NWOSU



**It's Move-In Day at NWOSU!**  
 Show us your dorm room!  
 We bet you've decorated it well!

*Welcome Back, Rangers!*



*Fun in the Sun! The Ranger Band takes a break from Band Camp work for a quick group photo.*

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
August 13 · 🌐

Freshman Orientation at #NWOSU-Alva is Saturday starting with registration at 8:30 a.m. at Ranger Field!

Transfer Orientation on the Alva campus is Saturday at 1 p.m. in Education Center 109.

Can't wait to see all of our new students! #RRR



**NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.**  
August 13 at 8:46 AM · Alva · 🌐

It's been a great summer, now let's get back to what we do best!

Sing/Play/Act/Create

📸 Photo: Temberlenn Hall, Junior Speech-Theatre major 🏆, #2 NWOSU Ranger Football 🏈 sports his NWOSU Fine Arts shirt on Rocky Point Beach in Puerto Peñasco Mexico earlier this summer. 🌞

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**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
August 16 at 7:50 AM · 🌐

It's the first day of school at #NWOSU! We want to see your first day pics!! #NWOSUFirstDay

8/16/2021

**Happy First Day of School at Northwestern!**

SHOW US YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS!  
#NWOSUFIRSTDAY  
#NWOSU



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
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The NWOSU education department has allocated \$50,000 in scholarships for students seeking a degree in secondary education or special education.  
<https://www.nwosu.edu/northwesterns-department-of-...>  
Enrollment for the fall semester open until Aug. 24 if you are interested in getting started!



**NWOSU Visual Arts**  
August 14 · 🌐

Congrats to NWOSU Visual Arts Alumna *Abbie Haskins* -- Medford's new art teacher!!



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus**  
August 15 at 1:00 PM · 🌐

Hey Rangers, Welcome Back! Join us for breakfast and snacks on your first day of class!

**WELCOME BACK RANGERS!**

There will be breakfast and snacks in the commons on Monday, August 16th and Tuesday, August 17th.

**Northwestern**  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY



# \$50,000 in scholarships allocated for education students

Northwestern officials allocated \$50,000 in scholarships for teacher candidates who enter the classroom in the secondary and special education areas.

This allocation came from additional funds received from Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSHRE) that allowed Northwestern to retain personnel while providing additional dollars toward scholarships.

“The intent of this money is to support the initiatives for high need areas,” Dr. Christee Jenlink, assistant dean of education, said. “There are tremendous teacher shortages within all secondary areas and special education.”

Upon admittance into the teacher education program, a student will receive a \$500 scholarship the following semester.

For example, if a student were to be admitted into the program in the fall 2021 semester, the \$500 scholarship would be applied during the spring 2022 semester. When the same student enters their pre-professional semester, the student will be awarded another \$1,000.

“We hope to encourage students to choose a career in teaching and to better support them in their journey to the classroom,” Jenlink said. “Northwestern creates effective educators, and these funds allow us to help students in these high need areas.”

OSHRE also offers the Future Teachers Scholarship for teacher candidates who teach in the state of Oklahoma for three consecutive years after graduation and licensure, which would be money in addition to the Northwest-

ern scholarship.

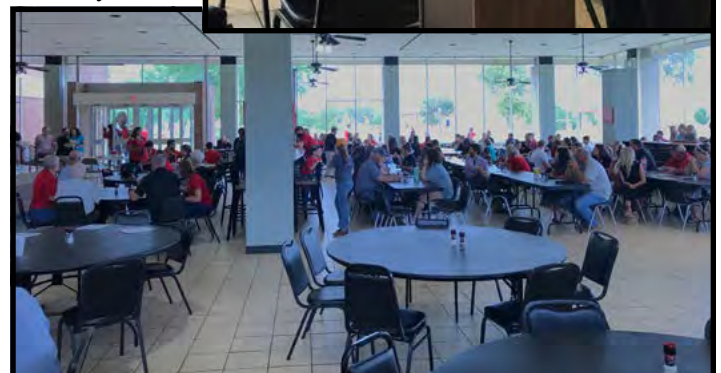
Another unique aspect to Northwestern’s scholarship program is that funds are set aside for transfer students who come to Northwestern as teacher candidates in the high need areas.

For more information about Northwestern’s teacher education program and scholarship allocation, contact Jenlink at [cljenlink@nwosu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8478. For more information about OSHRE’s Future Teacher Scholarship program, visit <https://secure.okcollegestart.org/FinancialAidPlanning/Scholarships/CareerScholarships/FutureTeachersScholarshipProgram.aspx>



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*Dr. Janet Cunningham addresses the faculty and staff members who gathered for the annual All-School Picnic in the cafeteria.*



# Northwestern welcomes new faculty members

Northwestern welcomed new faculty members to campus for a new faculty orientation to begin the 2021-2022 school year. New faculty members were hired in the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Professional Studies.

Dr. Michael Black, assistant professor of music and director of bands, holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Northeastern Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in instrumental conducting from the University of Connecticut. He earned a doctorate in musical arts with an emphasis in wind band conducting from the University of Kentucky. He has served as an assistant professor of music at Franklin College.

Dr. John Ellerbach, assistant professor of communication, has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Dubuque in Iowa and a Doctor of Education degree in mass communication from Oklahoma State University. His prior work experience includes being an assistant professor of journalism at Franklin College of Indiana, assistant professor of journalism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, assistant professor of communication at Shippensburg University, visiting assistant professor in communication at Purdue University and assistant professor of English at Kutztown University.

Codi Harding, assistant professor of social work and director of field education, holds a bachelor's degree in social work and a bachelor's degree in psychology, both from Northwestern. She also earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma. Her previous work experience includes being a school-based therapist at Youth and Family Services in Enid.

Dr. Nicholas Ledbetter, assistant professor of biology, earned his bach-

elor's degree in biology from the University of Central Arkansas. He recently completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in biology from the University of Tulsa. His prior work experience includes being a research and teaching assistant for biology at the University of Tulsa.

Summer Foster, instructor of education, holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology, both from Fort Hays State University. Foster also earned her master's degree in school counseling from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Her previous work experience includes being a high school counselor, sixth grade English language arts and social studies teacher, and middle school counselor all with Dodge City Public Schools.

Derek Trabuc, instructor of education, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in educational leadership, both from Pittsburg State University. Trabuc's prior work experience includes 17 years as a fifth and sixth grade classroom teacher at Maraton Valley Elementary School in Kansas.

Jonathan Crowell, instructor of nursing, holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from East Central University, a bachelor's degree in theology from Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, a master's degree in Christian scripture from Heritage Chris-

tian University, and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Oklahoma. His previous work experience includes being a charge nurse in the emergency department at Holdenville General Hospital and at Nor Lea Hospital District in New Mexico, staff nurse in the emergency department at Integris Bass Baptist Health Center in Enid, and advanced practice nurse practitioner at Entero Services in Enid.

Denise Floyd, instructor of nursing, earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Oklahoma Panhandle State University and a master's degree in nursing from Grand Canyon University in Arizona. Floyd's prior work experience includes being a critical care manager and ICU Nurse at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid.

Dr. Yvette Lowery, assistant professor of nursing, joined Northwestern faculty in the 2020-2021 academic year but was unable to attend the scheduled new faculty orientation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lowery attended the 2021-2022 new faculty orientation.

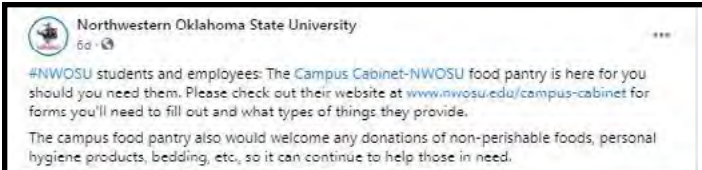
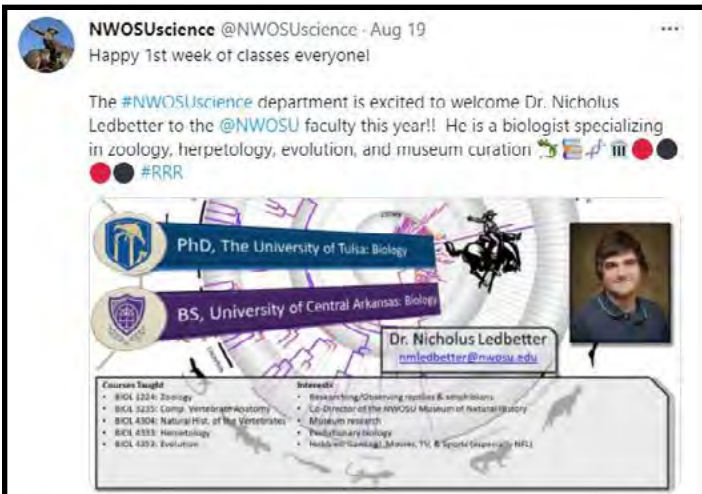
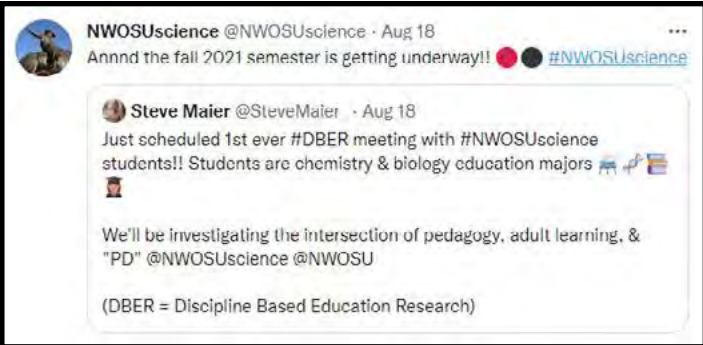


*New faculty members include (left to right, front row) Derek Trabuc, instructor of education; Denise Floyd, instructor of nursing; Codi Harding, assistant professor of social work and director of field experience; Summer Foster, instructor of education; Dr. Yvette Lowery (new faculty member 2020-2021) assistant professor of nursing; and Dr. Nicholas Ledbetter, assistant professor of biology. Second row, Jonathan Crowell, instructor of nursing.*



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# New staff members welcomed to Northwestern

Northwestern welcomed 26 new staff members to campus in the fall. Short biographies of each staff member are listed below:

Gracie Allen, Foundation and Alumni Association development officer, earned her bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences from Oklahoma State University. She previously worked at Pure Barre Studio in Midtown Tulsa.

Mickal Arvie, assistant football coach, holds a master's degree in adult education management and administration from Northwestern. He holds experience as a student worker in the J.R. Holder Wellness Center and as a graduate assistant with Ranger Football.

Sandra Boston, South Hall supervisor and resident life coordinator, previously worked in Shattuck for Venture Foods and also owned and operated Ed's Cafe.

Sterlin Broomfield, cross

country/track and field assistant coach, holds a master's degree in adult education management and administration from Northwestern. He has been the assistant in the Student Support Services (SSS) grant office and night technician in the ITV dept.

Karolyn Cole, Upward Bound project coordinator, has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Northwestern. She has taught as a fourth grade teacher with Alva Public Schools and worked with Schwerdtfeger Hay & Grain.

Chonda Dees, financial aid counselor, holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Northwestern. She previously worked as the executive assistant at BancCentral in Alva and is a licensed cosmetologist.

Abby Detar, Bill Johnson Correctional Center treatment counselor, earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Northwestern. She previously worked as a student worker in the J.R. Holder Wellness Center and in the psychology department.

Josh Evans, assistant football coach/passing game coordinator, holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of La

Verne in California and has previously worked as a graduate assistant for Ranger Football as a coach for quarterbacks and wide receivers.

Sarah Fletcher, SSS project adviser, received her master's degree in counseling psychology from Northwestern. Her previous work experience includes being a counselor with the Oklahoma Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and with Northwest Family Services in Alva.

Kyle Fuller, police chief, earned his associate's degree in police science from OSU-OKC. His previous work experience includes being a deputy with the Woods County Sheriff's Office and the Alva Police Department. He also served six years in the Army National Guard.

Blake Garnett, systems analyst – Alva campus, received his bachelor's degree in computer science from Northwestern. He has previously worked at Northwest Technology Center, G & G Home Furnishings, Alva Public Schools and Garnett Oil Co.

Miranda Gilliland, custodian, has previously worked at Taco Village in Alva and also with the university's grounds maintenance.

Georgie Gerbine, BJCC treatment counselor, holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Northwestern. She has previously worked in sales for AT&T, at Alva's Market and as a medical records assistant.

Bailie Gooch, J.R. Holder Wellness Center assistant director, has a bachelor's degree in health and sports science education from



*New staff members include (left to right, front row) Madison Wilson, head cashier; Sarah Fletcher, Student Support Services project adviser; Karen Rodriguez, Student Support Services project adviser; Bailie Gooch, J.R. Holder Wellness Center assistant director; Miriam Hicks, library/housing assistant; Georgie Gerbine, BJCC treatment counselor; (second row, left to right) Azucena Rivera, custodian; Abby Detar, BJCC treatment counselor; Chonda Dees, financial aid counselor; Blake Garnett, systems analyst; Tylar Thompson, admissions counselor and recruiter; and Ethan Sackett, student success coordinator. Several are not pictured.*

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## New staff members...

Northwestern. She has previously worked in the J.R. Holder Wellness Center as a graduate assistant, fitness instructor and certified personal trainer.

Miriam Hicks, library/housing assistant, has previously worked as an office support assistant with the State of Missouri Department of Corrections and social media manager for Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva.

Jakeria Otey, assistant women's basketball coach, received her master's degree in adult education management and administration from Northwestern. She was the graduate assistant with the Lady Ranger basketball team, substitute teacher for Alva Schools and helped with Boys & Girls Club in Arkansas.

Azucena Rivera, custodian, has worked as a packaging assistant with Value Added Products in Alva and also worked at DD's Discount Store and Six Flags.

Karen Rodriguez, SSS project adviser, holds a bachelor's degree in general studies from Northwestern. She previously worked as a student worker in the student services department at Northwestern.

Ethan Sacket, student success coordinator, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwestern. He has previously worked as a Northwestern resident life assistant and tutor with Upward Bound, and has coordinated brand development for VAP in Alva.

Andrew Santangelo, assistant athletic director for communications, received his master's degree

in adult education management and administration from Northwestern. He previously worked as an intern with OSU Cowboy Athletics and as a graduate assistant with Northwestern athletic communications.

Emma Sporleder, Foundation and Alumni Association communications and marketing manager, holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Northwestern. She has previously been a student worker with Northwestern athletic communications.

Wendi Stonehocker, Foundation and Alumni Association office manager, has previously worked as a customer service associate with BancCentral in Alva.

Tylar Thompson, admissions counselor/recruiter, earned her bachelor's degree in mass communication from Northwestern. She has previously worked as a lead business service representative for the Western Oklahoma Workforce Development Board and a career manager with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Lisa Vermillion, administrative assistant to the vice president for administration,

has worked as a secretary and paraprofessional with Alva Public Schools, as owner/operator of a daycare service, and in Northwestern's nursing department.

Madison Wilson, head cashier, received her bachelor's degree in history from Northwestern. She has previously worked part-time for Northwestern's recruitment office and business office and helped with drama camp for the Gaslight Theatre in Enid.

Ryan Wondrasek, head softball coach, has a master's degree in secondary education sports administration from East Central University. He has served as the athletic director at Seward County Community College in Kansas and was the assistant softball coach at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and St. Gregory's University.



**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Aug 20  
Happy Friday !! 😊

It's the first ever #ScienceDemoOfTheWeek!

This week, we present the #WineButler. Brought to you by #NWOSUscience!! This device can be found in @SteveMaier 's office in SC107. You should stop by some time!! [youtube.com/watch?v=T40PwD...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T40PwD...)  
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Wine Butler  
Demonstrating the rod & bottle system (also known as a wine butler).

**NWOSU English** @NWOSU\_English · Aug 20  
Check out these teaching incentives!



**DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE INCENTIVES FOR BECOMING AN ENGLISH TEACHER IN OKLAHOMA?**

*Calling All Future High School English Teachers!*

See Professor Cherry in VH 212 for more information, or send an email to [lmcherry@nwosu.edu](mailto:lmcherry@nwosu.edu)

**Incentives**

- \$500: Upon acceptance into the Teacher Education Program
- \$1,000: The semester prior to student teaching
- \$1,625: When you begin student teaching
- \$1,625: If you sign a contract to teach at an OK public school

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Frosty Joe's has been on campus today providing free snocones, courtesy of NWOSU SGA, as a welcome back to #NWOSU treat.



**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Aug 19  
Hey @NWOSU students, did you know there are incentives for becoming a science teacher in Oklahoma?! These are in addition to scholarships!  
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@NWOSU\_EDUCATION #oklaed #oksoi #NWOSUscience



**Thinking of Becoming a High School Science Teacher??**

See Dr. Maier in SC 107 for more information!  
Or, send an email [science@nwosu.edu](mailto:science@nwosu.edu)

Receive Incentives here at NWOSU!!

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- \$1,000 → The semester prior to student teaching
- \$1,625 → When you begin student teaching
- \$1,625 → If you sign up to teach in an Oklahoma public school

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**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Sep 10  
And...@NWOSU has 💰💰 for those going into teaching!

- \$500 ➕ Entering Teacher Ed program
- \$1,000 ➕ Semester before you student teach
- \$1,625 ➕ Student teaching semester
- \$1,625 ➕ If you sign with an OK public school

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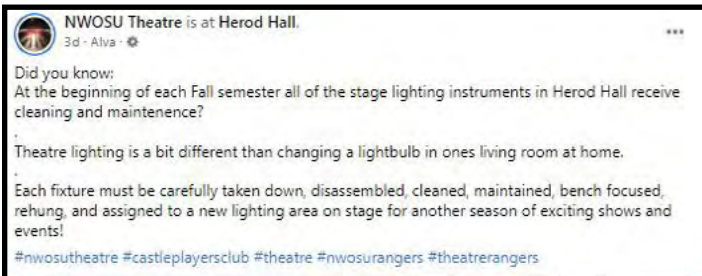
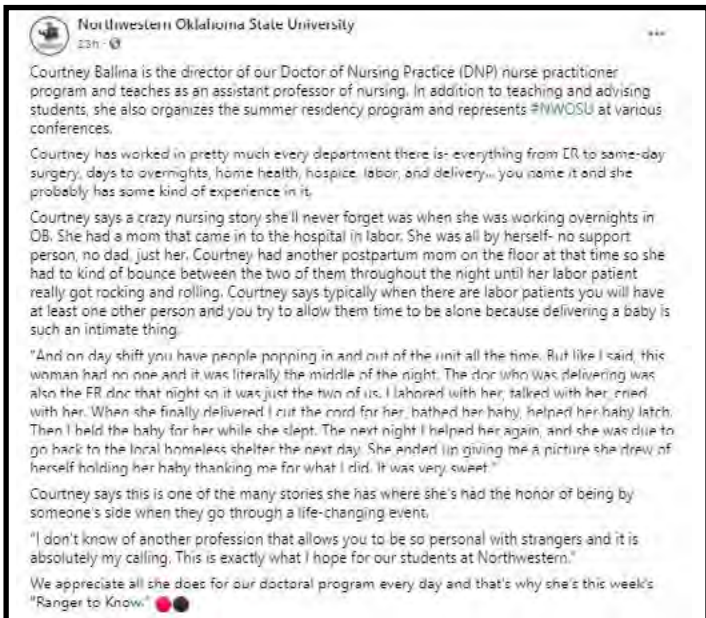
**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
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We are hearing great news from the first few 2021 DNP graduates who have successfully completed their Family Nurse Practitioner certification exams!

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
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A nice little shower outside tonight during the NWOSU SGA Glow Games at the Intramural Field at #NWOSU.





# J.R. Holder Wellness Center Leadership Changes

The J.R. Holder Wellness Center is under new leadership. Olivia Yandel of Kiowa, Kansas, has been named the new director, and Bailie Gooch of Stroud has been named the assistant director.

Yandel served as the assistant director for two and a half years before taking on the director position recently.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to better the Wellness Center," Yandel said. "I

have such a passion for wellness and people, so being able to oversee this fantastic facility like all of the other amazing directors before me is such an honor."

Yandel said the staff is looking



*Olivia Yandel*

forward to bringing more community members into the facility through various challenges and incentives. She said her goal as director is to make the facility the best possible, whether that be by bringing in more equipment for

the members, offering a larger variety of group exercise classes or simply being available to listen to the members' recommendations.

"I hope

that Bailie, my staff and I can provide a positive experience for anyone who uses the facility," Yandel said.

Gooch previously worked at the Wellness Center for two and a half years as a student, staff member and personal trainer.

She said the staff is excited to start hosting more challenges for the Wellness Center members to spark motivation and engagement.

Listed below are a few Wellness Center challenges:

- Aug. 15 – Sept. 30: Refer a Friend

Refer as many friends to sign up for a membership as possible to

compete for a FREE VIP membership - Sept. 1 – 30: "Step"tember

Track steps for the whole month of September. The person with the most after the final day will win a Northwestern swag bag

- Oct. 9: Ranger Run 5K/ Fun Run

Participate in the annual Homecoming 5K Ranger Run or the 1-mile Fun Run on Alva's Downtown Square

- Nov. 20: Turkey Tri

Put together a team of three to compete in a tag team relay half triathlon (5K run, 12-mile stationary bike, 800m. swim)

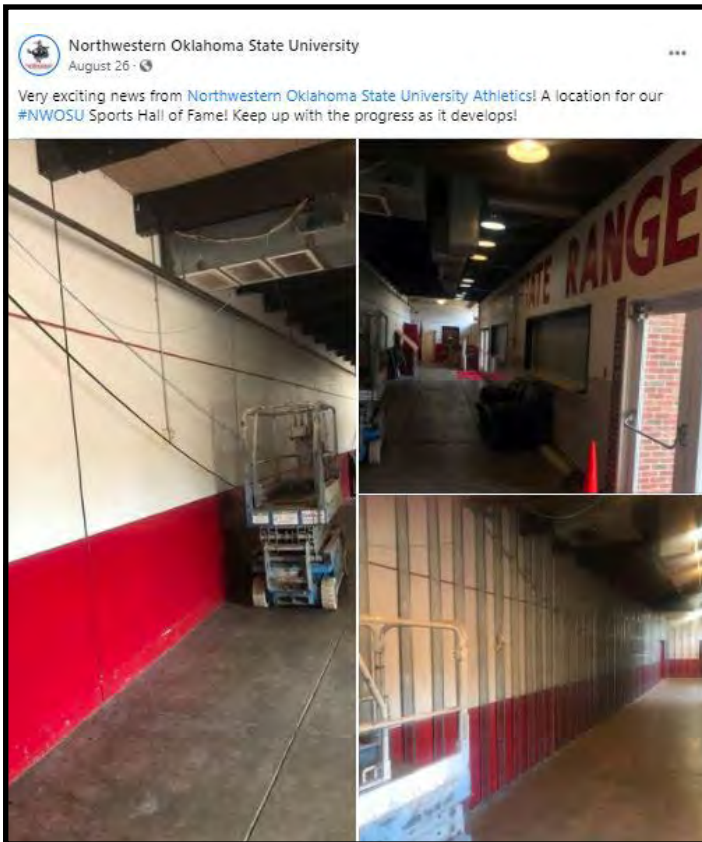
- Dec. 1-23: 12 Days of "Fits"mas  
Check-in at least 12 days to earn a free one-month membership

- Jan. 3 – Feb. 28: Transformation Challenge

Eight-week transformation challenge to help start the new year by getting in shape. One winner will be rewarded for the best all-around transformation.

"I'm looking forward to serving the community of Alva by providing a welcoming, clean and safe environment for people to engage in their favorite activities to promote health and wellness," Gooch said. "I believe that the J.R. Holder Wellness Center is a wonderful asset to our community."

For more information about the J.R. Holder Wellness Center contact Yandel at (580) 327-8109 or oayandel@nwosu.edu.



## Spring Break is March 14-18



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Students | Employees | Public:  
Get your COVID-19 vaccine at #NWOSU Aug. 25, 11-2, J.R. Holder Wellness Center.  
Upcoming opportunities:  
-Sept. 3, 9-1, J.R. Holder Wellness Center... See More

## NWOSU COVID-19 VACCINATION Clinic

COVID-19 vaccine is available for those ages 12 and up.

Moderna & Pfizer will be offered

\*Those getting fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine will be exempt from quarantine\*

**Wednesday August 25, 2021**

NWOSU Campus  
JR Holder Wellness Center  
Alva, Oklahoma  
**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Open to the Public!**

**Walk-ins Welcome**

**For Appointments:  
Call the Woods County Health Department  
580-337-3192  
or go online at [vaccinate.ok.gov](http://vaccinate.ok.gov)**

**VACCINATION INFORMATION**  
If a parent or guardian is not able to accompany a minor child to the clinic, a COVID Vaccine consent form must be filled out and signed. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

**LET'S PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM COVID-19**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
August 25 · 🌐

Friday is the first #NWOSU #RedNBlackFriday to enter our contest for a Ranger prize! Just follow the rules and show us your colors from wherever you are each Friday by 2 p.m.

Rules:

- 1) Make a public post showing off your red and black to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter
- 2) Use hashtags #NWOSU and #RedNBlackFriday
- 3) Make your post by 2 p.m. this Friday to get entered for a prize

# Oklahoma's best kept secret - regional universities offer best value

Northwestern Oklahoma State University continues to serve its students by providing a quality and affordable education as one of six regional universities in the state of Oklahoma.

“Regional universities are the best kept secret of Oklahoma’s higher education system,” Connie Reilly, chair of the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Board of Regents, said in a recent editorial. “Not only do they offer students a quality education, but they are remarkably affordable, close to home, and almost half of graduates have no student debt.”

For a full-time student from Oklahoma enrolled at a regional university like Northwestern, the average annual total cost to attend is 46 percent less than at the University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University.

“The Regional University System of Oklahoma takes special care to keep fees low, not creating additional costs for students since many scholarships, including Oklahoma’s Promise, cover tuition and not fees,” Reilly said.

In addition to low fees, Northwestern offers numerous scholarship opportunities to its students. In 1999, the citizens of Alva voted to increase the city’s sales tax by one cent, with half of that cent being

used for scholarships for students at Northwestern. This became the Alva Incentive Program in partnership with the City of Alva. This sales tax provides full-time freshmen and transfer students assistance with tuition, university housing, and other school-related expenses if they live at an Alva address.



*Regent Connie Reilly, Chair of Regional University System of Oklahoma*

“The scholarship programs available give students at Northwestern a unique opportunity,” President Janet Cunningham said. “We have incredible support from community members who want to see our students succeed. In fact,



*Dr. Janet Cunningham, President of Northwestern Oklahoma State University*

more than 50 percent of our students graduate debt-free because of programs like these.”

Reilly said that students and parents of students currently paying for college will recognize how accessible the price is at regional universities.

“Few prospective students realize the significance of the total fees they’ll be charged by the university they plan to attend,” Reilly said. “At some universities, fees average an additional 138 percent of the price of tuition, more than three times the cost of fees at regional universities.”

Fees at Northwestern are considerably lower than other higher education institutions. For the 2021-2022 academic year, Northwestern did not raise tuition or

mandatory fees.

Recent high school graduates can find in RUSO schools like Northwestern a traditional college and campus experience for a lower cost.

Reilly added that a large percentage of non-traditional students — namely transfer students, work-

ing adults and part-time or returning students — appreciate that RUSO schools provide an affordable education and are flexible enough to allow them to reduce expenses by maintaining a full-time

job, living at home or taking care of family.

“As the largest four-year university system in the state, RUSO’s six public universities have campuses and satellites located in every quadrant of our state: East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma,” Reilly said. “Students from rural communities can easily locate a regional university close to home.”

Northwestern has campus locations in Alva, Enid, and Woodward, which allows students an education closer to home. Northwestern

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# Oklahoma's best kept secret....

also offers classes at the University Center in Ponca City. The Alva campus provides the student with a traditional college experience, while the Enid and Woodward campuses primarily serve non-traditional students, with all locations offering flexible class schedules and student organizations.

Reilly said students attending college for the first time or returning after a break should consider the benefits of earning a four-year degree at a regional university -- an affordable, high-quality education that will prepare them for jobs after graduation and a lifetime of successful earning.

"Obtaining a degree from Northwestern will allow you options that will create substantial

differences throughout your life-time through careers and salaries," Cunningham said. "Even if you think college is not the route for you, take a campus tour and see what your options are and how they line up with your goals."

For more information on taking a campus tour, call (580) 327-8546 or email [recruit@nwsu.edu](mailto:recruit@nwsu.edu). For more information regarding Northwestern's

scholarship programs, visit [www.nwsu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships](http://www.nwsu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships).



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus  
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NWOSU Library Services Department is hosting a workshop on the NWOSU Enid campus next Tuesday. Don't miss it!

J. W. MARTIN LIBRARY PRESENTS

## RESEARCH BEYOND GOOGLE

Learn how to find the best resources for your research papers.

Aug. 31, 2021  
6:30 PM  
Room 212,  
Enid Campus

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
August 27 · 🌐

Kaylyn Hansen is our director of assessment and institutional effectiveness. She also teaches as an adjunct instructor and serves as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes campus club adviser. She has worked at Northwestern in various roles for 12 years.

Kaylyn graduated from #NWOSU and cheered for 4 years at NWOSU.

"Being a Ranger Cheerleader provided me with coaches who were so influential in my life and teammates who became my best friends." ... See More

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.  
August 30 · Alva · 📍

Our annual (free) HS & JH All-State Clinic is on Saturday, September 11, 2021.  
We hope to see you there! 🎵🎶  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

The NWOSU Chorus invite you to the

## JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STATE CLINIC

Saturday, September 11, 2021

9 AM to 12:30 PM


Check-in at 8:30 AM

Ryerson Hall, Rm 200

- Combined rehearsals
- Sectional rehearsals
- Audition preparation
- Free lunch!

HS Clinic by Dr. Karsten Longhurst  
JH Clinic by Mr. Matthew Johnson

RSVP by e-mail: [krlonghurst@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlonghurst@nwosu.edu)



**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Aug 27

This week's #ScienceDemoOfTheWeek: A Tale of Two Sands! Sand from Ft. Cobb, OK & Sand from Green Sand Beach, HI 🇺🇸🌴  
[youtu.be/r5\\_DM6pGCWo](https://youtu.be/r5_DM6pGCWo) #NWOSUscience @NWOSU #sandscience #sands



**NWOSU Division of Education** @NWOSU EDUCATION · Aug 30

Student Teachers spent today substituting for teachers at Washington Elementary in Alva. This was their Service Learning project for this class.



**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Aug 28

Heartland BEST is kicking off now!! Looks a little different than years past, but we're excited for our 2021 robotics teams!! #HLBEST @BESTRobotics



Replied to @NWOSUscience

Introducing our 2021 #HLBEST Teams !!

- Alva
- Burlington
- Cunningham
- Garber
- Lawton Academy of Arts&Sciences
- Leedey
- Pratt
- Shattuck
- Waynoka
- Wynona

10:25 AM · Aug 28, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone


**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
1h · 📍

Our Academic Success Center is located on the west side of campus in the Industrial Education Building, Room 113.

The #NWOSU Academic Success Center offers peer tutoring in writing, math, business, the sciences, and can assist in locating help for other courses as well.

More Info 📍 <https://nwosu.edu/student-services/academic-success-center>

# Academic Success Center



**Industrial Education Building, Room 113**  
A place to study and learn in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere.



# Library staff present workshops throughout semester

Northwestern library staff staff presented several free workshops during the fall semester

“University research can be a challenge, especially to new students,” Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science, said. “At the university level, looking up information through an Internet search engine is no longer adequate.”

All Northwestern students and employees were welcome.

“Through these workshops, students could learn how to find appropriate resources for the research projects throughout their academic careers,” Davidson said.

Davidson conducted three different workshops titled “Research Beyond Google,” “Secrets of APA Style,” and “Master Microsoft Word.”

He said learning the ins and

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

“Research Beyond Google” was an introduction to research databases and the “Deep Web.” Students learned to find appropriate online content for academic research.

“Secrets of APA Style” explored how to create documents in APA style and cite sources correctly, especially sources from the web. Students left with an APA document template they can use for future papers.

“Master Microsoft Word” helped to take the frustration out of using Word by demonstrating its under-utilized

features, helping students and faculty craft documents with ease. Attendees learned to use headings, keep text on the bottom of the page, number pages automatically and create reusable templates.

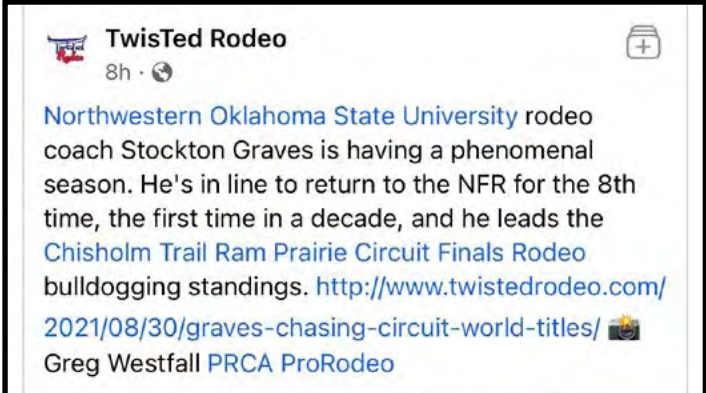
“The workshops took a three-prong approach,” Davidson said. “How to find academic sources efficiently, how to cite those sources to meet academic standards and avoid plagiarism, and how to use Microsoft Word efficiently to avoid wasting time formatting documents.”

For more information about future workshops or the J.W. Martin Library, contact Davidson at (580) 327-8572 or [dgdavidson@nwsu.edu](mailto:dgdavidson@nwsu.edu).



A graphic with a white background and orange accents. At the top, there are illustrations of a pencil and a pen. The text reads: "J. W. MARTIN LIBRARY PRESENTS FREE EVENING WORKSHOPS". Below this, it says: "Hone your research skills, learn to cite your sources, and conquer your word processor." and "All workshops are at 6:30 P.M.". The workshop details are listed below:

- Research Beyond Google**
  - Aug. 31: Enid campus, Room 212
  - Sept. 7: Alva campus, Industrial Education 113
  - Sept. 21: Woodward campus, Room 115
- Secrets of APA Style**
  - Sept. 14: Alva campus, Industrial Education 113
- Master Microsoft Word**
  - Sept. 28: Alva campus, Industrial Education 113



# 14 student teachers assigned to area schools

Students leave Northwestern with the knowledge to succeed in a particular field. In their final semester, the following 14 senior education students received student teaching assignments and worked in area schools to gain hands-on experience.

The students returned to campus for seminars in November and their portfolio exit interviews in December. Graduation was held Dec. 5.

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

Early Childhood Education – Josey Belair of Enid, Fowler Early Childhood Center (Enid); Bailey Bowman of Fairview, Beaver Elementary School; April Burrow of Enid, Waukomis Elementary School; Davin DeVilbiss of Fairview, Gilmore Elementary School (Kingfisher); Mikayla Edris of Cienega, Arizona, Washing-

ton Elementary School (Alva)

Elementary Education – Ashley Alegria of Enid, Westwood Elementary School (Stillwater); Jack Buckles of Enid, Waukomis Elementary School; Kayci Glover-Allen of Ft. Gibson, Waynoka Elementary School; Hannah Lankister of Ft. Cobb, Lookeba-Sickles Elementary School; Cydnee Wray of Okeene, Chisholm Elementary School (Enid)

Health and Sports Science Education – Matthew Fuller of Morrison, Frontier Elementary School; Emily Poindexter of Elgin, Tonkawa Elementary School

History Education – Jenna Brooks of Taloga, Meade, Kansas, High School

Special Education – Maya Stewart of Alva, Burlington Public

Schools

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

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



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing  
September 3 · 🌐

Check it out! Our very own Dr Yvette Lowery!



*Pathway to Publication Series:*  
**How to Turn Your Abstract into a Poster!**

**OCTOBER 13, 2021**  
**7PM EDT**

Poster presentations are great methods of publication and showcasing your doctoral work and research! Join us for this engaging Q&A session!

**Register:**  
[www.dnpsofcolor.org](http://www.dnpsofcolor.org)



**Yvette Lowery**  
DNP, MSN/Ed, FNP-C, CCRN, CEN, PCCN



**Bimbola Akintade**  
PhD, MBA, MHA, ACNP-BC, NEA-BC, FAANP

**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Sep 3

Conspicuous cones in sand...have you seen them? They are **#antlions**!! Our vid is realtime, showing quick sand flicks. Checkout @SmithsonianChan's video (with high drama!!) for gruesome slo-mo deets on: 🐜👀👁️ #ScienceDemoOfTheWeek @NWOSU #NWOSUscience [youtu.be/q2K3y29zeOM](https://youtu.be/q2K3y29zeOM)



### *The Teacher's Closet*

is available for any student needing help with professional dress. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Dr. Jen Oswald, assistant professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or [jdowald@nwosu.edu](mailto:jdowald@nwosu.edu). Find "*The Teacher's Closet*" on [Facebook](#) for updates.

**NWOSUscience** @NWOSUscience · Sep 10

It's time for the **#NWOSUscience #ScienceDemoOfTheWeek!** This week, Dr. Nicholas Ledbetter shares some of his photos of the clearing & staining process! 🦴🔬📺 [youtube.com/watch?v=yCD-c\\_...](https://youtube.com/watch?v=yCD-c_...) @NWOSU



youtube.com  
Clearing and Staining  
Examples of the results from the clearing and staining process for preserving skeletons (in this ...)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
September 6 at 8:54 AM · 🌐

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

<b>Aggie Club / YF&amp;R</b>	<b>NWOSU Culture Club</b>
<b>American Choral Directors Association</b>	<b>NWOSU Choirs</b>
<b>Baptist College Ministry</b>	<b>NWOSU Forge</b>
<b>Bible Chair</b>	<b>NWTV-7</b>
<b>Bored Gamers Club</b>	<b>Oklahoma Aspiring Education Association</b>
<b>Castle Players</b>	<b>Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association</b>
<b>Chemistry Club</b>	<b>Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature</b>
<b>Collegiate 4-H</b>	<b>Panhellenic Council</b>
<b>College Democrats</b>	<b>Phi Delta Music Society</b>
<b>College Independents</b>	<b>Pre-Nursing Association</b>
<b>College Republicans</b>	<b>Psychology Club - Alva</b>
<b>Computer Science &amp; E-Sports</b>	<b>Psychology Club - Woodward</b>
<b>Conserving Our Ranger Environment</b>	<b>Psychology Club - Enid</b>
<b>Delta Zeta</b>	<b>Ranger Business Club</b>
<b>Enid Leadership Council</b>	<b>Student Athlete Advisory Committee</b>
<b>Fellowship of Christian Athletes</b>	<b>Sanctus Catholic College Ministry</b>
<b>Gay-Straight Alliance</b>	<b>SHYFT - Mental Health Club</b>
<b>Intramural Sports</b>	<b>Social Workers Association of Tomorrow</b>
<b>Math Club</b>	<b>Spanish Club</b>
<b>Medical Sciences Club</b>	<b>Student Government Association</b>
<b>Native American Student Association</b>	<b>Student Nurses' Association</b>
<b>Northwestern News</b>	<b>Wesley House</b>
<b>NWOSU Art Society</b>	<b>Writer's Roundtable</b>
	<b>Woodward Leadership Advisory Board</b>

NWOSU SGA is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.  
September 5 at 7:14 PM · Alva · 🌐

Check out our clubs and organizations on campus! We will be highlighting them individually over the next few weeks!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
September 8 at 2:36 PM · 🌐

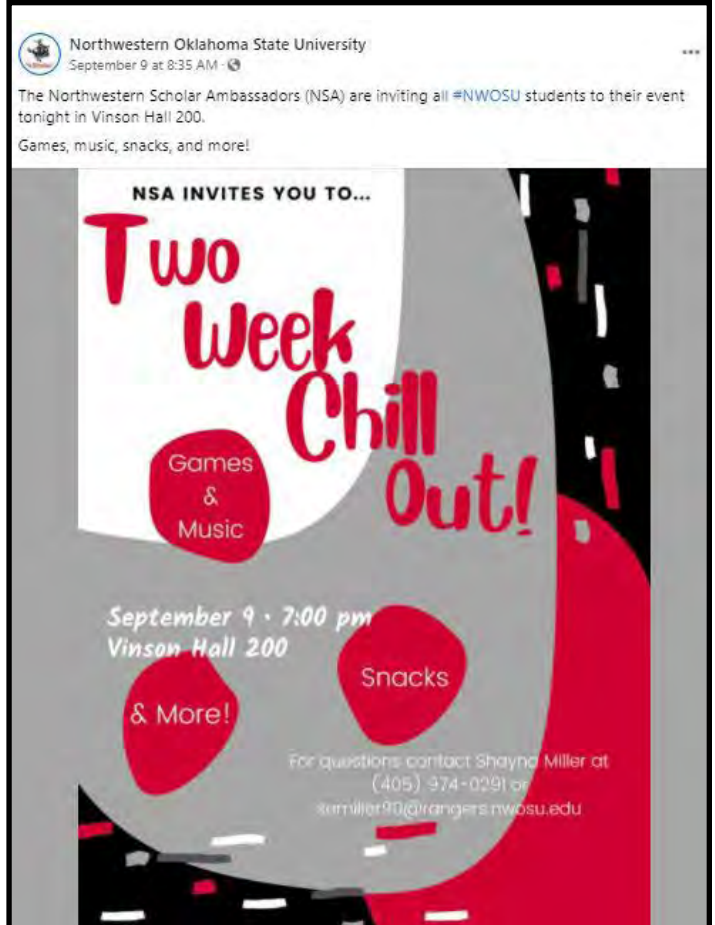
Tonight at 6! Miss Northwestern information meeting at the Wellness Center. #NWOSU #RRR



**ARE YOU THE NEXT MISS NORTHWESTERN?**

**FIND OUT MORE AT OUR INFO NIGHT!**





# Area music educators welcomed to conference

Music educators who teach kindergarten through 12th grade vocal music in the region were welcomed for a unique professional development opportunity at Northwestern in September.

Building Our Music Education Community: Day of Collaboration, Networking and Inspiration was a one-day conference.

The event was led by Oklahoma Music Educator Hall of Famer Sandy Knudson, artistic director of Oklahoma Youth Sing, according to Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music. Knudson holds a Master of Music Education degree and Kodaly certification from The University of Oklahoma. She also holds

national board certification in early and middle childhood music.

Well-known as a clinician, master teacher and guest conductor, Knudson has presented workshops at numerous state and national conferences.

“I attended Sandy’s sessions at the summer OkCDA conference,” Longhurst said. “I was blown away with her rich knowledge, passion and fresh approach to teaching music at any level. This is a unique professional development opportunity to unify our region’s music teachers through networking, learn from an expert teacher and support the music educators in our region.”

Longhurst also noted that early childhood education students at Northwestern were

invited to attend the conference.

In addition to enjoying a brief performance by the NWOSU Singers, participants attended sessions on the following:

Creating Community One Game at a Time

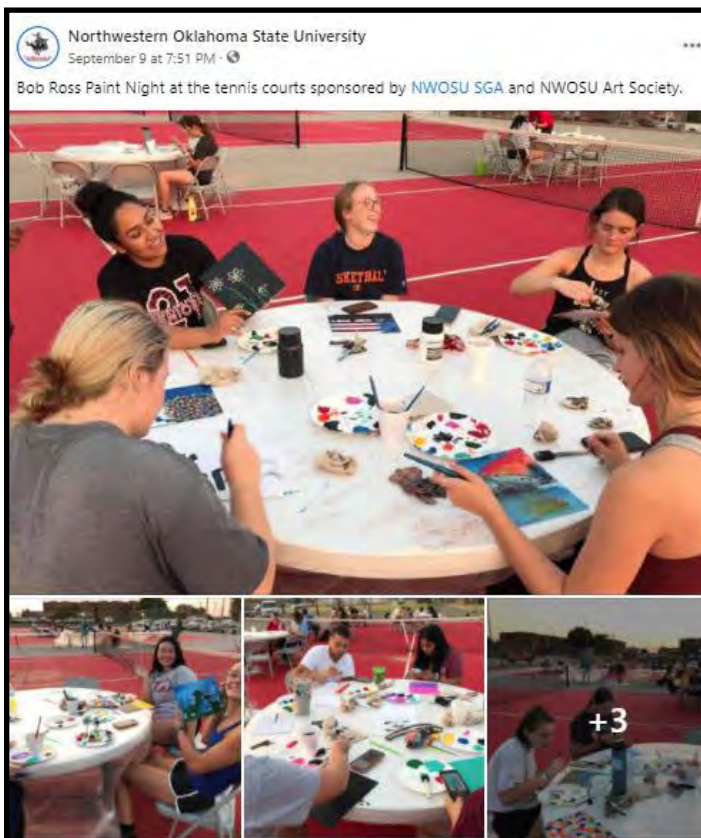
The Engaging Choral Classroom: Vocal Warm-ups and Beyond

Building Beautiful Tone with Young Singers

Engaging Choral Classroom Part 2: Choral Lesson Planning

Creating Community with Collaboration

For more information on future events, contact Longhurst at (801) 645-8064 and/or Sandy Knudson at (405) 615-2095.



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music is at Woods County Fairgrounds.**  
September 11 · Alva · 🌐

Tonight the Singers had their annual retreat for the first time since 2019! They also may have had an appearance tonight at the Woods County Fair! 🎵🎶 We were very excited for another performance! 🎉🎊🎊🎊🎊🎊

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
#NWOSU #NwosuChoirs #NWOk #NwosuFineArts #ChoirRetreat #RRR #RideOnSingOn

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus**  
September 13 · 🌐

Join us for the NOC/NWOSU Bridge BBQ on Wednesday at Zollar's Lawn on the NOC campus!  
Enjoy some food, a fun activity, and learning about the Bridge Program!

# Fall Bridge BBQ

**Wednesday, September 15th**  
**11:30AM-1:00PM**  
**Across the Bridge at NOC (Zollar's Lawn)**

Join us for free food and mingle with NOC students!

For more information, contact Tiffany Misak at 580-213-3102 or enidcampus@nwosu.edu

**7 NWTV**  
September 13 · 🌐

The guys who stare at stats! S1, E1 🎥📺  
<https://nwtv7.rangerpulse.com/.../ranger-football-preview/>

# WELCOME TO THE FIRST EPISODE OF THE GUYS WHO STARE AT STATS

NWTV7.RANGERPULSE.COM  
NFL Recap: S1 | E1 - NWTV 7  
Mass Communication majors Cade Kennedy and Connor Gray take a long hard look at current ...

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
September 14 at 8:37 AM · 🌐

**\$10 HOMECOMING BUTTONS FOR SALE!!**

Did you know that the sale of homecoming buttons is the primary revenue source to provide #NWHoco festivities AND you have a chance to win \$500 in Alva Chamber Bucks?

Buttons are sold by representatives in each #NWOSU Alva campus building.

Keep up with all things Homecoming  
<https://www.nwosu.edu/homecoming>

**NWOSU Department of Social Work**  
September 13 · 🌐

The social work program welcomed some special guest lecturers to campus. Steven Pharris, MSW, JD, LCSW, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and Linda Smith, MSW, from the University of Oklahoma's Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP). #socialworkersareessential

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
September 13 at 9:12 AM

DFW Brass will kick off the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 PM in #NWOSU Herod Hall. Tickets at the door: \$20 general admission; \$5 students. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call 580-327-8462 to purchase your ticket.

More Info on the 2021-22 Season <https://bit.ly/3z6JHpl>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
September 14 at 12:54 PM

REMINDER: #NWOSU blood drive today & tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

More info <http://bit.ly/3CdPgop>

7 NWT  
September 13

Season 1, Episode 1 of The Ranger Room

[https://nwtv7.rangerpulse.com/\\_/the-ranger-room-with-/](https://nwtv7.rangerpulse.com/_/the-ranger-room-with-/)

BROADCAST

**THE RANGER ROOM**

WITH YOUR HOST CADE KENNEDY

**AUGUST 31, 2021**  
5:30 PM  
S1 | E1

NWTV7.RANGERPULSE.COM

The Ranger Room with your host Cade Kennedy: S1 | E1 - NWTV 7

The Ranger Room is a weekly look into local and national sports news. In this episode, Cade Ke...

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
September 15 at 10:45 AM

#NWOSU sophomore agriculture education major, Jaden Brunner, from Stillwater, recently completed her Northwestern Scholar Ambassador service project.

She chose to participate in National Read an Accurate Ag Book week. She had help from fellow NSA members: Nick Dill, Alexis McNeill, and Austin Rankin.

The NSA members read "Tales of the Dairy Godmother" to the Washington Early Childhood Center kindergarten classes, and served ice cream to the kindergarten students. The NSA students also donated a copy of the book to each kindergarten classroom.

CampusCabinetNWOSU @CampusCabinetNW · Sep 15

We found these great girls out doing great things for the Campus Cabinet! They are planning/publicizing/conducting a great drive! We appreciate them & all donors! All donations are helpful - food, bedding & hygiene items plus monetary gifts. Remember \$ gifts are tax deductible!



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
September 16 at 9:23 PM

The Hagland concert was one for the books! Students, employees and community members played cornhole and enjoyed food trucks while listening to live music out on the intramural field.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
September 17 at 1:18 PM

Mistie Kline is a lecturer of our #NWOSU psychology department. In addition to teaching, she also advises undergraduates and sponsors several student clubs and organizations.

In college Mistie met an incredible group of women when she was a member of Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature. They have been in a bunko group for about 20 years. They have continued the fun and friendship throughout the years. This is one of the reasons she enjoys being the faculty sponsor for the #NWOSU OIL students.

She also has two teenage girls, Carrington and Taylor Ann.

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

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

Twitter @NWOSU  
Snapchat @nwosurangers  
Facebook @nwosu.rangers

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus**  
27m

We want to give a big THANK YOU to the Woodward Industrial Foundation for donating their leftover lunches yesterday afternoon. Several of our students and student workers were treated to a warm chicken wrap and pasta salad. Yum!

**NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience · Sep 17**

Sometimes science can be pretty low-key...like just watching stuff. 😊

Such is the case for this week's #NWOSUscience's #ScienceDemoOfTheWeek! Who knew water, dirt, pebbles, and debris in a tube could model so much science! 🌊 🌍 🌫️

[youtu.be/hszIFywhhFc](https://youtu.be/hszIFywhhFc) @NWOSU

youtube.com  
Sedimentation Tube  
Demonstration of a sedimentation tube available at science supply vendors. These could easily be ma...

**7 NWTV**  
September 21

First Newscast of the semester with Dax Benway, Benjamin Kiewer and Connor Gray, Special guests: Cade Kennedy & Jordan Green.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4WmF6q92xn>

# Theatre presents 'A Tuna Christmas'

The fine arts department played host to its first theatre production of the fall semester, "A Tuna Christmas," on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2 in the Herod Hall auditorium.

"We were so excited to return to Tuna, Texas," said Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager. "Everything is bigger in Texas, and Christmas time is no exception. We revamped the 12'x12' hand-painted map set from 'Greater Tuna' with a lot of holiday flair and plenty of new additions along the way. Patrons who missed 'Greater Tuna' still enjoyed laughing along with 'A Tuna Christmas.'"

"People always ask me what sport I play, and I always say theatre and football because theatre is a team, too," said Temberlenn Hall, sophomore speech and theatre major from Austin, Texas. "Our weight room is the workshop, and our game day is show day. Everything about theatre -- seeing the show come together and coming together as a team -- is the best experience."

Cast members for this production included the following:

Aliyah Bidwell, sophomore mass communication major from Geary; Adele Callaway, sophomore pre-nursing major from Shattuck; Jeffery Cher-Aime, senior music major from Nassau, The Bahamas; Erin Davis, university relations specialist from Fairview; Sydney Endsley, senior speech and theatre major from Ringwood; Destiny Engelken, sophomore biology major from Alva; Lilith Ferrero, sophomore speech and theatre major from Cordell; Sam Grinder, freshman music-vocal major from Sayre; Jameson Hale, freshman music-vocal major from Elk City; Anastasia Harper, sophomore biology-health science major from Alva; Draven Hidalgo, sophomore music-vocal major from Hooker, Texas; Kevin Jaquez, freshman undeclared major from Enid; Jordan; Peyton Lucas, Northwestern alumna from Fairview; George Spellman, community member from Tuna, Texas; Lisa Turner, fresh-

man biology-natural history major from Alva; Dr. Dena Walker, associate professor of mathematics from Pawnee; Felicity Wall, freshman undeclared major from Duncan; and Madi Wilson, graduate student majoring in American Studies from Enid.

The tech crew included the following: Chris Chauncey, senior mathematics major from Cordell; Josie Gibson, freshman undeclared major from Hooker; Maegan Holson, freshman undeclared major from Waynoka; Tiana Noyes, freshman speech and theatre major from Alva; Bethany Towns, freshman undeclared major from Alva; and Hall.

"I was very excited to be a part of the production," Ferrero said. "I love the op-

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NWOSUscience  
@NWOSUscience

Hey @NWOSU students, interested in the health sciences? Dr. Moorthy has scheduled professionals from OSU and OU to present soon...join us to learn more !! @OSUMedicine @OUHSC\_research #NWOSUscience

**Oklahoma State University** **University of Oklahoma**  
now what it takes to go to Graduate  
it takes to go to OSU College of Oste... you do not want to miss this!  
want to miss this! Learn Everything from: Christopher Horton, Ph.D.  
Assistant Director  
JuLee Wells  
Director of Recruitment  
University Center for Health Sciences  
2021 (8 AM) ZOOM Meeting in Room 1107  
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Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma

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**NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS**  
**-PRESENTS-**

**"A TUNA CHRISTMAS"**  
BY  
**JASTON WILLIAMS**  
**JOE SEARS & ED HOWARD**  
**HEROD HALL AUDITORIUM**  
**SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 7:00 PM**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2:00 PM**

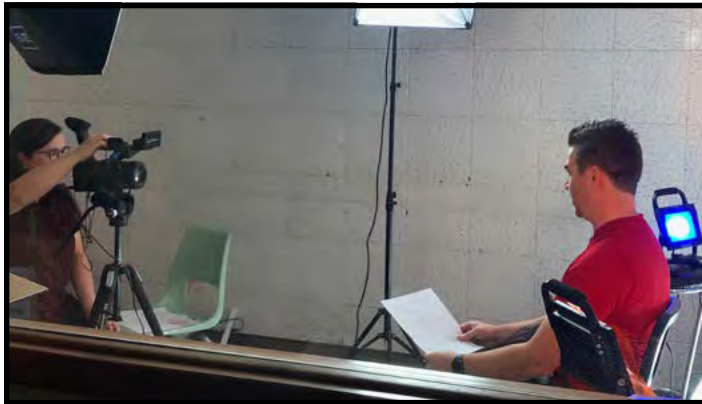
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**\$10.00 GENERAL ADMISSION**

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# Theatre presents...

portunity I have here at Northwestern to have a role both on stage and backstage. I have been able to be a part of building our set and practice for my role in the play. I'm excited to see 'A Tuna Christmas' come together."

For more information about "A Tuna Christmas" or the theatre program, contact Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and chair of the department of fine arts, at (580) 327-8462 or [kkweast@nwosu.edu](mailto:kkweast@nwosu.edu) or Jordan at (580) 327-8458 or [mojordan@nwosu.edu](mailto:mojordan@nwosu.edu).



University Relations staff members have been busy working on updated informational departmental videos. Here, Valarie Case, interviews Nick Davis, Writing Minor, Alva senior.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
August 18

#NWOSU students and employees: The Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantry is here for you should you need them. Please check out their website at [www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet](http://www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet) for forms you'll need to fill out and what types of things they provide.

The campus food pantry also would welcome any donations of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene products, bedding, etc., so it can continue to help those in need.

**Welcome Back, Rangers!**

**WE ARE HERE IF YOU NEED US**

**Campus Cabinet**  
Northwestern Food Pantry

For more information:  
[www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet](http://www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus  
September 20

Don't forget to attend Taco Tuesday tomorrow in the Enid Campus Commons! We can't wait to see you there!

**Taco Tuesday & Salsa Competition**

Tuesday, September 21st  
11:30AM-1PM  
Enid Campus Commons

2 Categories for Salsa: Students and Campus Community

The winner of each category will receive a  
**\$30 NWOSU Bookstore Giftcard!**

Sign-up to enter your salsa in the competition by  
Thursday, September 16th at [enidcampus@nwosu.edu](mailto:enidcampus@nwosu.edu).

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
September 21

Calling all Ranger Connection classes! Check out this Northwestern Scholar Ambassador service project. Two #NWOSU senior mass communication majors, Kaylea Brown of Cleveland, and Devyn Lansden of Beaver, have teamed up to host a food and hygiene donation drive for our Campus Cabinet.

Bailey Judd is another NSA member working on the project.

The drive is also a contest for Ranger Connection classes to see who can donate the most items. The contest will run through Oct. 1.

The winning class will receive donuts if it's a morning class, and pizza if it's an afternoon class! For more information on the Campus Cabinet, visit [www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet](http://www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet)

**NEEDED**

FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS

**Drop Off Locations**

STUDENT CENTER  
ALL DORMS  
RYERSON HALL 1ST FLOOR EAST END  
RYERSON HALL 2ND FLOOR WEST END  
VINSON HALL 1ST FLOOR NORTH END  
J.W. MARTIN LIBRARY ENTRANCE

**Campus Cabinet** **SEPTEMBER 20- OCTOBER 1**  
Northwestern Food Pantry

**DONATION DRIVE**

[www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet](http://www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
1d · 🌐

Happening today at 1 p.m. in the Ranger Room. Open to everyone. "Secession and the U.S. Constitution." This year's observance will involve an examination of the issue in the broader context of contemporary global trends.

CONSTITUTION DAY  
SECESSION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Monday, Sept. 20  
Student Center  
Ranger Room  
1 p.m.

Sponsored by the Social Sciences Department and the Northwestern Institute for Citizenship Studies.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
September 22 at 6:30 PM · 🌐

There will be 17 young women competing in the #NWHoco Miss Cinderella pageant. The talent show is set for Oct. 7, the pageant itself on Oct. 8, and the #NWOSU homecoming parade will be Saturday, Oct. 9.

Full story 📄 <https://bit.ly/3EIFwo4>

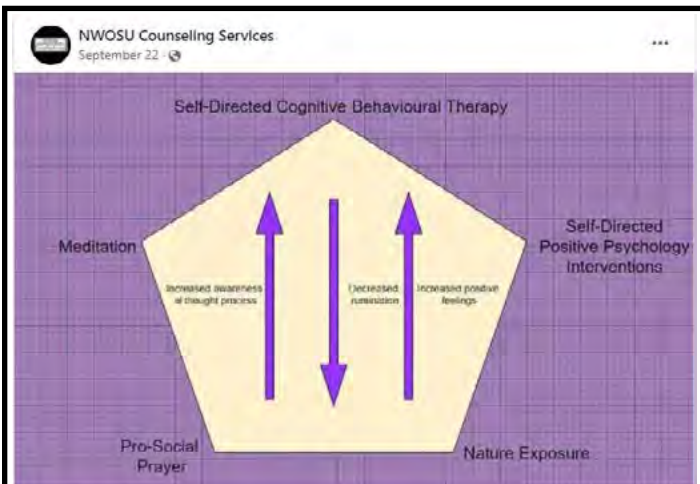
High school seniors who are competing in the 69th annual Miss Cinderella Pageant are (back row, left to right) Kaitlyn Rich, Kayli Stewart, Mikayla Webb, Jaci Weber, Megan Spray, Hayli Watkins, Alondra Salas, Reagan Brakhage; (front row, left to right) Sarah Lichtenwalter, Alondra Ceniceros, Jasmine TeLinde, Justyce Wilson, Maria Sosa, Reagan Hiner, Macy Davis and Sarita Kephart. Not pictured is Alexis Schultz.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University - Woodward Campus  
September 20 · 🌐

We are so lucky to be located in such a kind and caring community! Thank you to the #woodwardchamber for donating several lunches today for students and staff! They were delicious! #woodwardcampus #lunchbreak #lotssoflove

NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience · Sep 23

In Earth&Space Science class today, there was a mini-award assembly--for all the awesome #NWOSUscience that's been happening in class/lab !!



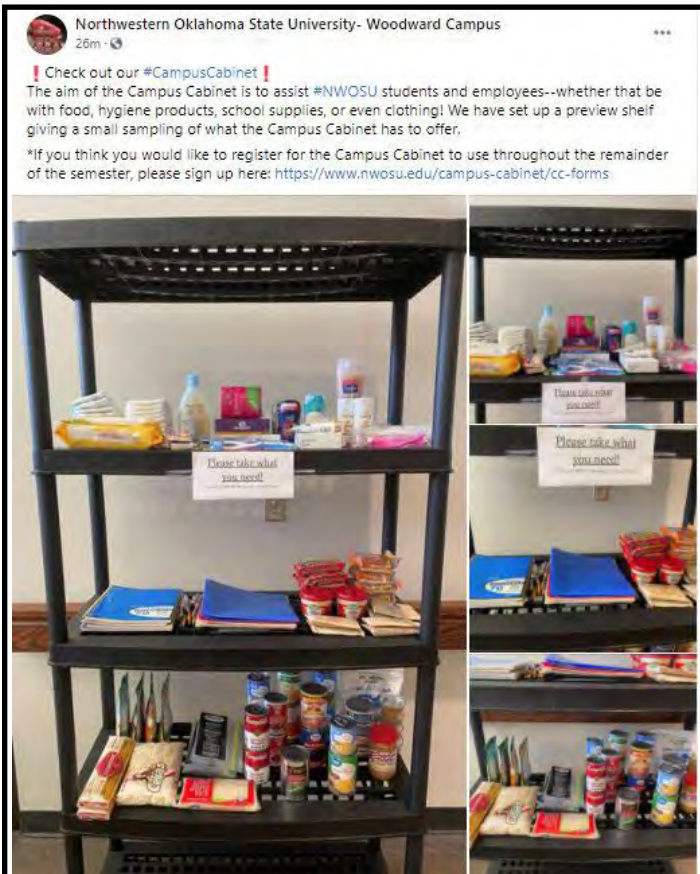
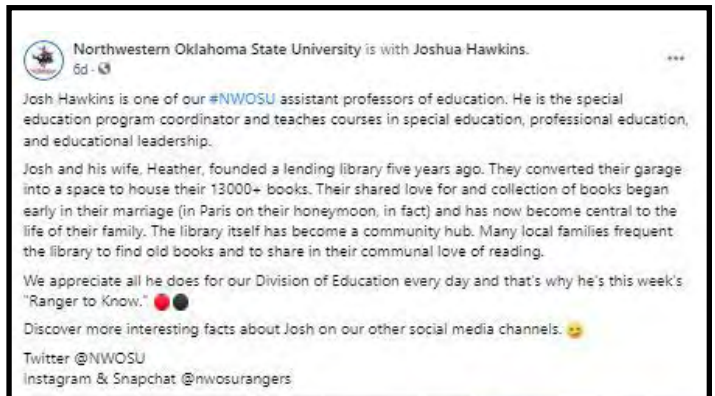
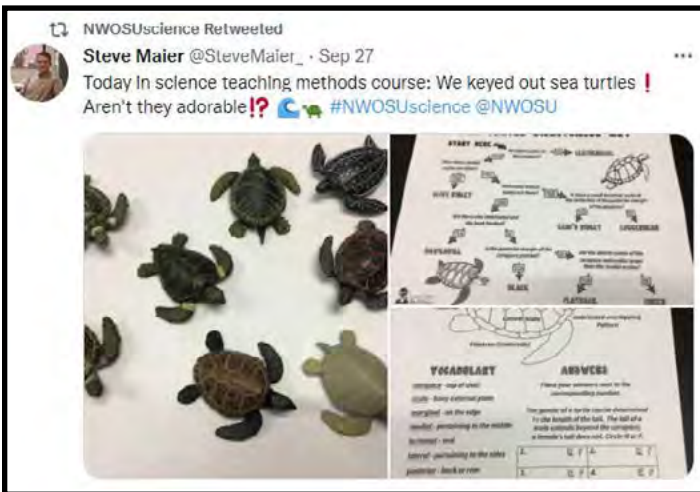
Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Psychology  
September 21 · 🌐

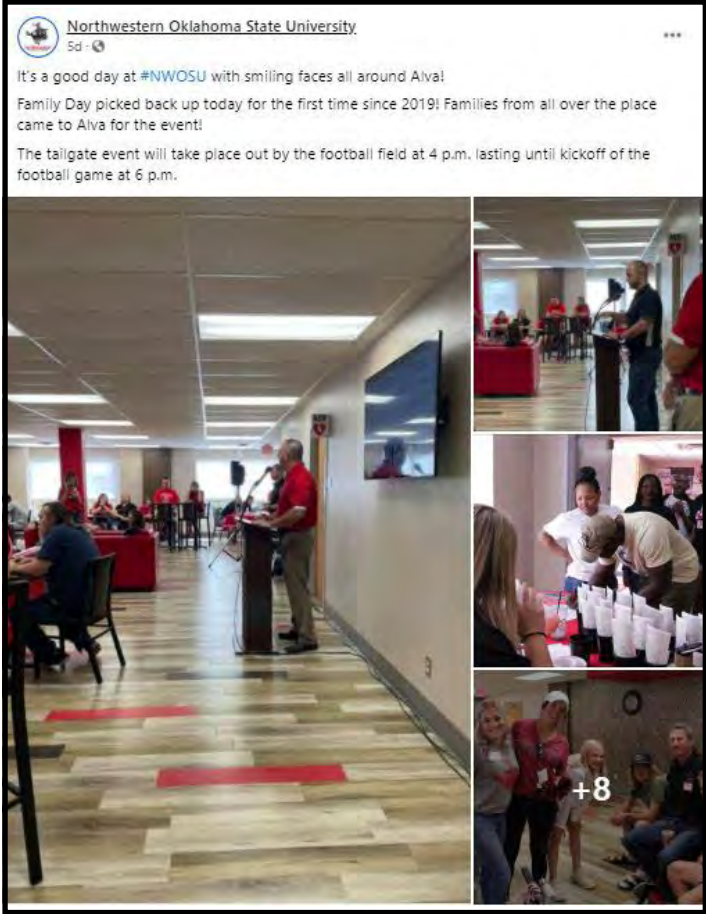
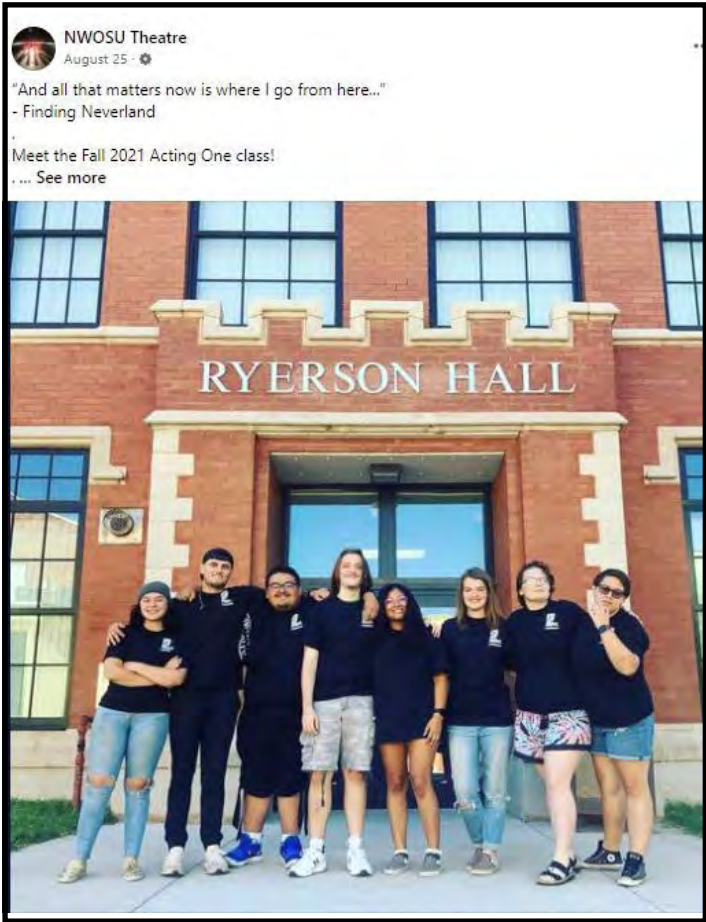
Mental Hygiene focuses on prevention of mental illness (instead of the more common approach of treating mental illness after it occurs). A recent article outlines several strategies for Mental Hygiene including nature exposure, journaling about positive experiences, self-directed cognitive behavioral therapy, meditation, and (depending on religious belief) prosocial prayer (Iremblay, Rodrigues, & Gulati, 2021). This is important because integrating Mental Hygiene practices into daily life can promote mental well-being and could reduce instances of mental illness. Similar to many aspects of a healthy living, prevention is often the best treatment. The article was published in the Journal of Prevention and Health Promotion here: <https://journals.sagepub.com/.../10.1177/26320770211000376>.

Northwestern News (NWOSU)  
September 23 · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/ranger-band.../>

Ranger band marches with a new beat





**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
September 28

The BSN-to-DNP Program for rural family nurse practitioners continues to garner national attention. It was named the #4 most affordable Nurse Practitioner program AND the #4 most affordable DNP program in the nation by EduMed.org.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
September 29

NWOSU Nursing Grad Angela Archer (RN-to-BSN class of 2018) presenting her MSN project at the Oklahoma Nurses Association Annual Convention. #2021naconvention

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
September 30

Northwestern Nursing was well-represented at the Oklahoma Nurses Association's annual convention. The junior and senior traditional students participated in the Nursing Student Boot Camp. Mrs Ritchie presented a poster, 2 of our nursing grads presented posters and Dr Wells recruited for more students. #2021naconvention

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
2d

Non-perishable food, personal hygiene items, bedding and monetary donations accepted for Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantry.

**NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA CONCERT SERIES**

Tues, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> @7pm: **DFW Brass**

Tues, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> @7pm: **Gary Lovini**

Tues, Mar 8<sup>th</sup> @7pm: **SuperStar**

Tues, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> @7pm: **The Music of Mancini**

SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Purchase Tickets Online: [nwos.ticketbud.com](http://nwos.ticketbud.com)

Follow Us: [facebook.com/northwestoklas](https://facebook.com/northwestoklas), [@northwestoklas](https://twitter.com/northwestoklas)

And at Ticket Locations: Holder Drug, Graciful Arts Center

Contact: 680.327.8492

**2021 2022 SEASON**

**7 NWTV**  
September 29 · 🌐

Program Grid for 2021 📅

### October-December 2021

Broadcast	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Spotlight Series				Youtube @4:00pm			
THE GUYS WHO STARE AT STATS				Twitch @6:00pm			
THE RANGER ROOM	Twitch @5:30pm						
NWTV		Channel 7 @3:30pm		Channel 7 @4:00pm			
NWSU SOCCER			Channel 7 & Youtube @4:00pm		Channel 7 & Youtube @4:00pm		



**Northwestern News (NWOSU)**  
September 30 · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/help-as-many-as-.../>  
Help 'as many as we can'

NORTHWESTERNNEWS.RANGERPULSE.COM  
Help 'as many as we can'  
University Scholar Ambassadors start community service projects in Alva

**NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience · Sep 30**  
Hey @NWOSU community, join us for a Titanic Talk! Wed, Oct 6 at 3PM in SC214 📍  
By Bruce Morton of @OceanGateExped #NWOSUscience  
[tinyurl.com/yrv59xt3](https://tinyurl.com/yrv59xt3)

Wednesday, October 6  
3:00PM in SC 214

OCEANGATE'S TITANIC EXPEDITION 2021  
BRUCE MORTON  
PRINCIPAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

Facebook / Media page:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yrv59xt3>

**7 NWTV**  
September 30 · 🌐

A Tuna Christmas: opening today and playing Friday and on the weekend. Don't miss it out!  
<https://youtu.be/KmsmYGVGzA8>

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
19h · 🌐

The wait is finally over! #NWOSU Theatre will present "A Tuna Christmas" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Herod Hall auditorium!!

Students (with IDs): \$3  
Employee (with IDs): \$5  
General Admission: \$10

NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS  
-PRESENTS-

**"A TUNA CHRISTMAS"**  
BY JASTON WILLIAMS  
JOE SEARS & ED HOWARD  
HEROD HALL AUDITORIUM  
SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 7:00 PM  
OCTOBER 2, 2:00 PM

\$3.00 STUDENTS / \$5.00 NWOSU EMPLOYEE  
\$10.00 GENERAL ADMISSION

**NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.**  
September 30 · Alva · 🌐

Our gift to you!  
It's OPENING NIGHT for "A Tuna Christmas" 🎄🎅🎁  
We hope you will join us this evenings performance.

Tickets will be sold at the door, seating is first come first serve!

TONIGHT- 7:00 PM  
FRIDAY OCT 1, - 7:00 PM  
SATURDAY OCT 2, - 2:00 PM



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Libraries**  
October 1 · 🌐

Newly published: SOCW 4143: Social Research & Evaluation.

LIBRARY.NWOSU.EDU  
Library Services: SOCW 4143 Social Research & Evaluation: Main  
Current methods of social research & evaluation with an emphasis on proposal d...

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
October 1 · 🌐

Matthew Cherry is the director of our Academic Success Center. In addition to helping students, he runs Northwestern's peer-tutor program and some of its standardized testing programs. His family all paints together, sitting around the kitchen counter with sketch pads. They've done this since before their youngest, now five, was born, and she's been doing it with them since she was probably two. They always paint big poster boards for Christmas, one each, using not just pai... See more

**NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience · Oct 1**

ITS OCTOBER ALREADY! 🎃 That means it's enrollment time & #NWOSUscience has you covered!

- 1 Enroll by Halloween
- 2 See a science professor
- 3 Get your highly coveted (not really), super trendy (mmm...it's not on TikTok) #Spooktober postcard !!
- 4 Mail to a loved one!

👻👻 @NWOSU

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
October 4 at 9:34 PM · 🌐

Ranger Connection classes took part in the annual "Freshman Frenzy" contests tonight at Ranger Field. #NWOSU #RRR

**NWOSU English @NWOSU\_English · Oct 5**

#Halloween is coming up! Let's celebrate with a look at The Nightmare Before Christmas! #Spooktober #spooky month #SpookySZN

**The Nightmare Before Christmas: An Allegory for Cultural Appropriation**

- 1 Jack enjoys the Christmas aesthetics but fails to learn about their meaning, function, or cultural significance.
- 2 He passes on the appropriated version of these traditions to his own people.
- 3 His people take over Christmas and nearly destroy it altogether.

Credit: <https://www.tiktok.com/@thehorrorcreator>  
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# Education Fair held in October

Education employers seeking employees had an opportunity to go right to the source by attending the fall 2021 Education Fair at Northwestern on Oct. 11, in the Student Center Ballroom.

Northwestern education majors were encouraged to attend the fair prepared to provide copies of resumes and cover letters.

Oklahoma education organizations attending in person were Alva Public Schools, Blackwell Public Schools, Calumet Public Schools, Cherokee Public Schools, Clinton Public Schools, El Reno Public Schools, Enid Public Schools, Epic Charter Schools, Guymon Public Schools, Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Ponca City Public Schools, Turpin Public Schools, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and Newkirk Public Schools.

Kansas area education organizations attending were Dodge City Unified School District 443, Salina Public

Schools USD 305, Shawnee Mission School USD 305 and Garden City Public Schools.

Other out-of-state education organizations attending were Pinellas County Schools in Florida; Network of International Christian Schools in Mississippi; Shelterwood in Independence, Missouri; Hobbs Municipal Schools in New Mexico; International Leadership of Texas; Perryton Independent School District in Texas; and Department of Defense Education Activity in Virginia.

Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services, encouraged job seekers to dress

well and to stop by her office in Ryerson Hall 209 if they needed any help prior to the fair. She may be reached at [tawilson@nwsu.edu](mailto:tawilson@nwsu.edu).

For more information about career services or to schedule an appointment visit [www.nwsu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services](http://www.nwsu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services).



# Northwestern, ALCA receive Regents' award

Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA), in partnership with Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has received the 2021 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award.

This award is designed to highlight successful partnerships and to further cultivate a higher learn-

ing environment through the State Regents' Economic Development Grants.

ALCA provides education portfolios for bachelor and master-level students, and an online portfolio platform for faculty. The system also provides a platform for employees at Northwestern to track institutional assessment plans and annual goals. The ALCA team presented Northwestern with a customized option that meets the needs specific to the univer-

sity. The president of ALCA, Gary Sacket, is also a Northwestern alumnus.

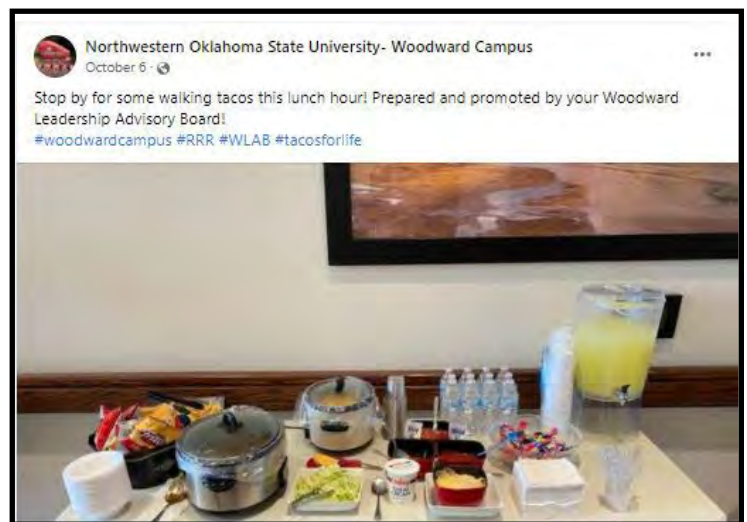
"The ALCA team has developed a robust system that has been great

for our student and faculty portfolios," Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, said. "Their customer service is impeccable, and I can call Gary anytime."

ALCA started partnering with K-12 entities and created a way for schools to track data. In 2015, ALCA partnered with NWOSU to open doors for other institutions to see the options within the system.



*Gary Sacket, president and founder of ALCA, receiving the plaque for OSHRE RBPEA award.*



# Overall student population down but graduate, concurrent up

Northwestern officials announced a decrease in the overall student population in fall 2021 but are seeing significant increases in graduate and concurrent numbers.

This national trend of a decreasing undergraduate student population is the largest within higher education in 10 years, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Northwestern reported a decrease of 2.5 percent in student headcount, with a total of 1,789. Graduate student numbers saw an increase of 14 percent, and concurrent student headcount increased by 20.6 percent.

“We remain confident regarding enrollment,” Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. “Even though we are experiencing a decrease, we have made recruitment and retention a priority throughout campus, which means faculty and staff are more involved than ever before.”

Cunningham called for an enrollment management task force to be assembled in the fall of 2020. The task force focuses on strategically creating new ideas to enrich recruitment efforts. This group is comprised of faculty and staff members who help

bring different perspectives of the students’ experience to help with recruitment and retention efforts.

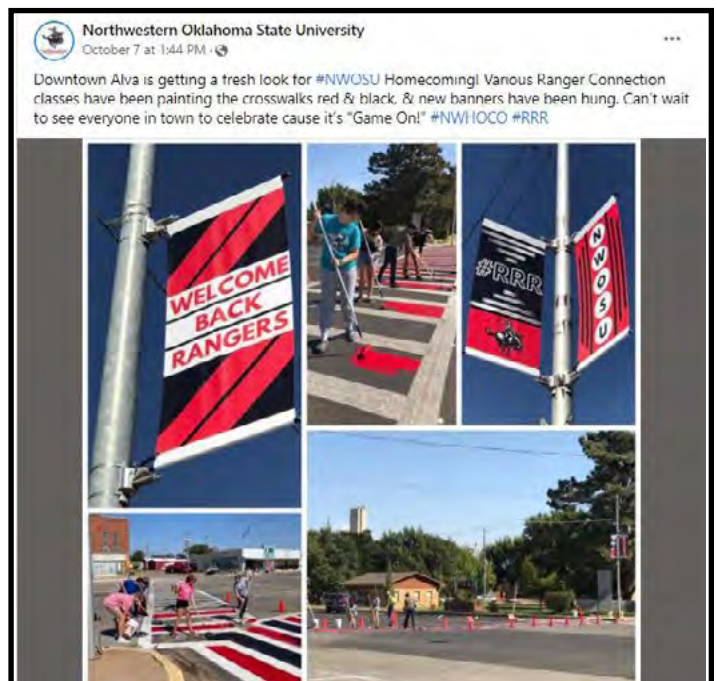
“Through this task force, we all share one common goal,” Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, said. “We want students to experience Northwestern and to know that we will support them through this journey.”

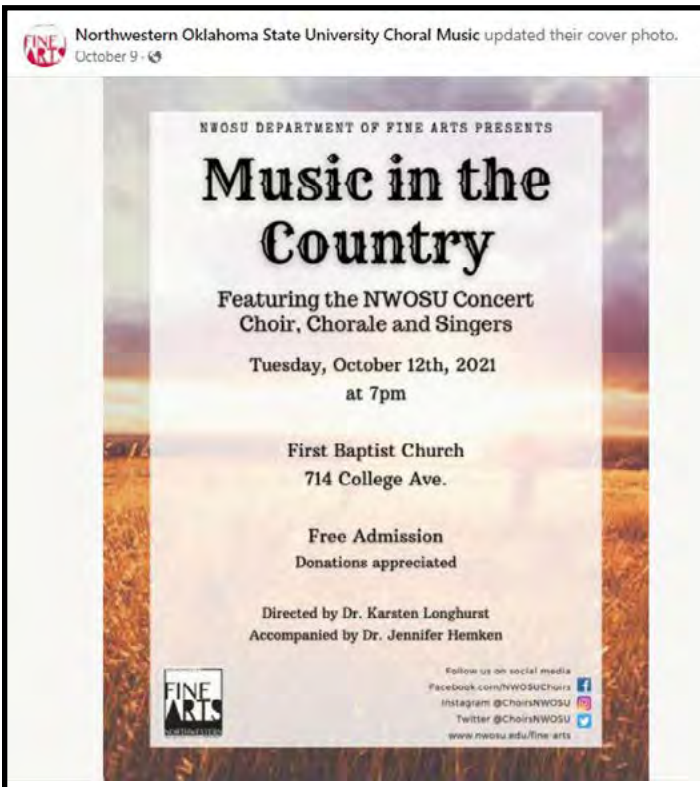
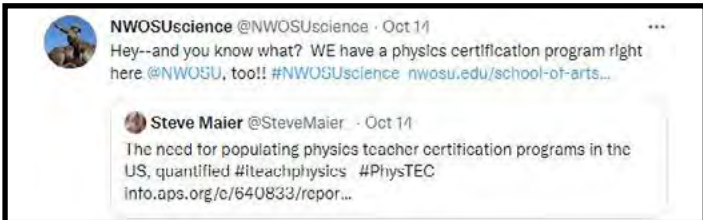
Northwestern’s Woodward and Enid campuses also provide opportunities for those in regions outside of Alva. Woodward experienced a 14.6 percent decrease with a total number of 140 students. Enid saw an increase of 3 percent and serves 168 students on its campus.

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.

“Northwestern is an incredible place to earn your education,” Cunningham said. “We want you to have the best experiences as a Ranger and receive many opportunities while here.”





# Farmer presents talk, workshop in art department

Sophia Farmer, the October artist-in-residence in the Northwestern visual arts program, presented an artist talk and workshop Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Farmer discussed their work and influences at 6 p.m. with a workshop

following at 7 p.m. titled “Pots & Gossip: Hand-Building Techniques for Functional Ceramics,” where students engaged in hand-building clay techniques and practiced building pinch pots, slab mugs or coil pots. All materials were provided.

The workshop spots were limited to 15 participants with priority given to visual arts students.

Farmer is a ceramist, watercolor illustrator, poet and baker from San Diego, California. They graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon, receiving their Bachelor of Arts in studio art with a focus in ceramics.

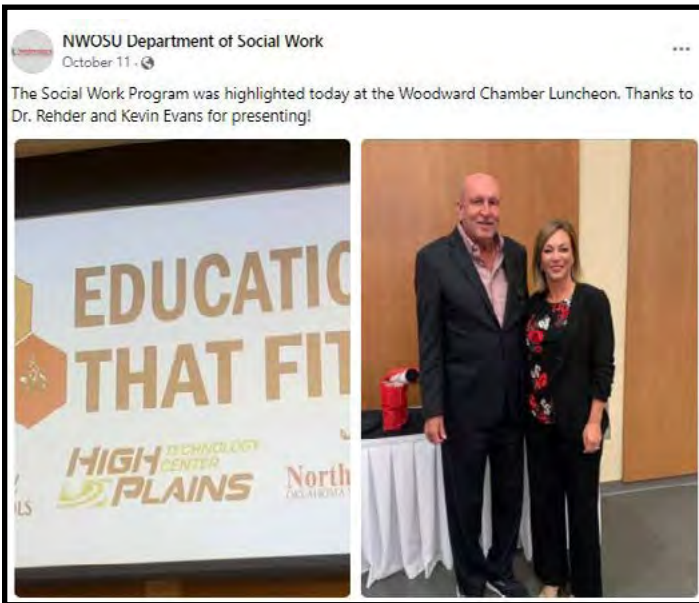
“I enjoy hand-building,

wheel-throwing, and I love making functional ceramics because of the connections it brings me with people,” Farmer said. “I like working in an array of mediums, such as performance, but especially with food and baked goods. Most of my work aims to connect people to their senses through colors, textures and everyday objects.”

They said their work often involves highly sensory experiences such as eating, performing and being in the ocean, as hopeful attempts at re-grounding dissociative episodes centered in eroticism and queerness.

Farmer developed a body of work in Jesse Dunn Annex 323 and presented an exhibition of the work they created during their time at Northwestern on Friday, Nov. 5, during the First Friday Art Walk in downtown Alva.

For more information on the Northwestern Artist-in-Residence Program, visit [nwosuair.com](http://nwosuair.com), contact Kyle Larson, associate professor of art, at [krlarson@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8108.



# Homecoming was an all-around success

Hundreds gathered around the downtown square on Saturday, Oct. 9, 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 "Game On: Ranger 2021 Edition." People came from all over to be in Alva for this event.

Leading the parade on Saturday was parade marshal Linda Tutwiler, former student and retired staff member of Northwestern (1986-2009).

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

First place for on-campus floats was the Student Government Association.

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

ond place went to the Alva High School Reunion 89-93.

For the off-campus, commercial business float category, first place went to Alva State Bank & Trust Company and second place to Community Bank.

The President's Award for the best overall float went to the Cherokee Strip Museum. The Northwestern Alumni Association Ranger Spirit Award for the float depicting exceptional Ranger spirit went to Alva State Bank & Trust Company.

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

Middle School - Outstanding Drum Line, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale Junior High; first place in the marching competition, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale; second, Chisholm; third, Blackwell.

High School - Outstanding Drum Line, Chisholm; Outstanding Color Guard, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale.

Class 2A High School Marching Competition - first place, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale; second, Laverne.

Class 3A High School Marching Competition - first place, Chisholm; second, Blackwell.

Four bands in addition to the Northwestern band participated in the massed band performance, bringing

the size of the performance to about 300 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 Stephen McCluskey, a graduate student studying in the adult education management and administration program from Motherwell, Scotland, United Kingdom, who was sponsored by the Ranger football team. He is the son of Eddie and Margret McCluskey.

Ranger Queen is Erika Hernandez, a senior elementary education major from Laverne, who was sponsored by the Spanish Club. She is the daughter of Rebeca and Enrique Hernandez.

Sagelyn Budy of Waynoka was crowned Freshman Queen during the Ranger Royalty Finalist banquet. The undeclared major is the daughter of Chad and Danielle Budy.

There was no winner of the Northwestern homecoming button drawing for the \$500 Alva Chamber Bucks after several numbers were drawn during the game. The \$500 Alva Chamber Bucks will be added to the amount to be won at the drawing next year, making the 2022 homecoming button drawing worth \$1,000 in Alva Chamber Bucks.

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, with the SGA receiving the Creativity award and the Ranger Spirit award going to the Medical Sciences Club.

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*Stephen McCluskey and Erika Hernandez were crowned Ranger King and Queen during Northwestern's Homecoming halftime event. Ranger Royalty court included (front left to right) crown bearer Zane Zimmerman and flower girl Sequin Graves; (back left to right) Queen finalists Jerika Coon and Savannah Francis, Freshman Queen Sagelyn Budy, Ranger King Stephen McCluskey, Ranger Queen Erika Hernandez, King finalists Reginald Hinson Jr. and Anderson Ramirez.*

# Homecoming was....

The winner of the residence hall decoration contest was South Hall. Fryer Hall placed second, and Coronado Hall placed third.

The winning window/door display went to head cross country coach Jill Lancaster. The Dean of Faculty office placed second with the Housing office in third.

The winning office/department display went to the Business office, Athletics received second, and the J.W. Martin Library 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 on-campus sales was Valarie Case, university relations specialist for Northwestern, and the winner for off-campus sales was Melody Theademan.

"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 move into a new era of decorating Alva by purchasing new banners with more to come. Our committee strives to build homecoming every year and with the button sales, we're able to enhance our Homecoming activities. You all continue to inspire me and restate my favorite saying, 'Lucky me...I live in Alva, OK!'"

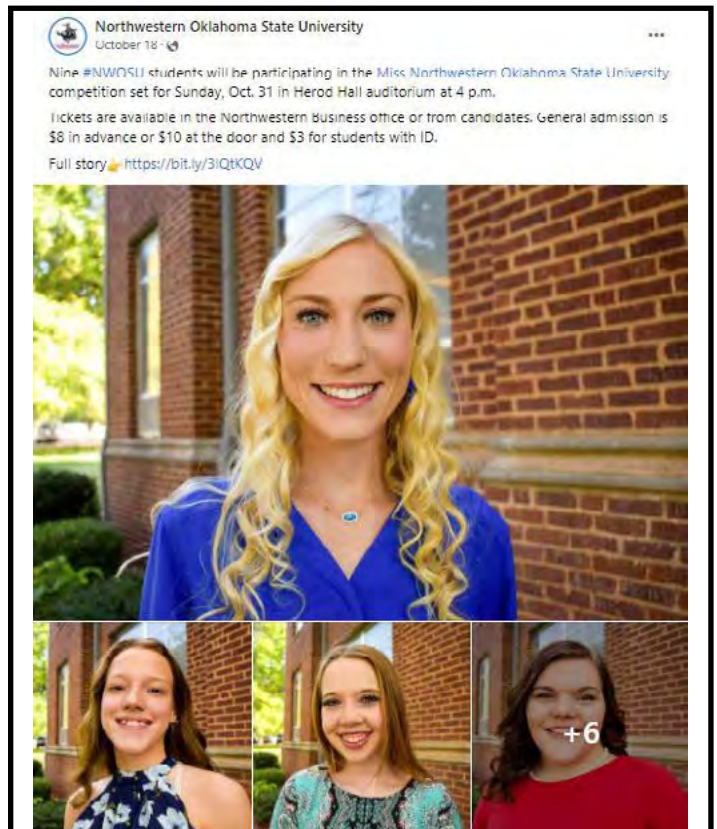
Homecoming is a community effort, and the Homecoming Committee is grateful to everyone who made the week and official Homecoming day a success.

"It was wonderful to see friends and alumni of Northwest-

ern in Alva for all the Homecoming festivities," said Dr. David Pecha, Homecoming chairman and vice president for administration. "Thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this year's event successful. The committee has already started work for Homecoming 2022!"

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](http://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/>.





# \$2 million federal grant awarded to boost student success

Northwestern is proud to announce it has been awarded an over \$2 million Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education through its Strengthening Institutions Program.

The U.S. Department of Education Title III – SIP grant is designed to help higher education institutions expand their capacity to serve at-risk students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the institution’s academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability.

Northwestern will use these funds to enhance the programs, people and facilities needed to provide comprehensive career preparation for students from their first day on campus through graduation.

“We are proud to receive this grant and excited to use these resources for our students,” Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. “This program will help empower first-time

full-time students with tools they need to succeed in college and direct them toward a career path. As enrollment and retention continue to be topics of conversation in the education industry, receiving this grant will help Northwestern in both of those areas.”

More specifically, Northwestern’s Title III Leadership, Academic Success, and Superior Outcomes (LASSO): Enhancing Student Success, Engagement, and Purpose-Driven Education grant will provide first-time-full-time and at-risk students with the resources and knowledge to increase retention and, ultimately, graduation rates.

Program participants will receive personalized student coaching and advising, attend a new and improved First-Year Experience course, and receive enhanced career counseling. Career counseling will assist students to identify an educational pur-

pose and its connection to future career paths, and help them declare a major earlier in their academic career. These two factors are known to improve academic success. LASSO will also provide professional development to faculty and staff to improve student retention rates and overall student success.

Tandy Keenan, director of sponsored programs, acted as a key figure in the development of the grant proposal.

“I am so pleased to have played a vital role in acquiring the Title III SIP LASSO Project funding,” Keenan said. “The program will enhance student resources and knowledge, including student coaching and enhanced career exploration, essential for student success. The stair-step process focuses on retention, early career choice/major declaration, and graduation while preparing students for a worthwhile career.”



# Seniors awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarships

Four Northwestern Oklahoma State University seniors were awarded the 2021 Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Those awarded in the fall are Josey Belair of Enid, early childhood education; Jenna Brooks of Taloga, history education; Davin DeVilbiss of Fairview, early childhood education; and Mikayla Edris of Cienega, Arizona, early childhood education.

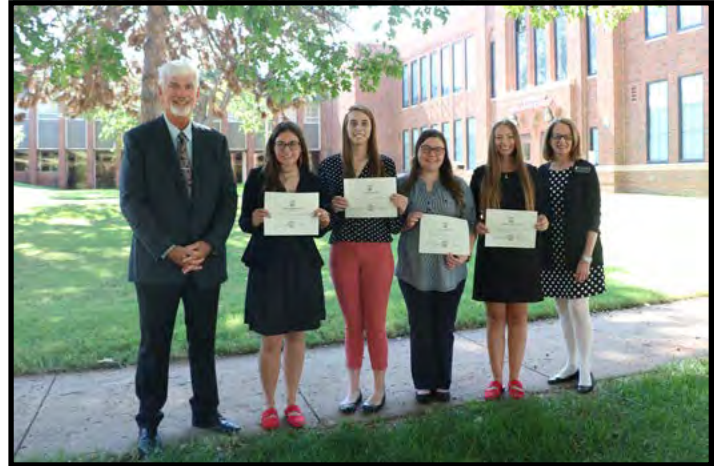
Each semester the scholarships are awarded to teacher candidates who are completing their professional semester.

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

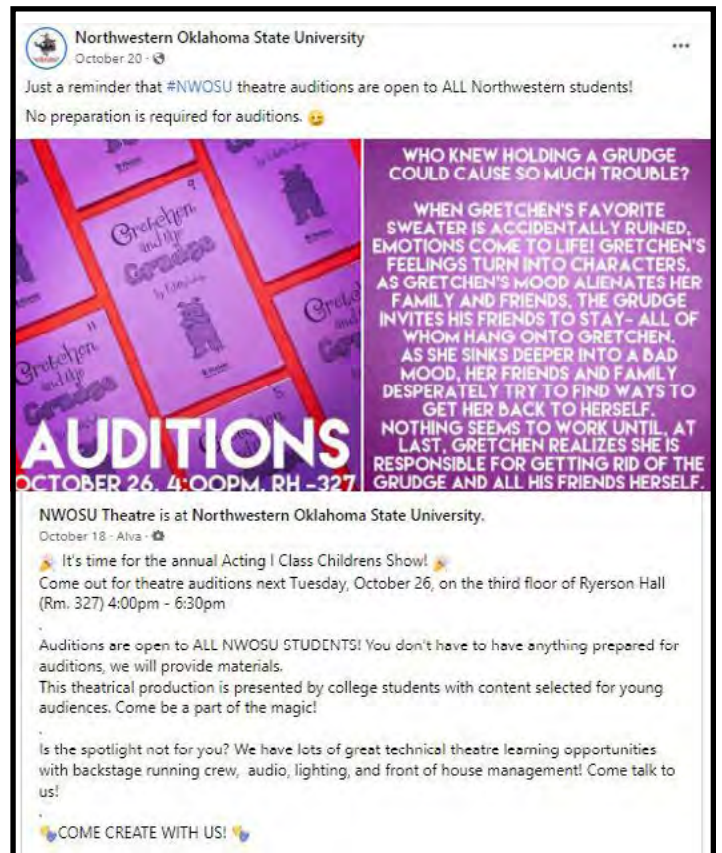
The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation works primarily with children with language and/or reading disorders. Recipients are chosen by the Teacher Education faculty members who

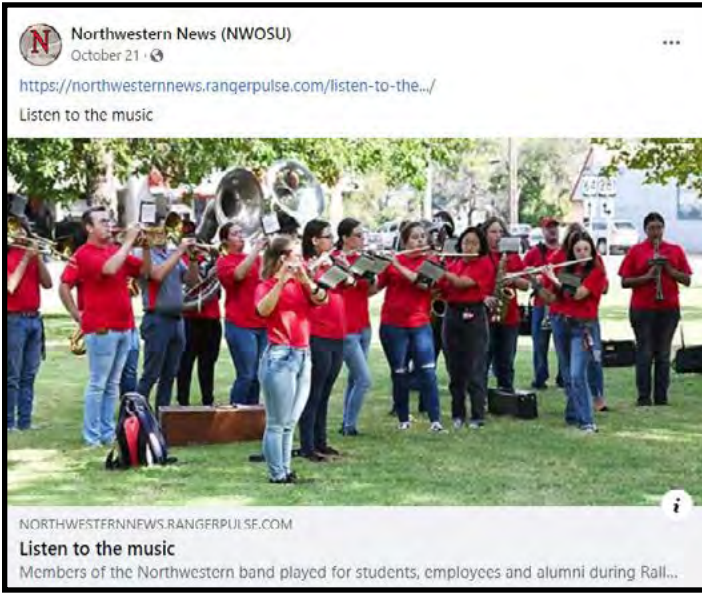
have reviewed all applications and voted for the candidate they felt was the best choice.

For more information on the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship or the Division of Education contact Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education and associate dean of the School of Education, at (580) 327-8450 or email [cljenlink@nwsu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwsu.edu).



*Dr. James Bell (far left) and Dr. Martie Young (far right) awarded four students with the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship. The recipients are (left to right) Mikayla Edris, Jenna Brooks, Josey Belair and Davin DeVilbiss, all senior education students at Northwestern.*





# *Kephart, Smith selected as Campus Kudos winners*

Jacqueline Kephart, payroll clerk with human resources, has been selected by the Staff Council as the recipient of the 2021 spring semester Campus Kudos Award. Shawn Smith, HVAC technician with the maintenance department, has been selected by the Staff Council as the recipient of the 2021 summer semester Campus Kudos Award.

Lisa Vermillion, administrative assistant to the vice president for administration and Staff Council chair-elect, presented Kephart and Smith with their Campus Kudos awards.

The person nominating Kephart for this award said, "When we switched over to approving student worker time in self-service, the time for one of our department's student workers got messed up repeatedly. It was a mess. But, Jackie was so patient and kind with us

in helping us get it sorted.

"I was just coming back from COVID, and I was overwhelmed, and she was a god-send. Furthermore, she is always pleasant to work with and really cares about the students with whom she works."

Kephart has served in her Northwestern position for over three years.

"It was a surprise to find out I was nominated," Kephart said. "I feel humbled and honored to receive this award!"

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.

The person nominating Smith for this award said, "Shawn works SO hard to make

sure that others on campus are cool during the hot days and warm during the cool days. He spends many hours in the heat on a rooftop, or near an AC unit where it's extra hot, so that others are more comfortable.

"During this summer, he has been kept so busy with repairs that I've seen him still here long after most of the regular employees are gone. I hope an award like this will be able to show how appreciated he truly is on our campus."

Smith previously received the 2016 fall semester Campus Kudos Award as well.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," Smith said. "I would like to thank my fellow employees, staff and students for their perseverance through this pandemic. It is a privilege to work at Northwestern. Thank you!"



*Lisa Vermillion (left) presents Jacqueline Kephart with a spring Campus Kudos Award.*



*Lisa Vermillion (left) presents Shawn Smith with a summer Campus Kudos Awards.*

# Northwestern recognized as a top school in healthcare ed

Northwestern has been named one of 2021's best schools for partially online programs and courses in healthcare education by EduMed.org.

EduMed.org created a Most Affordable Online DNP Programs list from its evaluations of programs either partially or fully online. Northwestern's program is a hybrid program, meaning it is a blend of online classes, on-campus learning and clinical practicums.

Northwestern is No. 4 on this list and is the top-ranked Oklahoma school in this listing. To view this ranking visit [www.edumed.org/online-schools/nurse-practitioner-programs/doctorate-dnp/most-affordable](http://www.edumed.org/online-schools/nurse-practitioner-programs/doctorate-dnp/most-affordable)

"We are very proud of our program," Dr. Bo Hannaford, executive vice president, said.

"What makes it so good is our faculty and their attention to our students. It is a rigorous process with high standards, but our students are ready and prepared when they finish."

Northwestern's recognition comes at a time when students across the country are taking more of their courses either fully or partially online. According to data from the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics, enrollment in online courses increased by 93 percent between fall 2019 and fall 2020. Nearly two-thirds of college students took at least one online course in 2020.



advanced practice nursing leader in today's health care arena."

EduMed.org researched and analyzed more than 7,700 accredited schools using data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and the schools themselves. The website's data science team then applied a proprietary algorithm to rank all qualifying schools for each healthcare discipline. Primary data points include number of online programs in subject area, online program tuition and fees, access to academic counseling, access to career placement services, number of online students, and percentage of students with institutional aid.

To be eligible, a school must hold active regional accreditation and have at least one partially online program in the ranking subject. Just 8 percent of U.S. postsecondary institutions earned a ranking position.

"We set out to find schools that are making online education a priority," said Wes Ricketts, founder of EduMed.org. "Each school in our rankings has a winning combination of flexibility, affordability, academic rigor and student support. This is a tall task in a field that leans on face-to-face interaction and hands-on training."

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

"Northwestern's graduate nursing faculty strives to provide students with accessible, high quality didactic and clinical learning experiences," Dr. Shelly Wells, chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing, said. "Students recognize that the rigor is necessary to be successful as an



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus  
October 23

Northwestern Oklahoma State University - OAEA  
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We had a blast today at the virtual Fall conference. Good sessions, good lunch, great snacks, lots of fun. Check out our cool socks, great moves and cute crafts... See more



*Dr. James Bell talks with his Intro to Film class about what to look for during the movie to be played at the Rialto.*

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
October 23

Heartland BEST Gameday took place today at the Alva Rec Center. Several #NWOSU employees and students run this event for public school students in robotics. #STEM

Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
October 25

Sigma Tau Delta presents its annual Banned Book Reading at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the #NWOSU Vinson Hall Alabaster Room to celebrate our freedom to read.

Anyone who loves books, reading, and would like to learn a bit more about censorship is welcome to attend!

NWOSU Visual Arts is with Naicee Gugelmeyer Sutter at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.  
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A visit from NWOSU alumni Naicee Sutter, who was reunited with her final project from the Beginning Painting class way back in 2016!

# Three awarded Child Welfare Enhancement Program stipends

Northwestern's Department of Social Work announced Northwestern-Alva senior Rachel Beaver of Longdale, Northwestern-Woodward junior Amy Ireland of Seiling and Northwestern-Enid senior Perla Fonseca Torres of Enid as the stipend recipients of the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program

Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Council, and Social Work Education (CSWE) in accredited social work programs in Oklahoma.

"I am honored to have been accepted into the CWPEP," Torres said. "This program has secured me em-

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program, but they are life-changing. I'm excited for my professional social work future and the opportunity to serve Oklahoma children and families."

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 19 students, resulting in more than \$150,000 being awarded in educational assistance."

The CWPEP program at Northwestern is administered by Rehder. For more information on Northwestern's department of social work, contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwosu.edu.



Rachel Beaver



Perla Fonseca Torres



Amy Ireland

(CWPEP) stipends for the 2021-2022 academic year.

CWPEP provides funds for students who plan careers in child welfare services in Oklahoma. The stipends, awarded to full-time students majoring in social work, provide money to meet educational expenses. 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 employment in the participating DHS programs.

"I chose to pursue a career in social work to be able to make a difference in people's lives," Ireland said. "I am honored to receive the CWPEP award and use my education to positively impact others."

CWPEP is a Title IV-E partnership between the University of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the U.S.

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"Being accepted into CWPEP is a dream for me," Beaver said. "In the beginning, it is hard to imagine all the incredible opportunities available to you in the social work pro-

The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter post from NWOSUscience (@NWOSUscience) dated Oct 26. The tweet discusses a class activity where students determined relative humidity and dew point temperature using sling psychrometers. The conclusion is that rain is on the way, or a heavy dew, or fog. Below the tweet is a weather forecast from Northwestern Oklahoma State University (@NWOSU) dated Oct 26, warning of hail, wind, and possible tornadoes in northwest Oklahoma.





# Career, internship fair held for job seekers

Employers seeking employees had an opportunity to go right to the source by attending the fall 2021 Career, Internship and Grad Fair at Northwestern-Alva on Monday, Nov. 8, in the Student Center Ranger Room.

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

Organizations attending were Academic Partnerships; Amarillo Police Department; Aruza Marketing; BancCentral; Buckle; Dragon Spirits Marketing and Promotion; ENJ Financial LLC; Green Plains Cattle Company LLC; INTEGRIS; KanEquip., Inc.; Marian University Accelerated Nursing Programs; Northwestern's Graduate Studies; Oklahoma Department of Envi-

ronmental Equality; Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; Seaboard Foods; Shimmick Construction Co., Inc.; Sigma; Skyland Grain LLC; Smithfield; Southwest Medical Center; SPI Technology Experts; Stillwater Public Schools; The Peoples Bank; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; University of Oklahoma - College of Law; U S D A / F S A Woods County; Value Added Products; and Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma. Taylor Wil- son, director of

counseling and career services, also encouraged job seekers to dress well and to stop by her office in Ryerson Hall 209 if they needed any help prior to the fair. She also may be reached at [tawilson@nwosu.edu](mailto:tawilson@nwosu.edu).

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



# Ranger Preview held in November

Northwestern's annual Ranger Preview event for high school seniors was held Saturday, Nov. 13, in Percefull Fieldhouse on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

Any high school senior who attends Ranger Preview, 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.

"Ranger Preview is an excellent opportunity for seniors and their families to visit campus for a fun and informative event that showcases the various opportunities awaiting students at Northwestern," Matt Adair, assistant dean of student affairs and recruitment, said. "We have tremendous involvement in this event from faculty, students and staff in welcoming our potential freshmen to campus. I would like to extend a special 'thank you' to Community Bank for their support and generosity in making Ranger Preview possible."

The schedule of events for the day included registration beginning at 9 a.m., with a welcome at 11 a.m. During the morning, students toured the campus, met with faculty members from each academic area, and had the opportunity to meet with members of many student organizations on campus. The event ended with a free lunch in the Coronado Cafeteria.

"I can't wait for our Ranger Preview event this year," Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, said. He was excited to return to an in-person event. "The opportunity for students to meet with faculty and with other students is what makes this event so

special. Students and their families get the full picture of campus and the people who will be guiding them in their higher education journey. "

Those attending received free tickets to the Northwestern versus Southwestern Oklahoma State University football game and a free t-shirt.

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

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



*The Ranger cheer team and Ranger band perform for the 2021 Ranger Preview crowd in Percefull Fieldhouse on Nov. 13.*



# Students encouraged to participate in Ranger Research Day

Northwestern's virtual Ranger Research Day was held Friday, Nov. 19, via Zoom.

Graduate and undergraduate students created poster presentations or oral presentations of academic research conducted in one of their classes.

Poster presentations for Ranger Research Day began at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom, followed by academic paper presentations starting at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

First, second and third place winners were available to be awarded for each discipline category.

For the category of Arts and Music, the disciplines were Art and Design; Theatre and Dance; and Music.

For the category of Business, the disciplines were Accounting; General Business Administration; Business Communication; Economics; Finance; Information (MIS) Operations Management; and Management.

For the category of Education, the disciplines were Curriculum; Gerontology; Human Environmental Sciences; Kinesiology, Health Studies and Special Services; Professional Teacher Education; and Psychology.

For the category of Liberal Arts, the disciplines were Communication; English; Foreign and Modern Languages; History; Geography; Humanities; Philosophy; Political Science; Sociology and Substance Abuse Studies; Social Work; and American Studies.

For the category of Math and Science, the disciplines were Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Forensic Science; Mathematics and Statistics; Nursing; Physics and Engineering; and Agriculture.

Winners for the 2021 Ranger Research Day are:

First Place English: Angel Marshall, "An Incurable Disease in Chryso's Poem 'Today Was a Bad Day Like TB'" (Dr. Kathryn Lane, Sponsor)

First Place Nursing: Adria Lujan, Carys Delaplaine, & Makenna Montgomery, "Reducing the Diagnosis of Postpartum Depression in Adolescent Mothers" (Dr. Leslie Collins, Sponsor)

Second Place Nursing: Ashlie Wilhite & Caitlin Johnson, "Infection Control Awareness & Decreasing HAIs in Healthcare Settings" (Dr. Jennifer Mahieu, Sponsor)

Third Place Nursing: Kailei Settle, Cassandra Mead, & Mitzi Pemberton, "Alternative Birthing Positions vs. Traditional Lithotomy" (Dr. Leslie Collins & Prof. Keera Byrd, Sponsors)

First Place Physics & Engineering: Sharon Boeckman. "Piano Staircase" (Dr. Steven Maier, Sponsor)

Second Place Physics & Engineering: William Cody Cosper, "Operation: RRR2-D2" (Dr. Steven Maier, Sponsor)

A list of abstracts may be found

on the [Ranger Research day website](#).

"Ranger Research Day provides the campus community with an opportunity to encourage research and to share research findings with others," Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in American Studies Program, said. "Ranger Research Day really illustrates how dynamic Northwestern's academic departments are."

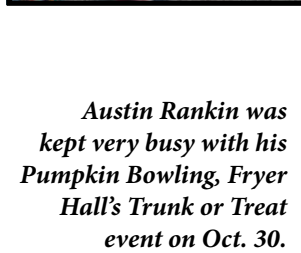
These participants can present at virtual Oklahoma Research Day in 2022, which Cameron University will play host to in March.

If students or community members would like to view this year's research posters and presentations, they can contact Holliday via email, and he will send them the appropriate Zoom link.

For more information on Ranger Research Day or to see past winners, visit [www.nwsu.edu/ranger-research-day](http://www.nwsu.edu/ranger-research-day) or contact Holliday at (580) 327-8589 or [spolliday@nwsu.edu](mailto:spolliday@nwsu.edu).



*Left, there was a great turnout for Trunk or Treat, sponsored by Fryer Hall.*



*Austin Rankin was kept very busy with his Pumpkin Bowling. Fryer Hall's Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 30.*



# Woodward students visit for 'Teach Oklahoma' experience

Northwestern-Alva played host to 15 Woodward High School students for the high school's "Teach Oklahoma" course in the fall.

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

Northwestern teacher candidates who assisted included Buffalo senior Noble Buckhaults, Elgin senior Lashon Chew, Laverne junior Erika Hernandez, Alva senior Juan Licea, Beaver senior Hannah Mosburg, Hutchinson, Kansas, sophomore Matt Voth and Alva senior Susannah Welty.

WHS attendees included students Sandy Ayil, Colton Devine, Lupe Hernandez, Jynel Herrera, Perla Lizardo, Roberto Nava, Hannah Paul, Kalei Peterson, Hayleigh Phillips, Maya Pittman, Juliani Ponce, Jessica Smith, Meadow Taylor, Fernando Villalba, and Kenzie Winsett, and sponsor JoLynn Love.

While visiting Northwestern the students participated in teacher preparation classes, and general education classes providing them with practical experiences in a college curriculum.

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

Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education, chair of the Division of Education and associate dean of the School of Education, understands and

believes in the importance of students actively learning and getting hands-on experience, especially in the teaching field.

"The importance of the Teach Oklahoma program cannot be overstated," Jenlink said. "It plays a key role in what we are doing in our state to address the teacher shortage. The collaboration between the WHS program and NWOSU has been ongoing for five years, and we are seeing positive results because of it. These young people are not simply learning about the teaching profession. They are learning to be servant leaders in their schools and their communities, an attribute that goes beyond the walls of a classroom. Northwestern is honored to work with these young people."

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

Educational Quality and Accountability (CEOA).

For more information about Northwestern's teaching programs, contact Jenlink at (580) 327-8450 or [cljenlink@nwosu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwosu.edu) or visit their web page at [www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education](http://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education).



*Students from Woodward High School visiting Northwestern recently to learn more about the teacher education program include left to right (front row) Northwestern education students Hannah Mosburg, Susannah Welty, WHS students Perla Lizardo, Juliani Ponce, Sandy Ayil, Maya Pittman, sponsor JoLynn Love, (middle row) Northwestern students Erika Hernandez, Lashon Chew, WHS students Fernando Villalba, Jynel Herrera, Jessica Smith, Hannah Paul, Meadow Taylor, Lupe Hernandez, Kalei Peterson, Kenzie Winsett, (back row) Northwestern student Matt Voth, WHS students Roberto Nava, Hayleigh Phillips, Colton Devine, Northwestern students Noble Buckhaults and Juan Licea.*



# Seabolt crowned Miss Northwestern 2022

Carli Seabolt of Alva was named Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2022 during the annual Miss Northwestern competition on Sunday, Oct. 31. Ella Dierlam was crowned Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen 2022.

Seabolt, a sophomore business major, performed the vocal solo "Happy Days are Here Again," and her platform is "Up in Smoke."

Dierlam conducted a science presentation for the competition, and her platform is "Neutrons and Nail Polish: Encouraging Girls in STEM."

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

Asa Thomas of Alva, named Miss Northwestern's Star 2022, will accompany Seabolt to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Competition in Tulsa in June. Thomas is the daughter of Derrick and Chesnei Thomas of Alva.

Miss Northwestern's first runner-up is Taylor Winn, freshman biology major from Mooreland.

She will receive a \$1,250 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship.

Second runner-up is Sydney Lookingbill, sophomore early childhood education major from Shattuck. She will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship.

Miss Northwestern People's Choice is Cora Beth Taylor, freshman biology major from Kingfisher.

Winner of the teen category for People's Choice Award is Kresta Badley of Gate.

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 on-stage question.

Brianna Berryman, senior biology-health science major from Guthrie; Laura Blair, junior psychology major from Waynoka; Mattie Pitts, freshman elementary education major from Waynoka; Morgan Villarreal, senior early childhood education major from Burns Flat; and Rebecca Wagner, sophomore biology major from Pawnee, also competed in the Miss Northwestern competition.

Jaxy Cloud of Seiling also competed in the teen contest.

Other candidates for the Miss Northwestern Star program included Reagan Cummings of Alva, Audrey Manning of Buffalo, Kymbree McBride of Okeene, Reese Mosburg of Alva, Ava Olive of Alva, Paisley Reed of Waynoka, Grayson Smart of Seiling and Kacey Woods of Alva.

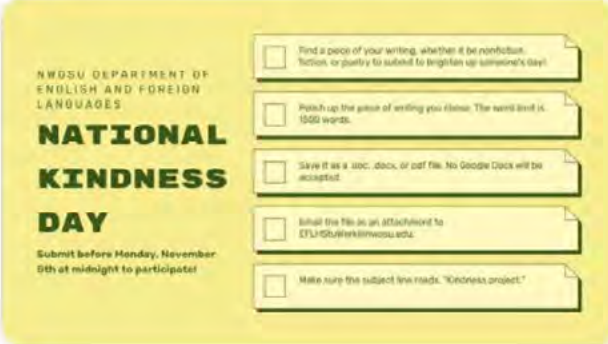


Carli Seabolt (back row, left) was named Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2022 during the annual Miss Northwestern competition on Sunday, Oct. 31. Asa Thomas (front row) was named Miss Northwestern's Star 2022 (front row). Ella Dierlam (right) was crowned Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen 2022.



**NWOSU English @NWOSU\_English · Nov 1**

National Kindness Day is November 12th this year. Complete this checklist so you can participate with us and brighten up someone's day with your writing!



**NWOSU DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

## NATIONAL KINDNESS DAY

Submit before Monday, November 8th at midnight to participate!

- Find a piece of your writing, whether it be nonfiction, fiction, or poetry to submit to brighten up someone's day!
- Polish up the piece of writing you chose. The word limit is 1500 words.
- Save it as a .doc, .docx, or .pdf file. No Google Docs will be accepted!
- Email the file as an attachment to [EFLL@okstate.edu](mailto:EFLL@okstate.edu).
- Make sure the subject line reads, "Kindness project."

**#NWOSU THANK-A-THON STARTS TODAY! 🍕**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT**

**NOVEMBER 1-2 | 4 P.M.-7 P.M.**

# THANK-A-THON

**STUDENT CENTER - RANGER ROOM**

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP




**FREE PIZZA  
FREE PRIZES  
FREE T-SHIRTS**

**ALL RANGERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US IN EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS.**

**Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association**

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 1

Our virtual Ranger Research Day will be Friday, Nov. 19, via Zoom.  
The deadline for #NWOSU Ranger Research Day submissions is Friday, Nov. 5.  
For more information on Ranger Research Day, to see past winners, or guidelines for printing services, visit [www.nwosu.edu/ranger-research-day](http://www.nwosu.edu/ranger-research-day).



**Ranger Research Day** ✨  
**will be virtual via Zoom**  
**Friday, Nov. 19**

**Submission Deadline**  
**Friday, Nov. 5**

**Participants can present at virtual Oklahoma Research Day in March 2022**

[nwosu.edu/ranger-research-day](http://nwosu.edu/ranger-research-day)

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 2

Our chapter of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) organization is accepting donations for personal hygiene products as part of the "Compassion in Action Dignity Drive" at all #NWOSU locations until Nov. 19.

This year SWAT will be gathering donations for the YWCA Enid. The YWCA provides emergency crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. These services also include an emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence.... See more

## 6TH ANNUAL Compassion in Action Dignity Drive

**LET'S HELP THE YWCA FILL THEIR FACILITY**

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap & Deodorant
- Diapers
- Lice Kits
- Baby Hygiene Products
- Laundry Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Hair Brushes & Products
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- New Socks, Underwear, Bras
- Sanitizing Wipes

**TAKING DONATIONS NOW THROUGH NOV. 19TH**

**Drop Box Locations Include:**

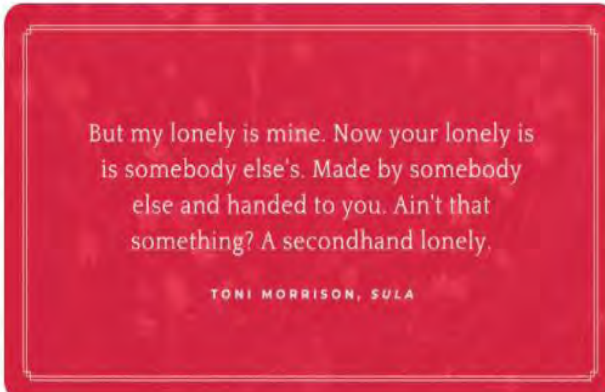
- Alva:** Academic Success Center, JD308, AND JD South Entrance
- Enid:** Commons & Front Entry
- Woodward:** Cross Over Hall

**Questions? Contact SWAT Sponsor Codi Harding at [clharding@nwosu.edu](mailto:clharding@nwosu.edu)**



**NWOSU English @NWOSU\_English · Nov 1**

Today is National Author's Day! Celebrate by reading a book by one of our favorite authors, Toni Morrison.



But my lonely is mine. Now your lonely is  
is somebody else's. Made by somebody  
else and handed to you. Ain't that  
something? A secondhand lonely.

**TONI MORRISON, SULA**

# School supplies collected by 3 campus groups

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University chapter of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) organization partnered with the Psychology Club and Enid Leadership Council to gather donations of school supplies at all Northwestern locations through Nov. 19.

The Social Work department was approached by Northwestern social work alumna Diana Nolan to partner with Stillwater Public Schools in her role as the district social worker.

The School Supply Drive benefitted the community of Stillwater, which will be hosting several fami-

lies from Afghanistan. In preparation for the arrival of these families, 200 backpacks with school supplies are being assembled.

“SWAT, Psychology Club and Enid Leadership Council are all working hard to collect as many donations as possible to assist a community and public school system in need,” Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor, said.

Donations needed include basic school supplies along with backpacks, dice, whiteboard with expo marker/erasers, word-to-word dictionaries, water bottles (the reusable kind), binders, handheld pencil sharpeners and simple calculators.

“It is a pleasure to help serve a neighboring community in need,” Chambrea Cook, Drummond senior psychology club president, said.

Donated items could be dropped off at the Northwestern-Enid Commons Area and front entryway; the Northwestern-Alva Academic Success Center and Jesse Dunn south entrance; and the Northwestern-Woodward Commons Area.

“This school supply drive is an opportunity to display the true Oklahoma and Northwestern spirit of caring,” Julie Mayer, Enid senior SWAT vice president, said.

For more information concerning SWAT, contact Harding in Enid at (580) 213-3148 or clharding@nwsu.edu. For more information on Northwestern’s social work degree program visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work>.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

— DONATIONS WILL BE TAKEN NOVEMBER 8 THRU NOVEMBER 19 —

DROP BOX LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- ALVA: ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER & JD SOUTH ENTRANCE
- ENID: COMMONS & FRONT ENTRY
- WOODWARD: CROSSOVER HALL

Sponsored by:  
S.W.A.T.  
Psychology Club  
Enid Leadership Council



The community of Stillwater will be hosting several families from Afghanistan. Stillwater Public Schools is working with various organizations to prepare for the arrival of these families. In an effort to be prepared, we are assembling 200 backpacks with school supplies.


The following resources are needed:

- Backpacks
- Pens
- Dice
- White Board with Expo Marker/Erasers
- Rulers
- Word to Word Dictionaries
- Simple calculator that does not do negatives
- Scissors
- Water bottles (the reusable kind)
- Spiral notebooks
- Loose leaf paper
- Composition Notebooks
- Binders
- Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Hand held pencil sharpeners
- Glue (bottle or stick)

Questions? Please contact S.W.A.T.  
Sponsor Codi Harding at  
clharding@nwsu.edu



**National Novel Writing Month in the Library**  
 by Douglas Davidson on November 1st, 2023 in Library & Information Science, English | Comments



**National Novel Writing Month**

November has over the last decade become a month for personal challenges. One of the most popular is **National Novel Writing Month**.

The goal of National Novel Writing Month is simple: Produce a rough-draft manuscript of 50,000 words or more. That means an average of 1,667 words per day.

Although some participants eventually land book deals (the organization running the challenge reports about 250 successful publications, which is a small percentage of total participants), the goal of the challenge is not to produce a good book but a complete book. For an aspiring writer, completing a manuscript can be a daunting task, but "NaNoWriMo" encourages new authors to do exactly that.

**Northwestern News (NWOSU)**  
 November 4 · 🌐

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 University construction projects underway



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**University construction projects underway**  
 Several construction projects on Northwestern's campus are underway this seme...

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
 November 5 · 🌐

Natalie Miller is the assistant certification officer for our #NWOSU Division of Education. She has worked for the university for 29 years in several different positions. She has been in her current position since 2006.

While working, she completed a bachelor's in business administration and a master's in adult education management and administration at Northwestern. Working and taking care of family make up much of her time. Natalie and her husband, Greg, have two daughters, Dana Craven and Tara Miller, and two grandchildren, Abbi Hall and Casey Sander. Natalie appreciates family and friends, so if she's not at work, she's involved with her people. Her favorite thing to do is laugh and make others happy.


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

Discover more interesting facts about Natalie on our other social media channels. 😊  
 Twitter @NWOSU  
 Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurang



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Libraries**  
 November 4 · 🌐

Newly published: HUM 2533: Music in Life



LIBRARY.NWOSU.EDU | Library Services: HUM 2533 Music in Life: Main  
 An area course respecting music.

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 'I did not think that I would get into education'



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**'I did not think that I would get into education'**  
 Mahieu followed a dream of being a nurse. Then it led to the classroom.

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 Training the mind and body



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**Training the mind and body**  
 Student athletes face additional mental health challenges



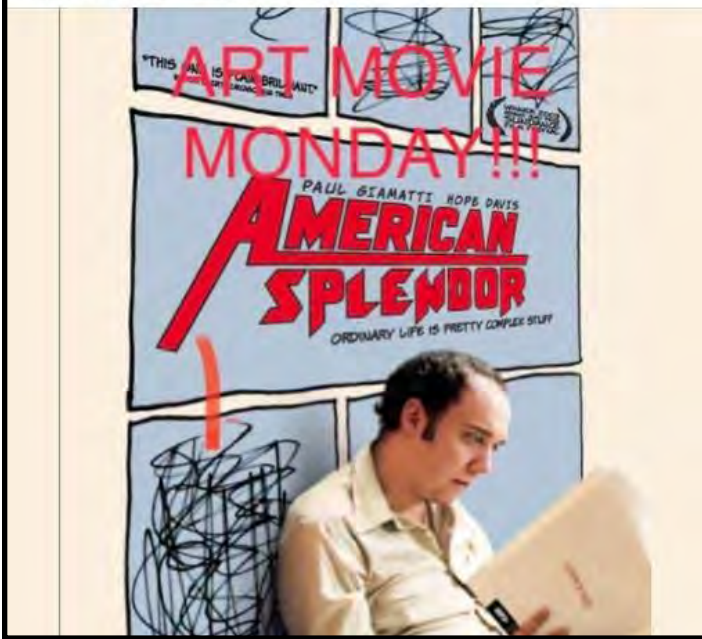
**NWOSU Visual Arts** is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. November 8 · Alva · 🌐

Art Movie Monday continues tonight at 9:15 PM in Jesse Dunn 324. We will watch "American Splendor" (2003), a true story/bio-pic about the comic book writer Harvey Pekar.

"Underground comic book writer Harvey Pekar, portrayed by Paul Giamatti but also appearing as himself, is the subject of this inventive biopic. Much of the film focuses on the eccentric Pekar's day-to-day life in Cleveland, particularly his relationship with his patient wife, Joyce Brabner (played by Hope Davis and also appearing as herself). As Pekar's musings are brought to the screen in this unique and engaging production, the movie playfully incorporates comic book-like panels."

"Exhilarating both stylistically and for its entertaining, moving portrayal of an everyman, American Splendor is a portrait of a true underground original."

Watch the trailer here: <https://youtu.be/APpxQm7sH5k>



**NWOSU Division of Education @NWOSU\_EDUCATION** · Nov 8 Matthew Fuller, Student Teacher providing instruction on the basics of golf to 3rd and 4th graders at Frontier Elementary.



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University** November 10 at 12:21 PM · 🌐

Bring a friend to the upcoming #NWOSU crochet lesson at 6 p.m. on Nov. 16 in the Sci Amphitheater.

**CROCHET LESSON**

**NWOSU SCIENCE AMPITHEATER**  
**6:00 PM NOV. 16**  
**\$7 A PERSON**

EVER WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO CROCHET?  
 COME MAKE GRANNY SQUARES AND ENJOY SNACKS  
 AND HOT CHOCOLATE WITH US!!

**MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED**

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, EMAIL  
**SAVANNAH FRANCIS AT**

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University** November 9 at 9:14 AM · 🌐

#NWOSU students can come play bingo and win groceries! Come over to the Student Center Ballroom on Thursday night at 7 p.m. with NWOSU SGA!

HOSTED BY SGA

**GROCERY BINGO**

PLAY BINGO AND WIN GROCERIES!

**NOVEMBER 11 AT 7:00**  
**STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM!**

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Students attend Farm Bureau convention

**Students attend Farm Bureau convention**

Several members of the Northwestern Aggie Club attended the Oklahoma State ...

# *Gretch' and the Grudge presented for kids*

Northwestern students were on the stage in Herod Hall Auditorium for a public performance of the annual children's theatre production of "Gretch and the Grudge" on Nov. 20.

The show was also performed for students from 11 elementary schools, including Alva-Lincoln, Alva-Longfellow, Alva-Washington, Cherokee, Deer Creek-Lamont, Freedom, Medford, Mooreland, Okeene, South Barber and Waynoka on Nov. 18-19.

The original production of "Gretchen and the Grudge" is about a little girl, Gretchen, who gets angry enough at her sister and friends, she starts holding a literal "Grudge" against them. In this production, the Grudge is a person who clings on to Gretchen, along with his other friends – the Mood-keepers, Peevish and Hothead; and

the Doldrum family. As the Grudge and his friends drag Gretchen down further and further, her family and friends try to find help for Gretchen, only for her to realize she needs to take the responsibility of getting rid of the Grudge and his friends herself.

"The show 'Gretchen and the Grudge' is about emotions, inner conflict, and how we can manage juggling all of them," said Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager.

"With the author's permission, we were able to change the title of our show to "Gretch and the Grudge" to better fit our production," said Jordan.

Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre and chair of the Department of Fine Arts, is the director.

Cast members for this production include the following:

Angie Aguilera, senior vocal music performance major from Woodward; Aliyah Bidwell, sophomore mass communication major from Geary; Adele Callaway, sophomore nursing major from Shattuck; Chris Chauncey, senior mathematics major from Cordell; Sydney Endsley, senior speech and theatre major from Ringwood; Destiny Engelken, sophomore biology education major from Alva; Lilith Ferrero, sophomore speech and theatre major from Cordell; Jameson Hale, freshman vocal music performance major from Elk City; Temberlenn Hall, sophomore speech and theatre major from Austin, Texas; Draven Hidalgo, sophomore vocal music education major from Hooker; Maegan Holson, freshman psychology major from Waynoka; Kevin Jaquez, freshman vocal music education major from Enid; Delaney Lambert, sophomore English education major from Alva; Jack Mahoney, freshman vocal music education major from Enid; Tiana Noyes, freshman speech and theatre major from Alva; Sadrie Overall, junior biology major from Inola, Kansas; Addison Schwerdtfeger, sophomore biology major from Alva; Bethany Towns, freshman vocal music education major from Alva; Lisa Turner, freshman speech and theatre major from Alva; Leyah Valentine, freshman biology major from Vici; and Felicit Wall, freshman undeclared major from Duncan.

For more information on theatre performances and courses at Northwestern, contact Weast at (580) 327-8462 or [kkweast@nwosu.edu](mailto:kkweast@nwosu.edu) or see more info at [www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts](http://www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts).




*Cast of Gretch and the Grudge*

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing**  
November 12 at 9:28 PM · 🌐

As Nurse Practitioner week comes to an end, we want to thank our NP Faculty - Dr Courtney Ballina, Dr Yvette Lowrey, and Dr Pat Thompson. In addition to teaching full time at Northwestern, they continue their nurse practitioner work clinically. This attention to their practice assures our students are receiving the highest quality education possible.

# Thank You!



## Happy National Nurse Practitioner Week

**7 NWTV**  
November 12 · 🌐

Cade Kennedy gives us the scoop of the last game of the season 🎈🎈🎈  
<http://nwtv7.rangerpulse.com/.../rangers-look-to-close.../>

**RANGERS**

# LOOKING TO CLOSE WITH A VICTORY



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Breaking Barriers





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### Breaking Barriers

Wagner, non-traditional student and female military veteran, learns about history she's part of

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 13 at 10:33 PM · 🌐

Welcome home!  
The 1996 Ranger football team was honored today at halftime — and they saw a great 31-20 Ranger victory over that school down south.  
#OnceARangerAlwaysARanger #Ranger-family #RRR #NWOSU

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 12 at 4:53 PM · 🌐

Jeff McAlpin is an instructor of sociology and criminal justice. In addition to teaching and advising students, he is the administrative director of the drug/alcohol program at the Charles E. "Bill" Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC) which is delivered by Northwestern.

He is married to his wife, Diane, and they have four children: Jon, Edward, Quentin, and Kayleigh. Jon is a graduate of Northwestern and soon Kayleigh will be an alum of #NWOSU as well. He has three grandchildren, Bentley, Aaryn, and Brandt. He's a proud grandfather and loves to spoil his grandchildren. He also loves to travel with his family to see the culture and beauty of other places.

We appreciate all he does for our Department of Social Sciences every day and that's why he's this week's "Ranger to Know." 🎈🎈

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

Twitter @NWOSU  
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus**  
November 15 at 11:46 AM · 🌐

Join us next Monday!



## Tree Trimming and Pumpkin Spice Day

Have some pumpkin-themed refreshments and help us trim the tree!

Monday, November 22nd  
Enid Campus Commons  
All Day Event

# Northwestern places 2nd in competition

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Northwestern computer science program played host to a Rocket League tournament involving teams from six universities in Oklahoma. Competition took place in Northwestern's new esports gaming room.

University teams that participated in the tournament were Northwestern, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Rogers State University, Northeastern State University, Oklahoma City University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

After five sets of round robin play, Rogers State University came out as the winner with Northwestern taking second place. Southwestern took third place.

Northwestern won its match against Southwestern that took place that day.



*Rocket League tournament play took place in Shockley Hall in the new gaming room on Saturday, Nov. 13. Northwestern's esports team placed second in the completion.*

## Gaming room work nearing completion

Work continues on the new esports gaming room in Shockley Hall. The room is in the process of being transformed from a regular classroom into a gaming competition site. The latest addition is bleacher-style seating.

"We went with bleachers along one wall because we wanted the room to feel like an arena, said Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science and esports coach. "As different schools set up different areas for them to compete in esports, these areas vary school to school. We wanted a smaller more enclosed space, and our room design lets us have that while the bleachers also let us feel more like a stadium.

"We are hoping to have the remaining work completed by spring break and have an opening ceremony sometime in April."

This room will primarily be used for Northwestern's esports teams to practice and compete in against other colleges in tournaments.

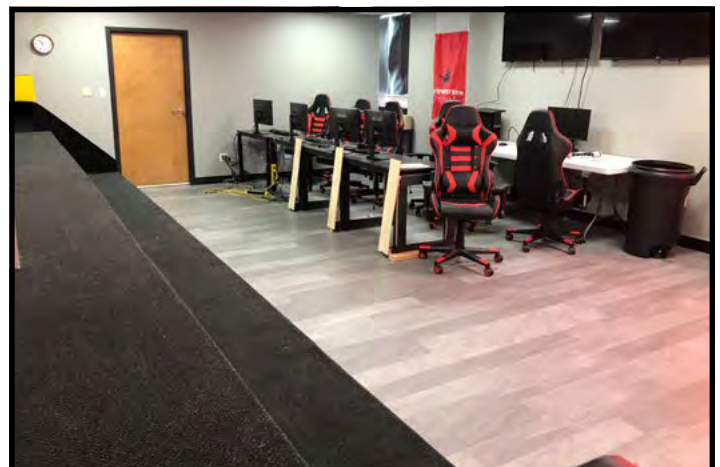
"The benefit of esports is that we don't have to be in person to play against another university, we can do it online," Vaverka said. "At the moment the structure of esports is not quite like a full athletics conference but more than random games happening for fun. Over time, esports will become more regular and conference-like as schools learn what

works best."

Vaverka said the plan is to have one major event each semester in the room with multiple smaller events per semester.

Beginning in the fall 2022 semester, there will be a scholarship available to earn by playing for esports teams. More specific information will be released later.

Any student interesting in play should contact Vaverka.



*New bleacher-type seating has been installed in the esports gaming room. The bleachers are shown in foreground looking toward the gaming area.*

# Staats receives national VIP Citation

Jack Staats, instructor of agriculture, was honored with a VIP Citation during the National FFA Convention & Expo, held in Indianapolis recently.

The VIP Citation recognizes individuals' significant contributions to FFA and agricultural education.

"I am very humbled and very appreciative of this award," Staats said. "I am fortunate to be married to a great lady, blessed with a great family, and surrounded by great people that have actually encouraged and supported me to do more than what I am capable of alone. I am so appreciative of the opportunities that agricultural education has given to me, and I hope in some small way that I have helped others in finding their opportunities in the agri-

culture profession."

Staats taught agricultural education at Freedom High school from 1973-1976, Buffalo High School from 1976-1977 and Alva High School from 1977-2007. He went on to serve as the program manager and Oklahoma FFA adviser for Oklahoma's Department of Career and Technology Education from 2008 until the spring of 2020. He began teaching at Northwestern in the fall of 2020.

Ten other recipients receiving this distinction are Scott Bormann of Stilwell, Kansas; Leon Busdieker of Hawk Point, Missouri; Dr. Robert Flores of San Luis Obispo, California; Lyle Orwig of Chaska, Minnesota; Terry Riekman of Salem, South Dakota; Ronnie Sim-

mons of Gainesville, Florida; Dr. Michael Spiess of Montague, California; and David Wyrick of Bryon, Michigan. Additionally, Robert

Hays of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Jeffrey Hicken of Waupan, Wisconsin, are being awarded the VIP posthumously.

"It is exciting to see Jack receive this award in recognition of his hard work, dedication, and passion for agricultural education," Dr. Dean Scarbrough, professor of agriculture and agriculture department chair, said. "Without such strong and outstanding commitment from people like Jack and others being honored this year, the FFA organization would not be able to help build such strong character in its members, who in turn become strong leaders in their families, communities and businesses."

The VIP Citation honors the dedicated individuals who contribute to the FFA mission of student success through their hard work and cooperation. The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 735,000 student members as part of 8,817 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

NWOSU Visual Arts is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. November 15 at 4:08 PM · Alva

Art Movie Monday continues tonight at 9:15 PM in Jesse Dunn 324. We will watch "The Price of Everything" (2018). Filmmaker Nathaniel Kahn delves into our consumerist culture and the contemporary art world, reaffirming the power of art and the need to have it in our lives.

"With unprecedented access to pivotal artists and the white-hot market surrounding them, The Price of Everything dives deep into the labyrinth of the contemporary art world. It examines the role of art and artistic passion in today's money-driven, consumer-based society — where everything can be bought and sold. Featuring collectors, dealers, auctioneers and a rich range of artists, including current market darlings Jeff Koons, Gerhard Richter, Njideka Akunyili Crosby and one time art star Larry Poons, the film exposes deep contradictions as it holds a mirror up to contemporary values and times, coaxing out the dynamics at play in pricing the priceless."

Watch the trailer here: [https://youtu.be/iejpS\\_PpJK](https://youtu.be/iejpS_PpJK)

THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING  
an art world odyssey

ART MOVIE MONDAY!!!

OFFICIAL SELECTION 2019  
sundance



National FFA 2020-21 Secretary, Anna Mathis of Arkansas, congratulates Jack Staats, Northwestern Oklahoma State University instructor of agriculture, on his recent VIP Citation award.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 15 at 10:45 AM · 🌐

Students enjoy a nice day outside for their general astronomy lab with Dr. Jenny Sattler. The students used pinhole cameras they constructed using cardstock, aluminum & thumbtacks, along with a welding helmet to view the sun. Unfortunately, the students weren't able to see any sunspots. Learn more about our Natural Sciences department at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-natural-science>.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus**  
November 16 at 9:08 AM · 🌐

Students, faculty, and staff participated in a month-long ping pong tournament. Only NWOSU students were eligible for prizes. First place was Colson Buckminster, second place was Joshua Foss, and third place was Landon Monsees. Thank you Dr. Gustafson for organizing this event. Pictured left to right: Landon Monsees, Colson Buckminster, Dr. Gustafson, and Joshua Foss

**NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience · Nov 16**

And Mega-ΩMG, here we see vaporization In action !!  
[vm.tiktok.com/ZM8bFYTfe/](https://vm.tiktok.com/ZM8bFYTfe/) The "steam" is actually water vapor in the room near the floor condensing into a cloud due to the coolness of the spilled liquid nitrogen (see what I did there?) 🤩👀👉👈 #NWOSUscience @NWOSU @madsonmasch

**NWOSUscience @NWOSUscience · Nov 16**

ΩMG ! #NWOSUscience is like 0.5 steps closer to being famous! Check out @madsonmasch's @TIKTok! [We explored how a simple candle experiment can be a model for pressure differentials in meteorology] [vm.tiktok.com/ZM8bFeHcJ/](https://vm.tiktok.com/ZM8bFeHcJ/) @NWOSU

**Northwestern News (NWOSU)**  
November 18 at 12:46 PM · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/nwosu-nursing/>  
NWOSU nursing secretary known for generosity, kindness

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Libraries**  
November 17 at 12:59 PM · 🌐

Newly published: HUM 4900: History of Rock & Roll

LIBRARY.NWOSU.EDU  
Library Services: HUM 4900 History of Rock & Roll: Main [DESCRIPTION] Course description and research materials.

**Northwestern News (NWOSU)**  
November 10 at 12:45 PM · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/native-american.../>  
Native American club aims to educate others

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**Native American club aims to educate others**  
Members of the Native American Student Association at Northwestern say they hope November, which is Native American Heritage Month, will help people learn more about culture.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 18 at 9:39 AM

We had the privilege of having Blaine Peterson, CPA, President, and CEO of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs, come speak to our #NWOSU accounting students recently. Students in Alva, Enid, Woodward, Ponca City, and the James Crabtree Correctional Center attended. Local CPAs in the OSCPA northwest district chapter also attended.

Blaine discussed OSCPA scholarships available to students, the process of becoming a student member, and changes to the CPA exam. Thank you for giving our Rangers that info Blaine!




**NWOSU SAAC @NWOSU\_SAAC · Nov 19**

We're in Chicago and having a great first day at the @D2SAAC Super Region Convention! So much great discussion, sharing ideas, and meeting new people! #d2saacconv



**NWOSU Visual Arts is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.**  
November 18 at 10:58 AM · Alva

The Visual Arts Program, in collaboration with the Department of English, Foreign Language, and Humanities, is excited to announce our November Artist-in-Residence, Chelsea T. Hicks.

Chelsea T. Hicks (Osage, Pawhuska District) is an incoming Tulsa Artist Fellow and a Native Arts & Cultures Foundation 2021 LIFT Awardee. Her writing has been published in McSweeney's, Yellow Medicine Review, the LA Review of Books, Indian Country Today, the Believer, The Audacity, The Paris Review, and elsewhere. She is a past Writing By Writers Fellow, a 2016 Wah-Zha-Zhi Woman Artist featured by the Osage Nation Museum, and a 2020 finalist for the Eliza So Fellowship for Native American women writers. In 2020, she was a Visiting Artist at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago after earning a master's in English from UC Davis and an MFA from the Institute of American Indian Arts. Her advocacy work has included recruiting with the Virginia Indian Pre-College Outreach Initiative (VIP-COI), Northern and Southern California Osage diaspora groups, and heritage language creative writing and revitalization workshops. She authored poetry for the sound art collection Onomatopoeias For Wrangell-St. Elias, funded by the Double Hoo Grant at the University of Virginia, where she was awarded the Peter & Phyllis Pruden scholarship for excellence in the English major as well as the University Achievement Award (2008-2012). The Ford Foundation awarded her a 2021 honorable mention for promotion of Indigenous-language creative writing. She is planning an Indigenous Language Creative Writing Conference for November 2022 in Tulsa, funded by the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

On December 3rd, from 10 AM – 5 PM in Jesse Dunn, room 327, Hicks will conduct a workshop titled "Creating with Our Ancestors."

Workshop description in image. Email [krlarson@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwosu.edu) to RSVP. Seats are limited.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 19 at 5:25 PM

Andrea Corr is a custodian with our maintenance department. She currently works hard to keep Vinson Hall and South Hall clean. Since she started at #NWOSU she has worked previously as a custodian in the following buildings: J.R. Holder Wellness Center, Joe J. Struckle Education Center, Science, Industrial Education, and Fryer Hall.

She is the Aunt MIMI to Brianna Clepper, Bridget Wilhite, and Braxton Wilhite. Brianna is a May 2018 graduate of Northwestern receiving her bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in marketing. Bridget currently attends Northwestern majoring in nursing and is a member of the Ranger Cheer Squad. Braxton is currently a 3rd grader at Cherokee Elementary School.

Andrea cheers with Bridget at the games and watches Braxton participate in his different activities, such as the 3rd-4th grade football team and his summer baseball. Andrea is also the Great-Aunt MIMI to Adelynn Clepper. "She is the center of all of our lives."

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

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

Twitter @NWOSU  
Instagram & Snapchat @nwosurangers



# Creating with Our Ancestors

When: Friday, Dec. 3rd from 10 AM – 5 PM  
Where: Jesse Dunn 327  
Limited seats available.

## Workshop Description:

This all-day workshop uses the disciplines of drawing, painting and creative writing to investigate rematriation and ancestral veneration practices. Participants are invited to bring a family heirloom, document, or object representing one or more of their matrilineal ancestral culture/s (meaning: from one of the culture/s from which their mother, grandmothers or great-grandmothers first originated). We will do a timed sketch session incorporating this object or document into a drawing, and then in the afternoon, we'll do a storytelling exercise using our visual creation. Via writing prompts, we'll seek to explicate and deepen our understanding of the ways in which we hold connections to our matrilineal lives, both through the concept of inheritance and dis/inheritance. Before and after we create together, we'll have a talking circle, in which (morning session) Hicks will summarize how people of various United States backgrounds understand rematriation and its purpose today and (evening) a reading to share some of our thoughts with the community.

## Artist Bio:

**Chelsea T. Hicks (Xhuedoi')** is a recent graduate from the Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing at the Institute of American Indian Arts. She is at work on a collection of stories incorporating her ancestral language of Wahzhazhe ie, or Osage. She facilitates workshops for heritage language creative writers as well as language acquisition acceleration courses and received a 2021 Ford Foundation Honorable Mention for promoting indigenous language creative writing workshops. She is an enrolled member of the Osage Nation (Pawhuska District/Wahhakoli) and belongs to the Gentle Peacemaker Clan. She is of mixed descent.

This presentation will take place on Dec. 3rd during the Alva First Friday Artwalk at Graceful Arts and will begin at 8:30 PM.

# Campus, community take part in Kindness Day

The United Way of Northwest Oklahoma in Enid welcomed Northwestern personnel and others in northwest Oklahoma to join them this year in shining a bigger light on kindness, something the Enid organization has been doing since 2015. And, although Kindness Day in Northwest Oklahoma was observed on Nov.



12, the international observance of World Kindness Day, which has been in existence since 1998, was Nov. 13.

Multiple groups from Northwestern performing various projects and random acts of kindness included Campus Cabinet food pantry, Forge, English program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Medical Sciences Club, NWOSU Art Society, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Student Government Association and Woodward Leadership Council.

Two specific drives were underway by Northwestern groups as Kindness Day projects:

Delta Zeta Sorority is accepted coats for its project.

Enid Leadership Council's project was an art supply drive for the Fowler Early Childhood Center.

Others planning projects or activities included the Alva Chamber of Commerce, Alva Elementary School Booster Club, Alva High School Key Club/Dr. Halah Simon, Alva State Bank, Girl Scouts in Waynoka, Kayla's Kindness Project in Alva, Northwest Technology Center and Washington Elementary in Alva.

Graceful Arts Center also offered a free come-and-go rock painting activity for kids after school on Nov. 12. Graceful Arts staff hid the

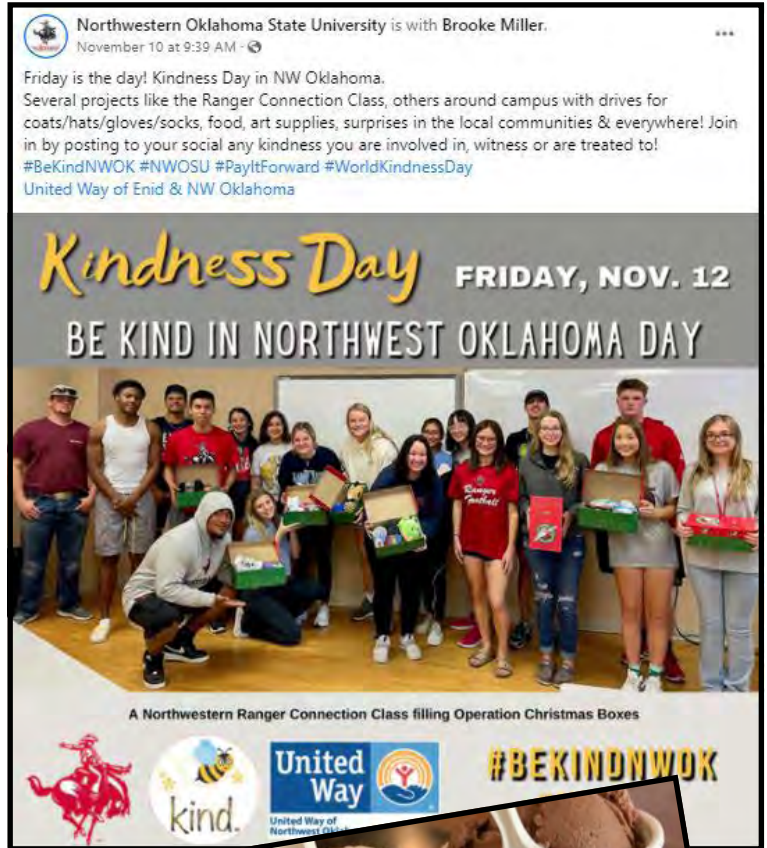
acted of kindness shared with the painted rocks in the Alva community for them to be found.

Any club, school class, group, business, etc., who opted to be involved in this project locally was added to the list of those planning

acts of kindness shared with the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma, according to Valarie Case, university relations specialist at Northwestern.

"We welcomed 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 are on the receiving end of an act of kindness, we also welcome you to post about it using the same hashtag. This is going to be a fantastic day in northwest Oklahoma."



Ice cream from Holder Drug provided by Alva State Bank




NW Enid delivers collected art supplies to Fowler Elementary School



**N** Northwestern News (NWOSU)  
November 18 at 12:44 PM · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/ranger-students.../>

Ranger students, clubs celebrate Kindness Day



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**Ranger students, clubs celebrate Kindness Day**  
Several students and university clubs participated in Northwestern's Kindness Day celebration on Friday.



*Above, Chalking by NWOSU Art Society.*

*Left, Siena Kephart helps Angelia Case label items given away by Campus Cabinet.*



**THANKS TO ALL OUR COMMUNITY FRIENDS WHO MADE BEADLES NURSING HOME A "KINDNESS DAY" DESTINATION !**

BEADLES NURSING HOME  
A Place for Special Passengers

Jiffy Trip



*Above, students write messages to military members as a part of Operation Gratitude.*

*Members of SAAC work on motivational signs that were placed all around campus.*



*Members of FCA and Forge delivering donuts and thankful messages to first responders and health care workers*



*Medical Sciences club assembling first aid kits and soap sacks.*



*NWOSU Art Society writing inspirational notes to be placed around campus.*

# Northwestern hosts 25th anniversary recognition

Northwestern's Enid campus recognized its 25th anniversary with a ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 18, in conjunction with its employee recognition ceremony and endowed chair plaque unveiling.

Northwestern welcomed the community to participate in the ceremony at 2929 E. Randolph in Enid.

Construction for the building began in late 1993 and was designed to house classes from three universities through interactive television and in-person teaching. In 1996, Northwestern acquired the building, and Northwestern's Enid campus was established. Today, the Enid campus provides junior- and senior-level courses for bachelor's degree programs, master's degree programs and a doctoral program in nursing practice. Northwestern boasts a partnership program with Northern Oklahoma College (NOC) in the Bridge program, which allows students from NOC to transition seamlessly to Northwestern to finish their degree.

"We were excited to celebrate with our community members, along with our faculty and staff," Dr. Wayne McMillin, dean of the Enid campus,

said. "Being able to provide Enid with an educational facility to finish degrees and give our students a place to get involved is something great."

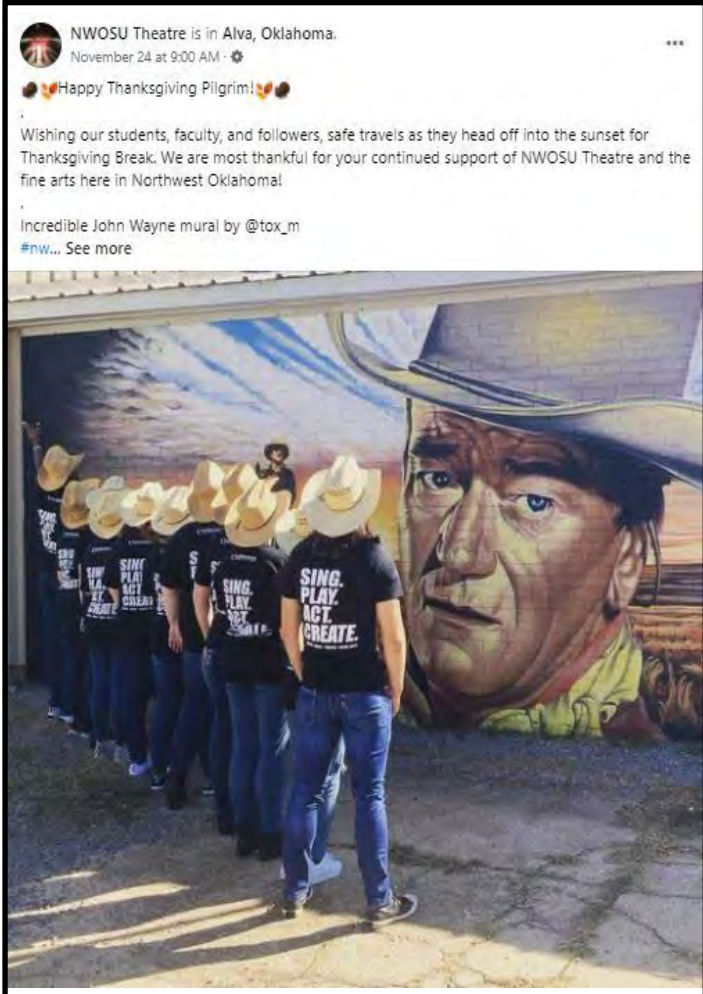
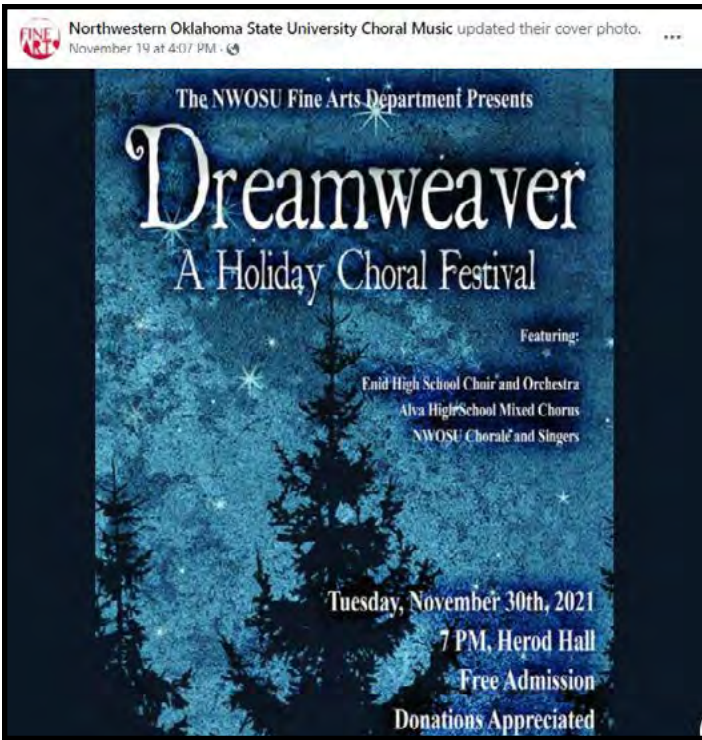
This ceremony recognized the efforts of faculty and staff of the Northwestern-Enid campus, as well as celebrated the efforts of the com-

munity that supports Northwestern.

For questions about the ceremony, contact Kelsey Martin, director of marketing and university relations, at (580) 327-8478 or [ka-martin@nwosu.edu](mailto:ka-martin@nwosu.edu). More information about the Enid campus can be found at [www.nwosu.edu/enid](http://www.nwosu.edu/enid).



*Endowed Chairs at the Enid campus were recognized at the event. Pictured are Janet Hart Cordell, Kay and Peter Dillingham representing Dan L. Dillingham, James Douglas Frantz, Bert H. Mackie, Romy Owens, representing John K. Martin, and Enid Mayor George Pankonin who presented a proclamation to Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, declaring Nov. 18 as Northwestern Oklahoma State University Day.*



**7 NWTV**  
November 21 at 11:41 PM · 🌐

Come down to the Museum of Natural History and get an experience that you won't get from any other museum! 🦋🦋🦋

Video by Caleb Powers and Ely Nobel.  
<https://youtu.be/eSNxZURzYg>

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

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YOUTUBE.COM

The Museum of Natural History: Looking Back to Alva's History  
Come visit The Museum of Natural History located in the Jesse Dunn building. Video created b...

**7 NWTV**  
November 21 at 2:34 PM · 🌐

Hello everyone! I hope you all are having a good Sunday! I apologize for the video I uploaded before. I hope this one is better for you guys. Come on down to the Theatre and see what we do next!

**NWOSU Theatre** is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.  
November 29 at 9:00 AM · Alva · 🌐

May we offer you a seat? Have a tiny rest! In 1/4" or 1/2" scale perhaps? 🪑

Seen here, Scenic Design students try their hand at white model making. Using Bristol board, (a type of thick card stock,) students create 3D versions of scenic elements in 1/4" and 1/2" scale to use with their model set.  
Not bad for the first attempt, refined skill will come with practice!  
.... See more

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
November 30 at 8:35 PM · 🌐

A special collaboration of artists took place on the #NWOSU Herod Hall stage tonight! Our University Chorale & Singers, Alva's High School Mixed Chorus, & the Enid High School Choir & Orchestra came together for a Holiday Choral Festival.  
[Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music](#)

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**NWOSU Theatre** is at Herod Hall.  
November 22 at 8:45 AM · Alva · 🌐

"Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it's tolls for thee!"  
Join us for auditions Wednesday, December 1, in Herod Hall Auditorium from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. (Please enter through the North lobby doors.)

This dark comedy is the 2022 Senior Capstone production of Speech/Theatre major Sydney Endsley. Auditions are open to ALL STUDENTS! You don't have to have anything prepared for auditions, we will provide materials.  
Come be a part of the intrigue! 🕵️... See more

**Who or what is killing off the Dunwoody Family?**

In this comedic murder mystery, the twists and turns will keep the audience guessing with each revelation. Disappearing frogs, drunken relatives, and a broken grandfather clock, all serve as omens of what will transpire before sunset. For each of the Dunwoody's, it's only a matter of time...

**CLOCKWORK**  
BY  
PAT COOK

LARGE CAST NEEDED!

8 MALES 9 FEMALES  
(Character ages range from 12-70)

**CLOCKWORK**  
by Pat Cook

**AUDITIONS**  
EMBER 1, 6:00PM, HEROD HALL

Student Director: Sydney Endsley

# Employees honored for years of service

Northwestern's employees were honored during the annual Employee Service Recognition Ceremonies Nov. 17-18. Ceremonies took place in Alva and Enid to honor employees who work at Alva, Enid and Woodward campus locations. The Northwestern-Enid campus also celebrated 25 years of providing higher education opportunities in Enid.

Dr. Dean Scarbrough, agriculture department chair and professor of agriculture, 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.

Kevin Fields, health and safety officer, was named the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year Award recipient. 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. Amanda Clepper, assistant professor of nursing; Tasha Dieselhorst, head women's basketball coach and instructor of health and sports science; Jordan Franz, men's basketball associate head coach; Dr. Roxie James, assistant professor of English; Tandy Keenan, director of sponsored



*Dr. Dean Scarbrough (right), agriculture department chair and professor of agriculture, was presented the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award by its namesake.*



*Kevin Fields, health and safety officer, was awarded the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year Award by its namesake.*

programs; Clayton Morris, maintenance; Dalton Moser, database analyst/programmer; Taylor Randolph, instructor of psychology at the Enid campus; Dr. Patricia Thompson, associate professor of nursing; Brenda Vazquez, academic records coordinator; and Zachary Zook, library office and technology assistant.

• 10-year service recognition: LesLee Bradt; maintenance; Alica Hall, coordinator of printing services; Dr. Bo Hanaford, executive vice president; Jeremy Judd, database and research manager with the Foundation and

Alumni Association; Dr. Kathryn Lane, chair of the English, Foreign Language and Humanities department and professor of English; Matt McGuire, maintenance; Tara Miller, database analyst; Dana Roark, instructor of business; and Dr. Wei Zhou, professor of business.

• 15-year service recognition: Mark Bagley, instructor of computer science; Markangela Kinnett, health and safety assistant and maintenance secretary; and Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science.

• 20-year service recognition: Leeta Grimsley, Information Technology assistant director and systems specialist.

• 25-year service recognition: Doug Chaffin, director of plant operations; and Craig Ricke, Information Technology director.

• 30-year service recognition: Dr. David Pecha, vice president for administration; and Debbie Skinner, administrative assistant to the executive vice president.

Kaylyn Hansen, 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. Steven Palmer, professor of business -- given to an employee who had the greatest student involvement in a project. Students performed social responsibility audits of for-profit businesses and volunteered eight hours of service to non-profit organizations or government entities.

• Greatest Community Impact Award: Dr. Martie Young, professor of education -- given to the

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# Employees honored...

faculty or staff whose project impacted their community through beautification, culture, sustainability or other areas that put a community's need first. Students hosted all classes from the Fowler Early Childhood Center for an afternoon of entertainment and learning. The teachers and staff got a much-deserved break for the afternoon.

- Distinguished Service Award: Kirk Rogers, instructor of criminal justice -- 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 in the criminal justice internship course conducted 48 hours of job shadowing with law enforcement officers from the Woods County Sheriff's Office in Alva and the Northwestern Police Department.

- Most Inventive Project: Dr. Mariann Braten-Hall, assistant professor of education-- given to a faculty or staff member who had

a unique, creative project. Northwestern faculty and candidates worked with community schools to organize a Story Walk for young learners. The story walk this year was inside the Northwestern-Enid commons. Each candidate read and acted out one page of "From Head to Toe" by Eric Carle.

- Applaud Award: Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association -- given to a club/organization that shows the greatest overall effort, participation and hard work. The Thank-A-Thon is an event where students write thank you cards and make phone calls to donors, thanking them for their generosity to Northwestern.

- Most Expressive Award: Olivia Yandel, J.R. Holder Wellness Center director, along with students in her Ranger Connection class -- given to a club/organization that had a unique project/event. Students held penny wars for one month around campus, then had a fund-

raiser where students on campus could pay \$1 to egg a student in the class on the head. With the money raised, they went to Walmart to pick out presents for children. The class delivered them to Northwest Family Services and Toys for Tots.

- perSERVERing Ranger Award: Dr. Steven Mackie, professor of education, along with the student organization Conserving Our Ranger Environment (C.O.R.E) -- given to an organization for its extraordinary service and serving in multiple commu-

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Northwestern's five-year service award recipients are (from left to right, back row) Tasha Diesselhorst, Tandy Keenan, Clayton Morris (front row) Dr. Amanda Clepper, Dr. Roxie James, Dalton Moser and Brenda Vazquez. Not pictured are Jordan Franz, Taylor Randolph, Dr. Patricia Thompson and Zachary Zook.



Northwestern's 10-year service award recipients are (from left to right, back row) Dana Roark, Dr. Bo Hannaford, (front row) Dr. Kathryn Lane, Alica Hall, Jeremy Judd and Matt McGuire. Not pictured are LesLee Bradt, Tara Miller and Dr. Wei Zhou.



Northwestern's 15-year service award recipients are (from left to right) Mark Bagley, Dr. Aaron Mason and Markangela Kinnett.



Leeta Grimsley, Northwestern's Information Technology assistant director and systems specialist, receives her 20-year service award from university president, Dr. Janet Cunningham.

## Employees honored...

nity service projects throughout the year. The CORE organization volunteered for numerous community service projects including Recycling Enid, and Campus Beautification Day.

Dr. Roger Brown, associate professor of business, presented Diversity Initiative recognitions to Dr. Courtney Ballina, assistant professor and director of the doctor of nursing practice program; Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist; Lindsey Cherry, instructor of English and English education program coordinator; Dr. Leslie Collins, associate professor of nursing and assistant chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust



Northwestern's 25-year service award recipients are (from left to right) Doug Chaffin and Craig Ricke.



Northwestern's 30-year service award recipients are (from left to right) Debbie Skinner and Dr. David Pecha.

division of nursing; Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science; Jaunita Dotson, director of Upward Bound; Dr. Jason Ferrell, assistant professor and chair of the psychology department; Shawna Gilbert, access services librarian and assistant professor of library science; Kyle Larson, associate professor of art; Jeff McAlpin, instructor of sociology/criminal justice and BJCC administrative director; Megan Patel, assistant director of athletics for compliance and student services; Dr. Joseph Paul, associate professor of business; Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history and chair of the department of social sciences; Dr. John Stockmyer, professor of business; Dr. Robert Vest, assistant professor of Spanish; and James.

Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, presented Retention and Enrollment Champion awards to Dr. Luis Antunes, assistant professor of mass communication; Tamara Brown, communication department chair and assistant professor of speech; Sarah Fry, instructor of crimi-

nal justice and sociology; Shane Hansen, health and sports science department chair and instructor of health and sports science; Dr. Josh Hawkins, assistant professor of education; Mickey Jordan,



At the Enid campus ceremony, employees were recognized for their service before also celebrating the 25th anniversary of having a campus location in Enid.

director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager; Shannon Leaper, library services director and assistant professor of library and information science; Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music; Dr. Steven Maier, natural science department chair and professor of physics; Allissa Miller, instructor of psychology; Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and professor of social work; Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics; Collins, James, Roark and

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# Employees honored...

Scarborough.

Keenan presented highlights of happenings from her office for the past year including the fact that nearly \$1.5 million in grants were funded this past year, down from the \$2.9 million in grants awarded the previous year.



*Dr. Wayne McMillin (left), Enid campus dean, met with several special guests who were in attendance at the Enid 25th anniversary celebration including two past deans of the campus, (center) Dr. Cheryl Evans and Dr. Stephen Hilterbran.*

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 recognized for their service before also celebrating the 25th an-

niversary of having a campus location in Enid. Several special guests were in attendance including two past deans of the campus, Dr. Cheryl Evans and Dr. Stephen Hilterbran.

Endowed Chairs at the Enid campus also were recognized including R.S. Brud Baker, Janet Hart Cordell, Dan L. Dillingham, James Douglas Frantz, Harold G. Hamm, Edwin Long, Bert H. Mackie, John K. Martin, Citizens of Enid-Psychology and Citizens of Enid-Social Work. Ten bronze plaques have been hung on the wall of a first-floor hallway to honor those who provided endowment funds for Enid's faculty chairs.

Enid Mayor George Pankonin also presented a proclamation to Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, declaring Nov. 18 as Northwestern Oklahoma State University Day.

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

The NWOSU Fine Arts Department Presents the Annual

# Holiday Gala

Featuring:

NWOSU Concert Choir,  
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and Wind Ensemble

Saturday,  
December 4th, 2021  
7 PM, Herod Hall

Free Admission  
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NWOSU English @NWOSU\_English · Nov 26

Today is Native American Heritage Day! Acknowledge our history and celebrate American Indian authors like Tommy Orange.

#NativeAmericanHeritageMonth #NativeAmericanHeritageDay #Indigenous

“  
And don't make the mistake of calling us resilient. To not have been destroyed, to not have given up, to have survived, is no badge of honor. Would you call an attempted murder victim resilient?  
”

TOMMY ORANGE,  
THERE THERE

@NWOSU\_English @nwosuenglish  
NWOSU Department of English

American Indian Heritage Month



# Rivera delivers commencement address

EMulate Therapeutics, Inc., Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and chairman Chris Rivera, a 1983 graduate of Northwestern, delivered the commencement address at his alma mater during the University's fall commencement ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3:30 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse.

A native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, he graduated from Northwestern with a bachelor's degree in business administration, and later earned a master's degree at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He also studied marketing and management at the Albers Graduate School of Business and Economics at Seattle University. While at Northwestern, Rivera played on the men's basketball team.

"During my time at Northwestern I was able to make the transition from focusing on athletics to focusing on my education," Rivera said. "My head coach Dan Hays taught me a lot about leadership."

In addition to playing basketball for the Rangers (1979-1983), he played intramurals and enjoyed the community, campus size and people.

"My experience at Northwestern was a pivotal time in my life," Rivera said. "When I enrolled, my intent was to become a Certified Public Accountant. I was not unlike many college freshmen and was unsure of what to major in after my first semester. My adviser, Mr. John Barton [a professor of speech and dean at Northwestern at the time] was the person who en-

couraged me to take his audiology class. He knew that I liked math and science, and it was the anatomy and physiology that I fell in love with.

"I ended up getting my master's degree in audiology from



*Chris E. Rivera*

OU, which was a critical factor in my career in the life science and biotechnology industry. Mr. Barton and this decision was probably the biggest influence in my career and a direct result in what I have accomplished professionally."

Rivera has spent more than 30 years in numerous leadership roles in the biotechnology industry, including chairman, CEO and president of EMulate Therapeutics, Inc. Rivera is also the chairman, president and founder of Hapbee Technologies, Inc. (TSXV:HAPB), a publicly traded consumer wearable technology company.

Prior to EMulate, Rivera was the founder and CEO of Hyperion Therapeutics, which was acquired by Horizon Pharma in 2015; senior vice president (SVP) at Tercica, where he led the cross-licensing transaction

between Tercica and Ipsen, and SVP at Genzyme Therapeutics, where he helped build and ran Genzyme's US renal Commercial Operations, and helped launch Genzyme's renal division globally. Prior to Genzyme, he helped build Cephalon and Centocor's commercial infrastructures.

From 2009 – 2015, Rivera was the President and CEO of Life Science Washington (formerly Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical Association - WBBA), where he was responsible for building the biotechnology industry in Washington state. While at WBBA, he oversaw one of Washington's largest and fastest-growing economic industries, including mentoring more than 400 life science startup companies, and co-founding WINGS – Washington's Medical Technology angel network.

He has also been recognized as a state and national leader through his appointments as co-chair for the (WA state) governor's life science and global health advisory committee, (WA state) Governor's Higher Education Task Force, the Washington Global Health Funding Commission, and chairman for the National Council of State Bioscience Associations.

Rivera resides in the Seattle, Washington, area and has been married for 32 years. He has two children, who also live in the Seattle area.

A link from the livestream for the commencement exercises can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqrEEZiibaw>.

# Fall commencement held Dec. 5

Fall commencement at Northwestern was held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5, in Percefull Fieldhouse.

EMulate Therapeutics, Inc. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and chairman Chris Rivera, a 1983 graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, delivered the commencement address.

Music was provided by the Ranger brass quintet under the direction of Dr. Michael Black, assistant professor of music and director of bands.

A reception honoring the graduates followed the ceremony in the Student Center Ballroom.

A link from the livestream for the commencement exercises can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqrEEZiibaw>.

Seventy-six students were candidates to receive bachelor's degrees. Seventeen candidates received master degrees—13 Master of Education degrees and four Master of Counseling Psychology degrees.

Fifteen students receiving bachelor's degrees graduated with honors. Students with cumulative grade point averages between 3.70 and 3.79 are designated cum laude, those with GPAs between 3.80-3.89 are magna cum laude and those above 3.90 are summa cum laude.

Those honor graduates, their degrees and their hometowns are as follows:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

OKLAHOMA

ELGIN – Emily Poindexter, Bachelor of Science in Education in health and sports science education

MENO – Caleb Decker, Bachelor of Science in agriculture

ARIZONA

VAIL – Mikayla Edris, Bachelor of Science in Education in early childhood education

KANSAS

BUCKLIN – Rylie Pegelow, Bachelor of Science in agriculture

GODDARD – Tarra Parks, Bachelor of



*Ranger alumnus Chris Rivera delivers the Fall 2021 Commencement address.*

Business Administration

KINSLEY – Scout Frame, Bachelor of Arts in history

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Nicholas Davis, Bachelor of Science in computer science

ENID – Josey Belair, Bachelor of Science in Education in early childhood education

MARLOW – Wyatt Bergner, Bachelor of Science in health and sports science education

TEXAS

THE COLONY – Nicholas Dill, Bachelor of Science in mass communication

CUM LAUDE

OKLAHOMA

CLEVELAND – Tristan Harzman, Bachelor of Arts in history

ENID – Elizabeth Perez, Bachelor of Science in criminal justice with a law enforcement option

FORT COBB – Hannah Nickel, Bachelor of Science in Education in elementary education

MADILL – Lesli Dugan, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

MISSISSIPPI

PEARL – Peyton McDonald, Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting

Master's graduates, their degrees and their hometowns are as follows:

MASTER OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Karolyn Cole

ENID – Lauren Keller

PONCA CITY – Krystal Lawson

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES – Brianna Minjares

MASTER OF EDUCATION

OKLAHOMA

COLLINSVILLE – Hollie Pankake, adult education management and administration

EDMOND – Catherine Anderson, curriculum and instruction

ENID – Shannon Warnock, school counseling

PONCA CITY – Laura Caid Glowacki, educational leadership; Ann Neilson, educational leadership

WOODWARD – Wendy Neel Oates, school counseling

CALIFORNIA

CHOWCHILLA – Sebastian Escalante, adult education management and administration

HEMET – Calvinis Prentice, adult education management and administration

MARTINEZ – Josh Evans, adult education management and administration

KANSAS

ALMENA – Kortney Cunningham, adult education management and administration

BURDEN – Joshua Koppelman, adult education management and administration

WICHITA – Joseph Frangenberg, adult

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education management and administration  
WRIGHT – Rachel Trombley, school counseling

Bachelor's graduates, their degrees and their hometowns are as follows:

BACHELOR OF ARTS  
OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Dalton Manning, general studies

BEAVER – Shehab Lotfy, history

CHEROKEE – Joshua Atchley, history

PONCA CITY – Denise Amaya Villalobos, general studies

SAPULPA – Jonathan Dunn, general studies

WOODWARD – Emma-Leigh Pool, general studies

CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND – Devond Blair Jr., general studies

NEW MEXICO

PORTALES – Emilio Lovato, sociology

TEXAS

WACO – Jesse Furlong, general studies

SLOVAKIA

BRATISLAVA – Matej Drgon, general studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS EDUCATION  
OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Maya Stewart, special education

TALOGA – Jenna Brooks, social science

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

OKLAHOMA

BEAVER – Gabe Osborn, accounting

ENID – Matthew Wedel, accounting

NOWATA – Shea Cardwell, accounting

PONCA CITY – Jennifer Staggs

SAND SPRINGS – Allison Sellers

WOODWARD – Rilee Murray, accounting

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Natalie Seevers, biology with a health science option; Steffanie Nichols, psychology

BARTLESVILLE – Shelbie Roberson, biology with a health science option

BEAVER – Hadley Skaggs, health and sports science education

BOISE CITY – Tyler Giner, criminal justice with a law enforcement option

CORDELL – Christopher Chauncey, mathematics

ENID – Jeffrey Brooks, organizational leadership

GUTHRIE – Lindsey Ball, biology with a health science option

JET – Cheyenne Gaff, agriculture  
NEWKIRK – Tracy Hernandez, psychology

OKEENE – Sharon Boeckman, mathematics

RINGWOOD – David Clemente, health and sports science education; Yosbelli Lora, psychology

TULSA – Anthony Cochrane II, agriculture

WOODWARD – Jocelyn Fraire, biology with a health science option; Kelsey Swindle, health and sports science education; Avery Raney, psychology

ARIZONA

TUCSON – Reilly Marks, psychology

COLORADO

LOVELAND – Dylan Norsen, health and sports science education

FLORIDA

PENSACOLA – George Rutherford, health and sports science education

GEORGIA

BUCKHEAD – McKayla Alliston, criminal justice with a law enforcement option

IOWA

DES MOINES – Sunday Deng, health and sports science education

OGDEN – Jayden Muench, agriculture

KANSAS

EUREKA – Hannah Zimmers, biology with a health science option

MEADE – Cade Carr, agriculture

MISSOURI

MARYVILLE – Brody Snow, agriculture

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS – Frank Nelson, psychology

TEXAS

FORT WORTH – Brian Gonzalez, criminal justice with a law enforcement option

GARLAND – Adrelan Brown, health and sports science education; Nehemiah Lewis, health and sports science education

MARQUEZ – Kaydee Honeycutt, biology with a health science option

MESQUITE – Grant French, health and sports science education

TEMPLE – Alejandro Aaron, health and sports science education

WACO – Brian Holiday, health and sports science education

NEPAL

KATHMANDU – Salina Ghimire, computer science

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE EDUCATION  
OKLAHOMA

ENID – Ashley Alegria, elementary education; Jack Buckles II, elementary education; April Burrow, early childhood education

FAIRVIEW – Davin DeVilbiss, early childhood education; Baylee Sharp, early childhood education

MORRISON – Matthew Fuller, health and sports science education

OKEENE – Cydnee Wray, elementary education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
OKLAHOMA

GEARY – Niki Golden



*A reception honoring 2021 fall graduates was held in the Student Center.*

# Committee established to honor unsung heroes

Sarah Bosworth, Mary DeLisle, S.L. Johnson, H. Clay and Edith McGrath, D.P. Marum, and George Vickers.

These seven names may not be known to even the most well-versed in Alva's history, but without these individuals from the past, Northwestern Oklahoma State University likely would never have been established in 1897 or continued to provide the quality education it has for nearly 125 years.

University President Dr. Janet Cunningham and John Barton, associate professor of speech emeritus/dean emeritus of Northwestern and long-time Alva resident, have set out to remedy this historical oversight with the establishment of the Unsung Heroes Committee comprised of university employees, students and community members.

Barton said the committee members are tasked with finding ways to honor these seven individuals and a group of 100 other unknown Alva-area citizens who pledged \$1,000 of their own money to make sure Northwestern was able to construct its first campus building, The Castle on the Hill. A contract was signed with John Volk, who agreed to build the Castle if 100 individuals would sign their names to a \$100,000 bond to guarantee payment for the building if the territorial legislature did not. In March 1898 work began on the building so it could be open for students in the fall of 1899. After its completion, members of the territorial legislature toured the building and voted overwhelmingly to pay for it. Until this time, classes were being taught at the Alva Congregational

Church with the first classes beginning Sept. 20, 1897, with 58 students enrolled. By the end of the first school year, enrollment had increased to 166 quickly making Northwestern the second largest higher education school in Oklahoma Territory.

"What we're trying to do is - these unsung heroes, we're going to do some singing," Barton said about the establishment of this committee and its function. "We're going to take it away so it will never be unsung heroes, it



*The Castle on the Hill*

will just be heroes. That is our goal."

Five subcommittees have been created to discuss possibilities to honor these early pioneers.

One of the subcommittees established is looking for a way to honor those 100 individuals who pledged their own money to pay for the Castle. On that committee are Dr. Roger Brown, associate professor of business; Thelma Crouch, an alumna of Northwestern who served the university for many years as its alumni director; and Joe Parsons, Alva freshman majoring in business.

Another subcommittee is looking at how to honor Sarah Bosworth and Mary DeLisle, who were hired in 1897 as the school's first two teachers.

"They established the tradition

of quality teaching at Northwestern that still exists today," Barton wrote in the first of six articles he penned about the unsung heroes and published in the Alva Review-Courier in November and December 2019.

Members of this subcommittee include Dr. Christee Jenlink, associate dean of education/professor of education; Shannon Leaper, library services director/assistant professor of library and information science; and Ethan Sacket, student success coordinator/transfer student recruiter.

A subcommittee comprised of Dr. Kay Decker, professor emerita of sociology; and Dr. Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics/chair of mathematics and computer science department, is discussing how to honor what Barton calls "the original Rangers" or "magnificent seven" - a seven-man committee responsible for the idea, and implementation of the idea, of

the Northwestern Normal School for teacher education in Alva. This committee was led by Alva's first postmaster, S.L. Johnson, who spent the winters of 1896 and 1897 in Guthrie working with both houses of the legislature in trying to gain approval for the normal school in Alva. The committee members helping Johnson included H.L. Ross, W. F. Hatfield, James Kelley, C.C. Hudson, A.H. Andrews and Jesse J. Todd.

In article two that Barton wrote for the Courier, he names Johnson as basically the "Father of Northwestern" because of the work he did to secure higher education in Alva. However, Barton said, "Johnson is someone no one has ever heard of -

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no one knows his name.”

He added in the article, “I believe that not recognizing his contributions is the most grievous oversight when it comes to honoring individuals of Northwestern’s past. Without his work, it is doubtful that Northwestern would be in Alva.”

Dr. Dean Scarbrough, professor of agriculture/chair of agriculture department; Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics/dean of faculty; and Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist, are working together to find a way to honor two individuals instrumental in providing land for the establishment of the campus -- H. Clay and Edith McGrath.

Barton wrote in article three of his series that Johnson decided to advertise to see if anyone would offer to give 40 acres of land for the school. An overwhelming number of offers were presented, and the committee decided to go with one made by the McGraths that would have placed Northwestern directly east of the current main campus across Highway 281, but a “cloud on the title” arose with this offer so the committee then chose to accept the offer from J.T. and Agnes Fryer, which is Northwestern’s current location.

Because of the developments, the McGraths paid the Fryers for 20 acres of the land so these two families equally shared in providing the 40 acres for the Northwestern location.

In 1969, two dormitories were built with one being named Ament Hall after Northwestern’s first president (James Ament) and the other being named Fryer Hall to honor the Fryers for the donation of land to establish the campus. Somehow, the

contribution of the McGrath family was overlooked, something Barton is hoping to remedy.

A fifth subcommittee, comprised of Tamara Brown, assistant professor of speech/communication department chair; and Skeeter Bird, chief executive officer of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association, is looking into honoring territorial legislators George Vickers of Alva and D.P. Marum of Woodward for their leadership over two legislative terms in getting the bill approved and signed by the territorial governor to establish Northwestern Normal School in Alva.

Barton wrote in his fourth article that there was much opposition in the territorial legislature to the normal school being approved in Alva. After a lengthy process, Vickers reportedly reminded Gov. W.C. Renfrow that he was head of the appropriations committee and would not sign any payroll checks, including the governor’s, if the Alva bill was not signed. The bill was signed creating Northwestern Territorial Normal in Alva, Oklahoma Territory, in March 1897. Marum was instrumental in helping Vickers get the bill passed to provide higher education in north-west Oklahoma.

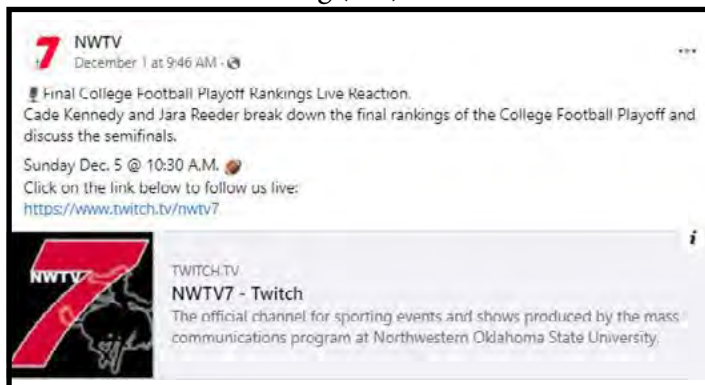
An interesting story is told that both Vickers and Marum wanted the school for their communities, but they knew only one location could be successful, so it was told that a card game between Vickers and Marum was played with the understanding that the winner

would take all and the loser would help the other get the normal school in his community. Barton noted that although it is unknown what card game was played or the outcome, Alva ultimately went for the normal school, and Marum worked hard to help get the approval.

“There are so many individuals from the past who played pivotal roles in the history of Northwestern,” Cunningham said. “Mr. Barton is working diligently to ensure that these unsung heroes are not forgotten.”

Barton gives much credit to the insight of Northwestern’s history to the work of the late Wayne Lane, who served Northwestern for many years as faculty and the university’s public relations director. Lane wrote and published in 1996 “Northwestern Oklahoma State University: A Centennial History” for the university’s centennial celebration in 1997. Many of these “unsung heroes” are written about in this book, but Barton believes it’s time these individuals received additional thanks for helping in the establishment of Northwestern.

Barton also noted that he welcomes further information from any family members related to any of these individuals responsible for helping Northwestern to become established. He may be contacted by calling (580) 327-0406.



# Northwestern's jazz, holiday tuba concerts held

Northwestern's instrumental music program had a couple of events scheduled for early December. The jazz ensemble performed a concert on Dec. 2 while a Holiday Tuba concert was held Dec. 6.

Dr. Michael Black, director of bands and assistant professor of music, said the jazz ensemble had been working hard all semester to prepare for this concert.

"We have several students who have learned new instruments, and it's been amazing to see how quickly they have caught on," Black said. "We will be playing a mix of standard jazz charts and some holiday favorites."

The Holiday Tuba concert was an open invitation to all high school and university students, employees and community members to join them on euphonium or tuba.

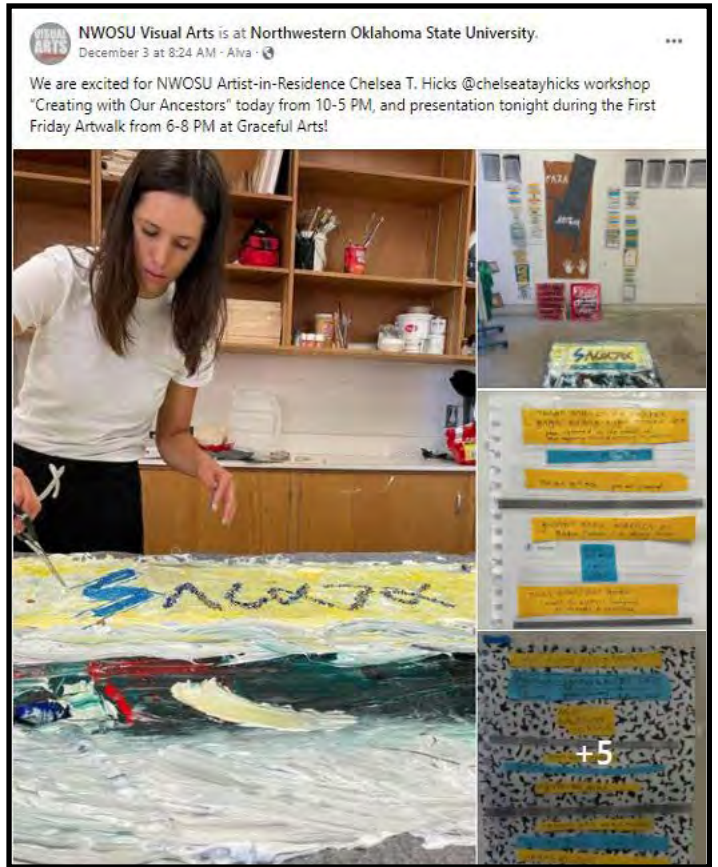
"This was a great opportunity for our music education students to step up to the plate and take charge of an event," Black said, explaining that this concert was planned and performed under the direction of senior music education major Jeffrey Cher-Aime of Nassau, The Bahamas.

"Our concert 'The Return' was to symbolize the return of music even though we are still going through our

Covid-19 era," Cher-Aime said. "At Northwestern, music didn't go away, it kind of went into hiding. But this will be the first time we can offer concerts with a full audience, so that's why I called it 'The Return.'"

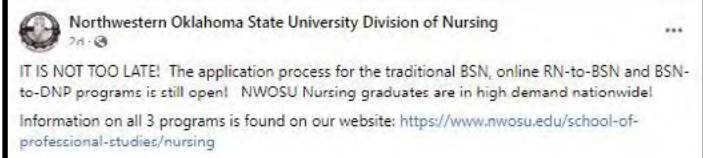
For more information, contact Black at (580) 327-8191 or mcblack@nwsu.edu. Additional information on Northwestern's bands and instrumental music program may be found at <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/bands-and-instrumental-music>.







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Gruss vom Krampus!

by Douglas Davidson on December 5th, 2021 in University | Comments

It's beginning to look a lot like Krampusnacht.

It's that time of year again: The Krampus is coming to punish naughty children for their year's worth of sins. Are you on his list? Krampus is currently the most popular of the "companions of Saint Nicholas," a collection of often fearsome figures who accompany the saint and dole out punishments to naughty children while St. Nicholas gives gifts to the nice ones. The origins of these characters are obscure, and popular essays (readily available on the internet) offer more speculation than certain fact.





# Northwestern Singers chosen to perform at OkMEA

Northwestern's University Singers are one of six groups chosen to perform at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association Conference in January 2022.

"We've been working all year towards this," said Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music. "This is the biggest performance opportunity in the six years I've been here. It's a huge honor being able to present our work in front of our colleagues of the state and music."

The Northwestern Singers will perform on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the evening honor choral program at the First Baptist Church in downtown Tulsa. The admission fee is \$10.

"I'm so excited and proud of Dr. Longhurst and the University Singers to represent Northwestern at this event," said Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and chair of the Department of Fine Arts. "The opportunity for us to perform in the OkMEA has taken numerous years with wonderful former and current students offering many hours of preparation and dedication to be chosen. This opportunity will once again inform those in attendance that NWOSU has an excellent vocal music program."

Several choirs across Oklahoma submitted live recordings

of their group singing to enter into the chance of being selected as one of the six groups who are chosen for this performance. The submissions were open to all ages.

"Northwestern is one of the smallest among the regional universities," Longhurst said, "I think it speaks volumes for our program that we were given the opportunity to perform at such a prestigious event."

And, the students have been working diligently to prepare.

"We have been working super hard to get ready for our performance," said Gentry Mortensen, senior vocal music education major from Woodward. "We had three pieces commissioned for us for this performance, and they're absolutely beautiful. Because they were commissioned just for us, they've never been done by anyone else, meaning we don't

have anything to go off of."

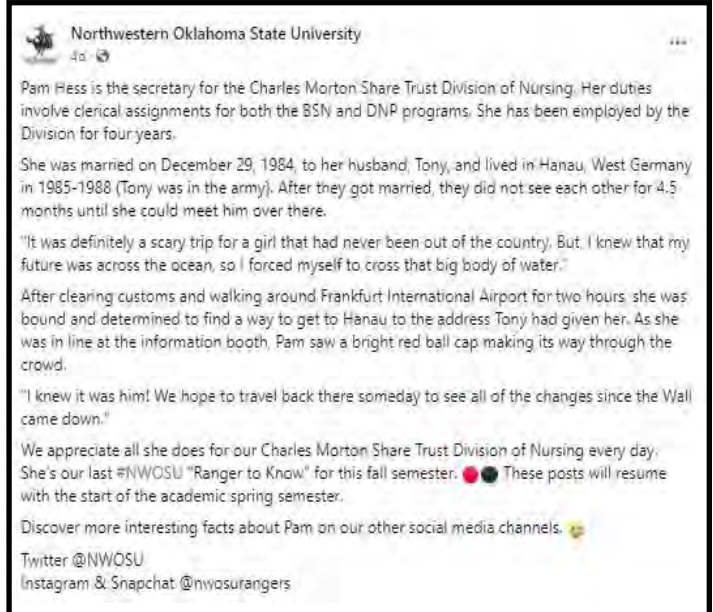
The three commissioned pieces include "Beneath These Alien Stars" composed by Dr. Matthew D. Nielsen, "To the Wonder" composed by Dr. Kira Zeeman Rugen and "Take My Hand" arranged by Stacey V. Gibbs.

The local community will have its first opportunity to hear these commissioned pieces Monday, Jan. 24, when the Northwestern Singers celebrate their OkMEA performance at a 7 p.m. concert in Herod Hall Auditorium on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

For more information about the Northwestern Singers, visit [www.nwosu.edu/university-singers](http://www.nwosu.edu/university-singers) or contact Dr. Longhurst at (580) 327-8692 or email [krlonghurst@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlonghurst@nwosu.edu). More about all facets of the Fine Arts Department may be found at [www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts](http://www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts).



*University Singers*



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