

What Invigorates You?

In early April 2025, I was involved in a professional development opportunity for Oklahoma teachers at the NWOSU-Enid campus location. Along with 14 other Oklahoma educators who were there for the ride, we trekked through a "Choose Your Own Adventure" curriculum. In short, it was a fantastic event and I was invigorated! As I reflected on why this was such a recharging event, I realized it was more than just the nostalgic theme. There were several dovetailing components that, I contend, serve as a palatable metaphor for the things that can invigorate us in higher education through the days, weeks, semesters, and academic years.

Perhaps the most obvious is the actual fun in "doing." But it runs a bit deeper than that, because while doing the activities can be fun, the true motivation was to help others share in that enjoyment. For the PD I was involved in, this consisted of completing handson and minds-on physical science activities with others for grade-appropriate content. For the pages that follow in this Spotlight edition, this encompasses items such as performing in an event for the community, attending an excursion with students, publishing a collection

of student works, hosting K-12 events on campus, bringing in speakers from your discipline, and the like. We have so many members of our community that engage in their discipline in ways that invite others to share their passion, it's invigorating!

Another element making a significant impression on me regarding the springtime PD was observing others express through their learning and participation the vested interest they held in deepening their understanding of concepts and pedagogy. Simply put, they were present—And they were present to get to work, eager to pull out of the day all that they could. It is fair to say that documented in the Spotlight, you will see numerous accounts of students being present and actively involved in their learning here at NWOSU. It is invigorating to see students taking advantage of the opportunities provided to them by faculty, administration, and the university.

Of course, working with colleagues is rewording in and of itself, too. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Jenny Sattler to organize the PD event and coordinating with the Oklahoma Science Teaching Association board to

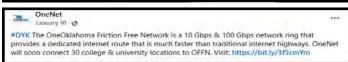
make the session a success for teachers from across the state. As is the case with previous editions of the Spotlight, you'll find ample evidence of collaborations and teamwork that pull together programming for the benefit of many. This includes university employees as well as students, as students play critical roles in the success of university-sponsored programming (clinics, performances, outreach, service-learning, etc.). Seeing what's been done and considering how past activity can serve as seeds for future activity is, as you may have guessed, invigorating!

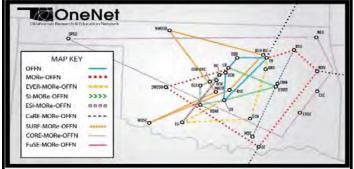
To summarize, and to call attention to the broader theme at play, it is important to recognize that our contributions are part of a greater whole. There is no question that our individual accomplishments should be acknowledged. In addition, I would add that our disciplines, our departments, and our institution benefit greatly from our aspirations and goals as a collective. So thank you for all that you do, thank you for all that you've done, and thank you for continuing your adventures pursuing those things that invigorate you!

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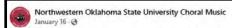












Members of the NWOSU Choir sang in the 2025 OkMEA/OkCDA Intercollegiate Choir under the direction of Dr. Karen Kenaston-French and with OUR VERY OWN, Dr. Eduardo Moreira, Director of Piano Studies at NWOSU. Great fun!





Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Oklahoma State Medical Examiner.

October 11, 2024 - Oklahoma City - 😚

Students from NWOSU Department of Social Work recently attended an Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers (OSBLSW) board meeting held at the Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office in Oklahoma City.

During the board meeting, Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work and professor of social work, presented research and proposed to change the bachelor's level social work licensure title from a Licensed Social Work Associate (LSWA) to Licensed Bachelor's Social Worker (LBSW).

Read More: https://bit.ly/47Wwlzv

Northwestern Fine Arts faculty recital back by popular demand

The faculty of Northwestern's Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts presented a recital for the public Jan. 30 at the Alva Presbyterian Church.

There was no charge, however, monetary and food donations for the Northwestern Campus Cabinet food pantry were encouraged.

Faculty showcased their expertise in the areas of music, theatre and visual arts. Each faculty member gave a performance in their respective area.

Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music, was excited for the faculty to perform for the Alva community and Northwestern students to get the opportunity to see their professors in a professional setting.

"We believe that is important for them to see that their teachers are also

accomplished performers in their area," Moreira said. "Last

year's recital had great at-

Kimberly
Weast, right,
accompanied
by Eduardo
Moreira,
presents a
vocal solo.

tendance, and many members of the community wanted this concert to become a regular event."

For more information on the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, contact Kimberly Weast, department chair and professor of theatre arts, at kkweast@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8462.



Mickey Jordan, right, with assistance from Lisa Turner presents a humorous piece.



Tom Cornell, presents a humorous piece.



Derrick
Bready, right,
accompanied
by Eduardo
Moreira, sings a
vocal solo.



Xan Perkins met the crowd and presented a few musical pieces.



Victoria Calderone Moreira presented pieces both on flute and (pictured here) piccolo.

Eduardo Moreira presents a solo piano selection.

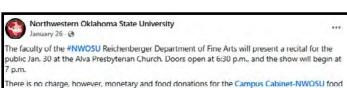


Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus January 16 · 3 SAVE THE DATE! Winter Chautauqua 2025 is on Saturday, January 25 at NWOSU Enid Campus, 2929 F Randolph. There will be an educational workshop at 10:30 am; a brown bag lunch workshop at noon, and the dramatic evening performance at 7 p.m. The presentations will be led by Dr. Tom King portraying Ulysses S. Grant and discussing his legacy in United States









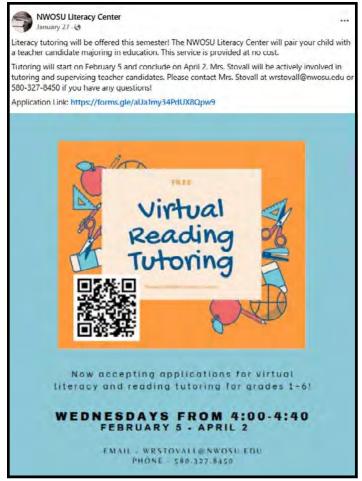
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Read more; https://bit.ly/4jyf1WH









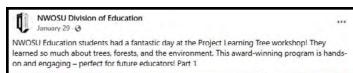






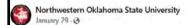


NWOSU Division of Education









All current #NWOSU students as well as high school juniors, seniors and their sponsors are welcome to register to attend Future Educator's Day on Feb. 5 in the Student Center Ballroom from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This Division of Education-sponsored event is free to those interested in earning more about majoring in education at Northwestern.

Students and their sponsors should register by Jan. 31 using www.nwosu.edu/forms/futureeducators-day or contact Dr. Jen Oswald, education division chair and associate professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu.

The keynote speaker is 2024 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Rachel Keith, a high school teacher in Ada. Keith, who is scheduled to speak from 9:50 10:20 a.m., teaches 10th 12th grade AP language and composition, mock trial, and humanities and has taught ELA classes for 19 years.

Read more about this event using the News Archive link in the Linktree in our bio. RRR #RangerFamily #OKHigherEdWorks





3 seniors awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship

Three Northwestern seniors were awarded the Spring 2025 Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Those awarded this semester are Taylor Ellis, an agriculture education major from Kremlin-Hillsdale; Samuel Grinder, a vocal music education major from Sayre; and Erica Neuenschwander, an early childhood education major from Sharon.

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

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

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and **Educational Foundation** works primarily with children with language and/or reading disorders. Recipients are selected by the Division of Education faculty members through an essay application process.

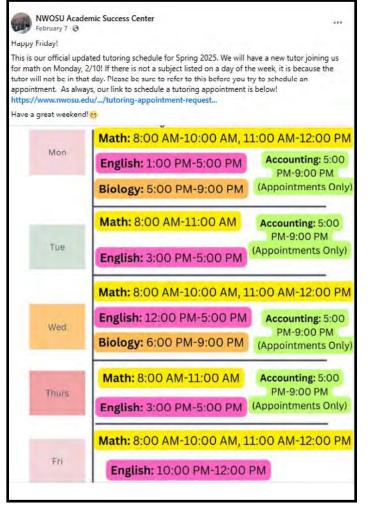
For more information on the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholar-Education visit their webpage at www.nwosu. edu/school-of-professional-studies/education,

or contact Oswald by at jdoswald@ nwosu.edu (580) 327-8451.



ship or the Division of Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Division of Education, presented three Northwestern senior education majors with the Spring 2025 Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship. From left to right: Dr. Jen Oswald, Taylor Ellis, Samuel Grinder and Erica Neuenschwander.



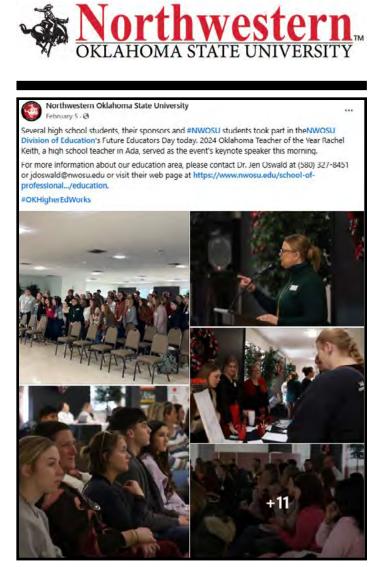












20 seniors take on student teaching assignments at area schools

Twenty senior education students began their student teaching assignments at local schools to gain critical hands-on experience in the spring.

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

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

Agriculture Education - Austin Bradt of Laverne at Shattuck High School; Taylor Ellis of Kremlin-Hillsdale at Shattuck High School; Elizabeth (Wortham) Lawson of Jenks at Guthrie High School; Abigail Meyer of Blue Hill, Nebraska, at Dover Public Schools

Early Childhood Education -

Madelyn Atchley of Enid at Hayes Elementary School in Enid; Erica Neuenschwander of Sharon at Woodward Early Childhood Center; Madeline Rankin of Gate at Washington Early Childhood Center in Alva

Elementary Education - Shelby Bruno of Tonkawa at Tonkawa Elementary School; Jasmine Gonzalez of Bartlesville at Burlington Elementary School; Faith LaBlue of Blackwell at Frontier Elementary School; Aubry Rose of Alva at Aline-Cleo Elementary School; Shelbi Youngblood of Ponca City at Newkirk Elementary School

English Education – Tyler Blankenship of Macomb at Alva High School

Health and Sports Science Education - Tatum Booth of Texhoma at Waynoka Elementary School; T.J. Parker of Kingfisher at Dover Elementary School; Jerod Payne of Valley Center, Kansas, at Alva Middle School

Mathematics Education - Morgan

Cook of Alva at Cherokee High School

Natural Science Education -Noah Voth of Enid at Alva Middle School

Social Science Education -Stephanie Smith of Ponca City at Tonkawa Middle School

Vocal Music Education -Samuel Grinder of Sayre at Elk City Public Schools

For more information on Northwestern's teacher education program, visit https://www.

Shelby Bruno

Tatum Booth

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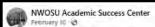


Samuel Grinder



A great day spent with the musicians at Shattuck High School in preparation for OSSAA. Mr. Bready and NWOSU musicians, Jameson, Aleya, and Oaklee had a wonderful day of singing and musicmaking. Best Wishes at OSSAA and TriState! Thanks to directors Gentry Tangney and Nicole Dowler for the invitation! #rldeonsingon #RRR





Do you seem to get the same comments back on papers about writing in the wrong point of view or having an incorrect thesis statement? Do you have trouble following the Purdue OWL website for APA, or struggle to use AI for its correct purposes in academic writing

Boy, do we have a solution coming up for you- March 3rd-6th, we will be hosting a 4-day writing workshop for all students to attend. There will be one presenter a day informing about the topics below, and giving in-depth explanations, examples, and strategies to improve your writing in these areas! Bonus: You'll get a FREE writing resource that can be helpful during the writing process. We can't wait to see the turnout, and be looking out for more information about our presenters coming soon!

WRITING WORKSHOP

MARCH 3RD-6TH Time Varies Each Session

HOSTED BY THE NWOSU ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

3/3 ROOM WW: RM 145

Presenter: M'Cheila Rader

TUES. 3/4 12:30 PM-1:15 PM ALVA: EC 109 ENID: CONFERENCE WW: RM 145

Presenter: Ash Crites

Topic: Resources-Purdue OWL
This presentation will include steps of how to use
the many sections of the Purdue OWL website to
help with writing papers and essays.

WEDS 12:00 PM-12:50 PM ALVA: EC 109 ENID: CONFERENCE ROOM WW: RM 145

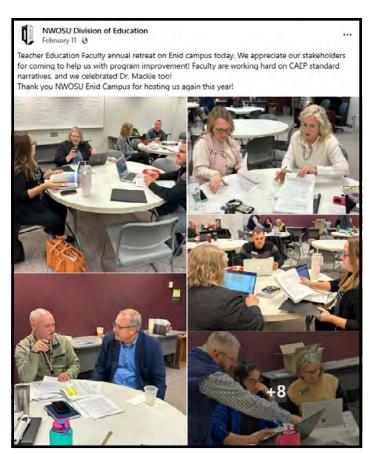
Presenter: Dr. James Bell

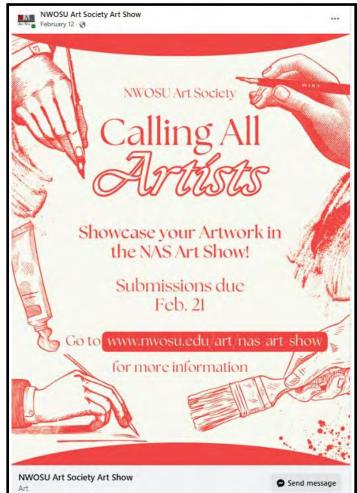
Presenter: Dr. James Bell
Topic: How to Write a Thesis Statement
This presentation will focus on strategies for
determining and refining a thesis statement.
Regardless of a writer's purpose and audience, the
thesis sentence serves as the steering wheel for
any type of essay. It lets the reader know the main
topic or argument of a paper, and it often previews
how the writer will develop that topic or argument.

THURS. 3/6 11:30 AM-12:15 ALVA: IE 113 ENID: CONFERENCE ROOM WW: RM 109

Presenter: Dr. Roxie James

Topic: Artificial Intelligence (All This presentation will include engaging discussion about the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence. We'll explore the incredible potential of Al. from revolutionizing healthcare to powering groundbreaking discoveries. But we'll also delve into the challenges and ethical considerations that come with this rapidly evolving technology.



























Isabelle Mason & Haven Stoner in Division I and Finley Harrel, Wyatt Morgan and Maddox Morgan in Division II were the top award winners at the Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair on Feb.



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Ride, Rangers, Ride!

Social Work offering free infant mental health training

Northwestern's Department of Social Work continued its partnership with Haruv USA to provide a free infant mental health training series. This training series included a two-part session presenting "Attachment Style and Its Influence on Children" first and "Foundations of Infant Mental Health: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment in Practice" second.

Lucy Shirisia, a professor at Utah Valley University, presented the first session of the series via Zoom on March 24.

"This training focused on the importance of creating a secure attachment with your child and its long-term effects, techniques in healing insecure attachment styles and practicing secure attachment style," Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work, social work program director and professor of social work, said.

Shirisia has taught for 10 years and is now earning a second graduate degree, a Ph.D. in health psychology. Her research and expertise are on Attachment Theory. Shirisia has worked as a caseworker for low-income families and was a foster care consultant. She has taught in early education schools and is a board member and co-chair of the conference committee of National Social Science Association (NSSA).

The second session will be presented by Tara Glenn, LCSW, IMH-E*, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker via Zoom on April 30 from 1 to 4 p.m.

This session will provide an interactive three-hour training to expand and strengthen participants' understanding of the foundational principles of infant mental health, providing a comprehensive overview of assessment, diagnosis and treatment for young children and their families. Participants will explore the core concepts of reflective consultation and essential clinical skills needed to work effectively in this field.

"Through guided case study, attendees will gain practical insights into real-world applications, learning how to integrate these elements into their work with young children and caregivers," Rehder said. "This training emphasizes the importance of attachment, trauma-informed care and cultural responsiveness in promoting healthy emotional and relational development during the critical early years."

Glenn is an endorsed infant mental health clinician by the Oklahoma Association of Infant Mental Health. Her work has focused on treating childhood sexual abuse and trauma,

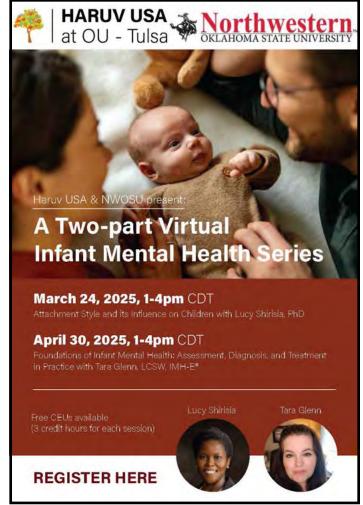
treating families with infants/young children who have experienced scary and confusing things or have experienced attachment disruptions and serving adults with complex trauma histories.

Glenn is an Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) trained therapist as well as Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) and Circle of Security. She believes everyone is created for connection and with a purpose and wants to serve people so that any barriers to that fulfillment can be diminished.

"We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Haruv USA and offer training that supports the work in the field of infant and early childhood mental health," Rehder said. "We encourage students and helping professionals from all disciplines to join us for an exciting afternoon of learning."

She added that this training is ideal for teachers, social workers, child welfare specialists, counselors and those in the medical field. Haruv USA is an international training institute that provides interprofessional education and training for professionals and students from many settings in the field of child

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maltreatment. Haruv USA's innovative programs equip professionals working with abused and neglected children with up-to-date theoretical and empirical knowledge to meet their needs.

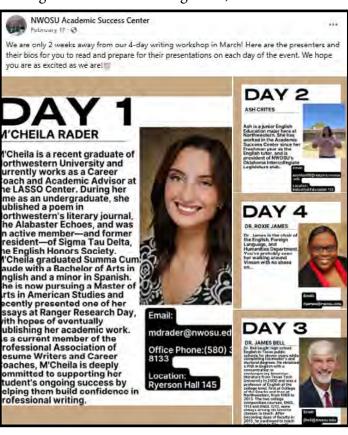
Registration for the training is free,

and CEUs are available for social work and LPC professionals. To register for this event, visit https://haruv-usa.org/events/infant-mental-health-virtual-series/.

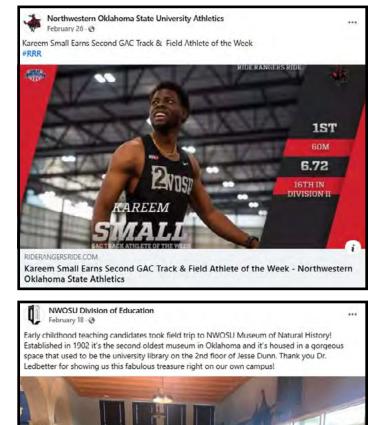
For more information on the train-

ing, contact Rehder at kdrehder@

nwosu.edu or DeJon Knapp, LCSW, Haruv USA Director at the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work OU-Tulsa, at dejon@ou.edu. To learn more about the social work department at Northwestern, visit www. nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work.





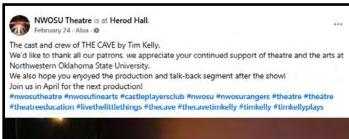














Pierce earns 2025 deSERVING Ranger Award

Krystan Pierce, senior social work major from Fargo, has been honored with this year's deSERVING Ranger Award from the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (SL/CE) program at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

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

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

Pierce has completed more than 200 service hours in volunteer opportunities including the Angel Tree Drive; Compassion in Action Dignity Drive; Primp for Prom; Campus Cabinet Food Drive; Kindness Day; Garfield County Child Advocacy Center Wooden Children Project; and the Red Tie event.

She also actively volunteers at her church and assisted in the creation of an educational video for the Northwestern Social Work Department's new Infant and Childhood Mental Health minor and microcredential program.

Pierce also volunteered with the Hope Center, Traditions Hospice, Western Plains Youth and Family Services along with various other events in both the Alva, Enid and Woodward communities. "(Pierce) demonstrates exceptional dedication to her university community through service-learning projects," Dr. Kylene Rehder, professor of social work and chair of

the Northwestern Department of Social Work, said. "Her ability to engage with local organizations, address real-world challenges and inspire peers to take action reflects her commitment to making a meaningful impact."

Pierce has served as the presi-

and serves on the

Woodward Lead-

ership Advisory

Board.

ers of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter since the 2024 spring semester

"I am truly honored to receive the SERVING Ranger award," Pierce said. "When I first heard I was not only nominated but winning this award, it brought tears to my eyes. I've always enjoyed helping others in any way I possibly could, so to be honored for doing something I love is incred-

humbling

and inspiring to

continue to make

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a difference where I can."

The deSERVING Ranger Award is awarded once a year to a qualified Northwestern student, who is

nominated by a Northwestern faculty or staff member. The award started in 2015 and has been awarded to students from a variety of majors.

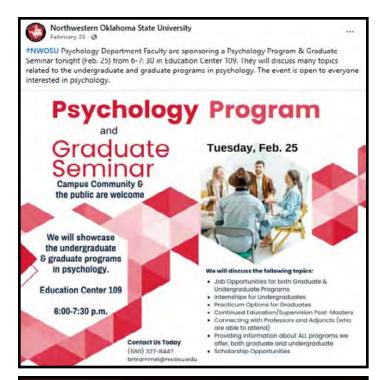
To learn more about Northwestern's Department of Social Work, visit www.nwosu.edu/ school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work or con-

dent of Northwestern's Social Work- tact Rehder at kdrehder@nwosu. ers of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter edu or (580) 327-8135.



Krystan Pierce









Chartwells provides new hot food kiosk option

Chartwell's food service has a new food option for students, employees and the general public on the Alva campus. A vending kiosk that serves hot, fresh food has been installed in the Student Center and is accessible 24 hours a day.

Food options change based on inventory, but currently include:

- Sausage breakfast burrito
- Glazed donuts
- White chocolate chunk cookies
- Turkey sausage and egg biscuits
- Glazed cinnamon roll donut
- Hot pockets
- Chocolate chip cookie stuffed with hazelnut
- · Turkey melt sandwich

"We are excited to give students another food option on campus," Charles Craddock, Chartwell's food director, said. "This is accessible 24 hours a day, so students can come use the machine at any hour for some great food."

Users can order at the kiosk or use the Just Baked app. Once the order is queued, food is ready within seconds. All nutritional and allergen facts are listed before ordering. The kiosk accepts credit/debit cards, Google Pay, Samsung Pay, Apple pay, etc. The machine does not take cash, and students cannot use flex dollars.

For questions about the machine, contact Craddock at (580) 327-8622 or chartwells@nwosu.edu.

Northwestern Concert presents March 4 concert

The Concert Band performed its first concert under the direction of Alexander (Xan) Perkins, instructor of instrumental music, on Tuesday, March 4 in Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall.

The band members performed traditional wind band repertoire in the professional concert setting.

Perkins said the ensemble was comprised of students with many different majors and interests and is the "sit down" or "concert" version of the marching band and pep bands found at Northwestern sporting events.

The ensemble performed four musical works featuring classic wind band literature from both known and underrepresented composers, as well as contemporary works written for the concert band.

"The NWOSU Concert Band

The 2025 NWOSU Art Society Art Show is OPEN during regular library hours and will close April 1

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times throughout each school year," Perkins said. "This event is instrumental-music.

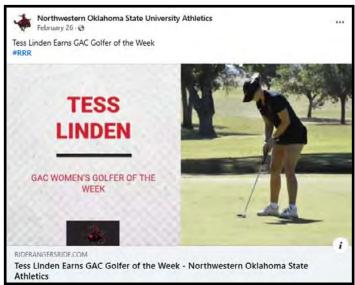
important as it shows the hard work and dedication our students have to the instrumental music program Northwestern."

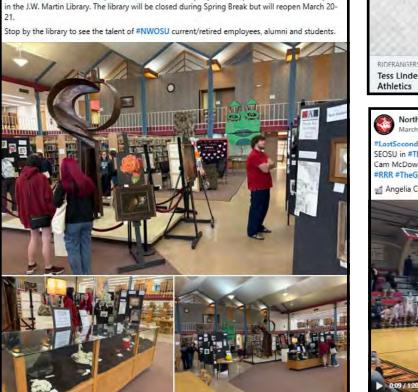
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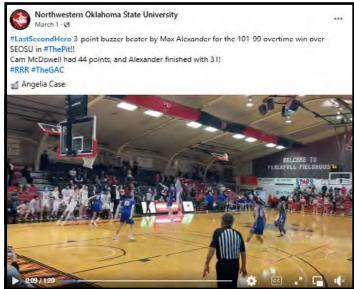
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Northwestern's Concert Band presents its first concert under the direction of Xan Perkins. Perkins joined the staff in January.







Free Summer STEM Camp at Northwestern June 1-6

Oklahoma students in grades 9-12 in fall 2025 were welcome to register to attend a free summer STEM camp at Northwestern-Alva June 1-6. Registration for "Renewable Energy – The Future is Here – Exploring and Learning Today: A Summer STEM Camp." The camp was limited to 25 students.

This camp was funded by a grant from the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education. Northwestern played host to the camp along with High Plains Technology Center of Woodward, OG&E, and NextEra Energy, the largest producer of wind and solar power in the nation.

"This is a great educational opportunity for these high school students," Dr. Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and chair of the mathematics and computer science department, said.

During the camp, students engaged in hands-on learning with professionals in higher education as well as professionals in the field of renewable energy.

Students got an inside view of

an operating nacelle, experience simulators and a climbing tower, and saw an operational Renewable Energy Site. Students learned about the generation and use of electricity as well as an introduction to electronics and robotics. Students received hands-on experiences with the Renewable Energy Trainer. This portable Microgrid training device includes power generation, a micro-inverter, and storage using renewable energy technology.

Students also built and assembled a wind turbine and learned about solar power and hydroelectric power.

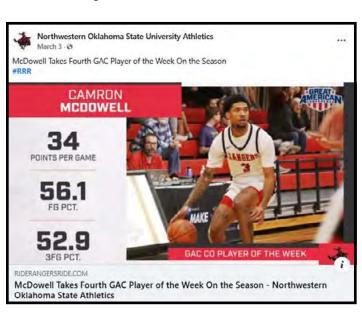
The camp included field trips to Alabaster Caverns State Park, High Plains Technology Center in Woodward, and the Sooner Wind

site near Mooreland.

For more information about the camp, contact Maharry at tjmaharry@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8583.

Additional information about degree programs in STEM fields at Northwestern is available at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/math-and-computer-science and www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science.









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The most recent "Compassion in Action" Dignity Drive sponsored by the NWOSU Department of Social Work students in the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter at #NWOSU successfully gathered and donated several personal hygiene products for the Northwest Center for Behavioral Health in Woodward.

Read more: https://bit.ly/3QJ6rXZ

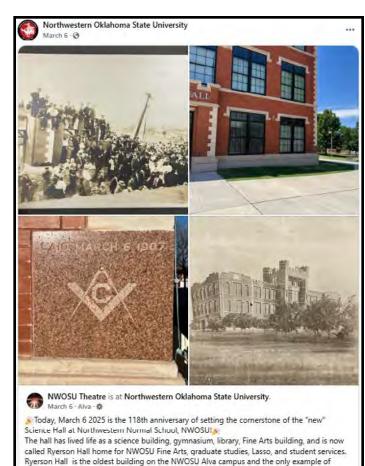


Congratulations to the 2025 Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom leacher of the Year, Mrs. Jacey Duncan!!!

Mrs. Duncan teaches at Oklahoma Union Public Schools and is a great advocate for Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom. She incorporates agriculture into her science classroom and has received many grants to bring learning to a new level!! She also shares her knowledge with other teachers throughout the state and nation by teaching workshops at our state and national AITC

"One of Jacey's most remarkable qualities is her commitment to fostering curiosity and critical thinking in her students. She does not just teach the basics of horticulture; she encourages her students to ask questions, explore different view points, and understand the global impact of agriculture. Whether she is guiding students in planting their first garden or speaking at the National Ag in the Classroom Conference, Jacey's dedication to enriching her students' understanding of the agricultural world is evident in all that she does," shared Mrs. Duncan's principal, Levi Robbins.

Jacey will be recognized at Ag Day at the State Capitol on April 22nd and also receive an allexpense paid trip to the 2025 National Ag in the Classroom Conference in Minneapolis, MN sponsored by the Oklahoma Soybean Board and the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. Congratulations!!!





and lactation support. Her expertise offered valuable insights into maternal-infant health and

Thank you, Dr. Elsey, for sharing your knowledge and inspiring our future nurses!

the vital role nurses play in supporting breastfeeding families.

Students from 30 high schools attend 11th Primp for Prom

The Department of Social Work gave away more than 350 dresses to students representing 30 high schools from Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas at the 11th Annual Primp for Prom event at Woodward High School.

This year more than 500 dresses and 50 pairs of shoes were donated to the Northwestern Social Work Department that co-sponsors the event with Woodward High School.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the Northwestern Department of Social Work, social work program director and professor of social work, expressed appreciation for those who helped with this event's success.

She thanked co-director Stefanie Alexander; Woodward High School students and staff; the Northwestern-Woodward campus; former Northwestern-Woodward campus dean Dr. Deena Fisher; Mayor Tom Fisher; Tres Jolie of Edmond; Top Cat Formal Wear & Accessories of Woodward; Northwestern social work student volunteers; social work alumni and professional social workers; Celebrations of Woodward; Corie Wells; Kelli Treadaway; and all the generous dress and accessory donors from across northwest Oklahoma.

Rehder extended a special thank you to the administration of Woodward High School for playing host to the event.

"Please understand this event is about more than dresses," Rehder said. "We see it as a means to embody our university and professional commitment to serve. This community event provides financial support to families, builds a

sense of community, celebrates inclusion, models service, and promotes positive self-images,

confidence and empowerment to young people."

For additional information on the Northwestern Department of Social Work, visit www.nwosu. edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/ social-work.

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



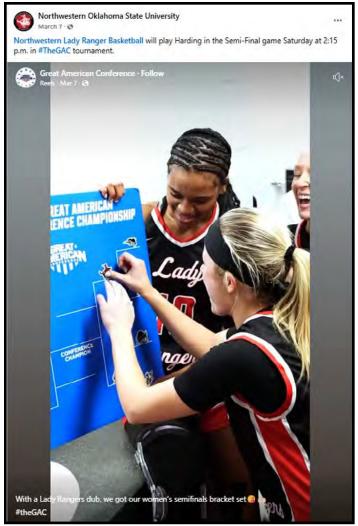
A group of shoppers strike a pose at the 11th annual Primp for Prom event at Woodward High School.



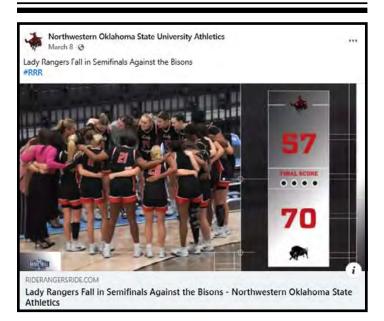
A group of volunteers from the Northwestern Department of Social Work at the 11th annual Primp for Prom event at Woodward High School. Back row, from left to right: Krystan Pierce, Isabella Burden, Harlie Altland, Northwestern Department of Social Work professor Codi Harding, social work department chair Dr. Kylene Rehder, McKenzie Cramer, social work adjunct instructor and Northwestern Alumna Jennifer Pribble, Kinley Rehder and Northwestern social work alumna Jonathan Wales. Front row, from left to right: Summer Verrill and Blakely Rehder.



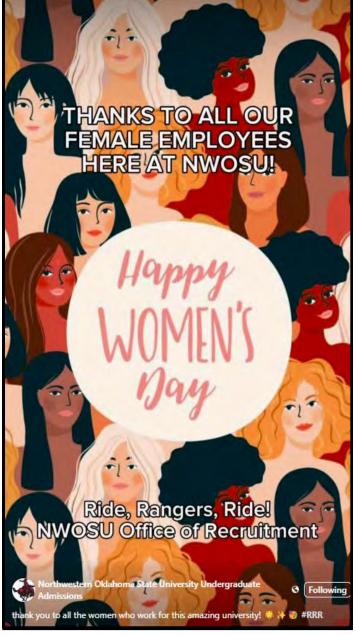
Students representing 30 high schools from Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas picked out more than 350 dresses during the 11th annual Primp for Prom event co-sponsored by the Northwestern Department of Social Work and Woodward High School.











Presidential Lecture Series features William McKinley

Northwestern welcomed Dr. Kevin Kern, associate professor of history at the University of Akron, to the annual Presidential Lecture Series on Monday, April 7.

Kern earned his Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University and is the co-author of, "Ohio: A History of the Buckeye State," now in its second edition. He specializes in Ohio history, late 19th and early 20th-century U.S. history and the history of science and technology. He has appeared in shows on The History Channel, C-SPAN and PBS, and serves as the editor of the University of Akron Press Ohio History and Culture Series.

While Ohio history is the pri-

mary focus of Kern's work, he has also published articles and book chapters in areas as diverse as the history of American eugenics to Monty Python studies. Kern is currently working on a book titled, "State of the Game: Ohio

and the Development of a Football Culture," on Ohio and the development of American football.

The conversation during the lecture series focused on William McKinley. Born in Niles, Ohio, McKinley served as the 25th President of the United States until his assassination in 1901.

The annual program is sponsored by the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences and Endowed Institute for Citizenship Studies.

For more information about the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences and the Presidential Lecture Series, visit www. nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences, or contact Dr. Aaron Mason, co-executive director of the Institute and professor of political science, at mason@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8522.





16 social work seniors given field practicum assignments

Sixteen Northwestern senior social work majors began their field practicum assignments at agencies throughout Oklahoma and Kansas early this spring semester.

These students were required to complete 420 contact hours, demonstrate 20 behaviors and master the program's nine core competencies as outlined by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Field Education is a signature pedagogy for social work that instructs and socializes students to the fundamental dimensions of professional practice. During field education, students are able to immerse themselves in practice and apply the skills and knowledge they have attained.

"Each student in field education is assigned a volunteer field instructor who dedicates their time to guiding student learning and reinforcing essential social work concepts, behaviors, and competencies," said Codi Harding, director of field experience and assistant professor

of social work. "We are grateful for all of our past and present field instructors."

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

Harlie Altland of Vici at the Department of Human Services in Woodward; Alyssa Arambula of Enid at the Department of Human Services in Enid; Alyssa Ball of Woodward at Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; McKenzie Cramer of Ashland, Kansas, at Ashland Public Schools; Samuel Felton of Enid at Northwest Behavioral Health Center; Baeleigh Henshall of Enid at the Department of Human Services in Enid; Makenzie Hoskins of Arnett at Youth and Family Services in Enid; Kyra Hussey of Mangum at the De-

partment of Human Services in Mangum; Hunter McMillin of Syl-

via, Kansas, at Alva Public Schools; Krystan Pierce of Fargo at Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Cammi Rogge of Alva at the Department of Human Services in Enid; Malori Shire of Enid at Great Salt Plains Health Center in Enid; Tori Tyler of Alva at the Department of Human Services in Alva; Mikaela Tew of Woodward at Circle of Care in Woodward; Yasmin Vargas of Enid at YWCA Enid; and Summer Verrill of Norman at the Department of Human Services in Alva.

For more information about Northwestern's Department of Social Work, contact Dr. Kylene Rehder, department chair and professor of social work, at kdrehder@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135 or contact Harding at clharding@nwosu.edu or (580) 213-3148.













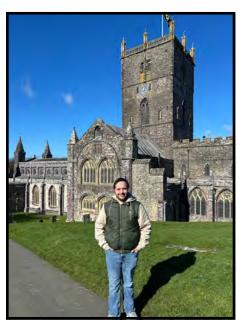
Cloud selected as Brad Henry International Scholar

Northwestern computer science major John Cloud was been selected as a Brad Henry International Scholar by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The Enid senior spent the spring 2025 semester studying at Swansea University in Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom.

"I have loved Swansea so far!" Cloud said. "Getting to experience a new community and learning about the culture and identity of Swansea has been so much fun, and the school itself here has also been accommodating and fantastic. I've gotten to travel across Wales to St. David's, Cardiff, Oxwich and Port Eynon while seeing so many great sights and places."

Cloud was nominated by Dr. Timothy Maharry, mathematics and computer science department chair. Maharry served as Cloud's academic adviser from 2021-2024.



John Cloud, a senior Northwestern computer science major from Enid, visits St. David's Cathedral in Haverfordwest, United Kingdom. Cloud was selected as a Brad Henry International Scholar and spent the Spring 2025 semester abroad at Swansea University in Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom.

"I thought John would be an excellent representative of Northwestern as our Brad Henry International Scholar," Maharry said. "John is an excellent student and was also our department's student worker for several years. He was very helpful in 2021-2022 when we renovated Shockley Hall 125 as the new esports arena on campus and has been a valuable assistant for several of the esports competitions we have hosted on the Northwestern campus."

Cloud was also nominated by Ethan Sacket, Northwestern Student Success coordinator.

"As a student, John has made such a positive impact on so many here at Northwestern, and we're grateful he's been awarded the Brad Henry International Scholar opportunity," Sacket said. "I know he is stewarding this unique time well to learn and experience as much as possible."

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

"It was terrifying to come here at first," Cloud said, "but thanks to Christ, I was able to find the strength to make this my temporary home."

Sacket believed Cloud was up to the task.

"Living in an entirely new country without knowing anyone prior would be outside the comfort zones of many," Sacket said. "However, beyond the comfort zone is where great growth is dis-

covered, so I am beyond excited for the development John experiencing this past semester in the UK."

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

"John was there for a special purpose, and the Ranger Family is excited to hear about his adventures and how those experiences prepare him for what is next in his life's journey when he's back in Oklahoma," Sacket said.

Cloud encouraged his fellow students to learn more about the opportunity.

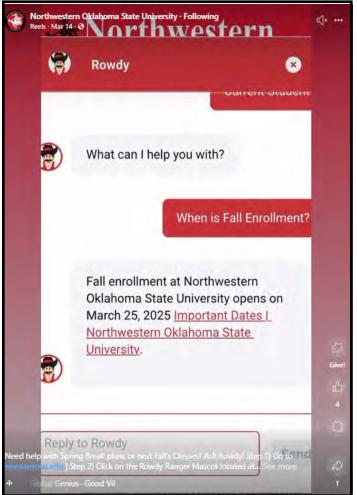
"I'd highly recommend it to anyone who wants to experience new places, cultures and ideas," Cloud said.

For more information on the Brad Henry Scholarship program visit <u>www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad/brad-henryscholarship-program.</u>



Northwestern senior John Cloud looks over Three Cliffs Bay in Swansea, United Kingdom.











Northwestern sees positive spring enrollment growth

strong enrollment increase for the spring 2025 semester, with an overall growth of 8.28 percent compared to last year. A total of 1,935 students are enrolled across all Northwestern campuses.

Northwestern continues to see enrollment increases within its graduate school, concurrent program and at each of its campus lo-

cations, including Enid and Woodward.

"We thrilled to see this continued growth our student President body," Bo Hannaford said. "The increase in enroll-

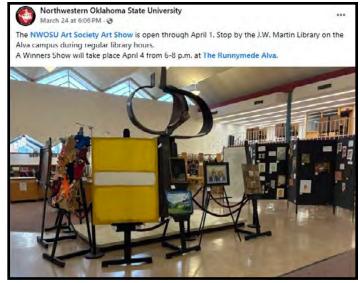
Northwestern experienced a ment across all levels, from high school concurrent students to graduate programs, highlights Northwestern's dedication to providing accessible and high-quality education to students in our region and beyond."

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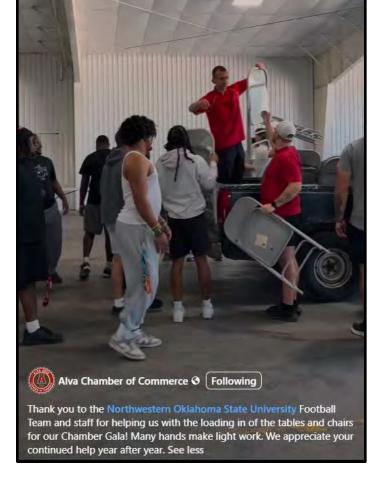
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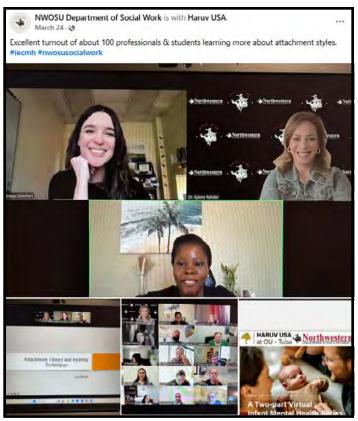
the summer and fall at www.nwosu. edu/course-schedules. Summer enrollment is open now and fall enrollment opened March 25.

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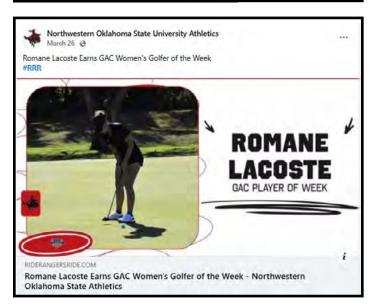
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'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee' musical April 11-12

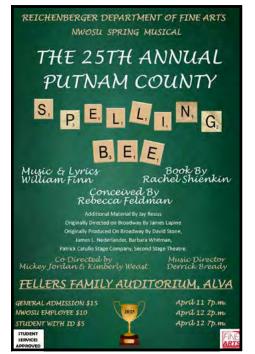
The Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts presented the Tony and Drama Desk award-winning musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on April 11 and 12.

Musical Theatre International describes "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" as a riotous ride, complete with audience participation that has charmed theatre patrons across the country with its effortless wit and humor.

The production follows an eclectic group of six mid-pubescents as they vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially madeup) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life unaffirming "ding" of the disqualification bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter, one speller leaves a champion. At least the losers get a juice box.

The musical's cast includes:

Lena Aguilar, a sophomore vocal music major from Chanute, Kansas;



Bella Anguino, a freshman speech and theatre major from Glenpool (understudy); Alan Garcia, a senior criminal justice major from Beaver; Jameson Hale, a senior music major from Elk City; Jadyn Hendrickson, a freshman speech and theatre major from Waukee, Iowa; Jack Mahoney, a sophomore vocal music major from Enid; Alexander Marshall, a freshman undecided major from Alva; Jaden Matthews, a junior speech and theatre major from Hennessey; Rylee Ott, a sophomore biology major from Forgan; and Lucas Wood, a freshman vocal music major from Enid.

Crew members include:

Gabriel Bussinger, a junior speech and theatre major from Woodward;

Dawson Defoor, a freshman speech and theatre major from Erick: Lilith Ferrero, a senior speech and theatre major from Cordell: John Hillman, a sophomore computer science major from Cheyenne; Maegan Holson, a senior psychology major from Waynoka; Lily Post, a freshman speech and theatre major from Ponca City; Gail Schroeder, a freshman speech and theatre major from Okeene; and Riley Shires, a sophomore English major from Waynoka.

Orchestra members include:

Celeste Alvarado, a sophomore instrumental music major from Woodward; Jade Campbell, a junior instrumental music major from Woodward; Dalton Ebert, a freshman instrumental music major from Medford; Kacie Penner, a junior instrumental music major from Fairview; and Chris Perez, a junior instrumental music major from Laverne.

Other members of the production team include Derrick Bready, instructor of music and director of choral studies, as music director; Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre, and Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts chair, as co-directors; and Lisa Turner of Alva as stage manager.





Art show winners announced; Winners Show on April 4

A student drawing in the animal/creature category of Works on Paper and a painting in the non-student landscape/nature category have been selected as the Best of Show winners in their respective divisions during the 22nd annual Northwestern Oklahoma State University Art Society Art Show.

Elayna Warrington, Alva sophomore majoring in biology-natural history, is the Student Division winner with "En Recuerdo."

The Non-Student Division winner for those who are current/retired employees or alumni is alumna Connie Moore of Waynoka with "Mr. Digby's Cup."

The People's Choice winner selected by the voting public was awarded to Elaina Pierce, Alva sophomore majoring in biology/



Elayna Warrington's drawing named "En Recuerdo" is the Best of Show winner in the Student Division of the Northwestern Art Society Art Show.

chemistry, for her entry in will take place on April 4 in the Miscellaneous category downtown Alva at The Runtitled "Consider the Wild-nymede, across the street flowers." from the Alva Police De-

The names of several other student and non-student winners have been compiled into a document that may be found on the NWOSU Art Society's web page at https://www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show in the NAS Art Show Winners' tab.

Artwork will remain on display in the J.W. Martin Library through April 1.

A Winners' Show of all pieces winning an award



Connie Moore's still life painting named "Mr. Digby's Cup" is the Best of Show winner in the Non-Student Division of the Northwestern Art Society Art Show.

will take place on April 4 in downtown Alva at The Runnymede, across the street from the Alva Police Department. The artwork will be on display on the first floor of the building from 6-8 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Artwork from the Runnymede may be picked up when the show is over at 8 p.m. on April 4.

For more information about the Northwestern visual arts program, contact Cornell or visit www.nwosu. edu/art.



A piece in the Miscellaneous category by Elaina Pierce is the winner of the People's Choice award during the Northwestern Art Society Art Show. This piece was voted the favorite by those who visited the show.



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NWOSU Department of Social Work

Great day at Oklahoma Legislative Education & Advocacy Day. Social work students from NWOSU & ORU met with several representatives, heard from Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell, and toured the dome. A special thank you to Carl Newton State Representative and Rebekah Williams for making





Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

Congratulations to Dr. Sierra Elsey, Assistant Professor of Nursing on our Woodward campus, for being named as on of the Woodward Magazine's Woman of Today award recipients!

Dr. Sierra Elsey



Shaping the Future of Nursing in Oklahoma

Dr. Sierru Elsey is not just an educator; che's a dedicated mentor, a prastionate advocate for the marving field, and a force behind shaping the next generation of healthcare professionate in Northwest Oskidomic. As an Assistant Profession of Northing at Northwesters Oskidomic, and Linchrestity, De Elsey prents het days tacketing, inspiring, and guiding students toward fulfill; ing career in narring.

With a deep committeest to oducation and community, De Elsey and to teacher narring courses at High Flains Trick Center when invited, furging valuable collaborations that extend the reach and impact. "I have conversing with students in such gring valuable conversing with students in such experience gives muy a unique opportunity to teach and existing of sections; she says." "Each chact and onch experience gives muy a unique opportunity to teach and existe of sections; she says." "Each chact and onch experience gives as unique opportunity to teach and existe of sections of the future of Paulikeire in one region."

Dr. Elsey's career in nursing began with a deep pas-sion for patient care, but it was her love for teaching

that had her to pursue higher education and a position in academia. "Nursing is such a dynamic field," she explains. "It's not just about providing care—it's about cultating patients, empowering others, and continually learning powerful, That's what excites me about nursing education."

when they not in the classroom, Dr. Ebey is fu-vised on festering growth and advancement in the maring community, helping students succeed not ou academically but also in their careers. Her leadershag the future of nursing in Oklahoma is in capable him.

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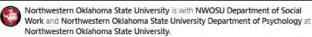
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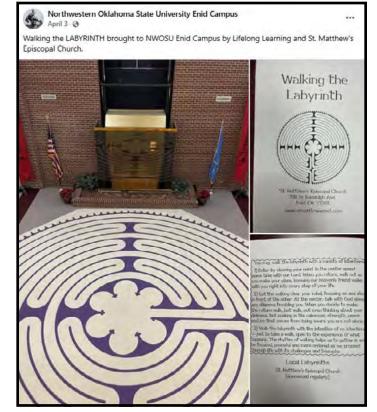
The #NWOSU Psychology Club and Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) have partnered to raise awareness about sexual assault in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April.

Students have created window paintings around campus and set up resource tables and a support wall in the Student Center from April 1-11. These efforts aim to highlight the importance of prevention, support services, and awareness.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, one in five women and one in 16 men experience sexual assault while in college. Raising awareness is essential in fostering a culture that supports survivors, promotes consent education, and encourages bystander intervention.

Students interested in joining the Psychology Club or SWAT can contact Bailey Trammell at brtrammell@nwosu.edu or Taylor Phillips at tnphillips@nwosu.edu (Alva Psych Club Faculty Sponsors) or Codi Harding at clharding@nwosu.edu (SWAT Faculty Sponsor).











Working on sprucing up Greenvale Elementary in OKC with OAEA on our Outreach to Teach

Event. So wonderful to see aspiring educators from all over Oklahoma hard at work! Hope Ellis

and Bailey Humphries are painting and Dr. Braten-Hall is working on the sensory wall. We had



NWTV April 4 at 9:04 AM

We had a fantastic day during our yearly media tour. Each year we take a small group of juniors and seniors to visit multiple media outlets to showcase potential careers. Thank you to Low's Travel Stops corporate communications team, The Oklahoman, and KOCO 5 News for allowing us to visit. A special shout out to the KOCO team. They went above and beyond answering questions and sharing insight with us. We spent nearly an hour with the GM, learning and discussing changes in the media industry. It was rewarding to see former NWOSU students working as professionals and sharing with the students. It was a great day of learning! Northwestern Oklahoma State University

a great time!

Guitar Festival held on campus

The 2025 Guitar Festival sponsored by the Reichenberger Fine Arts Department was held Friday, April 4, in Ryerson Hall on the Alva campus.

Students performed individually or as members of ensembles between during the morning in Room 200 inside Ryerson Hall.

"The festival provides an opportunity for learning guitarists to perform for others in a low-stress, supportive environment," Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music, said. "The festival was conceived, not as a competition,



Guitarists wait in the hallway of Ryerson Hall for their turn to perform.

but as an opportunity for guitarists to perform, receive constructive encouragement and hear other guitarists play."

For more information, contact Ridgway by email at maridgway @ n w o s u . edu or by phone at (590) 732-0390.



2025 Guitarists Northwestern Oklahoma State University Guitar Festival



Drew Faulkner, guitar instructor at Enid Public Schools, directs three students while Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music, looks on from the adjudicaton table.

Stevison, others from Enid SOS group speak on campus

The Diversity Committee play edhost to Rhonda Stevison and three members of Enid Street Outreach Services on Thursday, April 10, in the Education Center, Room 109, on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

Northwestern students, faculty and staff were welcome to attend this event. The presentation also streamed to the Northwestern-Enid campus, Room 218; the University Center at Ponca City, Room 118; and the Northwestern-Woodward campus, Room 145.

Stevison has dedicated her life to serving others. When the world faced uncertainty in 2020, she utilized her 30 years of experience at the Department of Health and Human Services to act, distributing clothing and snacks out of the back of her car to those in need.

Her unwavering commitment led to the founding of Enid Street Outreach Services in 2021, which provides essential resources to unsheltered and low-income individuals.

For the past five years, she has been building relationships and strengthening community ties, ensuring that no one is left behind. Her leadership and passion drive impactful outreach programs that offer food, clothing, shelter and advocacy to those who need it most.

Stevison and her team shared their experiences on helping people dealing with financial hardship, health issues and more.

Dr. Roger

Brown, chair of the Northwestern Diversity Committee and professor of business, said this presentation provides an opportunity to learn more about parts of society struggling with everyday basic needs along with other community outreach programs of which Northwestern students, staff and faculty may volunteer.

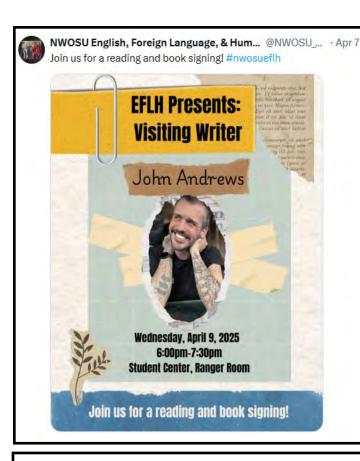
For more information about Enid Street Outreach Services, visit www.enidsos.org, email enid-streetoutreach@gmail.com or call (580) 603-4896.



Rhonda Stevison (speaking on the far right), from the Enid Street Outreach Services, gives information to students and employees on how they support their clientele.

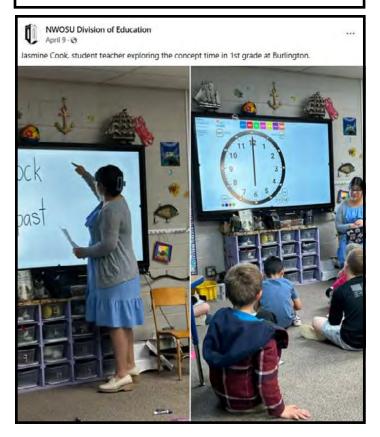






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RANGERS! Did you miss Donuts with the Deans? Don't worry - you can still make your voice heard!

Our student survey campaign continues with multiple ways to participate:





Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music, displayed the guitars he hand-painted at the Graceful Arts Gallery during the April First Friday Art Walk.











Education policy listening session at Woodward Campus

Northwestern played host to the Oklahoma Appleseed Center for Law and Justice for an education policy listening session Tuesday, April 15, in the Northwestern-Woodward campus commons area.

The Oklahoma Appleseed Center is a statewide social justice non-profit law firm. Its education justice coalition, Advance Oklahoma's Kids, is playing host to the Better Outcomes for Oklahoma's Kids (B.O.O.K.) initiative, a four-month education policy listening session across Oklahoma with the intended goal to create policy-oriented solutions to present to the Oklahoma Legislature for 2026 session.

Advance Oklahoma's Kids is spending the next year gathering input, feedback and ideas about education from Oklahomans. The coalition aims to produce a set of 10 to 15 concrete policy recommendations for adoption through the legislature, State Department of Education, local school districts and community stakeholders to strengthen Oklahoma's public education system by 2030.

Dinner was served, followed by an introduction and presentation of the B.O.O.K. Initiative, a message from Western Plains Family and Youth Services and group discussions on education policy topics.

"This is inspired in part by the example of House Bill 1017, the land-mark education legislation of 1990 developed on the basis of citizen input and a far-ranging education reform agenda that passed into law," said Shelby Bomford, education justice organizer. "Now, 35 years later, while we are in a markedly different political and policy landscape, it is time to revive the spirit of HB 1017 by bringing Oklahomans together behind a bold, ambitious, forward-thinking educa-

tion agenda."

Specific topics to be discussed were strengthening the external environment, supporting the teaching profession, and special needs and accommodations.

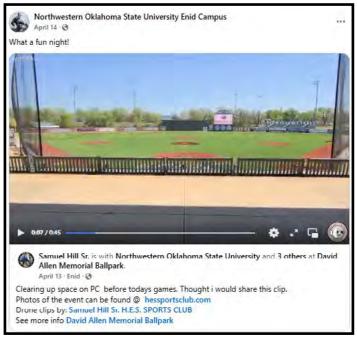
"Our schools need support, but for years our leaders have refused to invest in public taking schools, resources and opportunities away from our students," Bomford said. "The quality of a child's education shouldn't depend on how much you pay a private school, or even how close you live to private which schools, don't exist in many parts of our state. When public schools are supported, they can meet the unique needs of our rural, urban, and suburban communities, bolstering our students' ability to develop the skills they need in school and life. Faced with a steady barrage of hostile actions and rhetoric. public advocates school are often left in a purely defensive crouch, rather than

putting forward a

positive agenda that will improve our schools and lead to better outcomes for all Oklahoma's kids."

For more information, contact Bomford at shelby@okappleseed.org or (918) 804-2794.





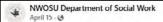


Beta Delta Chapter-At-Large April 11 - @

Meet the Beta Delta at-Large Spring 2025 Graduate Scholarship Recipient. 💈 🔊 Heidi Ritchie, MS, RN, PhD student - Weatherby Memorial Scholarship

Heidi received her Nursing Diploma from Bryan Memorial Hospital, her BSN from Nebraska Wesleyan University, and her MSN in Nursing Education from the University of Northern Colorado. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Nursing Education from the University of Northern Colorado and plans to graduate in May 2025. She is the director of BSN programs at Northwestern Oklahoma State University as well as a Cardiac Rehabilitation RN at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Her research is Exploration of Disorienting Dilemmas of New Registered Nurses' Experience in Clinical Situations, which she intends to incorporate in her work with student nurses as they transition to clinical practice.





In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. SWAT is proudly participating in the Wooden Children Project, an annual awareness initiative organized by The CARE Campus & Fourth Judicial District CASA Program Oklahoma.

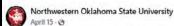






Dr. Dossin will perform Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in Fellers Family Auditorium at Herod Hall. As a winner of the Martha Argerich International Piano Competition and finalist in the Van Cliburn Competition, Dr. Dossin brings world-class talent to our stage.

"It is like bringing Carnegie Hall to Alva," says Dr. Eduardo Moreira, who studied under Dossin.



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Schroeder's podcast offers real-world insight into today's media industry

Dr. Jesse Schroeder, associate professor of communication at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, is using his academic and television industry experiences to launch a podcast that provides a behind-the-scenes look at today's media landscape.

After finishing his faculty portfolio this past year, he decided he'd like to enhance his scholarly activities but discovered there is not much content available when it comes to research in the media industry. So earlier this spring semester, he created a scholarly podcast titled "Masterclass: Media Matters."

Through thoughtful conversations between Schroeder and his guests, this podcast will provide industry analysis and real-world stories from his media professional contacts, offering information for aspiring journalists, other media professionals and those who are curious about the profession in general.

A new episode will be available each Monday, where listeners will learn more about the media profession from the perspective of those actively working in it.

Dr. Jesse Schroeder records an episode of his new podcast "Masterclass: Media Matters" in the broadcast facilities within the Northwestern mass communication program. A new episode of the podcast is released every Monday with interviews from various media professionals currently working in the industry.

Schroeder explained that the podcast serves four key audiences: students seeking industry knowledge, researchers and educators looking to align academia with current trends, professionals eager to learn from peers, and media consumers wanting a clearer view into how the industry operates. Together, these perspectives create a space for learning, collaboration, and deeper understanding of today's ever-shifting media landscape.

"Anyone who consumes media content can be enlightened by what they may learn about the industry," Schroeder said. "In today's climate, there are multiple streams of disinformation and misunderstanding surrounding the way media works. Media consumers can learn from industry leaders about how the business works and what goes into making decisions that impact what they receive as the media consumer."

Schroeder said he is also learning from these industry professionals and is sharing this information with his current students.

"Many times, what I learn simply validates what I'm teaching," Schro-

eder said. "Other times, it gives me a new perspective or idea I want to share with my students."

He said he originally planned to require his students in certain classes to listen to each episode, but soon discovered that many of them had subscribed to the podcast and were listening to the episodes on their own, allowing for discussion in classes.

A recent guest on the podcast deals with the timely 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. Schroeder shares an interview with Robin Marsh, a news anchor/reporter at KWTV News 9 in Oklahoma City, who was one of the first journalists on the ground that day. She discusses her coverage of the tragic event and the days following, along with some wisdom she's learned over the years.

Other interviews on the podcast so far include:

- Rachel Knapp, a national news correspondent in Washington, D.C., shares what it's like to work at the network level and with politicians in DC.
- Jason Goodwin, an assistant news director at KLTV/KTRE in Tyler, Texas, where Schroeder also worked as a main evening anchor from 2021-2023. Goodwin shares advice on the changes in the media industry and what he looks for when hiring.
- Joseph Perez, a news producer in Houston, Texas, and a former student of Schroeder's who is a Northwestern graduate. Perez discusses his role behind the camera and creating content. He also talks about how digital news is now first in most newsrooms with TV news coming in second.
- Daniella Rivera, an investigative journalist in Salt Lake City, Utah, shares information regarding her field. Her station invests in doing investigations, and her stories have prompted major political

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Schroeder's podcast offers...

change in some cases.

- Cody Gottschalk, a broadcast meteorologist at KLTV/KTRE in Tyler, Texas, shares about his role as a TV meteorologist and how digital news and weather consumption has changed the way he gets information out.
- Amy Wilson, a Western Lifestyle Media Professional. She is the former host on RFD-TV and Cowboy Channel and is a former Miss Rodeo America. Wilson now works for the Equine Network. She discusses media-related jobs outside of the traditional news setting.
- Devyn Shea, a digital news host at KOLD-TV in Tucson, Arizona, will be on the April 21 episode. She discusses how news consumption has changed with a focus now on digital media content. She hosts from a live streaming news desk in the middle of the KOLD newsroom every weekday.

A link directly to the "Masterclass: Media Matters" podcast on Spotify may be found at https://open.spotify.com/show/3viT7GeRLCNb6dnXHfeb29, or listeners may search for the title

of the podcast on this station, Apple Podcasts and Amazon Music.

The Freedom native is a 2003 graduate of Northwestern's mass communication program and went to work immediately in the radio and television news industry. During this time, he also started work on his master's degree. In 2006, he was offered the broadcast media position at Northwestern and finished his master's degree in 2007. He taught in the communication department for eight years and earned a Ph.D. in Education Technology Management in 2011. He left Northwestern in 2014 when he was offered a morning anchor position at KXII in Sherman, Texas. After several years there, he and his family moved to Tyler, Texas, in 2021 where he worked as a main evening anchor

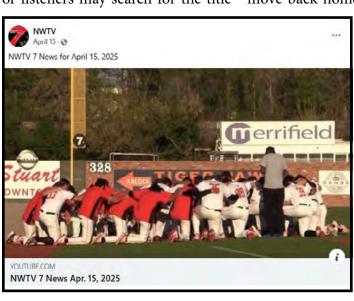
at KLTV/KTRE television. In 2023, his contract was up in Tyler, and he decided not to renew it. He and his family felt it was time to move back home

to northwest Oklahoma, where he was able to return to Northwestern and start teaching in the communication department once again.

"It is so nice to be back, and to be able to teach and mentor the next generation of communication majors," Schroeder said.

He is married to Amanda, also a Northwestern graduate. They have three children, Brayden and Parker, who are current Northwestern students, and Mia, who attends Freedom Public Schools.

To learn more about the mass communication program at Northwestern, contact Schroeder at jaschroeder@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8465 or visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/communication/mass-communication.





Northwestern Oklahoma State University







2026 Study Abroad trip to Europe interested travelers meetings held

Northwestern's Study Abroad Committee announced a 13-day summer 2026 trip to Germany, Italy and Switzerland, with an optional extension to France. The trip is scheduled for May 13–25, 2026.

Led by Dr. Leslie Collins, chair of the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing and associate professor of nursing, the program is open to all Northwestern students, alumni and the public interested in experiencing European culture, history and landmarks firsthand.

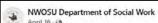
Trip highlights include exploring Munich's historic charm by visiting the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs, and Marienplatz, Munich's main city square. Travelers will glide through the canals of Venice on a gondola, take in the majesty of Lucerne from the Swiss Alps, and explore iconic Paris landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

Learn more about the Northwestern Summer 2026 Study Abroad Trip by attending one of the upcoming virtual interest meetings:

To learn more about the trip, visit www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad.







Our graduates' stellar performance in the field is a testament to their dedication and talent and our commitment to personalized support. While everyone on our team plays a role in supporting our students, special thanks to Codi Harding, our director of field education, and our brilliant field instructors: Melody Bradley, Nikki Quarles, Jennifer Pribble, Haley Walker, Elizabeth Fox-Shipley, Lizzy Crenshaw, Sharon Robinett-Morris, Jerri Skinner, Madison Williams, Brandolyn Session, Natalie Adams, Jessica Caywood, Kendra Pierce, Deborah Green, Jessica Cayw



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TI IANK YOU to all the future Rangers who joined us for Freshman Connection today! 🊁

What an amazing day welcoming so many bright and enthusiastic students to Northwestern Uklahoma State University!

We loved meeting all of you, helping with your fall enrollment, and answering your questions about life at NWOSU.

Special thanks to our faculty, staff, and current students who made the event such a success, and to all the

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

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Spring has sprung at #NWOSU! Today, our amazing Ranger community came together to beautify our campus by laying fresh mulch, planting flowers grown right in our own NWOSU Ag Greenhouse, and cleaning up around campus.

The results look incredible! A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped make our campus shine





Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Oklahoma State Capitol. April 17 - Oklahoma City - 3

NWOSU Department of Social Work students recently advocated at the State Capitol during LEAD Day!

Students from #NWOSU and Oral Roberts University met with Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell and learned about the legislative process as part of Social Work Month. The theme "Social Work: Compassion + Action" came to life as students engaged with lawmakers and toured the Capitol.

Social work continues to be one of the fastest-growing professions in the U.S., projected to employ 800,000+ people by 2033. We're proud of our students for representing the profession and advocating for important policy issues!

Read More 3 4: https://bit.ly/42Cedsr

#SocialWorkMonth #Advocacy #SocialWork #LEAD2025 #OklahomaCapitol





NWOSU Department of Social Work

Students in the Child Abuse and Neglect class participated in an in-person and virtual tour of The CARE Campus and the Fourth Judicial District CASA Program Oklahoma, where they learned about the broad range of services provided.







Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Congratulations to Dr. Don R. Raleigh on being selected as the third university president at Rogers state University!

laleigh is a 198/ natural sciences graduate of #NWOSU, where he was a three-time All-American igh jumper and was an NAIA Scholar Athlete. He was inducted into the Northwestern Sports Hall

le will be honored at Northwestern on April 26 during the NWOSU Foundation & Alumni ssociation annual Alumni Reunion and Banquet as the Outstanding Graduate in Education.



Rogers State University April 14 @

The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, the governing body for RSU, has selected Dr. Don Raleigh to be RSU's third president. Raleigh will begin his duties June 1.... See more



Dr. Don Raleigh Appointed as RSU's Next President - Rogers State University The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, the governing body of Rogers State University



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing April 23 at 1:03 PM . @

Junior Nursing Students in the Community Round 2!

Great work Dr. Byrd and junior students that visited Alva High School to educate on the affects of smoking, vaping, drinking, hygiene, and mental health. We are thankful Mary Tyree partnering with our faculty and students!





Sepsis diagnosis leads to service journey for Schroeders

Written by Dr. Jesse Schroeder

The summer sun of 2024 bore down on Freedom, OK, as it always does—hot, heavy, and unrelenting. But for Amanda Schroeder, it wasn't the heat that would haunt the summer season. It was something invisible, insidious, and nearly fatal.

It began quietly. A discomfort here. A fever there. But soon, **Amanda's** condition spiraled. Amanda had not been feeling well for several weeks; however, on June 3 her body just couldn't push through the pain any longer. She asked her husband, Jesse, to take her to urgent care at Share Medical Center in Alva. Once they arrived, she was moved to the emergency room. It was discovered Amanda was battling sepsis, a life-threatening infection coursing through her bloodstream. The situation quickly became a fight for survival. She was taken by Air Evac helicopter transport to the ICU at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. The weeks that followed were a blur-oxygen monitors, central line antibiotics, and extensive testing. The sterile walls of St. Anthony became the battleground where she fought for her life.

After what felt like an eternity, Amanda was stable enough to return home to Freedom—a town as close-knit as it is remote. But the fight wasn't over.

Only days after returning, Amanda's blood pressure plummeted. Her body, still fragile from sepsis, was failing again.

The call to 911 wasn't just a cry for help—it was a lifeline. Within minutes, the Freedom volunteer ambulance crew arrived, offering immediate care. With precious

seconds ticking by, they headed toward Woodward to intercept with Woodward County EMS. Why was an intercept needed? Why didn't the Freedom ambulance take her directly to Integris Health in Woodward? There are four levels of pre-hospital care. Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) and Paramedic. Each level is able to provide higher lev-

els of intervention. Amanda needed the care of a paramedic, and Woodward County EMS employs paramedics at their service.

Between Freedom and Mooreland, the flashing ambulance lights of Freedom's ambulance met up with the strobing ambulance lights of Woodward County EMS. On shift that night was paramedic, Chris Syms, whom had

the advanced skills Amanda now desperately needed. What no one knew then, what no one could have known, was that this man wouldn't just help save Amanda's life. He would help change Amanda and Jesse's life, too.

Amanda would go on to spend another week in the ICU in Woodward, her condition finally stabilizing. Recovery from sepsis isn't measured in days—it's a slow, uncertain road. Some never return to the people they were before. But

Amanda, resilient as ever, began to climb her way back.

And that's when everything changed.

As the haze of crisis gave way to clarity, Amanda and Jesse started seeing what had always been in front of them: the fragility of their rural EMS system. At the time of Amanda's emergency, Freedom had just one certified EMT. One. If that individual was out of town, the ambulance couldn't run. Residents



Freedom EMS workers provided free vitals checks at the Freedom Centennial Celebration. Pictured are: Justin Phillips, Freedom Vol. Fire Dept.; Hank Luddington, Freedom Fire Chief; Julie Dennis, Paramedic with Woodward and Freedom EMS; Casey Luddington, Paramedic with Woodward and Freedom EMS; Marlo Smith, EMT for Freedom EMS; Amanda Schroeder, EMT for Freedom EMS; and Jesse Schroeder, EMT for Freedom EMS.

would have to fend for themselves or wait for help from neighboring towns—many miles and precious minutes away. Thankfully, that one EMT, Marlo Smith, was available the night Amanda needed help.

The realization hit hard. But it also sparked something.

"Our community needs us," Amanda said one evening, "we should step up and help too."

So, in December of 2024, Amanda and Jesse began their Continued to page 49

Sepsis diagnosis leads...

EMT training. Amanda and Jesse—two people with no medical

background, no illusions of heroism—stepped into a world they barely understood.

Chris Syms
- the paramedic
who met Amanda that night
on the roadside, who fought
alongside Amanda for her life—
became their

instructor. Not only is Syms a paramedic for Woodward County EMS, he is also an instructor for Heartland Medical Direction, the organization through which Amanda and Jesse were being trained. Syms calm under pressure attitude, his depth of knowledge, his quiet compassion... it all made sense. Amanda and Jesse trained under the very person who had helped Amanda during her time of need.

The two thought the training would be "lighter" for volunteers. After all, they weren't being paid. But there's no such thing as halfway in emergency medicine. The curriculum was grueling. They

studied trauma, cardiac emergencies, respiratory distress, medical

assessments, and child birth. They practiced extrications, tourniquets, and airway management. They took three maior exams: the FISDAP. hands-on skills evaluation, and the **NREMT** national board exam. It wasn't

easy. It wasn't supposed to be.

Today, Amanda and Jesse are Nationally Registered Emergency

Medical Technicians. Talk about full circle moment. They proudly serve Freedom's EMS—not because thev planned it, but because life took them on a detour that became a calling.

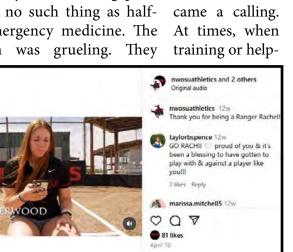
Jesse and Amanda Schroeder

ing Woodward County EMS, they serve with Syms, shoulder to shoulder, not just as students or survivors, but as teammates.

There's a heartbeat to rural communities that can't be measured in sirens or census numbers. It's in the neighbors who show up. It's in the volunteers who answer the call—sometimes literally. And it's in the people who say, someone has to do it... so why not me?

This is more than a story of illness and recovery. It's about discovering your place in a community not just through crisis, but through action. It's about how one family's emergency became their purpose.

And that's a story worth answering the call for.









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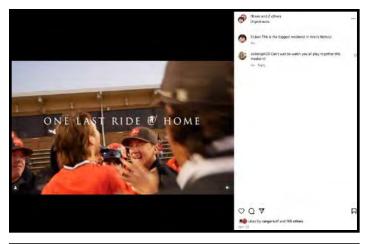


Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Nursing students, along with Dr. Sierra Elsey, visited TAP to share valuable insight into the nursing profession and the journey to becoming a nurse. They spoke with students about the various paths into nursing, what it takes to succeed in the field, and the rewarding opportunities that come with a career in healthcare.

High Plains Technology Center

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3 Esports camps planned for June

Three Esports day camps for students entering grades 9-12 in fall 2025 took place on the NAlva and Enid campuses in June.

Two camps were offered at the Alva campus in Shockley Hall, including one on June 14 where students played "Marvel Rivals" and the other on June 28 with "Super Smash Brothers." One camp was held at the Enid campus on June 21 with "Super Smash Brothers."

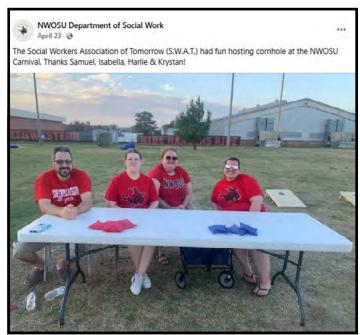
Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science and Esports manager, said the main goal of the camps was for the students attending to have a fun day of playing video games.

"The main aim of the camps was to be a place where players of those games were able to grow their skills and meet like-minded players," Vaverka said. "We wanted players who attend to leave with the sense that they had a good time and met other players with a similar passion."

Vaverka added that college-level players were around to help coach and participate with camp attendees.

More information about the Mathematics and Computer Science programs is online at www.nwosu. edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/math-and-computerscience.

Northwestern's Computer Science program and Esports team, with funding from the Buckles and Tucker Endowments, were the sponsors of these camps.









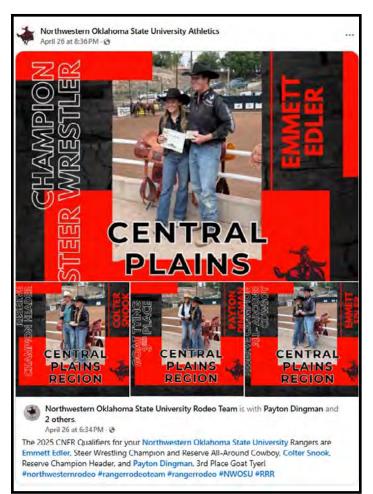
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Wow. April 24 was an eventful day. Photos for #BahamaBreakaway were underway when a

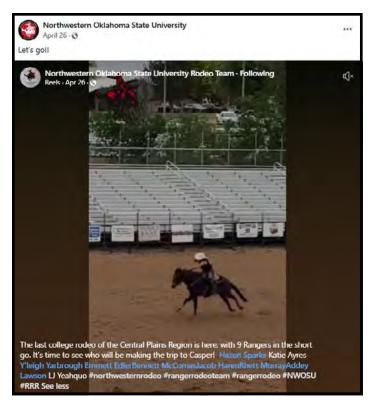








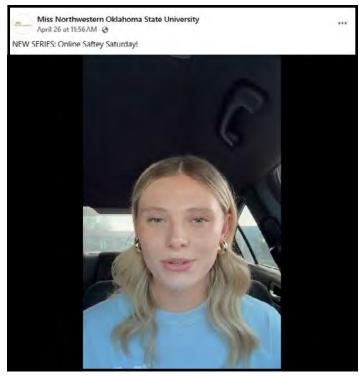




Do you have a current club or organization that you sponsor using social media? Make sure you make it university official by registering with the University Relations department. Contact Kelsey Martin or Valarie Case for details.

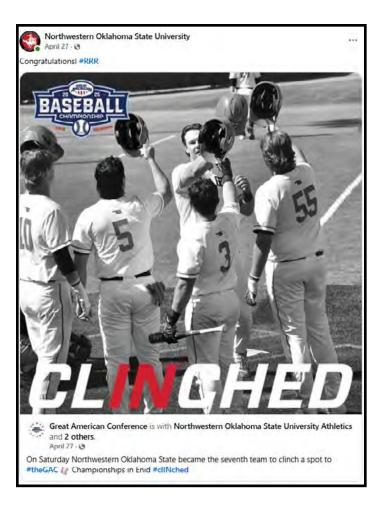




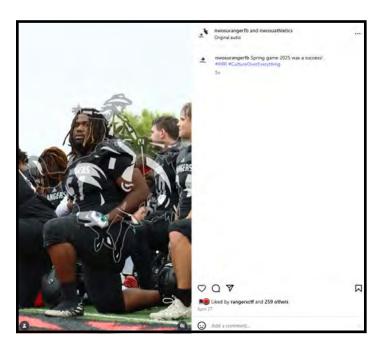


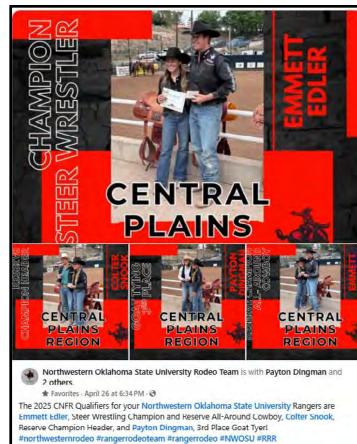


















NWOSU Department of Social Work

Congratulations, Bachelor's of Social Work Class of 2025! **

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Your dedication and hard work have led you to this significant milestone. As you step into the

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Huge congratulations to one of our exceptional Division of Business students, @azurixp Azucena Riley who has been recognized as an Outstanding Senior by the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association! 🔊 This prestigious award celebrates graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement (minimum 3.5 GPA, 60+ credit hours at NWOSU), maintained excellent standing, actively engaged in numerous campus and community activities, and shown incredible promise for the future. We are so proud of her hard work and dedication! #NWOSUBusiness #OutstandingSenior #RRR

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Business









Social Sciences inducts students into honor societies

The Department of Social Sciences inducted new members into its international honor societies. These honor societies recognize student academic accomplishments in the social science department's programs each year.

Phi Alpha Theta is an international history honor society dedicated to promoting the study of history.

Requirements for membership include a minimum of 12 hours of history, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and a grade point average of at least 3.1 in history. The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Dr. Eric Schmaltz, social sciences department chair and professor of history.

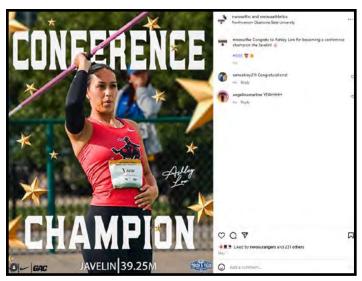
This year's three inductees include history major Kaleigh L. Henke, Alva senior; history major Pamala N. Livingston, Tulsa senior; and social science education major Mandy L. Sinor, Medford senior.

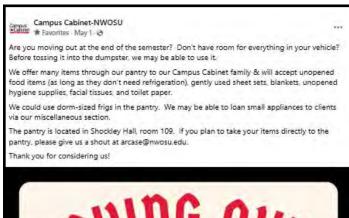
Pi Gamma Mu is an international social sciences honor society dedicated to promoting excellence in social sciences and upholding scholarship, leadership and service.

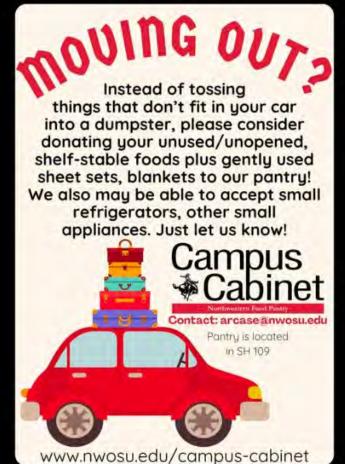
Requirements for membership include a minimum of 20 hours of social science, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and must be in the top third of the graduating class. The sponsor for the Northwestern chapter is Jana Brown Pittman, instructor of history and social science education coordinator.

This year's nine inductees include adult education management and administration major Melissa Brown, Alva graduate student; American studies major Andrea Amanda Lynn Corr, Hardtner, Kansas, graduate student; social science education major James C. Dodson, Enid senior; social work major Samuel J. Felton, Alva senior; social work major Makenzie Hoskins, Arnett senior; social science education major Jessica Louise Myers, Enid senior; social work major Krystan Noel Pierce, Fargo senior; social work major Yasmin Vargas, Enid senior; and Henke.

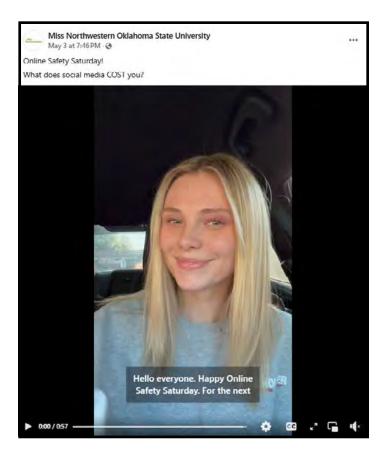
Schmaltz reported that no political science students received honors this academic year, though he expects new initiates from that program in the coming year or two as the current student cohort completes the academic requirements necessary for membership qualification.











SWAT supports awareness through Wooden Children Project

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) proudly participated in the Wooden Children Project, an annual awareness initiative organized by The CARE Campus and Fourth Judicial District CASA Program of Oklahoma.

Throughout the month of April, handcrafted wooden child figures—each symbolizing a confirmed case of child abuse or neglect—are displayed on the Garfield County Courthouse lawn in Enid.

Project organizers noted that in 2024, there were 263 confirmed cases in Garfield County; 72 in Woodward County; 46 in Blaine County; 21 in Major County; 29 in Kingfisher County; and 12 in Grant County.

They added that although these numbers reflect the confirmed cases, it is important to note that child abuse is often underreported, highlighting the ongoing need for increased community awareness and action.

The CARE Campus, formerly the Garfield County Child Advocacy Council, has organized the Wooden Children Project for more than a decade. Each figure, approximately two to three feet tall, is cut and painted by local volunteers. For a sponsorship of \$35, individuals, organizations and businesses can "foster" a wooden child by dressing and displaying them as part of the campaign.

This year, Northwestern's SWAT chapter fostered two wooden children, contributing to the visual representation of abused and neglected children in the area.

"This initiative aims to increase awareness of the prevalence of child

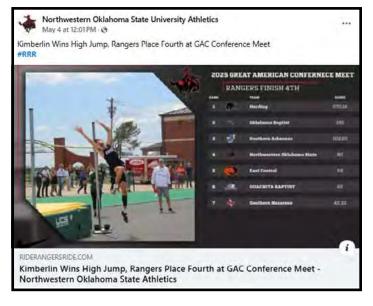
abuse and neglect within our communities," said Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work. "SWAT hopes this project reminds the community that we all share responsibility in safeguarding children."

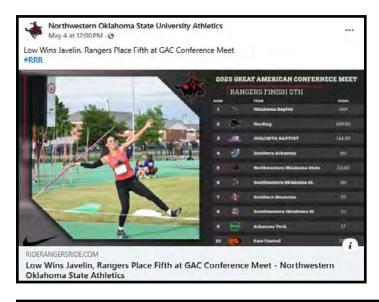
Beyond rais-

ing awareness, the Wooden Children Project serves as a call to action. The CARE Campus encourages community members to get involved by sponsoring a wooden child, volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) or donating to support local advocacy efforts.

"Together, we can help protect children and create a safer future for all," Harding said.

As part of their commitment to child welfare, SWAT also reminds the public that all Oklahoma residents are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect.







Enid Campus plays host to Social Studies workshops

The Northwestern Department of Social Sciences played host to two social studies workshops on the Northwestern-Enid campus, May 28-29.

The Bill of Rights Institute (BRI) offered these free in-person seminars with a complimentary breakfast and lunch.

Founded in 1999, the BRI is a non-partisan, non-profit educational organization. Its team develops educational resources on American history and government, provides professional development opportunities to teachers and runs student programs and scholarship contests.

The Institute employs a full-time staff with more than 100 years of combined classroom experience. For more information about BRI, visit billofrightsinstitute.org/.

The first seminar on May 28 was titled "Standards and Storytelling: Bringing Oklahoma's Social Studies to Life." It was designed for elementary educators, featuring

storytelling, primary sources and student-centered strategies to bring Oklahoma's social studies standards to life. Participants could collaborate with fellow teachers and BRI staff to create engaging, standards-aligned lessons grounded in the BRI Jr. approach to civic education.

The second seminar on May 29 was titled "Teaching Freedom: Using BRI Resources for Engaging Social Studies Lessons," where secondary educators were able to explore engaging, standards-aligned strategies to teach history, government

economics through the lens of freedom and civic responsibility. Participants discovered ready-to-use resources and collaborated with teachers fellow to bring foundational American

principles to life in the classroom.

TFor more information about these workshops, contact Jana Brown Pittman, coordinator of social science teacher education and instructor of history, at jdbrown@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8519.

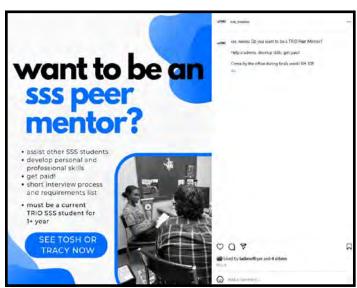
For more information about the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences, visit www.nwosu. edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences, or contact Dr. Eric Schmaltz, department chair and professor of history, at ejschmaltz@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8526.













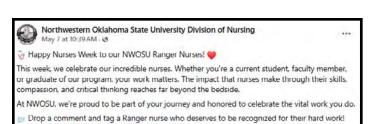




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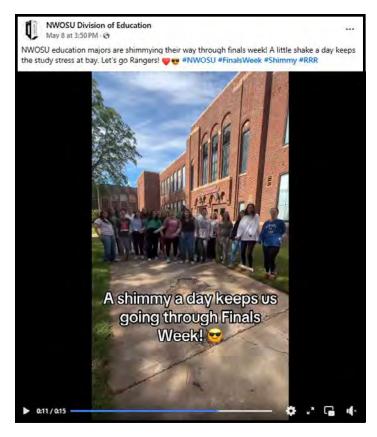




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Details about the six Outstanding Graduates may be found here.









Who do you talk to about tutoring?

Contact <u>Aleysa Rose</u>, (Ext. 8149), IE 113, Academic Success Center Coordinator, for information on getting things set up.



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loday we had the joy of celebrating our incredible graduating seniors at the Senior Luncheon! It was a meaningful time to honor their dedication, resilience, and all the hard work they've poured into nursing school. From clinicals to coursework, they've grown into compassionate, capable nurses ready to take on the next chapter.

A special congratulations to this year's award recipients!

Katherine White received the Doris Wagner-Ferguson Outstanding IJSN Graduate Award Leslie Hernandez received the BSN Nursing Spirit Award

 We recognized the many ways our students have served outside the classroom. Every senior was acknowledged for their involvement in the Student Nurses Association. Our 2024-2025 senior SNA officers include:

Flijah Runyan + President Brittan Crabtree - Vice President Catherine Vaverka - Secretary Karen Rust - Treasurer Shay Collins - Historian, Enid Campus Brianna Brantley - Historian, Alva Campus

Katherine White - Historian, Woodward Campus.

We also celebrated senior students who served on committees within the nursing program:

Katherine White - Student ATI Champion Committee

Kayleigh Rausch - Daisy Award Committee, Admissions Committee

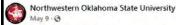
Maegan Rexrode - Faculty Committee

Rebekah Skoda Student Committee

Tiffany Baugh - Academic Affairs Committee

We are so proud of this graduating class and look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the future. Congratulations, seniors!





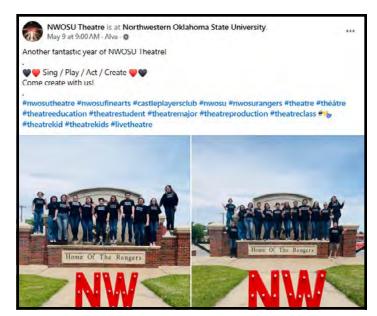
Not only is it the final day of the spring semester at #NWOSU, we're also celebrating

Northwestern has had exceptional teachers and nurses graduate and continue to make us proud every day.

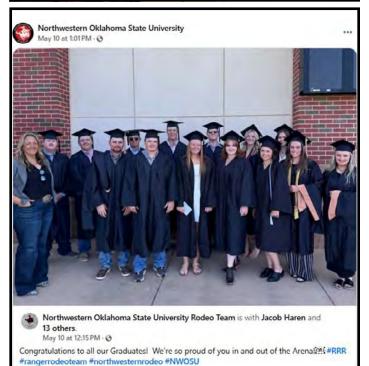
So, here's to all teachers and nurses from Northwestern Oklahoma State University - past, present and future!

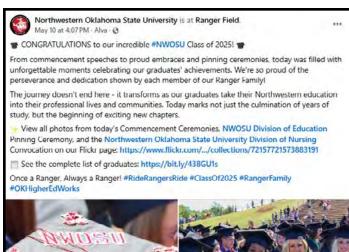
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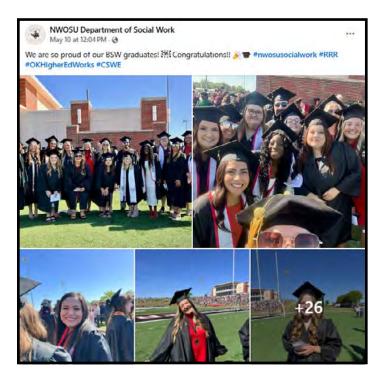


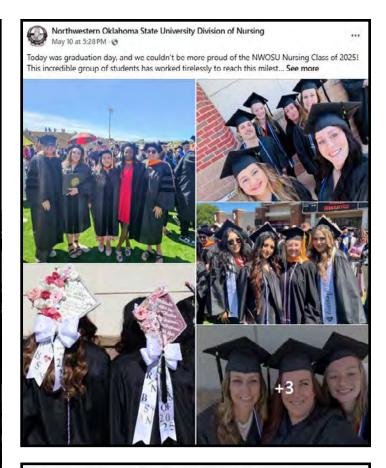


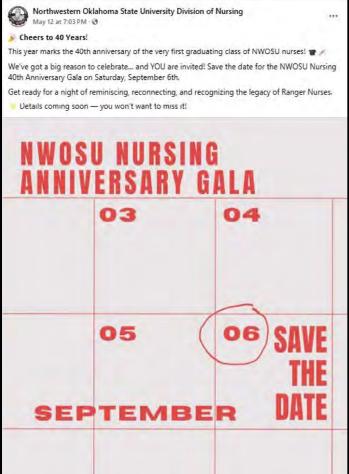


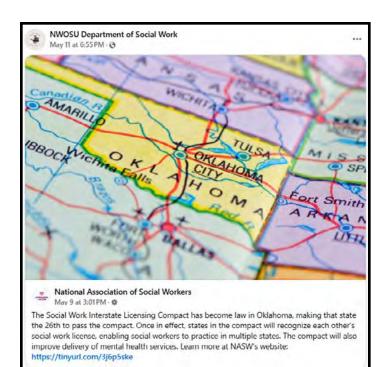


View all photos from today's Commencement Ceremonies, NWOSU Division of Education Pinning Ceremony, and the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing Convocation on our Flickr page, click here. See the complete list of graduates, <u>click here</u>.

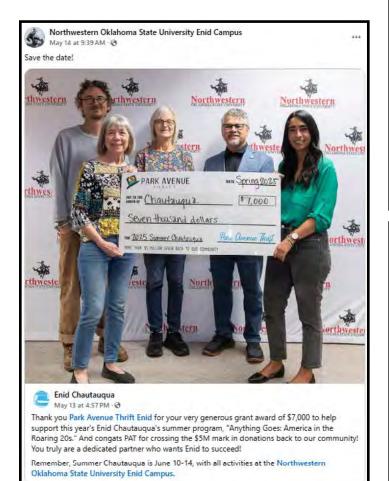


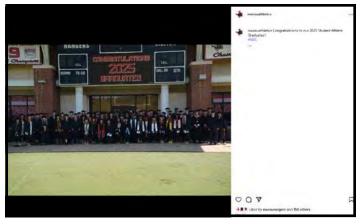




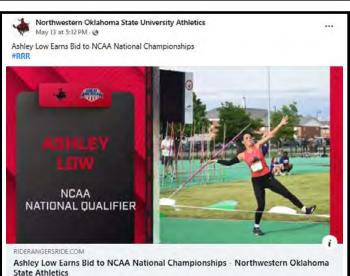












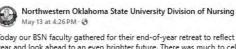




Want to see photos from Nursing Convocation, Education Pinning, and Commencement? Visit our Flickr gallery, <u>click here</u>.







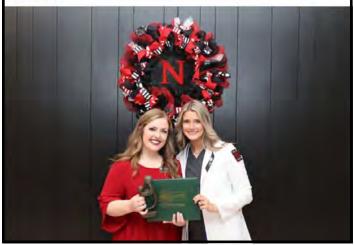
Today our BSN faculty gathered for their end-of-year retreat to reflect on a successful academic year and look ahead to an even brighter future. There was much to celebrate!

- Dr. Heidi Ritchie graduated and earned her Ph.D. in Nursing Education from the University of Northern Colorado
- We celebrated Dr. KeEra Byrd, who is preparing to welcome a new addition to her family this fall
- Happy birthday to our incredible division chair, Dr. Leslie Collins
- As we head into summer, we wish all of our students a restful and refreshing break. You've earned





Congratulations to Dr. Sierra Elsey on receiving the DAISY Award! Her dedication to excellence in nursing education, compassionate mentorship, and unwavering support for our students make her an exceptional faculty member. We're so proud to have her as part of our team! See #NWOSU







Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Park Güell.

Yesterday, our NWOSU Study Abroad 2025 travelers soaked up the Mediterranean sun and Catalan

The group visited Park Güell, one of Antoni Gaudi's masterpieces of Modernist architecture in

Gaudi's unique vision, organic forms, and vibrant mosaics provided the perfect backdrop for our Northwestern Oklahoma State University students to learn about Spanish art history outside the

What an incredible opportunity to experience the work of one of history's most innovative

#NWOSUAbroad #StudyAbroad2025 #ParkGuell #Barcelona



8th Annual DNP Residency Week set for July 13-17

Students in the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice summer residency program were on the Northwestern Alva campus in July.

During residency week, students checked off on their physical assessment skills to get ready to learn in a clinical setting. They also have an introductory experience to common procedures they would encounter in primary care such as suturing, eye injuries and biopsies.

Local businesses Kiowa Meat Locker and Moore's Venture Foods helped make this experience possible by donating pig feet to practice suturing with and overripe produce for biopsy simulation.

The 2025 DNP graduates' poster presentation were open to the public at the J.W. Martin Library. The program sought volunteers for children and well-woman exams conducted by the family nurse practitioner students. Children exams were conducted Tuesday, July 15. The well-woman exams were conducted on Wednesday, July 16. All volunteer events took place on the Northwest-ern-Alva campus.

"The event puts a spotlight on our DNP program at Northwestern," said Dr. Gwyneth Holderby, DNP program director and assistant professor nursing.

The Northwestern DNP pro-

gram was ranked the No. 1 Online Nurse Practitioner Program in the U.S. in 2021 and was rated No. 4 by EduMed.org for Online Higher Education in Healthcare in 2023.

Applications for entry into any of Northwestern's nursing programs are accepted Oct. 1 through Feb. 1 for the next fall's class. Interested students can apply for the BSNto-DNP program, the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and the online RN-to-BSN program.

For more information on the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice, visit www.nwosu.edu/graduate-studies/bsn-to-dnp or contact Holderby at glholderby@nwosu.edu or

(580) 327-8491.

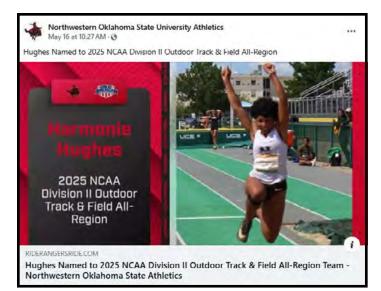
For more information about the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing, visit www. nwosu.edu/school-of-professionalstudies/nursing.



Left photo: Dr. James Bell (right), vice president for academic affairs, listens to a DNP graduate's presentation in the J.W. Martin Library during the 2024 DNP Residency Week. Right photo: Dr. Gwyneth Holderby (right), DNP program director and assistant professor nursing, assists a student suturing a pig specimen donated by Kiowa Meat Locker.

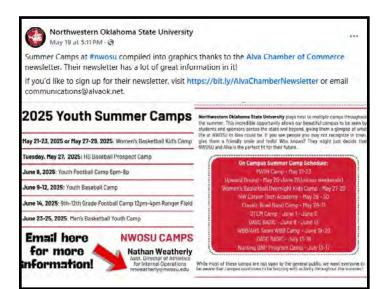














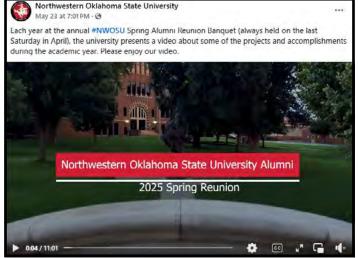
at St. Mary's and now serves as the Nurse Manager of the Post Critical Care Unit and an adjunct instructor with NWOSU. We caught up with her to learn more about her journey since graduating,

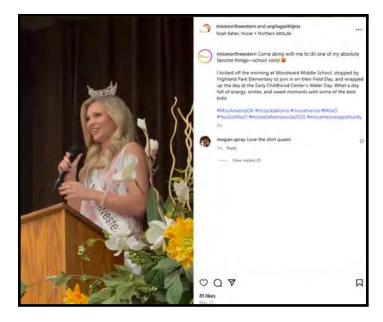
- ? What do you love most about your job as a nurse?
- As a nurse manager, I get to take care of my favorite people; nursing staff! Positively impacting patients and the nursing staff that provides their care has been an amazing experience."
- ? How did your time at NWOSU prepare you for your nursing career?

"NWOSU prepared me for a successful career in nursing as well as nursing leadership through the many clinical experiences, group projects, community service opportunities, and mentorship from faculty.

- ? Was there a faculty member or experience that made a lasting impact?
- 'My mom passed away in August 2018, just as I entered my first semester in the nursing program. I would not have finished the nursing program without the support of the faculty. They encouraged me, provided support, and guided me through the most difficult expenence of my life."
- ? What advice would you give to current nursing students? Never stop learning! Whatever area of nursing you practice, work on a certification. Volunteer for every opportunity and/or experience that presents itself."
- How do you stay connected to the nursing profession and continue learning? Since graduating from NWOSU, I have earned my MSN in nursing education, earned a Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) and Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN) credential. I am a member of the Oklahoma Nurses Association, Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives (OONE), and was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing as a Nurse Leader."
- Do you know an NWOSU nursing alum making a difference in their community? Help us recognize their dedication and hard work by nominating them using this form. Selected alumni will be featured and receive a special gift from us! Complete the form here:

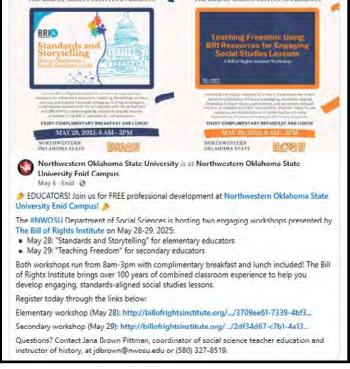


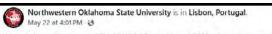












What an incredible journey! The NWOSU Study Abroad 2025 adventure comes to an end today in beautiful Lisbon, Portugal.

From exploring Gaudi's masterpieces in Barcelona to experiencing the rich culture of Morocco, and now finishing in Portugal's vibrant capital—the students have created memories to last a lifetime.

Tomorrow begins the journey home, but the global perspectives gained will stay with them forever.

learn more about the Study Abroad Program: https://www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad





Northwestern Oklahoma State University hosts annual STEM camps for high school students with

financial support and hands-on learning experiences provided by OG&E. Read more about this

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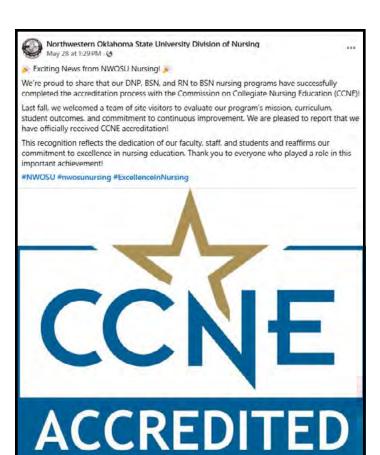






Students from across the area got a hands-on look at healthcare careers during this year's MASH (Medical Avenues in Services and Health) Camp. Held at Northwestern and Northwest Technology Center It offered valuable experiences and insights into the many opportunities within the medical field. #MASHCamp #FutureInMedicine











Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 28 at 11:31 AM - 3

Time is running out to get registered for the Esports camps at #NWOSU. The June 14 camp is now full and closed, but two other camps are available: June 21 at the Enid campus and June 28 at the Alva campus. You can sign up for one or both camps.

Register at https://www.nwosu.edu/.../math-and-computer.../esports-camp before June 6.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University May 29 at 6:01 PM · ③

All the best to Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University Jessica Davis and Miss Northwestern's Ieen Madeline Ryerson as they take part in the Miss Oklahoma Organization competition and the Miss Oklahoma's Teen contest on June 4-7 at Rose State College in Midwest City.

Check out the info at https://bit.ly/43RuD1K

#MissNorthwestern #RangerFamily #MissOklahoma



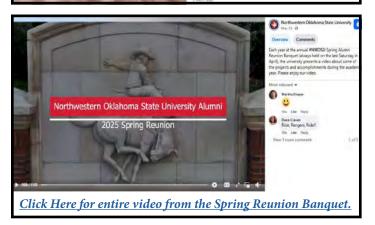


Applicants must be incoming freshmen or continuing full-time students pursuing the field of science with preference given to pre-med (biology) majors.

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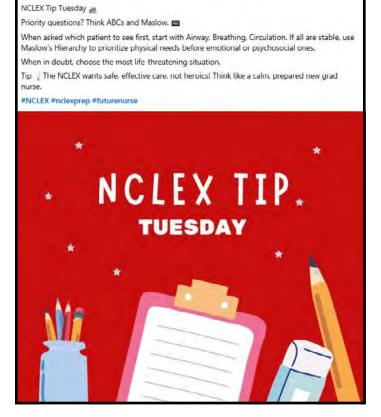








Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing







Northwestern's own, Jessica Davis (left) earned 3rd runner-up in the 2025 Miss Oklahoma and earned a \$7,000 scholarship. Tessa Dorrell, center, was named Miss Oklahoma.



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Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University June 7 at 11:21 PM · ③

In addition to being 3rd Runner-Up to Miss Oklahoma and winning preliminary awards in health and fitness and evening gown, our Miss Northwestern, Jessica Davis, was also named Rookie of the Year, won the Rookie Interview Award, and earned the Community Service Initiative "On the Rise" Award. This is the highest that a Miss Northwestern has placed at Miss Oklahoma!!

There are no words to describe how proud we are of Jess!!

Oklahoma Department of Corrections

Alva, Oklahoma experienced a severe storm early Saturday morning, causing significant damage to the community and to Northwestern Oklahoma State University's campus.

Bill Johnson Correctional Center and Northwestern Oklahoma State University share a strong collaborative relationship, particularly in the area of substance abuse treatment education, a testament to their unwavering commitment to community well-being. NWOSU plays a critical role by providing most of the SAT classes for the BJCC trainees, and this partnership highlights a mutual dedication to uplifting the community.

This weekend, BJCC had the opportunity to give back to NWOSU by assisting with storm debris cleanup, demonstrating the spirit of reciprocity and teamwork between the two institutions. This joint effort not only helped NWOSU recover from the storm's impact but also strengthened community ties, a shining example of how academic and service institutions can come together to support each other and their communities.

#odocproud #WeChangeLives #okwx #community #SecondChances



16 students named as 2025-2026 Scholar Ambassadors

Sixteen students have been selected as members of the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors (NSA) for the 2025-2026 academic year.

NSA is a group of academic high achievers led by Ethan Sacket, student success coordinator and transfer student recruiter. Their stated goal is to look beyond themselves to discover opportunities to serve the campus and the Alva community.

"I trust our campus and community members know they can always contact us if any needs arise," Sacket said. "The goal of this program is to serve."

In addition to working one hour a week with the university and conducting one personal service project, scholar ambassadors lead campus tours, foster community partnerships and facilitate specific events like Freshman Orientation, Family Day and Ranger Preview.

"These 16 student leaders have a wide variety of gifts, and I am excited for how they each will invest their time and talents to positively impact those around them this year," Sacket said.

Students selected to this year's NSA include:

- •Ella Bowers, Woodward senior majoring in psychology
- •Barrett Brown, Liberty sophomore majoring in business administration
- •Coy Bullard, Carter sophomore majoring in computer science
- •Jaxy Cloud, Enid junior majoring in mass communication
- •Maci Flowers, Tecumseh junior majoring in elementary education
- •Pete Gwinn, Helena sophomore majoring in biology
- •Anniston Henning, Harper, Kansas, junior majoring in agriculture

- •Mary Isbell, Enid junior majoring in accounting
- •Patrick Means, McKinney, Texas, sophomore majoring in agriculture
- •Ava Miller, Tuttle sophomore majoring in biology
- •Mia Miller, Tuttle sophomore majoring in psychology
- •Alaina Pierce, Alva junior majoring in chemistry
- Janie Rempel, Forgan junior majoring in elementary education
- •Haiden Thompson, Miami, Texas, sophomore majoring in biology
- •Carson Wright, Bellevue, Nebraska, senior majoring in biology
- •Teagen Wright, Fairmont senior majoring in elementary education

Selection to the NSA is through a competitive process including applications, letters of recommendation and an interview.

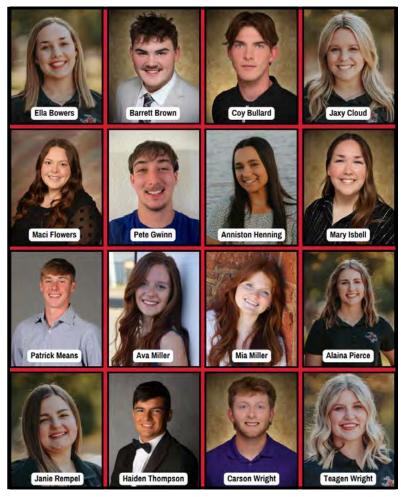
Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, very proud of the NSA Program and its outstanding student representatives for the 2025-2026 class.

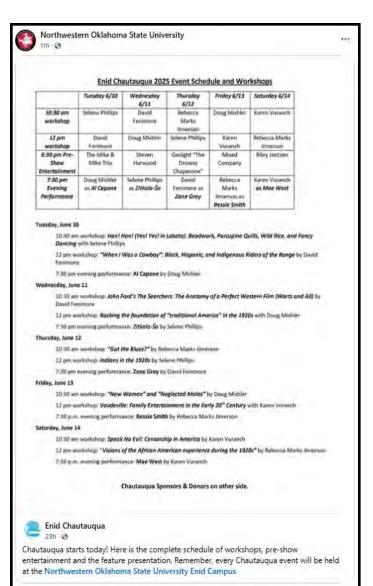
" I know that they will continue to carry on a standard of out-

standing leadership and service to the university and the area communities," Mosburg said.

NSA had its first meeting in April. Group members began their work together May 8 by welcoming approximately 150 seventh graders to the Northwestern-Alva campus for guided tours. The NSA students will be volunteering with the summer Oklahoma Association of Student Councils BASIC leadership workshops in June and July and Camp Ranger July 31 to Aug. 2. The students will attend a leadership retreat June 12-14 in Tulsa for a time of connecting and planning the year's opportunities.

"The Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors are eager to step into this academic year of growth and outreach," Sacket said.







To find photos from this school year and past years, follow this link: https://www.nwosu.edu/university



https://www.nwosu.edu/university-relations/nwosu-photos



We're four days away from kicking off the CNFR and it's time to introduce our qualifiers representing Ranger Rodeo in 2025. Ladies first!

Name: Payton Dingman

Hometown: Pryor, OK

Age: 19

Year in school: Freshman

Area of study: Business

CNFR event: Goat tying

Horse: Dolly

Favorite quote: As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

Favorite movie: Top Gun: Maverick

Favorite win this year: Fort Scott long round. It was packed in the arena and it was my first run back for the spring season.

What would you tell an incoming Rodeo freshmen: It's ok to have a plan but don't panic when it doesn't go exactly how you planned because if you let God work in your life then the plan can work out better than you ever imagined.

Who would you like to thank: God, for all the opportunities he has placed in my life, my parents who have to came to every rodeo and been very supportive, my coach for spending lost of time listening to me and help me get back into tying and working through the physical and mental piece of everything this year brought. Lastly, my sponsor OE Nutraceuticals for always keeping my horses feeling their very best.

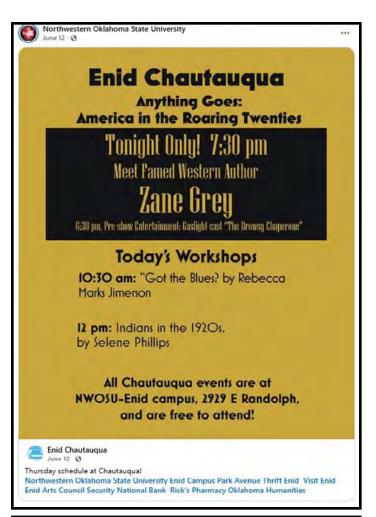
Future plans: Continue going to school and working on my education while also setting bigger goals for this next year of college rodeos.

Follow our socials for up to date results at the CNFR starting this Sunday!

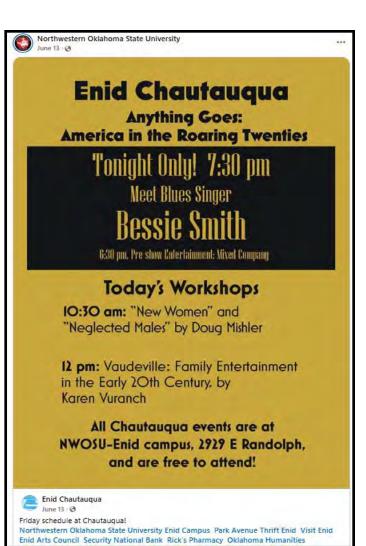


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We're here if you need us.









Brown to lead Homecoming parade; Gilbert wins theme contest

The Northwestern homecoming committee is excited to welcome current, former and future Rangers to get "Rowdy Under the Big Top" for this year's homecoming events, Oct. 23-25.

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

Dr. David Pecha, Northwestern executive vice president and general chairman of the homecoming committee, expressed gratitude for the numerous submissions for both theme and parade marshal this year.

This year's theme was submitted by Shawna Gilbert, assistant professor of library science and access services librarian of J.W. Martin Library. Gilbert received \$25 worth of Alva Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks" as a prize for her winning submission.

Leading the parade as parade marshal will be retired professor of chemistry and longstanding Northwestern supporter, Dr. Kenneth Brown.

Brown is originally from a town

similar to the size of Alva in upstate New York called Herkimer. Brown graduated with chemistry and math degrees from Hope College in 1960 before continuing on to

graduate with a Ph.D. in physical and inorganic chemistry from Rutgers University in 1966. He began teaching at Northwestern in August 1973 and retired in May 2004. Brown is still active in the Alva community after retirement.

"I get around," Brown joked.

He volunteers four days a week at Share Medical Center as well as sitting on the Alva Hospital Authority and Northwest Family Services board. During the summer, Brown also works at the Salt Plains Refuge Center, a job he started as a Northwestern faculty member and he's retained for over 20 years. He also handles maintenance and op-

erations of the historic Runnymede in downtown Alva. These



Ken Brown

countless volunteer hours earned him the Volunteer of the Year award from the Alva Chamber of Commerce in 2017.

> Some of Brown's favorite memories around the Northwestern Homecoming activities are from the parade itself, making his selection as parade marshal a full-circle moment. He has assisted the Miss Cinderella candidates at the Runnymede for several years and looks back fondly at bringing

his kids to the parades in years past.

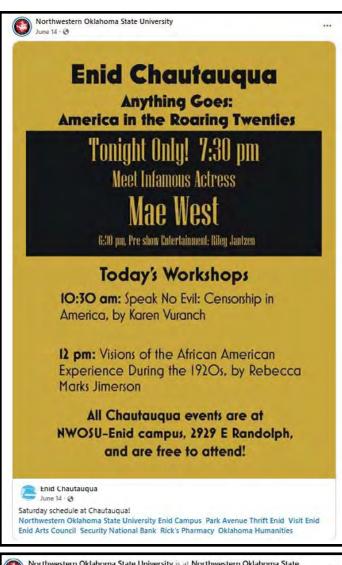
"My daughter who lives in New Jersey is already making her plans to be here," Brown said. "It's a big family thing for us."

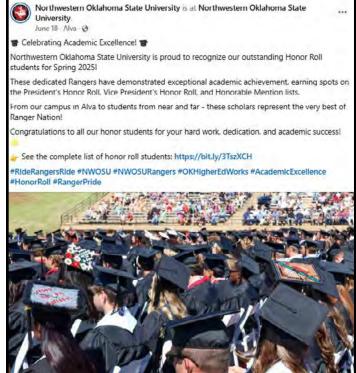
Homecoming button sales will be announced during the Fall 2025 semester. To keep up-to-date with Homecoming events, visit www. nwosu.edu/homecoming. The web page will be updated as events are finalized.

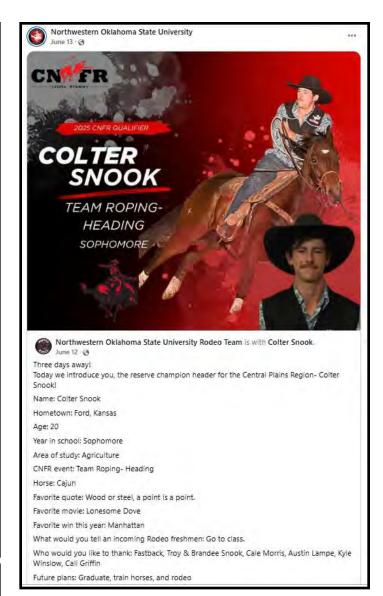


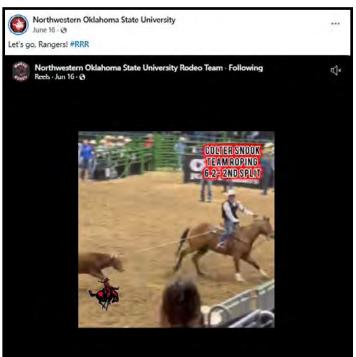
Dr. David Pecha (right) presents \$25 of Alva Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks" to homecoming theme contest winner Shawna Gilbert (left), assistant professor of library science and access services librarian of J.W. Martin Library.

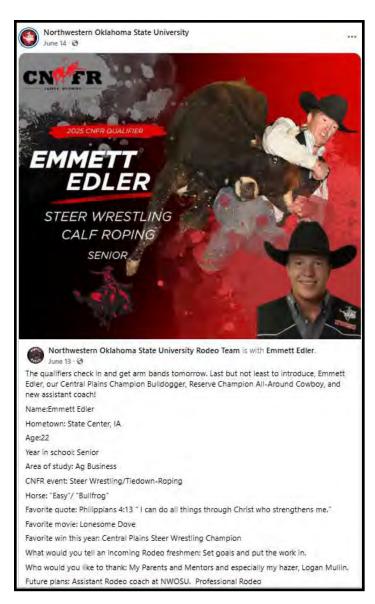












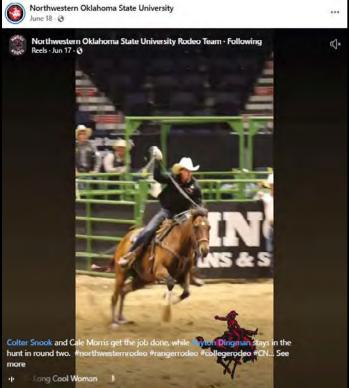






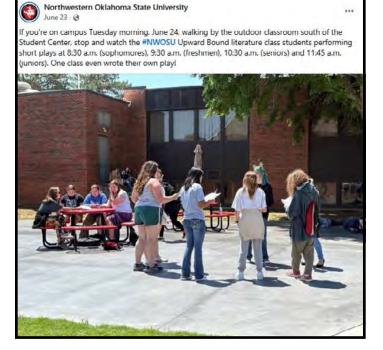
The Agriculture Department, under the direction of Mindi Clark, was at it again growing Oklahoma Crops in the planters outside Jesse Dunn. The top photo is from May 19 and the bottom was taken June 2. What a fun way to see the growth happening.

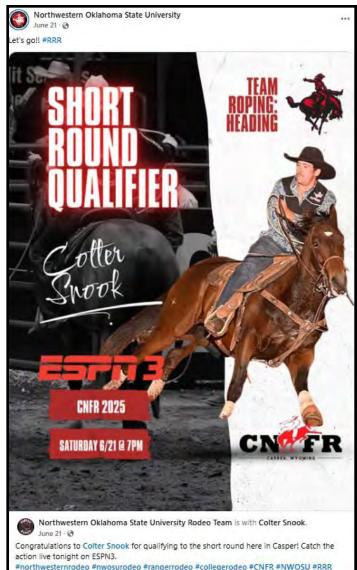














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ASSESSMENT & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

NWOSU ETTER

This semester, the Office of Assessment & Institutional Effectiveness (A&IE) administered a variety of recurring assessments and surveys, including the E-Proficiency Profile, Staff Satisfaction Survey, Administrator Evaluations, Co-Curricular Learning Survey, Alumni Survey, and Faculty Satisfaction Survey. Each of the tools is administered either annually or on a two- to three-year rotation.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Summer 2025

-June 1: Alumni Survey Begins
-June 14-25: Summer Course
Evaluations

Fall 2025

-November 3-14: Fall Course Evaluations

For more information contact Kaylyn Hansen at klhansen@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8150.

RESULTS FOR ASSESSMENTS

Click to view results

-2025 Co-Curricular Learning

-2023-2024 Alumni Survey

-2025 E-Proficiency Profile

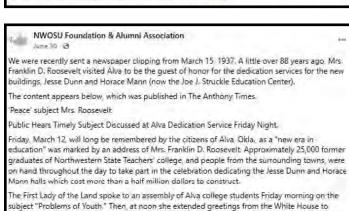
-2025 Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Survey

(results will be available soon)



You can also view results of the surveys on the Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness webpage (https://www.nwosu.edu/assessment).





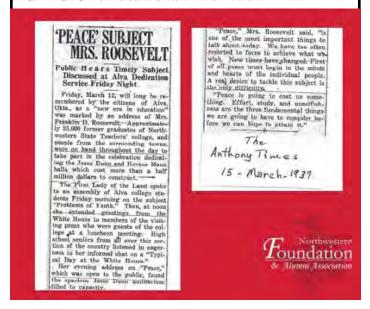
seniors from all over this section of the country listened in eagerness to her informal chat on a "Typical Day at the White House."

Her evening address on "Peace," which was open to the public, found the spacious Jesse Dunn auditionum filled to capacity.

members of the visiting press who were guests of the college at a luncheon meeting. High school

"Peace," Mrs. Roosevelt said, "is one of the most important things to talk about today. We have too often resorted to force to achieve what we wish. Now times have changed, First of all peace must begin in the minds and hearts of the individual people. A real desire to tackle this subject is the only difficulty."

"Peace is going to cost us something. Effort, study, and unselfishness are the three fundamental things we are going to have to consider before we can hope to attain it."



5 micro-credentials now offered for added student knowledge

Five micro-credentials are now being offered at Northwestern in order to offer students and professionals more knowledge in very specific areas.

Micro-credentials are tightly focused learning experiences that allow you to acquire knowledge or skillsets essential to a particular career demand. While micro-credentials may consist of credit-bearing or non-credit-bearing components, Northwestern's micro-credentials programs are primarily credit-bearing and embedded in other degree programs. This means that they may be used to satisfy requirements for a bachelor's degree while simultaneously giving you a vital professional skillset or body of knowledge. You may also choose to take a micro-credential in isolation to develop critical workforce skills for a current or future job.

Micro-credentials are available in these areas:

- -Alternative Certification in Graduate Education.
- -Corrections Professional
- -Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- -Science of Reading
- -Spanish for ESL Pedagogy

Dr. Kylene Rehder, department chair for social work work, reports 27 professionals have successfully completed the micro-credential, underscoring the growing interest and need for specialized training in this area.

Information about Northwestern's micro-credentials may be found below or at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's UpskillOK webpage - https://upskillok.org/.



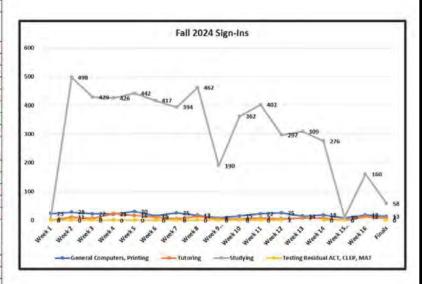
Academic Success Center Newsletter for 2024-2025



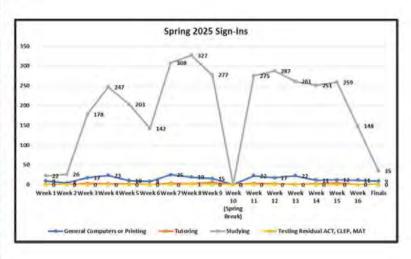


The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides students with a place to study and learn in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The ASC has computers, study tables, and testing facilities. Peer tutors are also available to assist students.

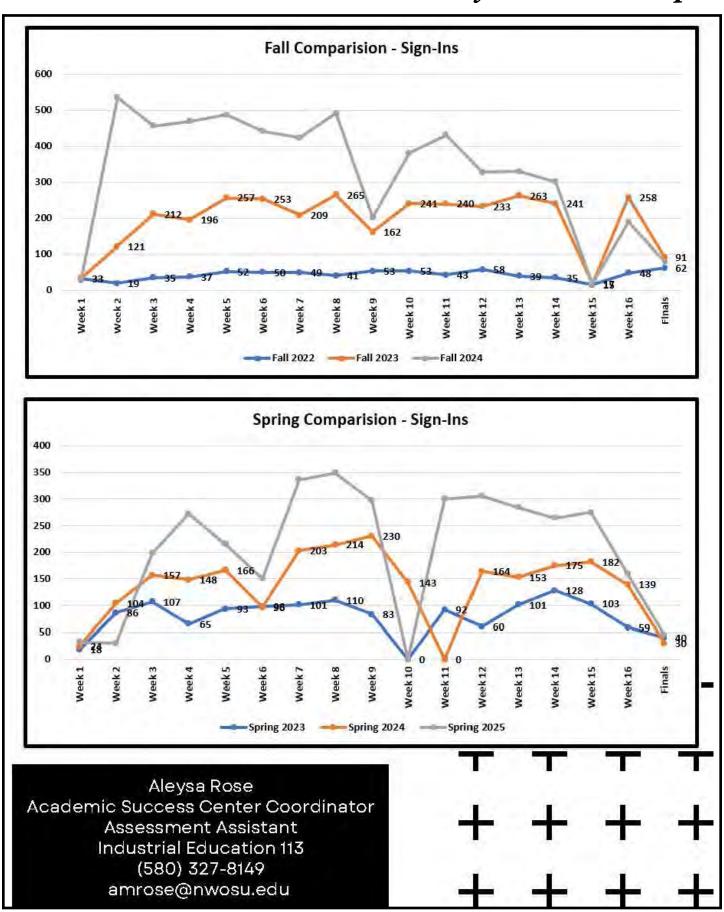
Fall 2024 Sign-Ins							
	General Computers, Printing	Tutoring	Studying	Testing Residual ACT, GLEP, MAT	Total		
Week 1	23	0	4	0	27		
Week 2	28	11	498	0	537		
Week 3	22	6	429	0	457		
Week 4	21	23	426	0	470		
Week 5	30	16	442	0	488		
Week 6	15	10	417	0	442		
Week 7	25	5	394	0	424		
Week 8	17	13	462	0	492		
Week 9 (Fall Break)	7	5	190	0	202		
Week 10	15	4	362	0	381		
Week 11	22	7	402	0	431		
Week 12	25	- 5	297	1	328		
Week 13	14	7	309		330		
Week 14	18	7	276	0	301		
Week 15 (Thanksgiving Break)	7	0	10	0	17		
Week 16	18	12	160		190		
Finals	13	7	58	0	78		
Total	320	138	5136	1	5595		



Spring 2025 Sign-Ins								
	General Computers or Printing	Tutoring	Studying	Testing Residual ACT, CLEP, MAT	Total			
Week I	9	1	22	0	82			
Week 2	4	0	26	0	30			
Week 3	17	3	178	0	198			
Week 4	23	2	247	0	27			
Week 5	10	2	203	0	215			
Week 6	8	0	142	0	150			
Week 7	25	.3	308	0	33			
Week 8	19	2	327	1	349			
Week 9	15	5	277	0	29			
Week 10 (Spring Break)	0	0	0	0				
Week 11	22	3	275	0	300			
Week 12	17	2	287	0	30			
Week 13	22	1	261	0	284			
Week 14	. 11	2	251	0	26			
Week 15	12	4	259	0	273			
Week 16	11	0	148	0	159			
Finals	9	1	35	0	43			
Total	234	31	3246	1	351			



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18 freshmen picked for 2025-2026 President's Leadership Class

The President's Leadership Class (PLC) will welcome 18 new members this fall.

PLC is a leadership development program led by Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president. The program seeks to develop leadership skills in students who have compiled exemplary records of academic success and participation in high school activities. Graduates of the program are expected to assume leadership roles on campus during their time at Northwestern.

Students selected for this year's Northwestern President's Leadership Class include:

- •Jordan Banuelos, a computer science major from Thomas
- •Kate Bentley, an elementary education major from Pond Creek
- •Jax Bernard, a health and sports science education major from Fairview
- •Danyel Cato, a biology major from Waynoka
- •Channing Dillinger, an agriculture major from Hugoton, Kansas
- •Ryann Eastes, an elementary education major from Pratt, Kansas
- •Abbey Elam, a mass communication major from Shattuck
- •Marissa Finley, a marketing major from Wichita, Kansas
- •Cambell Gaisford, an accounting major from Alva
- •Delphia Howell, an agriculture education major from Edmond
 - •Kaden Lambert,

an accounting major from Alva

- •Boden Miller, an entrepreneurship major from Fairview
- •Lauren Nelson, an education major from Meno
- •Kade Parker, an undecided major from Alva
- •Nik Ramos, a computer science major from Enid
- •Raegan Snider, an undecided major from Kingfisher
- •Alexis Thompson, a pre-nursing major from Wichita, Kansas
- •Harlie Williams, an early childhood education major from May

Selection to the PLC is through a competitive process including applications, letters of recommendation and an interview on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

The students will begin their year-long adventure July 26-30 with a trip to Dallas, Texas. Activities during the five-day trip include guided tours of The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, The National Medal of Honor Museum and AT&T Stadium, the home of the Dallas Cow-

boys. The group will also attend a baseball game at Globe Life Field, home of the Texas Rangers.

Hannaford is excited to welcome this new class to Northwestern and guide them as leaders through their first year. He said this trip is a great opportunity for the incoming class to not only learn, but get to know one another and create relationships before the academic year.

The first PLC class began in the fall 2001 with assistance from the Presidential Partners. In 2007, Presidential Partners was renamed The President's Association. Moving toward a more long-term investment, the President's Association was changed to the Northwestern Leadership Trust in 2020, which is an endowment program to better serve the needs of the students.

Class members participate in leadership activities and assist the president and staff in hosting dignitaries on campus and in selected recruitment activities.

