

the Spotlight

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The Only Constant

By Dr. James Bell, Dean of Faculty

The old cliché is that change is the only constant. Cliché or not, many of us live that reality. I think about some of the changes that currently impact me: new windows for the Fine Arts building, the implementation of a new information system for the entire campus community, and a new (or vastly improved) Achilles Tendon and spur-free heel for me later this week. Though the installation is still in progress, the new windows have already made a significant improvement to the appearance of Fine Arts. The new information system, Ellucian, is showing great potential. As for my heel and tendon, the surgeon is promising good things.

These changes have made me reflective, seeking to find a theme in all this flux. One obvious common factor is discomfort. Anyone who has been in Fine Arts this summer knows that the change has brought its share of dust and upheaval. The contractors, our physical plant staff, and our building custodian, LesLee, have worked diligently to minimize the impact of the renovation, but they have not been able to eliminate the discomfort entirely. Similarly, various academic support offices have taken on

the lion's share of prep work for Ellucian, but we have been (or will be) forced to face the disorientation that comes with change to outmoded but familiar systems. As for my heel, the phrase “re-anchor the tendon to the bone” probably says all it needs to say about discomfort.

A second and maybe significant theme of these recent changes is inevitability. In each case, the simple reality is that things have worn out or no longer meet the needs they were intended to meet. Time has taken its toll, and change—however unsettling—cannot be avoided.

I was invited to be the breakfast speaker at the Conference of College Teachers of English last March, and my talk was called “Trickle Up and Trickle Down: Recent Forces at Work in the English Classroom.” I spoke about the ways in which transformations in education, student expectations, and teaching modalities have reshaped the enterprise of English teaching in ways that I never could have anticipated when I began teaching in 1986.

My early, naïve notions of what it meant to be an English professor—shaped by movies from *The Paper Chase* to *Back to School*, and by novels such as *Lucky Jim* and *Small World*—have given way to the realization of what it means to be a professor today. It would be wonderful if it were reading dog-eared and over-annotated pages to a room of eight

breathless students hanging on my every word, then free associating about the text's significance, but teaching is no longer (Was it ever?) that. Our students often bring elevated expectations and diminished preparation to the classroom; demands for “accountability,” some well-intentioned and others driven by political concern, shape the university environment; and if we are honest, it is hard to keep up with technological and cultural change.

And yet those changes are here. Discomfort aside, they have become inevitable. Of course we don't submit to every change without careful thought and reflection. After all, we are academics. However, we do have to recognize that the “traditional experience” is simply not going to be had by most students. We can long for it nostalgically, but longing doesn't change the historical moment in which we teach.

What we can hope for, and perhaps (if we dare to hope) a constant as reliable as change is the impact that one good professor can have on students. Many still come to us with curiosity and the desire to have their worlds expanded. We can certainly hold on to that reality as we let go of expectations—however reluctantly—that reflect a past that is familiar but gone.

As we start the new year, I wish you great pleasure in the fulfillment that comes when good teaching and eager learning coalesce.

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Change and Growth

Seven new faculty members welcomed

Northwestern welcomed seven new faculty members to campus to begin the school year.

Two faculty members were hired in the School of Arts and Sciences and two in the School of Education, while the remaining three work in the School of Professional Studies.

Short biographies of each faculty member are listed below:

Michael Seth Cudd, instructor of music and director of bands, holds a Bachelor of Music degree in theory and composition from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and a Master of Music degree in composition from the University of Oklahoma. He is on track to complete a Doctor of Philosophy degree in composition from Rutgers University (N.J.) in May 2019. His prior work experience includes serving as a professor at Southwestern Christian University and as director of bands at Okemah Public Schools. He also has served as assistant band director for several public schools.

Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology from Oregon State University, a Master of Arts degree in Near and Middle Eastern studies from the University of Toronto, and a Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University (Kan.). He served as a field staff archaeologist with Ethnoscience, Inc., and was a clerk for one year with the Newton Public Library (Kan.). He has held numerous archaeological positions with various companies.

Dr. Tracy Beedy, assistant professor of agriculture, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy and a Master of Science degree in soil science,

both from Texas A&M University. She also earned a Master of Science degree in agricultural economics and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in crop and soil sciences, both from Michigan State University. She previously served on the faculty at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She also worked with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services, was an adjunct professor at Wayland Baptist University (Texas), and was a soil scientist with the World Agroforestry Center in Kenya.

Dr. Jason Ferrell, assistant professor of psychology, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a Master of Science degree in psychology, both from the University of Central Oklahoma. He has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. Ferrell has previously taught at St. Edward's University (Texas), the

University of Texas at Austin and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Garret Lahr, instructor of business, holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Northwestern and a Master of Business Administration degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He served as an adjunct instructor of business at Northwestern during the 2018 spring semester.

Dr. Joseph Sundarraj Paul, associate professor of business, holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Texas A & M University-Commerce, and a Doctor of Business Administration degree in international business management from Argosy University (Fla.). His previous work experience includes serving as an assistant professor at Oklahoma Christian University, and

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New faculty members begin the 2018-2019 academic year at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Pictured left to right in the front row are Heidi Ritchie, instructor of nursing; and Dr. Tracy Beedy, assistant professor of agriculture. Second row left to right, Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science; Garret Lahr, instructor of business; Dr. Joseph Paul, associate professor of business; Dr. Jason Ferrell, assistant professor of psychology; and Michael Seth Cudd, instructor of music and director of bands.

33 new staffers welcomed to campus

Northwestern also welcomed 33 new staff members to campus in the fall. Short biographies of each staff member are listed below:

Renae Acker, Bill Johnson Correctional Center treatment counselor, has a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Northwestern. She has worked at several local Alva businesses.

Sharon Batchelder, Enid campus police officer, has a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Northwestern. She retired after a 25-year career with the Enid Police Department.

Jacob Boggess, hall supervisor at Coronado Hall, holds a bachelor's degree in health education and promotion from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He has been a student assistant in the athletic department.

Callie Campbell, loan coordinator with financial aid services, has previous work experience at Alva State Bank and has been a student assistant in the financial aid office.

Andrea Corr, custodian, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Northwestern. She has been

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as an adjunct professor at Dallas Baptist University.

Heidi Ritchie, instructor of nursing, holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Master of Science degree in Nursing Education from the University of Northern Colorado. Her prior work experience includes serving as assistant chair and instructor of nursing at Northwestern, and instructor of nursing at Northern Oklahoma College.

employed at several businesses in Cherokee.

Erin Davis, university relations specialist, has a Bachelor of Science in mass communication from Northwestern. She has assisted with the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series and in the university's print shop.

Zach Doyle, sports performance coach, earned a bachelor's degree in health and sports science education from Northwestern. He previously assisted the football program with strength and conditioning.

Katie Draschner, assistant athletic trainer, has a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training from the University of Nevada and a Master of Education degree from Northwestern. She previously served as a graduate assistant at Northwestern and as a student assistant at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Giana Evans, BJCC treatment counselor, has a bachelor's degree in

psychology from Northwestern. She has been employed at several Alva and Cherokee businesses.

Dian Frey, printing services assistant, holds a Bachelor of Science in law enforcement from Northwestern. She has held multiple positions with the Department of Human Services and other family and youth initiatives.

Danae Hagemberg, development officer with the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association, has a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Northwestern. She has worked for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the Alva Public Schools.

Pamela Hess, secretary for the division of nursing, has served as a paraeducator for the South Barber (Kansas) Public Schools and as bookkeeper for several Kiowa, Kansas, businesses.

Jackie Kephart, payroll

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Northwestern's new staff members who attended a recent staff orientation session include (left to right, front row) Julia Lee, financial aid assistant; Erin Davis, university relations specialist; Pamela Hess, secretary for the division of nursing; and Cathy Schmitz, financial aid counselor; (second row, left to right) Andrea Corr, custodian; Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services; Rachel Kraus, coordinator of graduate studies; and Emmy McNeal, ITV/events coordinator at the Woodward campus.

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clerk, earned a Master of Business Administration degree from American InterContinental University (Illinois). She has worked for several oil and gas companies.

Rachel Kraus, coordinator of graduate studies, has a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Northwestern. She previously has assisted in the J.R. Holder Wellness Center and worked for several local businesses.

Jill Lancaster, head coach of cross country and track and field, has served as cross country coach at Northwestern, but has added the duties of head coach of the women's track and field program. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in recreation and a Bachelor of Arts in fashion and textile design, both from the University of Oklahoma. She was formerly head track and field coach at OU, Troy University (Alabama) and Toledo University (Ohio).

Timothy Lavoie, project coordinator with the Upward Bound program, has a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise and sports science from Bluefield College (Virginia). He has served as an assistant soccer coach for Northwestern and Northern Oklahoma College (NOC).

Julia Lee, financial aid assistant, previously worked as a teller at Alva State Bank.

Jonathan McAlpin, custodian, has Bachelor of Arts in history from Northwestern. He has been a department manager with McDonald's of Alva and a CMA/CNA for Share Medical Center.

Emmy McNeal, ITV/events coordinator at the Woodward campus, holds Bachelor of Music Education

and Master of Education degrees from Northwestern. She served as a music teacher with the Sharon-Mutual and Woodward public schools.

Candace Moore, assistant for registry/financial aid at the Enid campus, has worked for the City of Enid and the Enid Public Library.

Leslie Nation, communications and marketing manager with the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Central Oklahoma. She was sports editor for the Alva Review-Courier.

Haylie Pegelow, admissions counselor/recruiter, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Northwestern. She has worked as a surveyor for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Jodie Randels, admissions/records assistant, started as a payroll clerk for Northwestern. She also has held several staff positions at Baker University (Kansas).

Eric Reames, assistant bursar, has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Touro University (California). He started at Northwestern as a financial aid assistant. He is retired after 22 years of service in the U.S. Army.

James Ross, head women's soccer coach, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration management from Park University (Missouri). He has been an assistant coach at Cloud County (Kansas) and Maple Woods (Missouri) community colleges.

Huldah Sanders, custodian at the Woodward campus, has worked as a professional painter, and as a machine

operator with Cain's Coffee.

Cathy Schmitz, financial aid counselor, previously worked as the financial-insurance coordinator for Hulling Orthodontics in Wichita.

Eric Scott, assistant athletic director for communications, has a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communications from Northwestern and a Master of Education degree in sports administration from East Central University. He has served as a financial aid counselor and as sports writer for Alva Review-Courier.

Marlene Swenn, administrative assistant with the BJCC Project, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice management and ethics from Mid-America Christian University. She is retired from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (BJCC).

Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Northwestern and a Master of Human Relations degree from OU. She was employed at Northwest Center for Behavioral Health as a triage specialist.

Nicholas VanLandingham, custodian, worked as a wireless technician for BancCentral and has experience as an electrician and HVAC apprentice.

Brandon Wallis, custodian, has been a shift manager with McDonald's of Alva.

Jennifer Wolf, administrative assistant for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, has owned and operated her own daycare, served as a paraprofessional with the South Barber (Kansas) Public Schools, and worked as an EMT with Barber County EMS.

Grant provides support for single parent students

Seeking to provide support for single-mother students, the Women's Foundation of Oklahoma has awarded a \$2,850 grant to Northwestern.

The grant supports the Single Parents' Network on the Woodward campus, an official university organization serves as a resource to assist single parents in securing childcare, healthcare and other needs. Kristin Mravinec, administrative assistant to the dean, serves as the campus resource officer.

"We are thrilled to work with Northwestern to help improve the

experience of single parents attending college," said Teresa Rose Crook, WFO Executive Director. "Our goal is to eliminate barriers that may be in the way of degree completion and create better quality of life for these families."

The WFO, in its effort to create economic self-sufficiency for Oklahoma women and girls, awarded grants to 14 Oklahoma higher education campuses.

The WFO initiative began in 2015 when the Women's Foundation of Oklahoma awarded its first seven grants to Oklahoma educational institutions.

Northwestern is 8th Ranked Online School in Oklahoma

Northwestern has been listed among the Top 18 online colleges in Oklahoma by AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org, sitting at the No. 8 position.

The organization sorted through more than 7,500 postsecondary institutions to determine which ones met the criteria for this list. Schools had to be regionally or nationally accredited, hold a not-for-profit status in the United States, and offer at least one online degree. They also were then ranked based on their quality, affordability, flexibility, and degrees granted to students.

"We wanted to highlight schools like NorthwesternOklahomaStateUniversity who are providing exceptional online education experiences for their students," said Doug Jones, CEO and founder of the Community for Accredited Online Schools. "These schools continue to uphold rigorous accreditation standards and show an overall commitment to maximizing student success."

To determine quality, which was the most important consideration for all AS Online rankings, the most impactful data points were acceptance and graduation rates; for affordability, tuition and grants; for flexibility, part-time enrollment offerings; and for program, degrees conferred in that program area.

In the description on its website, the organization states:

"Known for its combination of quality and affordability, Northwestern Oklahoma State University is a public university that receives incredible financial support from the community. There are 4 online undergraduate options, the most unique being the bachelor's of applied arts and sciences with a focus on technical management."

"Our online programs consistently rate among the best in the state and region because of a unique combination of academic quality and affordability," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said.



SINGLE PARENT RESOURCE DIRECTORY



The NWOSU Single Parent Support Network is made possible by a grant from the Women's Foundation of Oklahoma.

Cover of new Single Parent Resource Directory. Services are being provided at the Woodward Campus. Full information can be found here: <https://www.nwosu.edu/uploads/campus-cabinet/single-parent-resource-directory.pdf> or at the Woodward Campus



Tilley, Hawkins complete doctorates

Two Northwestern faculty members, Krista Tilley, assistant professor of nursing, and Joshua Hawkins, assistant professor of education, have earned their doctoral degrees.

Tilley earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in nursing administration with an educator concentration in August 2017 from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Hawkins earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational psychology in December 2017 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Tilley's dissertation is titled "Transition-to-Practice Nurse Residency Program: A Gap Analysis." Her research focused on new graduate nurse retention. Tilley explained that research has shown new nurses leave organizations between 18 and 24 months due to multiple factors. When new graduates leave prematurely, the new nurse and the organization are impacted.

Tilley performed a gap analysis for a hospital comparing the organization's nurse residency program to the accredited American Nurses Credentialing Center Practice Transition Accreditation Program. The accredited model focuses on areas that have been proven to retain new graduate nurses and uses Patricia Benner's novice-to-expert theory to guide the stressful transition that new graduate nurses experience. Many organizations have residency programs, but few are accredited. Tilley said her research opened her eyes to specific components necessary for nurse residency programs to be successful, ultimately increasing retention of new graduate nurses.

"When I graduated nursing school 21 years ago, I was a part of a brand new nurse residency program that impacted me positively as a nurse," Tilley said. "It was at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, Wash. The program focused on areas that new nurses need to feel comfortable in order to be successful in the profession of nursing. "It was neat to remember my experience as a new nurse, and then compare it to the accredited model as well."

Tilley is an Eastern Washington University graduate who earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma. Prior to joining Northwestern's nursing faculty in 2014, she served as the Ketterman Lab Coordinator for Northwestern's division of nursing. As a Northwestern assistant professor of nursing, she teaches courses in the traditional baccalaureate program and the RN-BSN program. She has nursing experience in orthopedics, obstetrics, post-surgical, cardiac, medical/surgery and home health and

hospice.

Hawkins' dissertation is titled "Figuring It Out: A Qualitative Case Study Exploring the Development of Novice, Alternatively Certified Special Educators in Oklahoma." He explained that teacher support (environmental and personal) and systematic professional development are critical factors determining the likelihood of retention.

Hawkins said he was interested in how novice, alternatively certified special education teachers (a group particularly at-risk for attrition) in Oklahoma perceived their development and if these factors contributed to their intention to continue in the profession. He said he found that despite the evident lack of systematic support, my participants were "figuring it out." That is, they were finding ways to overcome their professional deficits despite the evident lack of intentional and systematic support.

Hawkins said the point of intention

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Dr. Krista Tilley



Dr. Joshua Hawkins

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for development was found to rest primarily with the participants. He said key formative experiences occurring before or during development were found to be influential in shaping participants' perspectives and practice. Hawkins explained that relatedness, competence development, developmental awareness, professional identity formation, and growth orientation were recognized as integral emergent features. He said an underlying sense of "care" emerged and appeared fundamental to participants' motivation and perceptions of their

experiences as novice teachers, the nature of their roles, and, ultimately, their commitment. The organic quality of development and the need for individualization of support are discussed.

"It was, of course, satisfying to complete a project representing the culmination of four years of intense work," Hawkins said. "The process was enjoyable and growth inducing. Further, I had excellent academic and personal support.

"Ultimately, however, the finishing was valuable in that it allows

me to continue to do the work I most enjoy—teaching and helping teachers."

Hawkins is a Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduate who earned a Master of Educational Leadership degree from Southwestern as well. Prior to joining Northwestern's education faculty in 2015, he worked as a public school teacher and administrator. As a Northwestern assistant professor of education, he teaches courses in special education, educational psychology and leadership.

Grand Tour of Italy a hit in summer 2019

A trip of a lifetime was taken by 24 Northwestern students, faculty, and community members from May 20-29. Departing from the OKC airport, Northwestern Study Abroad is embarked upon on a Grand Tour of Italy.

The group began its trip in Venice, the "Floating City," home of the Grand Canal, St. Mark's Square, and the pink and white Doge's Palace. From Venice they traveled to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance. In Florence they visited the Duomo, the Piazza della Signoria, and the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge

where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans still keep shop.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Grand

Tour of Italy without seeing the Leaning Tower of Pisa. From Florence they sojourned to the lovely town of Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. From Assisi the group will moved on to Pompeii and then to the Sorrento region, where they dined overlooking the Bay of Naples.

After exploring lemon groves and the coastline of Sorrento, they headed off to Rome. The time in Rome was short but amazing as they took a sightseeing tour of Vatican City followed by a sightseeing tour of Rome. They walked through the Colosseum and the ruins

of the Roman Forum, visited the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, and the Piazza Navona, and ended the tour by

tossing a coin into the Trevi Fountain.

There are many benefits to traveling and studying abroad beyond seeing the sites, visiting great museums, and sampling regional food. Travel gives us a perspective that helps us understand and appreciate others.

For students, study abroad provides a new outlook on culture, provides immersive language skills opportunities, and cultivates a willingness to try new things. These are attractive traits to graduate schools and future employers.

The Northwestern Study Abroad Program continuously strives to provide a global perspective for the NWOSU community through globally aware curricula and internationally focused student programs.

If you were not able to sign-up for the Study Abroad trip this year, just wait. The committee will make an announcement regarding its 2020 destination soon!



Catanecchi offers artist talk, workshop

Philadelphia native Kelly Catanecchi was the September Artist-in-Residence with the Visual Arts program at Northwestern. She presented an artist talk and workshop on Sept. 25. A free workshop followed the talk.

Catanecchi, who earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Moore College of Art & Design in 2008 and a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Boston University in 2015, spoke

about her work and how it has evolved through the years. The workshop involved a large-scale collaborative drawing using just sheets of paper.

“It’s a really fun, interesting way to approach drawing without your normal pencil, markers, etc.,” Catanecchi said.

Catanecchi also showed the work she created while on campus during the First Friday Art Walk on Oct. 5 in Jesse Dunn Annex from 3-5 p.m. and

downtown at the Graceful Arts Center and Runnymede Hotel from 6-8 p.m.

During her stay in Alva and thanks to the downtown art shop, Gallery VIP, Catanecchi said she discovered a new form of painting using walnut ink. Most of her work for First Friday was done with this new obsession of walnut ink, some of which she made herself.

“I think it’s kind of cool to make some drawings with ink that’s made from the earth here in Oklahoma,” Catanecchi said.

Catanecchi explained that sometimes her artwork is made up as she goes.

“It’s really a process of just layering shapes and colors,” Catanecchi said. “I may not have a clear direction, but I’m constantly looking around at what I see, what I am surrounded by and the experiences I have. I try to really go with my gut on everything and afterwards pinpoint what made me go with what I did.”

This was Catanecchi’s first Artist-in-Residence experience, but said she plans to attend more in the future.



Kelly Catanecchi



Several art students and members of the NWOSU Art Society along with a few others had a great time making this large-scale art piece at Kelly Cattenacci’s workshop following her artist talk on Sept. 25. At right is a detail for a section of the large-scale piece.



Hardaway featured on European Radio Network

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history, was interviewed for a news article that was broadcast on a state-run radio network in Europe. The story was produced in Switzerland in conjunction with the release of a CD of folk songs about black cowboys.

Hardaway, who has been a Northwestern faculty member since 1990, has published three books and several articles about the experiences of African-Americans who have lived in the American West. In addition, he has presented papers on the subject at several academic conferences in both Europe and North America.

One of his journal articles about African-American cowboys was recently reprinted in a book published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Another has been prominently displayed for several years on the website of the Public Broadcasting System in conjunction with its series called "Texas Ranch House."

"A programming director from the Swiss National Radio network emailed me," Hardaway said, "wanting to know if I would be willing to talk to her on the phone. I was, of course, delighted to do it!"

The intercontinental phone conversation lasted about 20 minutes, Hardaway said. "She had done her homework and knew some important questions to ask. She taped the conversation and used it in a story for French speakers in Switzerland and other parts of Europe."

After the story aired for several

days," Hardaway continued, "she sent me an audio link so that I could listen to it. The interesting part for me was that a French speaker translated what I was saying as I was speaking. That was neat! I've never had my voice dubbed before."

This is not the first time that Hardaway has been asked to discuss his research in a major media outlet. Last year he was quoted as an expert on black cowboys in the Smithsonian and Pacific Standard magazines. He has also been cited as an authority on African-Americans in the American West in numerous other publications including the *Dallas Morning News*, *Seattle Times*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Campbell earns GE-Reagan Foundation scholarship

Northwestern freshman, Kylee Campbell of Jet, is one of only 20 students nationwide to receive the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship from the Ronald Reagan Presidential

Foundation and Institute and GE.

Campbell will receive \$10,000 a year for up to four years while pursuing a bachelor's degree at Northwestern. She plans to pursue a

career in nursing.

The scholarship is awarded based on leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship. For more information, go to www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships.



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Thank you to the [#GracefulArts](#) for hosting the department for the 4th Annual Writing Marathon Friday! We appreciate everyone who came out!

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Kylee Campbell

Ag department gets new lounge, study room



Students in the agriculture department use a brand new space on the first floor of Jesse Dunn. The area opened in September.



With the help of the administration, the agriculture department was able to convert JD 113, formerly occupied by the Upward Bound Program, into an Agriculture Student Lounge.

Some work (painting, metal art work, etc.) was completed during the summer 2018, but

everything was finished early during the fall semester.

The new lounge/study room was officially dedicated and opened on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Many students attended the opening, along with Dr. Janet Cunningham, president; Dr. Bo Hannaford, vice president for academic

affairs; Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty and several division and department heads across campus.

The space is intended to provide an area for students to study and/or visit between classes (or anytime). A television was installed so students can view agricultural and market news.

Enid, Woodward campuses play host to Teach Oklahoma students

Teach Oklahoma classes from Enid and Woodward high schools visited the Northwestern Enid and Woodward campuses last fall to learn more about the teacher preparation program.

Teach Oklahoma is an initiative sponsored by the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education, with a goal to encourage students to consider pursuing teaching as a career. The Teach Oklahoma curriculum focuses on teaching, observation, and professional development, while engaging students in clinical teaching exercises.



Enid High School students from Dusty Hugaboom's Teach Oklahoma class assist with a literacy/art project in the Enid Public Schools/Northwestern pre-kindergarten classroom.

Enid High School's Teach Oklahoma class visited the Northwestern-Enid campus on Oct. 30.

The field trip included speaking with current Northwestern students about the requirements of becoming a teacher candidate as well as visiting the Enid Public Schools/Northwestern Pre-kindergarten classroom to help with a literacy/art project.

"Our students had a great time at NWOSU, and they learned so much about the university's education program," Dusty Hugaboom, EHS Teach Oklahoma sponsor, said. "It is our hope that students in my class will choose to be teachers in the future. NWOSU is an excellent option for them to continue their education, and we feel fortunate to have them as a

partner for our program."

EHS Teach Oklahoma students involved in the event include Alexandria Barron, Raven Conyers, Ashli Davis, Katherine Donaldson, Emmily Edwards, Daisy Flowers, Halee Gamble, Kira Higgins, Kayla Kelley, Alison Moore, Emma Stewart, Natasha Stocks, Axton Thurman and Breanna Trammell.

Northwestern education majors involved in the Enid event include Emily Cenicerros Bellinger of Enid, Caitlin Evans of Enid, Kelcie Hainley of Enid, Kirstie Hoffman of Ponca City, Brannon Robinson of Enid, and Morgan Webb of Enid.

A Regents' grant, which was written by Northwestern associate dean of education and professor of education Dr. Christee Jenlink, made the Enid visit possible. The grant also provides similar opportunities to students at Woodward High School.

Woodward High School's Teach Oklahoma class visited the Northwestern-Woodward campus on Nov. 9.

The event included a "Kahoots" game in which the high school learned facts about attending college and Northwestern. The game also featured information about the Northwestern teacher preparation program. After the game, the Teach Oklahoma students joined Northwestern students for lunch.

During that time, the high school students had opportunities for in-depth questions about college life and teacher preparation.

WHS Teach Oklahoma students involved in the event include Alecia Benton, Cassey Collins, Caitlyn Crawford, Carmen Gonser, BriAnne Green, Carli Hensal, Patricia Lira, Brayden Love, Xiclali Villa and Ty Wiggins.

Northwestern education majors who assisted in the Woodward event include Tanner Bowman of Cherokee, Megan Brown of Blackwell; Elise Foss of Tonkawa; Clinton Shelton of Woodward; Lindsey Smith of Woodward; and Riley Wakefield of O'Neill, Nebraska.

Kyle Reynolds, superintendent of Woodward Public Schools, was in attendance in addition to JoLynn Love, teacher for the Teach Oklahoma Woodward students, and Michelle McDonald, curriculum specialist for Woodward Public Schools.

"Collaborations such as these are essential for ensuring we are able to meet the needs of students in our classrooms in the future," Jenlink said. "This project is a positive approach to resolving the teacher shortage."



Woodward High School Teach Oklahoma students visited Northwestern's Woodward campus to learn more about the teacher preparation program. Back Row (left to right) Elise Foss, Ty Wiggins, Brayden Love, Rylie Wakefield, Clinton Shelton, Tanner Bowman, Kyle Reynolds, Dr. Henry Trabuc, Dr. Christee Jenlink; Middle Row (left to right) Dr. Deena Fisher, Megan Brown, Lindsey Smith, Carmen Gonser, JoLynn Love, Michelle McDonald; Front Row (left to right) Alecia Benton, Xiclali Villa, Caitlyn Crawford, BriAnne Green, Cassey Collins, Patricia Lira and Carli Hensal.

Two in psychology earn doctorates

Leigh Kirby, instructor and interim chair of the psychology department, and Stephanie Widick, instructor of psychology, have earned their doctorate degrees.

Kirby earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in counselor education and supervision in December 2017 from Texas A&M University in Commerce, Texas.

Widick earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational psychology in May 2018 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Kirby's dissertation is titled "Utilization of Counselor Education faculty and Doctoral-Level Counselor Education Students for Gatekeeping Purposes in Master's-Level Counselor Education Programs." Kirby explained that, when becoming a professional counselor, there are many checks and balances the individual must meet before gaining a license and working with clients. A student must complete a master's program, which includes multiple supervisors. Once the student graduates, they must also complete a 3,000 hour internship before they can become fully licensed.

Kirby said she wanted to know who was responsible for the gatekeeping procedures of these students. At this time counselor educators and licensed supervisors monitor a counselor-in-training's progress, but she believed that a doctoral-level student would also provide good insight on a counselor-in-training's progress. Kirby compared counselor educators and doctoral-level students' fitness/performance evaluations of master's level counselors-in-training.

"My study resulted in no

statistical significance, but provided insight on the usefulness of multiple evaluators when determining if a counselor-in-training struggles with impairment," Kirby said.

Kirby is a Stephen F. Austin State University graduate who earned a Master of Science degree from Texas A&M/Commerce. Prior to joining Northwestern's psychology faculty in 2012, she served as a community based counselor for Services to at-Risk Youth (STAR) and worked as a licensed professional counselor (LPC) for Lakes Regional Community Center. As Northwestern's psychology department interim chair, she teaches courses in counseling strategies and techniques, family systems and abnormal psychology. She is the treasurer of the Oklahoma Counseling Association and the secretary/treasurer on the Youth and Family Executive Committee.

Widick's dissertation is titled "Relationship of Student Online Readiness to Student Perception of Teaching Presence and Sense of

Community in Online Courses." She explained that the aim of the study was to determine the relationship of student online readiness to student perception of teaching presence and sense of community in fully-online undergraduate courses.

Widick said online courses are becoming a mainstay in higher education. Online classes offer the college student independence, freedom and attendance options not available in attending a schedule of college courses on campus. These offerings allow the student to feel in control of the course and learning, making online courses more appropriate or an ideal option for some students. Less is known about how individual student differences, mainly the variables associated with online readiness, play a role in student perception of teaching presence and sense of community.

"Examining the relationship will help students and instructors prepare for and formulate courses to provide the best learning experience possible

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Dr. Leigh Kirby



Dr. Stephanie Widick

Hardaway presents in Greece

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history at Northwestern, presented at the 25th International Conference on Learning at the University of Athens, Greece.

The 2018 international conference had a special focus on education in a time of austerity and social turbulence.

The International Conference on Learning began in Sydney, Australia, in 1989, focusing on genre approaches to literacy. Since then, the focus of the conference has broadened to encompass as one of its themes “Multiliteracies,” or a broader range of communications than conventionally understood under the rubric of alphabetical literacy. The conference has also extended its interest into learning more generally, and particularly, the question of “new learning,” or the necessary transformations underway in teaching and learning in contemporary social, cultural and technological conditions.

The International Conference on Learning is built upon four key features: internationalism, interdisciplinarity, inclusiveness and interaction. Conference delegates include leaders in the field as well as emerging scholars, who travel to the conference from all corners of the globe and represent a broad range of disciplines and perspectives. A variety of presentation options and session types offer delegates multiple opportunities to engage, to discuss key issues in the field, and to build relationships with scholars from other cultures and disciplines.

The conference had more than 350 delegates from all over the world -- 36 countries were represented --

in attendance for paper and poster presentations, workshops and interactive sessions.

Hardaway gave his presentation on “Historically Black Colleges in the American West.”

Hardaway, who has been a Northwestern faculty member since 1990, has published three books and several articles about the experiences of African-Americans who have lived in the American West. In addition, he has presented papers on the subject at several academic conferences in both Europe and North America.

Hardaway said that during the era of slavery, state laws prohibited people from teaching slaves to read and write.

“This was done to make it difficult for slaves to forge papers indicating that they were free instead of in bondage,” Hardaway said. “Consequently, when slavery ended in 1865, most ex-slaves were illiterate.”

He said to remedy that unfortunate situation, several religious and philanthropic organizations along with the federal government (aided somewhat by state governments) began to establish schools for African-Americans from the elementary through the college levels.

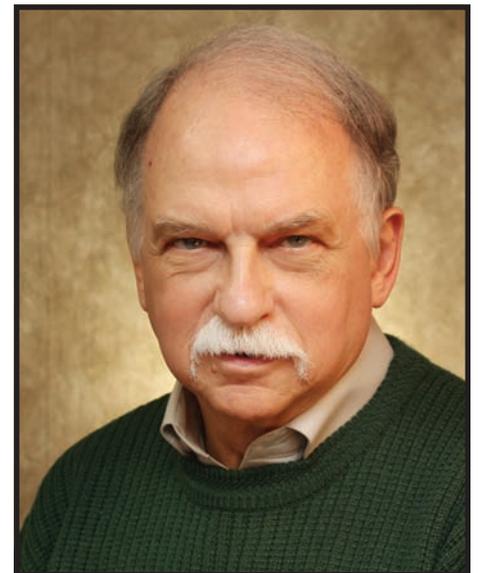
“Not surprisingly, the literacy rate for African-Americans increased dramatically in the decades following the Civil War,” Hardaway said.

Hardaway said while slavery is often associated with “The South,” the so-called “peculiar institution” also existed in several states west of the Mississippi River. Eventually, all-black colleges existed in every state that still sanctioned slavery when the war started (as well as a few that had abolished it years earlier). Western

states with all-black colleges included Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Hardaway said several of the all-black colleges established by private organizations went broke and have long since ceased to exist. Others, however, are still in operation. They are joined by several all-black colleges that are funded with taxpayer money.

“Today, of course, these institutions are no longer segregated and anyone can attend them,” Hardaway said. “Educators universally refer to these schools as being ‘historically black colleges and universities’ (or HBCUs). Langston University, which is public, is Oklahoma’s only HBCU still in existence. Studying the impact these schools have had (and continue to have) on the African-American communities in these states gives us additional insight into one major aspect of the African-American experience in the American West. I hope to do more research on this topic in the future.”



Roger Hardaway

Program gets grant for virtual reality lab, resource center

Northwestern's social work program has been awarded a \$40,000 grant by the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) Student Payback Fund Grants to construct a social work virtual reality lab and resource center on the Enid campus.

This grant project will create a state-of-the-art virtual reality lab in which social work students will wear a headset or goggles transporting them into various virtual environments to learn professional practice skills. The virtual reality curriculum will center upon experiences such as home visits, assessing child risk, social worker safety, interviewing skills, courtroom testimony, cultural awareness and disaster response. Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work and program director, authored the grant and will serve as the project's principal investigator.

"This is one of the most exciting projects I have ever worked on," Rehder said. "The opportunity to educate social work students with this technology is limitless, as we have the abilities to change the practice environment and the nature of the clients."

Simulation training is a well-established feature in most professional practice programs; therefore, the department of social work is proud to provide a safe environment for students to practice skills in an accelerated format, better preparing them for the field experience and "real world" social work practice.

"The social work virtual reality lab will provide students with an immersive learning experience, combining visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning modalities," Rehder said. "The integration of this technology will transform the learning

experience of students at Northwestern and will result in more qualified and professionally skilled social workers in the field."

Jennifer Pribble, director of social work field education, will serve as the virtual reality lab coordinator and direct all experiential and simulations experiences for social work students.

"Virtual reality in social work education will not only enhance the core curriculum, but will also enhance field experiences by allowing us to guide and strengthen students' skills before their placements in practicum settings," Pribble said. "I

am excited to see the overall increase in confidence students will have related to the implementation of core competencies. Strengthening skills and practice confidence is my ultimate goal with the development of the social work virtual reality lab and resource center."

The social work seniors enrolled in Rehder's Social Research and Evaluation course served as contributing partners during the grant development process by gathering background research on the effectiveness of virtual reality training. Students included Rhema Abercrombie of Enid, Heather Bettencourt

of Alva, Mirissa Branine of Woodward, Jordan Cremers of Alva, Elizabeth Fox-Shipley of Laverne, Jessica Goodballet of Mooreland, Alicia James of Woodward, Jordan Koehn of Alva, Keilah Pool of Woodward, Marsellia Rael of Woodward, Emma Reed of Freedom, Jennifer Ruppel of Woodward, Madeline Turner of Enid, Denise Tyrell of Enid, and Katelyn Van Vickle of Woodward.

"It was an amazing opportunity to be able to apply classroom knowledge to a real life project," Turner said. "I'm

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The social work program has been awarded a grant to construct a virtual reality lab on the Enid Campus. (left to right) Dr. Wayne McMillin, Enid campus dean; Professor Jennifer Pribble, director of social work field education; Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work; and Linda Smith from the University of Oklahoma, Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program.

Career and Internship Fair held in November

Employers seeking employees had an opportunity to go right to the source at the fall 2018 Career and Internship Fair in November.

Job seekers were encouraged to be

prepared to provide copies of resumes and cover letters.

Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services, is located in FA 208 if students need assistance.

Contact her at tawilson@nwsu.edu.

For career service information or to schedule an appointment visit www.nwsu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services.



Jennifer Page (left) hands a bag of clothes to a grateful student at a recent Teacher's Closet giveaway event. The Teacher's Closet makes professional attire available to students who need clothing for jobs and job interviews.



Dr. James Bell (right) gives a lesson to student teachers on how to tie a tie at a recent Teacher's Closet event.

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Social Work program earns...

grateful to be a part of a program where faculty value students and integrate them into professional social work practice."

Linda Smith, from CWPEP at The University of Oklahoma Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, delivered the grant news to social work students in person on the Enid campus on Thursday, Nov. 1.

"It was so cool to hear the news in person for the first time that we earned the grant we had all invested so much time in," Reed said. "After the announcement, we busted into cheers and had an afternoon of celebration."

This grant is being administered by the University of Oklahoma on behalf of the OKDHS in order to assist the department in retaining quality professional social workers in the public child welfare system.

"An excellent, well-rounded education is not a one-dimensional

experience with only textbooks or lectures," Fox-Shipleysaid. "Technology has transformed every facet of our lives, and university education is no exception. As a social work student, I know how valuable this virtual reality

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Two in psychology...

for all parties," Widick said.

Widick said she wanted to know if the readiness (preparation, motivation and self-confidence) a student had when entering the course had a relationship to the perception of the course instructor's psychological presence. She said she also wanted to know if the readiness had a relationship to the community the student felt in the online classroom. If the student entered the class with higher readiness, did they

lab will be in preparing students for real world practice. Northwestern Oklahoma State University continues pushing into the future by staying on top of cutting edge technology such as this.

perceive presence and community differently than the student with lower readiness?

Widick is a Northwestern graduate who earned a Master of Counseling Psychology degree from Northwestern as well. Prior to joining Northwestern's psychology faculty in 2015, she worked in the registration office at Northwestern-Enid. As a Northwestern psychology instructor, she teaches courses in motivation, statistics and research.

13th annual Ranger Research Day winners announced

Northwestern played host to the 13th annual Ranger Research Day in the Student Center Ballroom, where 31 projects were entered with 47 participants having the opportunity to display, share and discuss their research

classes. All presenters were encouraged to attend Oklahoma Research Day on March 8, 2019, which Southwestern Oklahoma State University hosted in Weatherford.

Athletes Performance through Mental Imagery.” Randolph was Gunther’s sponsor.

Third place for psychology went to Pabitra Tamang, senior psychology major from Kathmandu, Nepal, for her project titled “Bullying and Depression.” Randolph was Tamang’s sponsor.

First place in the category of History was a tie and went to Timothy Atakora, senior history major from Edmond, for his project titled “Realism vs. Idealism.” Jana Brown, instructor of history, was Atakora’s sponsor. Also receiving first place was Jacque Ruhl, junior political science major from Alva, for her project titled “The Legacy of Emperor Constantine (c. 272-337).” Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history, was Ruhl’s sponsor.

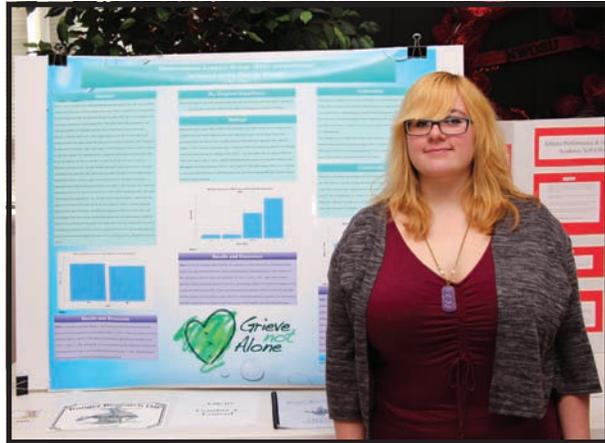
In the Biology category, first place went to Taylor Munsell, senior health and sports science major from Arnett, for her project titled “Rapid, Simple, and Non-invasive Screening for Thoracic Outlet Syndrome.” Dr. Cynthia Pfeifer-Hill, professor of biology, was Munsell’s sponsor.

For the Chemistry category, Maxwell Archer, sophomore chemistry major from Tulsa, and Katrina Betz, senior chemistry major from Norman, won first place for their project titled “Study

Student poster entries were critiqued and eligible for awards. Winners with classification, hometown, research project name and sponsor include:

P s y c h o l o g y category first place went to Cynthia A. Conrad, senior psychology major from Hillsboro, Missouri, for her project titled “Bereavement Support Group Involvement: Its Impact on the Healing Process.” Taylor Randolph, instructor of psychology, was Conrad’s sponsor.

Second place for psychology went to Britani Laken Gunther, senior psychology major from Enid, for her project titled “Enhancing



Psychology Winner: Cynthia A. Conrad won first place in the Psychology category of poster presentations on her research topic, “Bereavement Support Group Involvement: Its Impact on the Healing Process.”

with peers, professors and the Alva community.

Graduate and undergraduate students created poster presentations or prepared oral presentations of academic research papers initiated in one of their



History Winners: Timothy Atakora (left) tied for first place in the History category of poster presentations on his research project titled “Realism



vs. Idealism.” Jacque Ruhl (right) also won first place with her research project titled “The Legacy of Emperor Constantine (c. 272-337).”

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Ranger Research Day winners...

of an Iodine Distribution in Western Oklahoma Brine Waters.” Dr. Jason Wickham, professor of chemistry, was their sponsor.

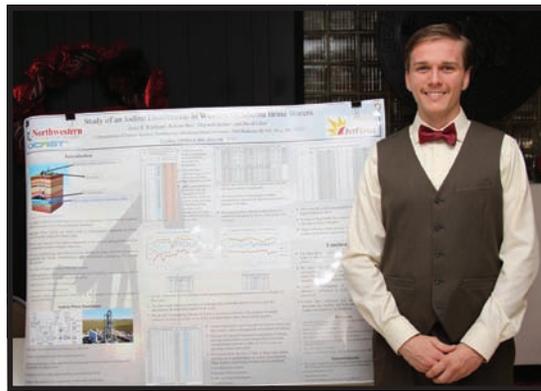
Nursing category first place went to Teirna Adair, senior nursing major from Carmen, and Cheney Bird, senior nursing major from Alva, for their project titled “No Nits, And, or Buts.” Dr. Jennifer Mahieu,

assistant professor of nursing, was their sponsor.

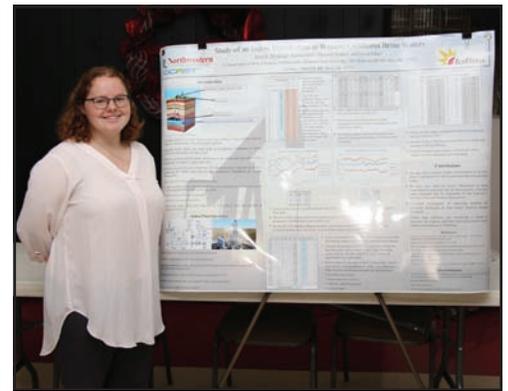
Second place in nursing went to Sandra Colby, senior nursing major from Enid; Mallory Stubbs, senior nursing major from Enid; and Jessica Weidner, senior nursing major from Enid, for their project titled “Stress and Coping in Nursing.” Dr. Krista Tilley, assistant

professor of nursing, was their sponsor.

Third place in nursing went to Penny Bice, senior nursing major from Enid; Savannah Hill, senior nursing major from Lucien; and Rylee Spencer, senior nursing major from Enid, for their project titled “Pitocin Rates for Laboring Mothers.” Dr. Leslie Collins, assistant professor



Chemistry Winners: Maxwell Archer (left) and Katrina Betz (right) won first place in the Chemistry category of the poster presentations



for their project titled, “Study of an Iodine Distribution in Western Oklahoma Brine Waters.”

of nursing and assistant chair of the division of nursing, was their sponsor.



Nursing Winners: Teirna Adair (left) and Cheney Bird (right) won first place in the Nursing category of poster presentations for their project titled, “No Nits, And, or Buts.”

Patricia Pixler, senior psychology major from Waynoka, gave an oral presentation on her research paper. She won first place for her paper titled “Human Darkness: Montresor in the ‘Cask of Amontillado.’” Dr. Roxie James, assistant professor of English, was Pixler’s sponsor.

Holliday said he believes students and community members

who are interested in pursuing a graduate degree should participate in Ranger Research Day as well as Oklahoma Research Day because research is an integral part of graduate studies.

For more information on Ranger Research Day, visit www.nwsu.edu/ranger-research-day or contact Holliday at (580) 327-8589 or spholliday@nwsu.edu.



English Winner: Patricia Pixler won first place in the English category of academic paper presentation for her project titled “Human Darkness: Montresor in the ‘Cask of Amontillado.’”

Rose is October Artist-in-Residence

October Artist-in-Residence, Natana Rose exhibited an installation of the work she created at Northwestern in the Artist-in-Residence Studio located in Jesse Dunn Annex.

Rose lives and works in Sacramento, California. She received her MA in Painting from California State University, Sacramento in 2011. Her artwork is inspired by concern for the environment.

In her recent work, Natana has explored the concept of amensalistic symbiosis:

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states, “Amensalism, association between organisms of two different species in which one is inhibited or destroyed and the other is unaffected. There are two basic modes: competition (q.v.), in which a larger or stronger organism excludes a smaller or weaker one from living space or deprives it of food, and antibiosis,

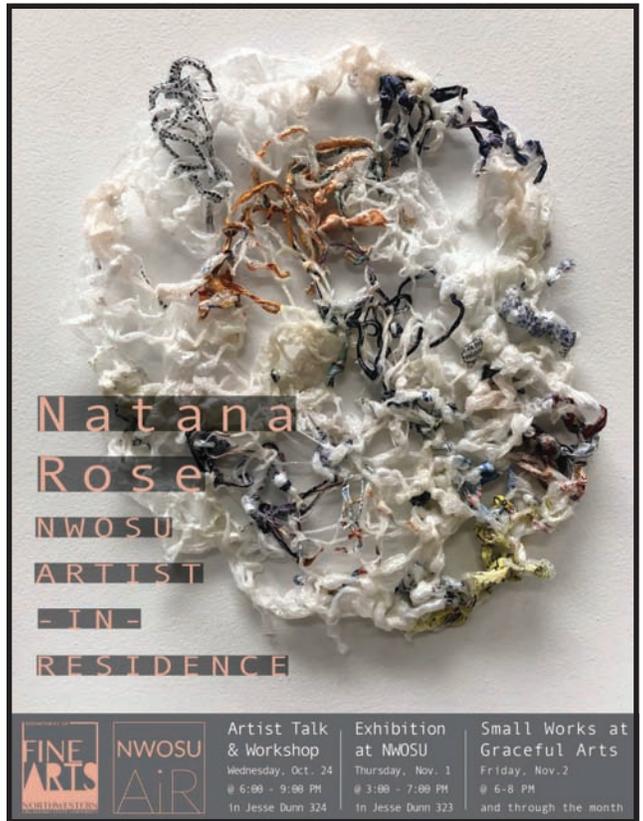
in which one organism is unaffected but the other is damaged or killed by a chemical secretion.”

In her body of work, she explores her relationship to the environment. How do her actions harm the planet she loves? In the end, will her choices damage not just the world, but her own body?

Along with developing a body of work in the Jesse Dunn Art Annex, Rose assisted in teaching visual arts classes and providing feedback and advice to students.

On Oct. 24, Rose held an artist talk and workshop for the Northwestern and Alva.

To view more of Natana Rose’s work, visit: nrrium.com





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It’s official! We just hired our new Adjunct Piano Instructor/Accompanist this weekend. Her name is Ms. Meichen Hou, (“like May-chin How?”) recent Master’s grad in piano performance and collaborative arts from UCO. Welcome to Alva and NWOSU, Ms. Hou! [#RRR](#)
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Social Work students attend state board meeting

Northwestern social work students recently attended an Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Worker (OSBLSW) board meeting held at the Oklahoma State

Jim Marks and my fellow board members for their willingness to welcome students, provide them with the rules and regulations of the profession and offer insights into the board's role and functions."



Social work students are pictured with Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Worker executive director Jim Marks prior to the beginning of the meeting. Front Row (left to right) Katelyn Van Vickle, Ashley Neal, Marsellia Rael, Alicia James; Middle Row (left to right) Kathryn Hess, Jamie Metcalf, Reba Finley, Madeline Turner, Mirissa Branine, Elizabeth Fox-Shipley, Jessica Goodballet; Back Row: Jim Marks

Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision in Oklahoma City.

Social work students attending the meeting included senior Mirissa Branine of Woodward; junior Reba Finley of Arnett; senior Elizabeth Fox-Shipley of Laverne; senior Jessica Goodballet of Mooreland; sophomore Kathryn Hess of Enid; senior Alicia James of Woodward; senior Jamie Metcalf of Blackwell; senior Ashley Neal of Enid; senior Marsellia Rael of Woodward; senior Madeline Turner of Enid; and senior Katelyn Van Vickle of Woodward.

"Since social workers at the bachelor's level can obtain a professional license to practice, it is imperative students understand the standards of the profession and high levels of accountability associated with it," Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work, said. "I am grateful to executive director

required for the practice of social work, every U.S. jurisdiction and Territory, including Oklahoma, has in place a "Social Work Practice Act" to regulate the practice within their respective jurisdictions.

"The Oklahoma state licensure meeting was an amazing experience," James said. "It was a great educational experience to grasp the professional demeanor of the licensure board members and to understand the dynamics to receive a license for myself in the near future. I am looking forward to next year's meetings and learning more."

The practice of social work in the state of Oklahoma is declared a professional practice and is subject to regulation by the OSBLSW under the Oklahoma Social Work Practice Act (O.S. Title 59). The purpose of

workers perform interventions through research, policy, community organizing and direct practice with research often focusing on areas such as human development, social policy, public administration, program evaluation and community development. Due to academic, professional expertise, competencies, ethical and legal thresholds

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Dr. Pfeifer-Hill can't be with us for the @NWOSU tree trimming this year, so we're bringing it to her!!

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Nurse practitioner program is tops in state, top 50 in U.S.

Northwestern's online nurse practitioner program has been named the 31st best in the country out of 763 online nurse practitioner programs in the United States evaluated by AffordableCollegesOnline.org. Criteria used for the ranking included affordability, quality, flexibility and program.

Northwestern is the only Oklahoma nursing school in this listing.

"In our seventh annual survey of online learning programs across the nation, we wanted to honor the colleges and universities that are providing innovative ways for students to complete a degree," said Dan Schuessler, CEO and founder of AffordableCollegesOnline.org. "These schools are going above and beyond the industry standard to help make online education programs more accessible and affordable."

For affordability, the most impactful data points were tuition and grants; for quality, graduation and acceptance rates; for flexibility, part-time enrollment options; and for program, degrees granted in that specific program area. Each score was then weighted, with affordability being the most highly weighted factor for all ACO rankings.

"Anytime Northwestern nursing is recognized regionally or nationally, it acknowledges the hard work of our students and the devotion of our faculty to the profession of nursing," Dr. Shelly Wells, professor of nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, said. "The Division of Nursing has worked tirelessly to address the health care needs of the citizens of Northwest Oklahoma and the surrounding

areas. It is our hope that this recognition will attract more men and women to the nursing program at Northwestern."

As of fall 2019, Northwestern had 47 students in the BSN-to-DNP family nurse practitioner program.

The BSN-to-DNP program for Family Nurse Practitioners has received provisional approval from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and is a new applicant for accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. A CCNE accreditation site visit is scheduled for November 2019.

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



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Social Work students attend...

Oklahoma's Social Work Practice Act is to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of social work and the licensure of social workers.

"Attending the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers board meeting allowed me to gain a better understanding on policies and procedures in relation to social work practice," Neal said. "This experience furthered my knowledge of the importance of developing

self-awareness not only in practice, but also in our personal lives. Being able to represent the social work department at Northwestern Oklahoma State University was an honor, and I look forward to attending future board meetings."

The OSBLSW consists of board chair Sharolyn Wallace, PhD, LCSW; board vice-chair Beverly Coon, LMSW, LCSW; board secretary Rehder, Ed.D., LCSW; board member Connie Schlittler, LCSW; board member Kelly Harmon, LMSW; and board member Durand Crosby, JD, PhD.



Nursing faculty members keep busy with professional activities

Nursing faculty have been active in their professional organizations and in professional development activities!

Dr. Shelly Wells was elected president-elect of the Oklahoma Nurses Association at the October convention and will take over full duties as ONA President in October 2020. She had served as the membership development director. She was also named one of the “Influential

Oklahoma NP Professors Who Teach Online” by NursePractitionerSchools.com. Dr. Wells continues her work as the nursing representative for the Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development’s Subcommittee for Health Workforce. She chaired the subcommittee’s interdisciplinary “Nurse Work Group” that has published a report on the Nursing Workforce in Oklahoma, a one-page summary report on the

current nursing workforce in Oklahoma and a Brief Complication of Issues, Barriers and Recommendations for Oklahoma’s Nursing Workforce that are found on the Oklahoma Works website (<https://oklahomaworks.gov/>).

Drs. Courtney Ballina and Pat Thompson attended the American Association of Nurse Practitioners annual conference in Denver. There were over 5000 attendees.

Dr. Ballina has a special interest in nurse-owned clinics and attended a national conference for nurse entrepreneurs: Midwest Region NP Entrepreneurship Dual Track Conference, sponsored by the National Nurse Entrepreneur Network.

Drs. Leslie Collins and Ramona Bartlow attended the ExamSoft Assessment Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, in June 2019. Dr. Collins says, “We learned a lot about using ExamSoft and also how to improve our exams and assessments in our curriculum.” The Nursing Division students all test online, and this software will enable testing with fewer glitches in the software, affording a smoother testing experience for students and better test analyses for faculty to use in continuous quality improvement in the curriculum.



Ponca City students gave flu vaccines at the Alliance Health Ponca City employee reorientation on October 3 and conducted BP screenings as part of stroke prevention awareness at the Kay County Farm Bureau Banquet in Blackwell in October 4. Sixty-five flu vaccines and about 40 BP checks were completed!

Nursing division lists student committee reps

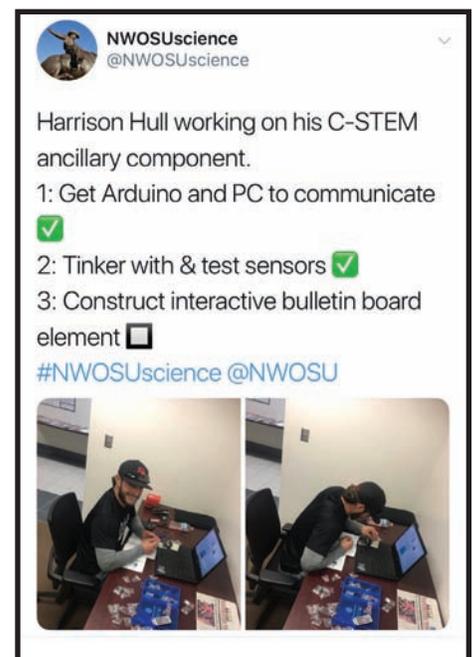
Student representation on nursing division committees is very important. Student feedback is truly valued and the students who are willing to represent their peers on the committees are appreciated.

Last year’s student rep on the Nursing Faculty Committee for the Online RN-to-BSN program was Angela Carroll. The traditional BSN program reps were Kaitlin Jones (Jr. Class Rep) and Shalyn Farrington (Sr. Class Rep). The 2017 cohort DNP reps are Christi Erford and Keeley Morgan. The 2018 cohort DNP reps are Carrie Abbott and Shannon Dunn.

The Academic Affairs Committee Student Rep from the Online RN-to-BSN Program was Nora LeVere, and the traditional BSN program reps were Stephanie Ediger (Jr Class Rep) and Brian Moran (Sr Class Rep). The DNP rep was Courtney Campbell.

The Student Committee focuses on student service and fundraisers, planning the White Coat and Pinning ceremonies, and has undergraduate BSN program representatives: Julia Buckingham (Jr. Class Rep) and Tilly Braddock (Sr. Class Rep).

The DNP Rep to the University Graduate Studies Committee was Martha Royster.



Three awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship

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

Those awarded last fall were Jamie Barber-Sutherland of Enid, elementary education; Tricia Franke of Covington, special education; and Ethan Kennedy of Watonga, health and sports science education.

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

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

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation works primarily

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

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



Dr. James Bell (far left) and Dr. Martie Young (far right) recently awarded three students with the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship. The recipients are (left to right) Jamie Barber-Sutherland, Ethan Kennedy and Tricia Franke, all senior education students at Northwestern.

Fall student teachers get hands-on experience

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

The students returned to campus for seminars in November and their portfolio exit interviews in December. Graduation was held on Dec. 9.

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

Agriculture Education – Jared Fast of Newkirk, Drummond High School (Drummond)

Early Childhood Education

– Kate Anderson of Enid, Taft Elementary School (Enid); Heather Armbruster of Burlington, Waynoka Elementary School (Waynoka); Jennifer Gilbreath of Enid, Garfield Elementary School (Enid)

Elementary Education – Ryann Blackburn of Balko, Horace Mann Elementary School (Woodward); Katie Couey of Hill City, Kansas, Eisenhower Elementary School (Norton, Kansas); Jamie Sutherland of Enid, Hayes Elementary School (Enid)

English Education – Bailie Hollingshead of Woodward, Waller Middle School (Enid)

Health and Sports Science Education – Jessica Butzback of

Blackwell, Newkirk Elementary School (Newkirk); Ethan Kennedy of Watonga, Washington Elementary School (Alva); Kelsey Schumpert of Anadarko, Washington Elementary School (Clinton)

History Education – Cole Ward of Kennedale, Texas, Alva Middle School (Alva)

Music Education – Adrianna Tibbetts of Beaver, Woodward High School (Woodward)

Special Education – Tricia Franke of Covington, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale School (Enid)

Teacher candidates also were able to take part in the Teacher's Closet premiere event

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Headshots offered for students, employees

The University Relations office is offering inexpensive headshots for Northwestern students and employees who are looking to show a more professional presence

on social media platforms or needing something to go with a resume for a job search.

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A few recent headshot examples:





In Alva, the Big Cruise and Car Show was held Sept. 14-16. Nursing students wanted to participate, so a booth for free blood pressure and blood glucose checks was provided. Drs. Leslie Collins, Mary Brune, and Pat Thompson were present to supervise the army of nursing students that volunteered to provide this service to the community.

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Fall student teachers...

that helped each student get up to three, free and “new” professional outfits to help transition their wardrobe to professional dress.

For more information or to donate gently used or new clothing to benefit young professionals contact Dr. Jen Oswald, assistant professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu, or Dr. Jennifer Page, assistant professor of English, at (580) 327-8473 or jkpage@nwosu.edu. Find “The Teacher’s Closet” on Facebook for updates.



Senior education majors completed their fall student teaching assignments in area schools. The students along with education faculty include (front row, left to right) Dr. Martie Young, Jamie Sutherland, Adrianna Tibbetts, Heather Armbruster, Tricia Franke, Dr. Christee Jenlink; (second row) Bailie Hollingshead, Jessica Butzback, Jennifer Gilbreath, Cole Ward, Ethan Kennedy, Jared Fast, Katie Couey, Kelsey Schumpert, Katlyn Anderson, and Ryann Blackburn.

Schmaltz presents at Fifth International Genocide Conference

Dr. Eric J. Schmaltz, professor of history and global studies at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and co-executive director of the endowed NWOSU Institute for Citizenship Studies, presented at the Fifth International Genocide Conference at California State University, Sacramento, in early November.

Schmaltz said the late Dr. Alexandre Kimenyi of the Ethnic Studies Department at Sacramento, a native of Rwanda who lost his entire family in the 1994 genocide against the Tutsis, established this interdisciplinary conference.

Much of Schmaltz's research and publication work over the past 20 years, which overlaps into ethnic and nationality studies, concerns the various responses to and the legacies of mass repression, mass terror, and genocide perpetuated by both Soviet Communism and Nazism.

Schmaltz's talk, "Soviet (Ethnic) Germans after Stalin: Reform, Rebirth, and Regret," examined the long-term, post-1950s responses to

and impact of Stalinist mass terror and deportations of the 1930s and 1940s carried out against this large ethnic minority group inside the Soviet Union.

"In the decree of April 26, 1991, the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR), the largest of the Soviet Union's republics, admitted to conducting 'genocide' and waging 'slandorous attacks' on several deported and repressed national minority populations under

Stalin during the Second World War, including ethnic Germans as the largest of the targeted groups at the time," Schmaltz said. "More than 1.2 million ethnic Germans in the USSR faced forcible resettlement at the

to mean any of the following acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily harm or mental harm

to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Schmaltz said this formal definition is based on legal scholar Raphael Lemkin's understandings of this deadly phenomenon in 1944 in direct response to the Nazi Holocaust that was still taking place at the time.

"The UN pronouncement concentrates on the intentional physical destruction of a targeted group, usually that of unarmed civilians, though Lemkin's original definition also emphasized both the deliberate physical and cultural destruction of targeted groups," Schmaltz said. "This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Genocide Convention."

Schmaltz said numerous conference panels in Sacramento discussed what happened in different genocides, why they took place, and



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time, with about 20 percent of the group's population killed in the process or shortly thereafter."

He explained that the United Nations (UN) General Assembly ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide on December 9, 1948. Article II of this document defines genocide

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Holiday store, photos with Santa offered

The ninth edition of the Holiday Gift Store for Kids and Photos with Santa event was held on Saturday, Dec. 15. Members of the NWOSU Art Society (NAS)

sponsor this event annually.

Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said that the Holiday Store provides children an inexpensive and fun way to shop for loved

ones, friends, teachers and even pets.

“We hope that by providing this store the children get to experience the thrill of ‘secretly’ buying gifts, as well as learning the practical lessons of budgeting, handling money and making decisions, but most of all, the pride and joy of gift-giving,” Case said.

“If you’re waiting to come into the store, take advantage of a visit with Santa Claus, who will be right next door ready to visit and take photos with kids of all ages,” Case said.

Several photos were taken during visits with Santa and then downloaded to a laptop computer for immediate viewing, Case said. Photos can be selected, and for a flat fee of \$5 for each photo, the purchaser receives the original digital negative file(s).

Club members had three Santa Photo viewing stations to help speed up the selection process.

Several university students and employees along with community members assist with events of the day in the store and with photos in Santa Land.



Helpers at the 2018 Holiday Store and Photos with Santa event were: Front - Dena Walker, Tiffany Willson, Amanda Metcalf, Angelia Case, Santa Bill, Megan Moore, Kylea Amerin and Valarie Case; Back - Christopher Carpenter, Rita Castleberry, Rylan Castleberry, Shawna Gilbert, Mary Riegel, Brady Marston, Jennifer Marston, Lorraine Case, Cheryl Metcalf, Alanna Negelein, Lois Hudgins and Jenny Sattler.

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what might help to prevent similar future occurrences. Other conference panels considered the impact of genocide on individual and group memory.

Schmaltz’s talk was part of the special topic panel, “Soviet Genocide against Its Ethnic German Population: Forms, Consequences, and Responses.” Also contributing to the panel were his longtime colleagues Dr. J. Otto Pohl of the Department of Social Sciences at the American University of Iraq in Sulaimani, Iraqi Kurdistan, who organized the panel, and Dr. Brent Mai, Dean of Libraries and University Librarian at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut. Dr. Mai also directs the Volga German Institute at Fairfield University, on whose Board of Academic Advisors

both Dr. Pohl and Dr. Schmaltz serve.

In September 2015, the three scholars collaborated on the special topic panel “Ethnic Germans in Central Asia” at the University of Ghana in Accra for the Inaugural and First Biennial Conference of the Pan-African Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-ASIA) in cooperation with the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS): “Asian Studies in Africa: The Challenges and Prospects of a New Axis of Intellectual Interaction.”

Schmaltz said that next year the event organizers in Sacramento have indicated that they intend to procure the genocide conference presentations as articles to be included in a book compilation published by Routledge Press.



First-time freshman enrollment up in fall, overall count dips

An increase in the number of first-time freshmen highlighted the fall 2018 preliminary enrollment report at Northwestern.

The number of newcomers rose 7.5 percent to 372 students, compared with last year's number of 346.

Overall headcount enrollment for the semester was down 4.9 percent with 1,993 students enrolled, compared with 2,095 in fall 2017. Students are taking more credit hours, as enrollment in that category was down by

only 2.3 percent.

Concurrent enrollment of high school seniors and juniors contributed significantly to the enrollment decline, with fewer than 50 students taking advantage of the program.

"We are certainly pleased that more freshmen have made Northwestern their college choice," Dr. Janet Cunningham, president of Northwestern, said. "We have identified some areas where enrollment has declined and will implement strategies to improve in those areas."

Enrollment at the main campus in Alva held steady at 1,324 students, a decrease of 19 students.

Enrollment at Northwestern's other locations declined, with the Enid site falling 23 students to a headcount of 201, and Woodward down 21 students to a total of 258. At outreach sites, including the University Center of Ponca City, enrollment fell 15 students to 135.

The University's online offerings saw a small enrollment increase of four students.



2018 - 2019 Freshman Class

Elsey serves as White Coat speaker

The nursing division's traditional White Coat Ceremony was held on August 24. Senior nursing students placed a white jacket on the junior nursing students, signifying their entrance into the profession of nursing.

The event was held in the Student Center ballroom and was attended by nursing students, faculty and administrators.

The speaker was current NWOSU DNP student Sierra Elsey, also a Northwestern BSN alum. She works

in the Birthing Center of Alliance Health in Woodward, is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant for inpatients and outpatients, and is a Child Birth Class and Prenatal Instructor.

This past summer, Elsey founded the Northwest Oklahoma Breastfeeding Coalition.



Sierra Elsey, current Northwestern DNP nursing student, was the featured speaker at the White Coat Ceremony during the fall semester.

Student nurses learn at Camp Barnabus

By Nancy Wilder-Pierce

Being a Ranger Nurse means giving back and being of service to others and that's exactly what we did this past summer. For one week in July, two of my senior classmates and I served on the 2018 Camp Barnabas Medical Team. Additionally, we were honored and privileged to have

Dr. Mary Brune from the NWOSU nursing faculty to be a mentor for us as well as many other nursing students and staff from various schools and employers from across Missouri.

Camp Barnabas is a camp located in Shell Knob, MO on Table Rock Lake. They provide camping experiences to people with special

needs and chronic illnesses, along with their siblings. The campers that attend this camp wouldn't be able to attend traditional camps because of the various medical conditions they have. As nursing students, we were assigned to an RN and assisted them throughout the week by overseeing

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Conference brings awareness to group on preparedness

Nurse faculty members and all junior and senior students attended the Caring across Cultures: The Culture of Disaster conference in Oklahoma City on Sept. 28.

This year's focus was on emergency preparedness. There was a panel composed of personnel from hospitals in Florida that received the victims of the Pulse Orlando shootings.

Both faculty and students said it was a worthwhile presentation and provided food for thought in terms of preparedness for mass casualty and disaster needs in Oklahoma and other states.



Dr. Mary Brune, left, served as mentor to students from Northwestern at Camp Barnabus in Missouri. Senior nursing students, left to right, include: Nancy Wilder-Pierce, Tilly Braddock and Jessica Weidner.

Student nurses learn at Camp...

medications for the campers as well as any medical care they needed. This care ranged from taking care of everyday bumps and bruises to changing colostomy bags. This was by far one of the greatest experiences of my life. I gained knowledge not only from my mentor nurses but from the campers themselves. The experience really hit home to me during the closing party. One of the campers got up and said that he felt normal, just like a regular kid during his time at the camp.

According to Jessica Weidner, a senior nursing student from the Enid campus, "Camp Barnabas for me was an opportunity to learn about children with intellectual disabilities. Little did I know those children would teach me so much more about myself. I was able to learn from other nurses and nursing students as well as be a servant to these kids. They are in a safe place and want to be recognized as everyone else. At Camp Barnabas they are just that. I hope to stay involved and to continue to serve on the med team for years to come."

Tilly Braddock, senior nursing student from Alva, also attended Camp Barnabas. She says, "Camp Barnabas was a life-changing experience for me. Nursing is about giving and care for others. This experience was truly humbling and was the motivation I needed to head into senior year strong. Without volunteers this camp would not function, as these children have medical needs and disabilities that require continuous medical oversight. I plan to volunteer in the future as an RN and would encourage others to take part in this amazing experience."



November Artist-in-Residence, Madelein Bialke, gives an artist talk (left) and monotype workshop (right) on Nov. 28 in the Visual Arts department.

Bialke is November Artist-in-Residence

Artist-in-Residence Madeleine Bialke presented an Artist Talk on her work, its evolution, and artists who have helped inform her practice. A monotype workshop followed.

A monotype is a single print taken from a design created in oil paint or printing ink on glass or plexiglass. Students learned this fun and flexible process that melds painting and printmaking while utilizing the visual arts printing press.

Bialke lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. She received her B.F.A. in Studio Art from Plattsburgh State University of New York in 2013, and her MFA in Painting from Boston University in 2016. Bialke has exhibited her work extensively in New York and Boston, and has also participated in exhibits in London and Portland, Maine.

About her work, Bialke stated: "As a cultural convention, landscape is used in America as an exploration of national identity. The painted landscape more often reveals the artist's learning than it does the experiences of the natural world. My work sets an imaginary stage on which to explore the role of nature

in the evolving identity of America. As climate change and ecological devastation wreak havoc on a local and national scale, and an expanding population continues to build an urban sprawl while looking inward into screens-- nature simplifies. I use flat, shallow spaces to discuss natural limits. The colors are derived from clothing catalogues and house paint swatches and do not reference the directly perceptual world. Color is used to create uneasy, unsettling associations with its subjects to suggest a world changed by chemicals, pollution, and integral man-made alterations to the fabric of the natural world. The loopy, slightly humorous treatment of each scene evokes the American comic. Iconic landscape imagery, such as conifers and cumulus clouds, in this sense function as an expression of national iconology and ethos. My representation of nature is codified in a set of mythic narratives, spatial conventions, and communal symbols, removing itself from the original experienced place into cultural arenas."

To view more of Bialke's work, visit: mbialke.com

SWAT completes dignity drive

The Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) organization completed its “Compassion in Action Dignity Drive” for personal hygiene supplies at all Northwestern locations in December. Donations of personal hygiene products were collected and distributed through a local church in Enid at its weekly soup kitchen offerings during the holiday season.

“The Compassion in Action Dignity Drive allows us to give back to our own communities in a small yet meaningful way by providing basic necessities for personal hygiene,” Katelyn Van Vickle, social work senior and SWAT vice president for the Woodward campus, said. “All donations collected go straight to families in need in Oklahoma, and that is what putting compassion into action is all about.”

This year SWAT gathered donations for United Methodist Circle of Care, a foster care agency serving Northwest Oklahoma. The agency identified hygiene product needs for their families that assist children currently in foster care.

“Foster parents often have little notice when a child is coming to their home, and children usually come to homes with very little items,” Raquel Razien, regional program director for United Methodist Circle of Care, said. “Being able to provide these basic hygiene products is one way we can help support these amazing families and children.”

For more information

concerning the Compassion in Action Dignity Drive, contact Jennifer Pribble, assistant professor

of social work and director of field experience, in Enid at (580) 213-3148 or jlpribble@nwosu.edu.

Students pass NCLEX-PN exam

Once an NWOSU student successfully completes the junior year of our traditional BSN program, he or she is eligible to take the national NCLEX-PN exam, which enables him or her to apply to be licensed as a practical nurse (LPN).

This year, we have had the most students who have taken and passed the NCLEX-PN! Those passing are: Cheney Bird, Shalyn Farrington,

Amber Gooch-Buchanan, Kylee Loustaunau, Brian Moran, and Nancy Wilder-Pierce.

This will enable them to work in area nursing homes and facilities that staff with LPNs. It boosts their earning potential and affords them lots of good experience, not only in taking and passing the national exam, but also in providing excellent nursing care to the residents of OK!

The image is a screenshot of a tweet from the account NWOSUscience (@NWOSUscience). The tweet text reads: "Excited to see what images he's going to capture in the coming weeks!! #NWOSUscience After @NWOSU graduation, Daniel hopes to attend grad school for #astronomy/#astrophysics". Below the text is a video player showing a presentation slide titled "Daniel Olson's C-STEM Project: Astronomy Imaging". The slide lists three steps: "First Step: Get camera to communicate with the software (take Excedrin!)", "Second Step: Find an easy target for practice!", and "Third Step: Wait for the new moon & dark skies!". The video also shows a person at a computer workstation in a dark room, likely the student mentioned in the tweet. The video timestamp is 10/21/18, 3:27 PM.

Campus food pantry is now open

Northwestern students and employees struggling with food insecurity now have a place to go for help – the Campus Cabinet Food Pantry in SH 108, on the Alva campus.

The pantry is providing non-perishable foods and some personal hygiene items to Northwestern students and employees in need every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Those unable to visit on Wednesdays may make an appointment by contacting Angelia Case, academic project assistant/media specialist and coordinator of the pantry, at (580) 327-8577 or arcase@nwosu.edu or Andrea Lauderdale, Student Success coordinator, at (580) 327- 8606 or amlauderdale@nwosu.edu.

Case had the idea for a campus food pantry last year and mentioned it to Calleb Mosburg, dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, as well as to the officers of the NWOSU Art Society, which she sponsors. A survey of students and employees was conducted to help determine the degree of need.

Case said that the survey found that 44 percent of the students answering said there had been a time when they did not have enough food. More than 50 percent of the respondents said they knew of another student who didn't have enough food and that they, personally, would use the food pantry. An overwhelming 62 percent said a pantry was needed.

Case said that 55 percent of the employees answering the survey agreed that a food pantry is needed with some indicating they, too, could use the help.

To further support the need for the campus food pantry, Mosburg said as he began to look further into

some data from recent years, he found that Northwestern has a large number of students who are identified as low-income (Pell grant eligible) and/or first-generation students (those whose parents or grandparents have not attended college.)

“Back when we completed our application for our Student Support Services Program, a federal Trio Grant program, we found that nearly 40 percent of our students were either low income, first-generation or disabled or receiving ADA accommodations,” Mosburg said. “This was a head count of 912 students.”

Northwestern's senior staff soon was on board, the Alva Wesleyan Food Bank provided its support of the project, and the Campus Cabinet Food Pantry became a reality. Northwestern joins a group of at least 725 colleges and universities across the nation that have seen this growing need and have registered their food pantries with the College and University Food Bank Alliance.

Case said that for Northwestern students and employees to use the pantry, they must fill out the First Time User Application available online at www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet. A web version and a PDF version of this application are available and should be submitted prior to visiting the pantry for the first time.

A Food Request Form at the

web address above should also be submitted prior to each visit.

These two forms will also be available at the pantry location, but for faster service Case requested the



Volunteers Mary Riegel and Jake Boedecker fill a food request at the Campus Cabinet food pantry.

forms be turned in a few days prior to visiting the pantry. Students and employees may visit the pantry once per week.

Upon their first visit all students must show verification of enrollment at Northwestern, and employees must show proof of employment at Northwestern. A current Northwestern photo ID also is needed. Once enrollment/employment is verified, and the First Time User Application is submitted, users will be issued a Campus Cabinet User's Card. Upon subsequent visits to the pantry, all clients will then show this user's card and their current Northwestern photo ID.

“We're so happy to finally be open to help our students and employees who need a little assistance with meals,” Case said. “We started our non-perishable food drives on Dec. 1, 2018, and are so thankful to our

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Northwestern family and local community for their help in providing this needed food, as well as monetary donations. The pantry will continue to need support to keep its shelves stocked on a weekly basis.

“We also know that we are learning as we go with this new venture, so we ask that those visiting the pantry, as well as our volunteers, be patient with us as we find our best way of handling things,” Case said.

Food collection boxes currently are available on campus on the first floors of the Fine Arts Building and Vinson Hall, as well as in the library and at the west entrance of the Student Center.

Food donations as well as tax deductible monetary donations also will be accepted by Case. Checks should be payable to NWOSU

Foundation with “Campus Cabinet” noted in the memo.

Case said that it is her hope that several organizations across campus, as well as in the community, will become involved in helping with the pantry whether by volunteering in some capacity or organizing their own food donation drive.

“If anyone is interested in volunteering or holding a food drive this semester, just let me know so I can get it on my calendar and help promote it via our social media outlets,” Case said. “We also have a volunteer form on our web page, as well as an 8.5 x 11 generic food drive poster if that could be useful to anyone.”

Case noted that some of the most needed “dorm-friendly” non-perishable food includes:

Breakfast items like cereal,

toaster pastries, breakfast bars and drinks, instant oatmeal, etc., peanut butter, jelly, crackers, packaged fruit, individual rice meals, heat and eat meals, canned chicken/ham/turkey, canned meals like spaghetti, ravioli, chili, etc., sports drinks and snacks. There also is a need for vegan and vegetarian food items. Pop top canned items are perfect, but not required.

A number of paper products also are needed like toilet paper and tissues, as well as various men’s and women’s personal hygiene products, including smaller packages of tampons/pads, etc.

Additional information on the Campus Cabinet may be found at www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet or via the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/campuscabinetnwosu or on Twitter at @CampusCabinetNW.



Dr. Josh Hawkins presented on “Special Education in Oklahoma: Diverging Aims” at the Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference.



24-hour livestream raised funds for Child's Play

The Computer Science program once again sponsored a 24-hour livestream raising approximately \$200 for Child's Play Charity on Nov. 30 - Dec. 1.

Members of the program gathered in the Bill and Billie Buckles Computer Science and Robotics Labs in Shockley Hall to play a mix of video games as well as have a few group activities while live broadcasting the whole event on Twitch.

As the students worked in teams and as solo players, their goal was to help generate content to be watched during the livestream as viewers gave donations.

The event was available by watching and sharing the students' livestream and/or through giving donations to the Child's Play Charity.

Child's Play Charity seeks to improve the lives of children in more than 100 hospitals worldwide and domestic violence shelters through the generosity and kindness of the video game industry and the power of play.

Child's Play works in two ways: first, with the help of hospital staff, the organization sets up gift wish lists full of video games, toys, books, and other fun stuff for kids, and second, Child's Play also receives cash donations throughout the year. With those cash donations, they purchase new consoles, peripherals, games and more for hospitals and therapy facilities. These donations allow for

children to enjoy age-appropriate entertainment and interact with their peers, friends, and family, providing vital distraction from an otherwise generally unpleasant experience. The organization has raised nearly \$45 million since 2003.

For more information about Northwestern's Computer Science program, contact Evan Vaverka at (580) 327-8587 or epvaverka@nwosu.edu



Jacob Marr, front, and others work inside the Bill and Billie Buckles Computer Science and Robotics Lab in Shockley Hall.

Bank It awards \$1,000 to Campus Cabinet

Food and monetary donations from individuals, organizations, local business people and more continue to be made to Northwestern's Campus Cabinet Food Pantry.

One significant monetary donation came from the "Northwest Oklahoma Bank It: A Habit of Helping Foundation," which is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization in Alva formed to bring citizens together in support of the northwest Oklahoma

community and to help people and projects in need. The organization approved a mini-grant for \$1,000 to help the food pantry become better established for university students and employees in need.

Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist, found the application at www.ahabitofhelping.com, sent it in and was notified that the board voted to award the campus food pantry the mini-grant.

Kelsey Martin, Bank It board

member, presented the check to Case and NWOSU Art Society president Alanna Negelein at the pantry.

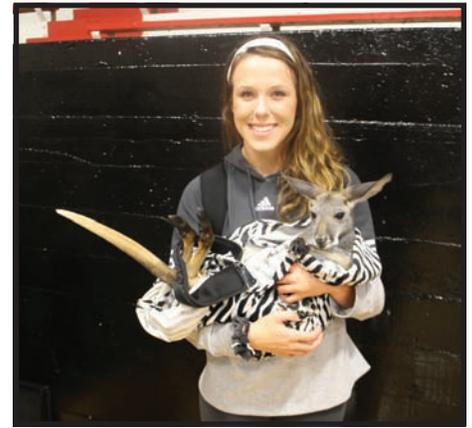
"Our board felt strongly about this project, so we awarded [the Campus Cabinet] this mini-grant," Martin said. "We have helped support many local organizations with mini-grants through this application process."

Besides the mini-grants, Bank It also funds up to four

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NWOSU Enid students welcomed NOC students at the Bridge Barbeque on Sept. 26. Left to right, are: Madison Green, Madeline Turner, Ryan Gantt, Ashley Neal, Morgan Lopez, Kelsey Hainley and Brannon Robinson. Northwestern also provided food and Northwestern-related prizes.



Those who attended the barbeque had the unique opportunity to get acquainted with animals they wouldn't normally see. This NOC student had the opportunity to hold this little kangaroo from the Extreme Animals Petting Zoo provided by NOC Jets Activities.



The Bridge Program Barbeque is an opportunity for Northwestern to recruit NOC students and share information about the program. While at the barbeque, NOC students filled out contact cards to play the Spin-It-To-Win-It Game.



Dr. Leigh Kirby is pictured with her son, Ben (far left) and with Northwestern psychology students holding the snake at the NWOSU-NOC Bridge Program Barbeque. Students, from left, are: Apera Thorn, Lauren Keller, Alicia Green and Britani Gunther.

Club gives Christmas joy

The Enid Psychology Club decided to spread the Christmas Joy by adopting six ladies and four children for Christmas. These ladies participate in the Transitional Living Program through Youth and Family Services.

When children are placed in the foster system, they are provided necessary housing, clothing, and items they need. Once they turn 18, Department of Human Services is no longer considered guardians of the individual. These young men and women no longer have things they need to live.

Youth and Family has a Transitional Living Program for these young adults, providing them with a place to live, food to eat, and assistance with transportation.

In December, there were six ladies living in the Transitional Living Program. The club wanted to help them and their children have a Merry Christmas.



Enid Psychology Club members, kneeling: Heidi Clark and Baily Stoll; standing: Rafaela Avila, Jerod Clark, Apera Thorn, Lauren Keller, Alicia Green, Sharmon Pitts and Anahisa Aguilar.

Social Work plays host to CWPEP Session

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University department of social work recently played host to a Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) informational session to educate social work majors about an opportunity to work in public child welfare.

The presentation was held via ITV and was attended by 27 social work students from Enid, Alva, Woodward and Ponca City.

The presentation was conducted by Linda Smith, CWPEP program coordinator from the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work. CWPEP is a Title IV-E partnership between the University of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work coordinates the contract with Northwestern and other participating accredited undergraduate social work programs including East Central University and Oral Roberts University.

The purpose of this partnership is to enhance and support Oklahoma's public child welfare workforce. It affords interested students financial support by covering books, fees and in-state tuition in return for a specified employment obligation in a Child Welfare position with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) or a tribe with which DHS has a Tribal/State Agreement. The stipend amount for a 12-month employment

obligation is \$7,876. This program is funded by OKDHS, Children and Family Services Division through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

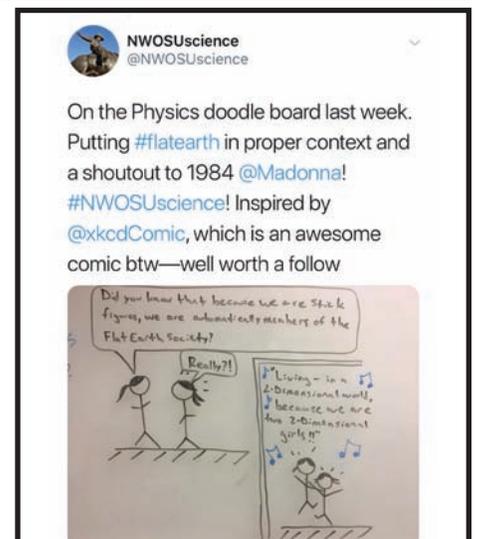
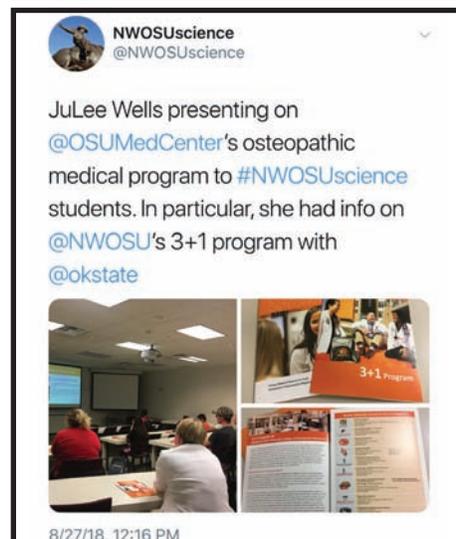
To be eligible to apply to the program, undergraduate students must be fully admitted to the social work program and demonstrate through an application and a written essay a career interest in the field of child welfare. All applicants are required to have a criminal background check and a driving records check. Applicants must be citizens of the United States or legal permanent residents

of the U.S. Students accepted into the CWPEP Program are required to take child welfare-related courses, to attend the OKDHS CORE Training Program and to have a field placement in OKDHS Child Welfare county offices. Upon completion of the BSW degree, social workers enter OKDHS employment as Child Welfare Specialists.

To learn more about the CWPEP program, contact the program's coordinator, Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work, at 580 (327) - 8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu.



Linda Smith from the University of Oklahoma is presenting information on the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) to social work majors.



Bank It awards...

“CommUNITY Vision projects” each year and also provides help for families in crisis situations. All of the funds come primarily from donations of citizens within Woods County with a large portion of those funds being matched by participating local banks.

“We appreciate the board members of Bank It reviewing our application and finding what we’re doing to help our students and employees as a worthy project to support,” Case said. “We are so thankful and dependent upon groups like this, as well as individuals and businesses like ENJ Financial and Walmart, who have seen the need to donate to our service project.”

The Campus Cabinet Food Pantry continues to welcome food and monetary donations throughout the year in order to keep food and personal hygiene products on the shelves and available to university students and employees who need them.

The pantry is open each

Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in SH 108. Those needing help are encouraged to visit www.nwosu.edu/

campus-cabinet to find forms and other pertinent information needed prior to a visit.



Students from Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s Woodward campus participated in the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) “Self-Defense Night” at the RYSE Academy of Mixed Martial Arts in Woodward to learn more about self-defense techniques. Taking part in the event are (Left to Right) SWAT sponsor Jennifer Pribble, Tyann Purvis, Reba Finley, Chanel Martin, Katelyn Van Vickle, Alicia James, Marcy Rael, Jennifer Ruppel, Angelica Jaquez and RYSE MMA instructor Michael Wickware.



Northwest Oklahoma Bank It board member Kelsey Martin presents a check for a \$1,000 mini-grant to the Campus Cabinet Food Pantry. Accepting the check are Alanna Negelein and Angelia Case.



Students from Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s Enid campus participated in the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) “Self-Defense Night” at Family Martial Arts in Enid to learn more about self-defense techniques. Taking part in the event are (left to right) Rhema Abercrombie, Denise Tyrell, Isabella Abercrombie, Family Martial Arts instructor Alex Evers, SWAT sponsor Jennifer Pribble, Madeline Turner, Ashley Neal and Quin Newman.

Fine Arts Steinway piano is restored

During fall 2017, Fine Arts faculty began discussion on the need to work on the Steinway grand piano in FA 200. Conversations with Northwestern's piano tuner and NWOSU alum Charles Belknap identified James Markes of JME Works as an excellent piano technician to give the piano new life.

An initial estimate was received to repair/replace the "action" of the piano; hammers, tuning pins, strings, etc. All would greatly improve the sound of the piano. As discussions continued, the fact that the piano's look wouldn't change became a topic. The instrument would sound better and respond

to the pianist but would still show wear and tear of more than 25 years of use; the money and work put into the piano would not be visible. Therefore the possibility of a complete restoration including refinishing the piano case and bench was investigated. The new estimate was received and the request for funding began.

Professor Kimberly Weast talked with the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association about the possibility of finding a donor for the project. Thankfully, a donor was identified quickly. The generous gift received from the family of Louis Schupbach allowed the restoration to become a reality.

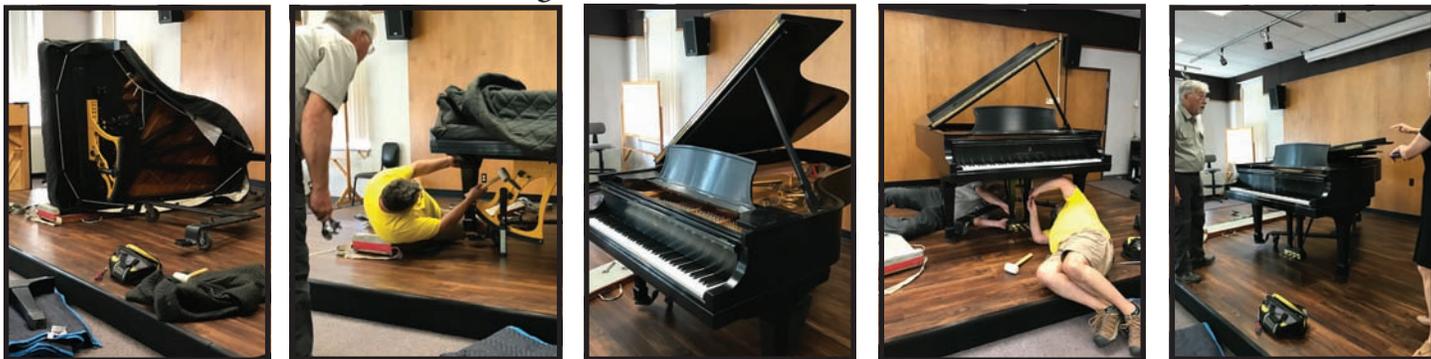
Louis attended Northwestern for two years. Later in his life, he provided his gift of ticking the ivories at several Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association events.

On May 11, 2018, the Steinway went to Edmond to begin the restoration process. During the summer work was accomplished, and on Oct. 2 the piano arrived back in Alva. It was carefully taken up the front stairs of the Fine Arts Building and placed on the FA 200 stage.

This gift of new life for this wonderful instrument will serve the students of Northwestern and provide beautiful music for years to come.



Moving back in with student assistance.



Putting it back together was a process.



Education Fair held in November

Education employers seeking employees had an opportunity to go right to the source by attending the fall 2018 Education Fair at Northwestern-Alva in November.

Oklahoma education organizations attending were Alva Public Schools, El Reno Public Schools, Enid Public Schools, Epic Charter Schools, Fairview Public Schools, Guthrie Public Schools, Guymon Public

Schools, High Plains Educational Cooperative, Putnam City Schools, Timberlake Public Schools, and Waynoka Public Schools.

Kansas area education organizations attending were Garden City Public Schools, Hugoton Public Schools, Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative Area 613, Unified School District 470 in Arkansas City, and Wichita Public Schools.

Taylor Wilson, director of counseling and career services, encourages job seekers to dress well and to stop by her office in FA 208 if they need any help prior to fairs. She may be reached at tawilson@nwosu.edu.

For more information or to schedule an appointment visit www.nwosu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services.

DNP program accepts 45; inaugural residency week held

Forty-five new students were accepted into the DNP program and started Orientation in July 2018. Nineteen students from the 2017 cohort progressed in the program.

The nine full-time students participated in Residency Week. When Dr. Shelly Wells designed the DNP Program, she envisioned a week of intensive residency for the students after their first year in the program. The inaugural residency week was held Sunday, July 15 through Friday, July 20. Students

and faculty members Drs. Wells, Ballina and Thompson stayed in Fryer Hall. Students put in long days, some until 10 or 11 p.m., practicing their skills. Highlights of the week included:

Checkoffs on physical assessment skills

Learning procedures such as checking cow eyeballs for corneal scratches, suturing, knee injections, splinting, incising and draining infections, wart removal, trigger point injections, treating smashed

finger nails, ear wax removal, well women exams and lesion biopsy

Learning how to bill for nurse practitioner services provided

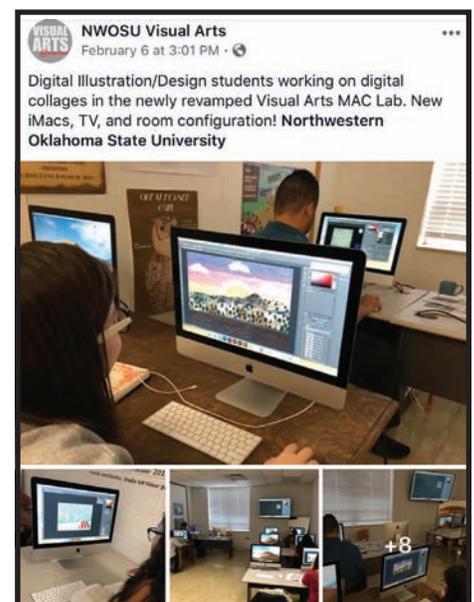
Roundtable discussion with nurse practitioners from Oklahoma and Kansas

Visiting with PA students from WSU and teaching them how to use the knee injection, pelvic exam, prostate exam, and intrauterine device insertion models

A cut-throat Jeopardy game to review for the final. Winners: Courtney Campbell, Abigail Degan, and Desiree Powell



Meet the first residency class in Northwestern's DNP program. Members are: Front Row L-R - Rebecca Reilly, Christina Erford, Courtney Campbell, Desiree Powell; Back Row L-R - Angela Skousen, Martha Royster, Andrew Skousen, Kim Trekell and Abigail Degan.



\$1,250 grant awarded to Campus Cabinet

January 2019 brought very welcome news to the organizers of the Campus Cabinet Food Pantry at Northwestern Oklahoma State University as the group continues to establish a place that will be helpful to the university's students and employees.

Just prior to the start of the spring

semester, a community grant from Walmart was approved, and a check for \$1,250 was sent to the university for food pantry use.

"We are so grateful to Walmart-Alva for believing in our work and awarding the Campus Cabinet food pantry with a \$1,250 community

grant as we work toward purchasing food, personal hygiene products and other supplies we need for the pantry," Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist, said. "This new service project wouldn't be possible without support from friends like you."

Mark Davis, the manager of Walmart #178 in Alva, as well as several associates in the local store, were on hand Jan. 18 to make the formal presentation to Case, NWOSU Art Society president Alanna Negelein, Pawnee junior, and Sponsored Programs director Tandy Keenan, who submitted the grant proposal.



Alva Walmart #178 manager Mark Davis and a number of store associates make a formal presentation of a \$1,250 community grant to the Northwestern Campus Cabinet Food Pantry. Accepting the check are Alanna Negelein, Angelia Case & Tandy Keenan.

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Thank you to all the clubs and organizations who decorated wreaths and to everyone who donated money for this event. Total funds raised for the United Way of Enid was \$311.13.



Students and employees at Northwestern's Enid Campus participated in the All Sports Chili Bowl: 31st Annual United Way Chili Cook-Off. Those manning the booth were: Madison Green, Madeline Turner, Ryan Gantt, Ashley Neal, Morgan Lopez, Kelsey Hainley, Brannon Robinson, Tiffany Misak and Dr. Wayne McMillin.

Northwestern plays host to concert series

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series (NWOCS), an organization that seeks to bring cultural performances and entertainment to northwest Oklahoma, began its 2018-19 season on Sept. 4 with Dawson Hollow.

Missouri native Dawson Hollow is an indie-folk band based out of the Ozark Mountains. Their music encompasses the nostalgia of folk while channeling the urgent and intoxicating energy of indie-rock.

The second act in the series, VOX Audio was born as “Toxic Audio” at the 1998 Orlando Fringe Festival. The concept was simple: create a fun, interactive theatrical show, where the star was the human voice.

Next, Tulsa Camerata a professional mixed-instrumentation chamber music ensemble dedicated to enriching the community through concerts and educational outreaches that foster artistic excellence and innovation performed.

For more than 30 years Riders in the Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, reviving and revitalizing Western music. And while remaining true to the integrity of the genre, they have themselves become modern-day icons by branding it with their own legendary wacky humor and way-out Western wit, and all along encouraging buckaroos and buckarettes to live life “The Cowboy Way!” Riders in the Sky closed the series Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the 2019-2020 season may be purchased online at www.nwocs.ticketbud.com or from Holder Drug or Graceful Arts

Center. Anyone needing tickets can contact Kimberly Weast, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, by email at kkweast@nwosu.edu or at (580) 327-8462.

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

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



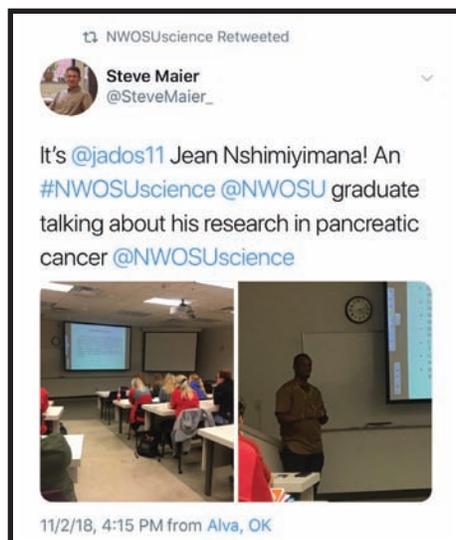
Longhursts welcome twins!

Karsten and Danielle Longhurst welcomed healthy twins to the world on Sept. 30.

Chloe Danielle (5lbs, 14 oz)

and Caleb William (6 lbs, 14 oz) were born at 8:48 and 8:50 p.m.

Welcome to the world!



Declan is first MGP graduate

Francis Declan, international student from Ghana, was the first Masters of General Psychology student to graduate from Northwestern. He completed the degree in December 2018.

The masters degree in general psychology was first offered in the fall semester of 2017. Declan was the first student accepted into the program. He graduated from Northwestern in December 2015 with a bachelor of science in biology. He continued his education and completed his master's degree in the area of psychology.

Dr. Stephanie Widick was his committee chair and helped Declan with his capstone project which was presented at Ranger Research Day in November.



Francis Declan (right) with Dr. Stephanie Widick at Ranger Research Day.

Enid campus Fall Fest is fun for all

Northwestern's Enid Campus played host to Northwestern's Fall Fest in October sponsored by the Enid Leadership Council along with SNA, SWAT and the Enid Psychology Club.

This event gives an opportunity for charitable events to provide a carnival that keeps kids off the streets and helps the community at the same time. Fall Fest also serves as a fundraising event for non-profit organizations.

Individuals were able to purchase tickets for 25 cents each and could play games at various booths. Approximately 400 people attended. There were 35 different booths and games with 19 organizations participating.

The event raised more than \$1,700, with more than \$1,000 being raised for on-campus clubs and organizations.



Enid Psychology Club booth, Halloween Tattoos



Dr. McMillin at the Enid Psychology Club Photobooth



Leadership Council Booth, Pick a duck, win a prize



SNA Booth, Ski Ball



Leadership Council Booth, Bull's Eye Game

University contributes significantly to local, state economies

A study released in January by the State Chamber Research Foundation shows Northwestern has a significant impact on local, regional and state economies.

The study showed Northwestern supported approximately \$58.1 million in total economic output for FY2016, including direct expenditures of \$43.8 million by faculty, staff and students.

Included in direct expenditures are \$6.8 million in spending from non-Oklahoma students.

The study concluded that Oklahoma's system of higher education plays a large and increasingly important role in Oklahoma's ongoing economic development efforts through developing an increasingly skilled and competitive state labor force.

"This important study validates the message that we have delivered to policymakers and the public that Oklahoma's public universities and colleges drive economic development, but more importantly drive economic success," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "It is important that Oklahoma views public funding of higher education as an investment in future success, not just a line-item expenditure."

Cunningham's point was supported by the study's findings that for every dollar in state appropriations provided to Northwestern, the school generated \$6.50 in economic output.

"Oklahoma's public colleges and universities serve as an anchor in their cities, towns and regions as they

contribute to the stability of their communities," said State Chamber Research Foundation Executive Director Dr. Jennifer Lepard. "The study shows what we've known to be true for a while—increased higher education is an underlying source of economic growth, both in the U.S. and internationally."

Despite the benefits of a strong public higher education system, state funding for higher education in Oklahoma has been cut by \$274.3 million, or 26 percent, since FY2008.

A recent study by Illinois State University showed Oklahoma led the nation in percentage cuts to higher education from FY2012 to FY2017.

"By next year nearly 40 percent of all new jobs created in Oklahoma will require a college degree," Cunningham said. "It is imperative that Oklahoma have a qualified workforce ready to support new industry and encourage entrepreneurship. Only higher education can accomplish this task."

For more information on the State Chamber Research Foundation Report, visit okresearchfoundation.org.

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Check out what Aleya Franz, a junior elementary ed major at #NWOSU, mentioned at Higher Ed Day at the Capitol Tuesday in this article in the Oklahoman by K.S. McNutt. Kudos to Hayden Graham, sophomore health & sports science major, & Alicia Green, graduate student in the master of counseling psychology program, who also have comments in the story. #InvestinHigherEd Full Story here: <https://newsok.com/article/5622776/oklahoma-college-students-advocate-for-more-higher-education-funding>

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Oklahoma college students advocate for more higher education funding

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Great job, Aleya Franz! You knocked it out of the park today speaking to members of the executive branch & legislators on behalf of students across the state for Higher Education Day at the Capitol. #InvestinHigherEd #NWOSU #RangerProud

Mish is 2019 Visiting Writer

On Monday, April 1, the Department of English, Foreign Language, and Humanities held its annual Visiting Writer event series. The department welcomed 2017-2018 Oklahoma Poet Laureate Jeanetta Calhoun Mish to campus.

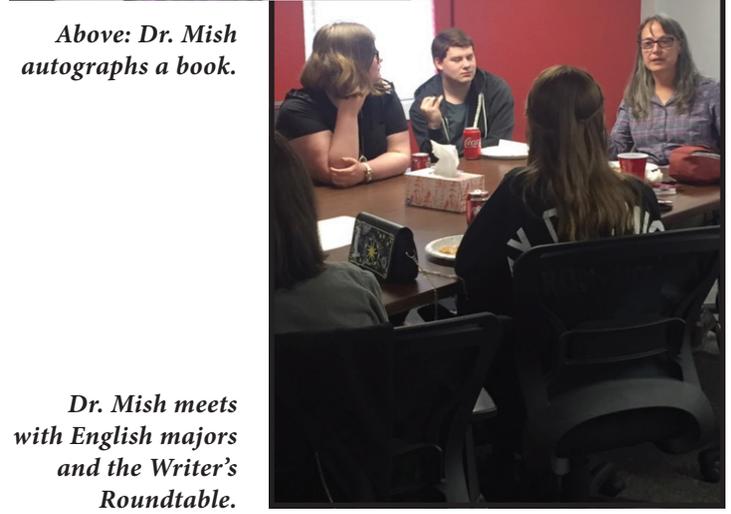
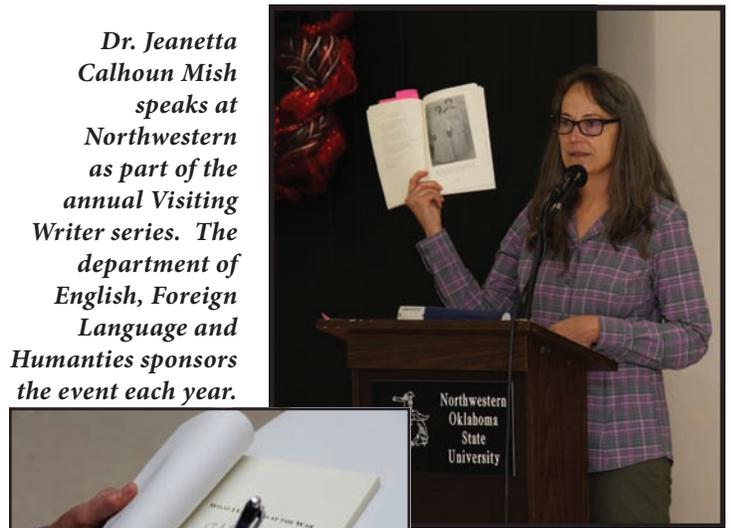
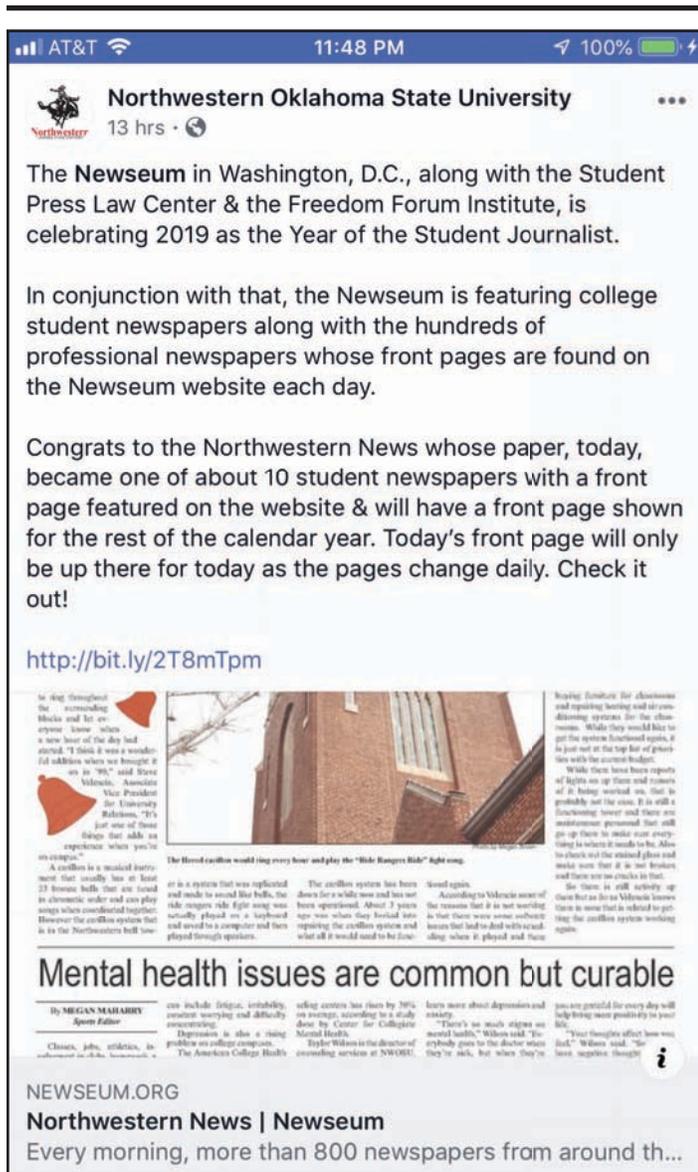
The event brings Oklahoma writers to Northwestern and Alva every spring. Dr. Mish is Director of The Red Earth Creative Writing MFA at Oklahoma City University and Editor of Mongrel Empire

Press. Her 2009 poetry collection, *Work Is Love Made Visible*, won an Oklahoma Book Award, a Wrangler Award, and the WILLA Award from Women Writing the West.

During the lunch-time reading, Dr. Mish read poetry from her works, and even introduced some of the poems she is planning to include in her next collection. The reading was well-received, and afterward Mish signed books for the attendees and spoke more

about her writing.

Before and after the Monday reading, Mish spoke to four classes about her poetry, writing, and publishing experiences. That evening, the department hosted a gathering for English majors, minors, and the Writer's Roundtable to meet with Dr. Mish and discuss more about writing, publishing, and literature. Altogether, Mish's event had more than 100 participants.



Dr. Jeanetta Calhoun Mish speaks at Northwestern as part of the annual Visiting Writer series. The department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities sponsors the event each year.

Above: Dr. Mish autographs a book.

Dr. Mish meets with English majors and the Writer's Roundtable.

Third Guitar Festival held on campus

Northwestern played host to the Third Annual NWOSU Guitar Festival on April 5 between 9:30 a.m. and noon in the Fine Arts building.

The festival's purpose is to provide young guitarists an outlet to perform and receive constructive feedback.

"Guitar players do not get to compete within the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Association," Seth Cudd, assistant professor of fine arts, director of instrumental music and music education, said. "Our Guitar Festival provides students a unique opportunity to perform on guitar and receive feedback. Max Ridgway, our guitar teacher, is a phenomenal musician, and the festival gives students a chance to get to know him as well."

The students who participated were mainly from the northwestern region of Oklahoma.

The contest is for middle school and high school students only. The youngest students allowed to perform were from the sixth grade, and the oldest allowed to perform were high school seniors.

An awards ceremony was held after the festival at 11:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts building, room 200. The judge picked the top three performers of the day, and

they performed again for everyone.

"We were excited to host the third annual NWOSU guitar festival," Cudd said. "We look forward to hearing the guitar players from this area."

In the future, Northwestern may put together a piano contest where students may compete and perform. The piano is another instrument that the OSSAA band district does not allow to perform at the solo and ensemble contest.

Contact Cudd for more information at (580) 327-8191 or mscudd@nwosu.edu.



Participants in the Third Annual NWOSU Guitar Festival get together for a group photo in front of the Fine Arts building.



Campus beautification event adds color to campus

Northwestern's Staff Council once again sponsored Campus Beautification events in Alva, Enid and Woodward in April.

On the Alva campus, many students and university employees volunteered their services to help give the campus a facelift prior to welcoming alumni and guests back to campus for the annual Spring Reunion Day events on April 27.

The Staff Council changed the

name from Campus Clean-Up Day to Campus Beautification Day to help entice more participation from students and employees.

"Campus Beautification has a more positive connotation than Clean-Up," Janet Valencia, Staff Council member, said. "It is more than just picking up trash and raking leaves. We are providing color and interest to our campus with flowers, plants and trees."

"The original intent of the staff council was to beautify our campus, not just clean up from winter's havoc. By the time fall rolls around, the campus is so beautiful with full trees and flowers all over. The more people who help, the more we can plant and make our facilities the most beautiful places in Alva, Enid and Woodward. When visitors come to campus,

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Dr. Christee Jenlink (red shirt, left) and Dr. Colleen Golightly (far right) work with students planting flowers during Alva Campus Beautification event.



Volunteers on the Woodward campus plant flowers around the entry signage during Campus Beautification activities in April.



Dr. Mindi Clark and her horticulture class grow the plants used in the annual Campus Beautification events. Above are plants used on the Alva campus. The Staff Council and the university appreciate the efforts of this class.



Volunteers on the Enid campus plant flowers around the Ranger statue during Campus Beautification activities in April.

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Campus beautification...

they are impressed at how our campuses look, and it takes a team effort to get it looking fabulous.”

Staff Council members joined student and employee volunteers at the Woodward campus April 24 and at the Enid campus April 25.

Staff Council appreciates all who volunteered for these events because they could not do it without them.

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

A record of the number of hours volunteered by employees and students was kept so it can be reflected in service learning reporting.



Student volunteers on the Alva campus spread mulch after planting flowers around the Ranger statue during Campus Beautification activities in April.

Baseball, Hot Dogs and Apple Pie alumni event held in Enid in April

Northwestern alumni, friends and community were invited to the annual “Baseball, Hot Dogs and Apple Pie” on Tuesday, April 16 at the David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid as the Rangers played Oklahoma Wesleyan University Eagles.

“Baseball, Hot Dogs & Apple Pie” is an annual opportunity for alumni and friends of the university to don their Ranger gear and cheer the Northwestern baseball team. Free hot dogs cooked by the Rowdy Rangers and free apple pies provided by McDonald’s

were available. The Greater Enid Northwestern Alumni Task Force and the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association played host to the event.

Free “Baseball, Hot Dogs & Apple Pie” T-shirts were provided for the first 120 youth league baseball players and a limited number were available for children in attendance. The Northwestern bookstore was also will be on site selling Ranger merchandise.

Unfortunately, the Rangers lost the game, but the event was a win for all.



The Ranger baseball team had fun meeting members of a local youth league team.



The Enid Leadership Council helped with hospitality in the Alumni section at the annual alumni event.



This little Ranger crosses home plate during Baseball, Hot Dogs and Apple Pie event.

Three academic departments to see new leaders

Three academic departments will have new leadership beginning on July 1.

The Division of Business will welcome Dr. John Stockmyer as its new chair, replacing Dr. David Hawkins, who will remain on the faculty.

Stockmyer joined the Division at Northwestern in 2013 and specializes in marketing-related studies. He previously led the business department at Eastern New Mexico University. Stockmyer earned his doctorate from the University of Missouri in 1999.

In the School of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Social Sciences will see Dr. Eric Schmaltz replace Dr. Kay Decker. Decker will continue teaching in the department.

Schmaltz has a doctorate in history from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and is an expert in modern European history. He joined the Northwestern faculty in 2005.

In 2010, he co-founded the NWOSU-Institute for Citizenship Studies and currently serves as its co-director. In 2014, Schmaltz was awarded the John Barton

Distinguished Teaching and Service Award.

The Department of Psychology will see Dr. Jason Ferrell assume the chair position, replacing Dr. Leigh Kirby, who has served as interim chair since 2018.

Ferrell completed his doctoral

work at the University of Texas at Austin in 2017 and joined the Northwestern faculty in 2018. Most of his research/teaching interests intersect psychology, education, language, communications, statistics, measurement, computer science and technology.



John Stockmyer



Eric Schmaltz



Jason Ferrell

'Big Mama Speaks'
Winter Chautauqua is a recounting of the Tulsa Race Riot

By Mitchell Willetts
Staff Writer

Traditionally, Winter Chautauqu features a real figure from history or a re-enactment of a single individual and their life, but this year is different.

"Big Mama Speaks: A 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Survivor's Story," is the recounting of an ugly piece of Oklahoma history told by an aging grandmother, Big Mama, to her grandchildren.

Big Mama is a composite character, a fictional person made from real stories, true accounts, in this case from residents of the Greenwood District in Tulsa who lived through the destruction of the predominantly black district by white mobs. Many people refer to the event as a massacre instead of a riot. The death toll is unknown but some sources report hundreds of deaths.

Big Mama will have stories of perseverance, too. After the gunfire stopped and the fires burned out, the residents of Greenwood cleared the debris and rebuilt the community that still exists today.

Vanessa Adams-Harris, writer, director, actress and painter, has played the title role in the one-act performance for more than a decade.

She puts a lot of effort into "exploring" her characters, she said. She has had a lot of time to explore Big Mama.

"My characters are fleshed out fully, real, and I get to the human emotion of everybody that I do," she said.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, to an African-American mother and Native American father, Adams-Harris can personally relate to certain experiences of the character, she said, but other aspects are more "foreign."

"It's foreign because it is so violent, and I didn't grow up in a violent place. I grew up in a loving environment," she said.

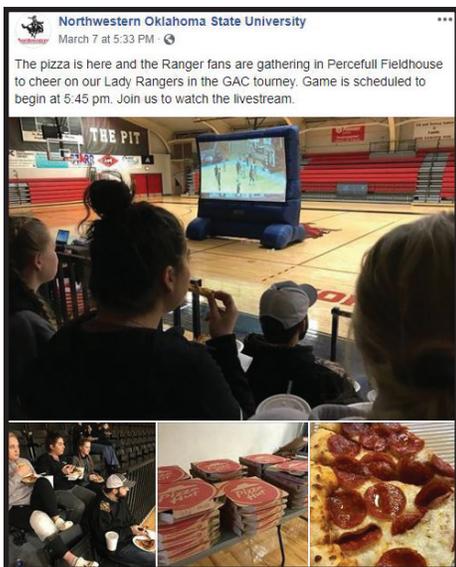
Adams-Harris said it has been a humbling experience to play the role and to share the history that inspired it.

With 20 performances to take place at elementary, middle and high schools in and

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Vanessa Adams-Harris, seen at Enid Public Schools' Administrative Services Center on Wednesday, will discuss the 1921 Tulsa race riot during Winter Chautauqua. (Bonnie Vuclek / Enid News & Eagle)

Vanessa Adams-Harris is featured in an article in the Enid News and Eagle for her portrayal of 'Big Mama Speaks' during the Winter Chautauqua on the Enid campus. The chautauqua topic was the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot.



Division of Nursing, new doctoral program named

Officials at Northwestern announced the naming of the Division of Nursing and its doctoral program in nursing practice (DNP).

The Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing and the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program in Rural Nursing Practice will honor the contributions of the two area philanthropic entities.

“Today marks the first time in Northwestern history that an academic department and program have been named, and it is reflective of the extraordinary support provided by the Charles Morton Share Trust and the Wisdom Family Foundation,” Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said.

Both groups provided leadership gifts creating 20 endowed faculty chair positions used to support faculty positions and operational needs in nursing.

Northwestern began work to create a doctoral program in nursing practice in 2014, securing final approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in January 2016. The Share Trust was the first entity to back the program, providing significant momentum.

“In discussions leading up to the approval of the program, the State Regents noted that having funding in place was an important factor in their decision,” Cunningham said. “I am convinced that without the support of the Share Trust, program approval would have been much more difficult, if not impossible.”

The Share Trust has been a longtime supporter of Northwestern students. The organization also has established an endowed chair in education and provided leadership gifts for several building projects, including the J.R. Holder Wellness Center, and the renovation of Ranger Field, including the construction of the Dean Linder Press Box and the football complex.

The Wisdom Family Foundation followed with an equal gift to the nursing program, allowing Northwestern to enroll its first class into the DNP program in the fall of 2017.

“The support of the Wisdom Family Foundation solidified the DNP program and allowed us to establish a program that rivals any in the country,” Cunningham said.

In addition to its support of the



**Charles Morton Share Trust
Division of Nursing**



**Wisdom Family Foundation
Doctoral Program
in Rural Nursing Practice**



Division of Nursing, the Wisdom Family Foundation previously provided major support for the establishment of the baccalaureate program in agriculture education, including scholarships and the construction of the Wisdom Agriculture Education Center. The Foundation also has supported two endowed chairs in visual arts, allowing Northwestern to offer a minor in that area.

The first class of graduates from the DNP program is expected in spring of 2020.

“Joseph” production includes more than 80

More than 80 people were in rehearsals, building set, and getting costumes and stage props ready for the Fine Arts Department’s production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in April.

According to The Musical Company website, the following is part of the show’s history and awards:

“This musical was first written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber at the request of a friend of Weber’s father for the school’s 1968 end of term concert. The children’s concert proved so successful that the piece, originally 15-minutes long, continued to expand until it became a full-length professional musical. The Broadway opening was in 1982 and garnered six Tony nods, including Best Musical. The title role has been played by a succession of stars including Gary Bond, Donny Osmond, Patrick

Cassidy and Jason Donovan. It has been staged numerous times in the decades since; a new production recently toured the U.S., directed and choreographed by ‘Hamilton’ Tony winner Andy Blankenbuehler.”

Director of the musical was Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and Department of Fine Arts chair; Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and instructor of music, served as the music director while Kiley Feely, second through fifth grade music teacher for Alva Public Schools, served as

the children’s choir director. Erin Davis, university relations specialist, served as choreographer while Mickey Jordan, Iowa Park, Texas, graduate student, served as the assistant choreographer and designed the set and props. Alica Hall, Northwestern speech/theatre alumna; Maleah Schmitz, freshman speech/theatre major; and Chloe Nutley, Elk City junior; joined Weast in working on costuming. Michelle Penner, Northwestern speech/theatre alumna, was the Stage Manager while Tiffany Willson, senior early

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Adams republished on blog

Dr. Richmond Adams, assistant professor of English, had an article republished by the cultural blog “Scraps from the Loft.”

The article is titled “Faithfulness: A ‘Vision’ of Stanley Kubrick’s Last Three Films.” Adams first explored these three films – “The Shining” (1980), “Full Metal Jacket” (1987) and “Eyes Wide Shut” (1999) – in a graduate class at Southern Illinois University. The article addresses how these films are linked through notions of “faithfulness” and, in Kubrick’s view, how that term is explored within the post-1945 experience of the Western world.

The editor of the blog indicated the article, which was originally published in 2006 on the now-defunct website “The Film Journal,” was found by chance by going back to the archive of one of Stanley Kubrick’s Newsgroups. The editor indicated that Adams’

article was “a great piece” and “was surprised that it didn’t have the visibility it deserves.” Read Adams’ article by visiting <https://scrapsfromtheloft.com/2018/11/14/faithfulness-a-vision-of-stanley-kubricks-last-three-films-richmond-adams/>.

“Such recognition, I believe, brings positive attention to our university and will assist in our recruiting as well as retention efforts,” Adams said.

Adams joined the faculty at Northwestern in 2014. He has a doctorate with an emphasis in late 19th century American literature from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale.

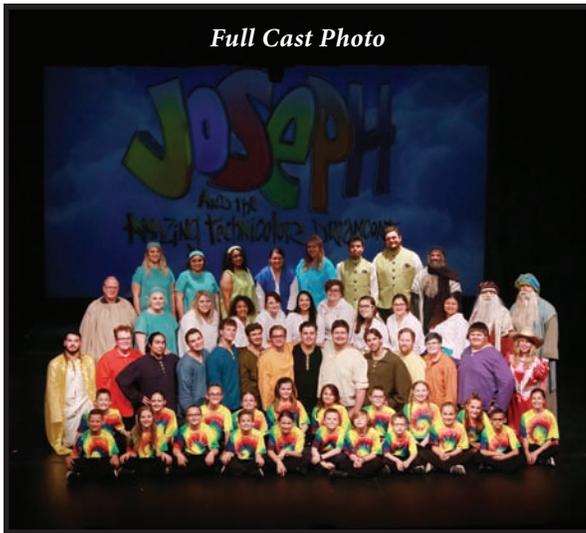


Richmond Adams



“Joseph”...

childhood education major, served as the House Manager. Members of the theatre production class helped build the set and prepared



lighting.

“The thing I’ve most enjoyed about the musical is the choreography,” Laura Kay Reed, Sweetwater junior cast member, said. “I love singing, but I can do that whenever I want. I also love dancing, so getting to do so in a fun and inviting environment is really great.”

Alva Public Schools students participating in the children’s chorus throughout the production included:

Longfellow Elementary School – Isaac Anton, Lydia Bushman, Graham Goss, Merritt Mantz and Elijah Newton

Lincoln Elementary School – River Cunningham, Lincoln Feely, Avery Goss, Myah Graves, Christina Jenlink, Taylor Kline, Skyler Longhurst, Nickolas Miller, Kendra Ruwaldt, Madeline Ryerson, Kaycie Shelton, Trinity Stevens, Harlee Taylor and Kaylen Woods

Alva Middle School – Toby Anton

“Our elementary students were excited to collaborate with Northwestern,” Feely said. “Their sweet voices are being challenged by this music. They can’t wait to perform it!”

Members of Northwestern’s University Chorale took part in the production as did members of the university band who provided live, musical accompaniment.

A few members of Northwestern’s faculty and members of the local and area communities also played in the band.

University Chorale members in the production included Katelyn Cutsinger, Vici senior; Jayden Dillon, Jet freshman; Emmanuel Fragosa, Alva freshman; Zach Henson, Checotah sophomore; Madison Hofen, Dacoma senior; Taylor Lusk, Follet, Texas, junior; Cali McGuire, Cunningham,

Kansas, freshman; Blake Mieser, Alva freshman; Dakota Nusser, Alva senior; Aaron Pierce, Alva senior; and Precious Ramos, Waynoka freshman.

Members of the band included on trumpet – Dr. Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and chair of the math/science department; horn – Jessica Wallis, Northwestern business alumna; alto saxophone – Chris Davis, Enid High School senior; flute – McGuire; clarinet – Dineo Heilman, adjunct instructor of music; piano – Meichen Hou, adjunct instructor of music; keyboard – Jewel Conner, Alva middle/high school choirs accompanist; drummer – Darin Kearns, pastor of the Alva Friends Church; percussion – Katherine Blair, Waynoka junior; guitar – Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music; and bass guitar – Kyle Newland, former instrumentalist and singer at Northwestern originally from Blackwell.



Twenty Alva Public Schools elementary students along with many from the university community participated in the children’s chorus throughout the high-energy production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.



Winners of the Pi-themed Jeopardy game at the Pi-Day celebration are: Dr. Steve Maier, Maier's daughter, Kayla, Chris Chauncy and Nick Wygle. The Northwestern Math Club and the Red Hot Chili Preppers sponsored the event. Free pie was available for all who attended.



RN-to-BSN student is published in nursing magazine

Dr. Shelly Wells proudly announced that one of Northwestern's RN-to-BSN students, Angela Archer, BSN, was published in the Jan. 14 edition of Oklahoma's Nursing Times.

The article "Finding My Voice" emphasized the importance of nurses being politically active. "Why is using and finding our voice so important to our profession, to ourselves and to each other? Because this is important to our future as professionals, as leaders, and as human beings helping other human beings. We are called to advocate every day, and we have a duty to fulfill that obligation. Whether on a small or larger scale, we can use our voice to make a change."

In the article, Archer identifies three steps: Vote, Write (to legislators), and Join (professional nursing organizations). She states that there are over 74,000 licensed nurses in the state of Oklahoma, and that is a significant block of voters! "If you don't vote, you are not using your voice, and yes, our votes as nursing professionals can make a difference."

The complete article can be accessed on p. 5 at: <https://oknursingtimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/January-14-2019-issue-r-1.pdf>

Nursing faculty members serve in the communities

Dr. Leslie Collins has been meeting with the NWSU Study Abroad Committee. She is very hopeful that some of the trips will start to include nursing students. Dr. Wells stated that she has been approached by a couple of different colleges to join in



Leslie Collins



Ramona Bartlow

their medical trips in other countries that would take place in the summers.

Dr. Bartlow has been asked to be on the Advisory

Board for Autry Tech Center in Enid.

Dr. Hicks is active as a member of the Pioneer Tech Advisory Board.

Dr. Thompson attended the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners annual conference in October. It was an excellent conference with



Pat Thompson



Nikole Hicks

a lot of great information. Current advanced placement student Margaret Rosales is the outgoing President.

Business students compete at Love's Entrepreneur's Cup

Northwestern business students Callie Campbell and Crystal Keeler won the High Growth Interview award in the Positive Energy and Environmental category sponsored by OG&E at the Love's Entrepreneur's Cup held recently in Oklahoma City.

As a team, they received \$1,000 for their concept, SeePay, which is a home electrical monitoring device that measures and displays the amount of energy consumed with the cost of the electrical usage in real-time. Featuring paying capabilities from the wall-mounted device in the home, SeePay allows consumers to save money by seeing which areas of their home electrical usage is most costly.

"Crystal and Callie worked very hard and put in a lot of hours on their project," said Dr. David Hawkins, associate professor of business and chair of the Division

of Business. "They scored in the top eight in their division across the state of Oklahoma, which is a great success. They represented Northwestern and the Division of Business very well, and I was proud to be their adviser. I look forward to working on next year's project."

The Love's Entrepreneur's Cup, formerly known as the Governor's Cup, is a statewide collegiate business plan competition now in its 15th year. Hundreds of college and university students throughout Oklahoma participate in the competition. The Love's Cup gives teams experience with four separate judging panels of professionals from diverse industries and professions.

Every team that enters a business plan has a sit-down interview with experts from the industry represented by their business plan. The second round of judging is the

written business plans, which feed into the two-day round of business plan presentations. Six finalists from each of the three divisions — high growth graduate, high growth undergraduate and small business — then present to determine the first-, second- and third-place winners in each division.

"The recent experience at the Love's Entrepreneur's Cup has taught me so

much about what it means and truly takes to be an entrepreneur," said Crystal Keeler, accounting freshman from Alva. "I learned to work with other types of personalities, and to work with group members to establish a consensus within our group. I learned to take myself out of the decision-making process and to focus on the success of the group as a whole."

In addition to their team success, Campbell, a business administration senior from Alva, received the \$5,000 undergraduate Paulsen Award Scholarship. Three \$5,000 Paulsen Award scholarships were awarded this year to an undergraduate, graduate and small business participant.

"From competing in the Love's Entrepreneur's Cup, I have learned that entrepreneurship is about being confident enough to take a leap of faith, but humble enough to admit what you don't know," Campbell said. "Our presentation went very well. The judges felt like we were really on to something, but we needed to do a little more research to be able to compete with ideas that were a year into the making. I enjoyed getting to network with other successful upcoming business students as well as established professionals."

"The Love's Entrepreneur's Cup allows students a real world opportunity to have a breakthrough moment into their future careers. The intensity of the competition mirrors an extremely competitive work force. I think that kind of environment is something that all business students should experience sometime in their college career."



Northwestern was well represented at the Love's Entrepreneur's Cup award banquet. Back row (left to right) Doug Van Meter, alumnus; Dr. Bo Hannaford, vice president for academic affairs; Brittney Buckendorf, accounting junior; Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president. Front row (left to right) Dr. David Hawkins, associate professor of business and chair of the Division of Business; Callie Campbell, business administration senior; and Crystal Keeler, accounting freshman.

15 social work majors begin practicum

Fifteen senior social work majors started their spring semester entering practicum agencies in Northwest Oklahoma to complete 420 contact hours, demonstrate 31 practice behaviors and master the program's nine core competencies as outlined by the Council on Social Work Education.

"The signature pedagogy of the social work program is the field experience component," said Jennifer Pribble, assistant professor of social work and director of social work field education. "By allowing students to immerse themselves into field practicums, they are able to develop the skills to become a generalist social worker upon graduation."

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

"The Field Instructors are crucial to the educational development of these social work students," Pribble said. "Without them volunteering their time to contribute to the education of social work students, field practicums would not be possible."

Students completing their field practicums with hometowns and their practicum agency placements are: Rhema Abercrombie of Mulhall, 4RKids in Enid; Heather Bettencourt of LaHarpe, Kansas, Bill Johnson Correctional Center in Alva; Mirssa Branine of Woodward, Big Five Headstart in Woodward; Jordan Cremers of Ponca City, Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services - Vocational Rehabilitation in Alva; Elizabeth Fox-ShIPLEY of Laverne, Woodward Public Schools in Woodward; Jessica Goodballet of Mooreland, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Alicia James of Laverne, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Jordan Koehn of Hooker, Utica Park Clinic in Tulsa; Keilah Pool of Woodward, United Methodist Circle of Care in Woodward; Marsellia Rael of Woodward, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

in Woodward; Emma Reed of Freedom, Northwest Family Services in Alva; Jennifer Ruppel of Woodward, Northwest Domestic Crisis Services in Woodward; Madeline Turner of Enid, Youth and Family Services

in Enid; Denise Tyrell of Vancouver, British Columbia, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Tulsa; Katelyn Van Vickle of Shattuck, United Methodist Circle of Care in Woodward.

SWAT collects, gives donations to Methodist Circle of Care

Students in the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter at Northwestern held its Compassion in Action Dignity Drive in the fall.

SWAT is a student-run organization that seeks to enhance the social work learning experience. One of SWAT's purposes is to employ community service projects while supporting community partners and their consumers. The Compassion in Action Dignity Drive is one of the community service projects SWAT students host to give back to the community. Approximately \$500 worth of donations included feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, mouthwash, lice kits, deodorant and more.

"The Dignity Drive was once again a success and has allowed SWAT to provide basic needs to children and families in Northwest Oklahoma," Jennifer Pribble, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said. "This year's donations are being given to the United Methodist Circle of Care, which provides safe, temporary homes for children and youth in crisis. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent you may contact United Methodist Circle of

Care."

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

"Giving back to our communities is something the SWAT organization loves being able to do," Morgan Lopez, SWAT Enid campus vice president and Goltry senior, said. "This would not be possible without the great students, faculty and staff that all participated during this drive. Thank you all for making this such a success."

SWAT plans to have another donation drive on all campuses next year - November through the beginning of December 2019.



United Methodist Circle of Care receives donations from the SWAT Compassion in Action Dignity Drive. Pictured (left to right) are Morgan Lopez, SWAT Enid campus vice president; Raquel Razien, Circle of Care regional program director; Keli Caffey, Circle of Care family specialist; and Jennifer Pribble, SWAT sponsor.

Spring Bridge Barbecue Enid



Enid Leadership Council Members (L to R) Kelcie Hainley, Lainey Coldren, Morgan Lopez, Morgan Webb, Brannon Robinson



Northwestern students Lainey Coldren & Brannon Robinson enjoying a little friendly competition



NOC students having fun on the inflatables

NOC students entering to win prizes and discussing the Bridge Program



A friendly boxing match is about to take place between two NOC students



Seniors awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship

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

Those awarded this semester are Haleigh Brown of Yukon, elementary education; Caitlin Evans of Enid, English education; and Karlton Riffel of Tampa, Kansas, agriculture education.

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

Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, and Karen Koehn, Division of

Education advisory board member, presented the students their scholarships.

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation works primarily with children with language

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



Dr. James Bell (far left) and Karen Koehn (far right) awarded three students with the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship in the spring. The recipients are (left to right) Karlton Riffel, Caitlin Evans and Haleigh Brown, all senior education students at Northwestern.



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Dr. Tony Woodlief (center), Executive Vice President at the State Policy Network, was presented the Outstanding Service Award for the Annual Enid Entrepreneurship Seminar Series at the Sponsors and Speakers Dinner. Thank you for your continued support! Others pictured (left to right) are Dr. Wayne McMillin, Enid Campus Dean, and Dr. Jerry Gustafson, Professor of Business.

Northwestern's Enid campus played host an entrepreneurship seminar in February.

Many students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship Seminar (top of photo). Several community members, faculty, and staff also attended (bottom of photo).



19 student teachers begin assignments

Students leave Northwestern with the knowledge to succeed in a particular field. In their final semester, this spring 19 senior education students received their student teaching assignments and have entered area schools to gain hands-on experience.

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

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

Agriculture Education – Karlton Riffel of Tampa, Kansas, Fairview High School

Early Childhood Education – Heather Russell of Hennessey, Hennessey Elementary School

Elementary Education – Jacey Bales of Morrison, Frontier Elementary School; Haleigh Brown of Yukon, Enid Hoover Elementary School; Jackie Burden of Belmond, Iowa, 1st Lutheran Elementary

School (Ponca City); Ryan Gantt of Enid, Pioneer Pleasant Vale Elementary School (Enid); Morgan Glover of Ringwood, Aline-Cleo Elementary School; Braylyn Graybill of Alva, South Barber Elementary School; Emily Harris of Alva, Burlington Elementary School; Brittney Miller of Drummond, Hennessey Elementary School;

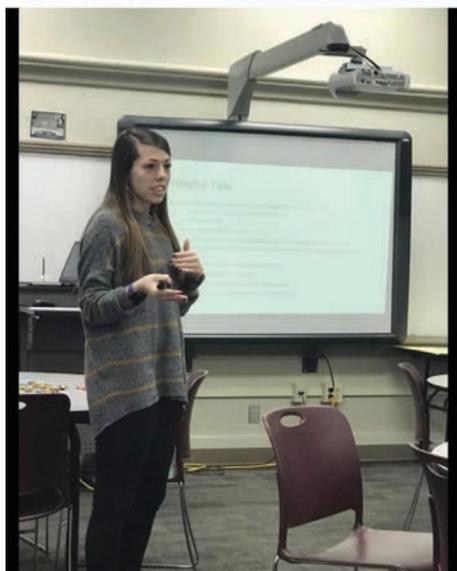
English Education – Macey Alexander of Woodward, Alva Middle School; Amanda Beam of Mooreland, Woodward High School; Caitlin Evans of Enid, Chisholm High School (Enid); Kelsie Lauer of Buffalo, Ft. Supply High School;

Health and Sports Science Education – Jason Alexander of Woodward, Lincoln Elementary (Alva); Tyler Beasley of Cordell, Longfellow Elementary (Alva)

Math Education – Paola Ponce

Villalobos of Beaver, Turpin High School; J.C. Wells of Laverne, Burlington High School
Special Education – Deserae McDermott of Enid, Emerson Middle School (Enid)

Teacher candidates also were able to take part in the Teacher's Closet premiere event that helped each student get up to three, free and "new" professional outfits to help transition their wardrobe to professional dress. For more information or to donate gently used or new clothing to benefit young professionals contact Dr. Jen Oswald, assistant professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwosu.edu or Dr. Jennifer Page, assistant professor of English, at (580) 327-8473 or jkp@nwosu.edu. Find "The Teacher's Closet" on Facebook for updates.



Senior education majors completed their student teaching assignments in area schools. The students along with education faculty include (first row, left to right) Jason Alexander, Emily Harris, Morgan Glover, Jackie Burden, Brittney Miller, Caitlin Evans; (second row) Macey Alexander, Braylyn Graybill, Heather Russell, Ryan Gantt, Deserae McDermott, Jacey Bales; (third row) Dr. Christie Riley, Kelsie Lauer, Paola Ponce-Villalobos, Haleigh Brown, Dr. Martie Young; (fourth row) J.C. Wells, Karlton Riffel, Tyler Beasley and Dr. Christee Jenlink. Not pictured Amanda Beam.

Choirs have busy spring

The NWOSU Choirs had a busy semester of collaboration!

On April 12 and 13 the Concert Choir, Chorale, and Singers performed a concert entitled “Music and War” at the Enid Symphony Building in Enid and at the Church of the Nazarene in Alva. The first masterwork performed was based on children’s poems from Terezin, one of the main Nazi work camps during World War II.

Two years ago, the Chorale and Singers visited Terezin on their European tour and incorporated their photographs into the slide presentation of artwork drawn by children who were imprisoned at Terezin.

The other masterwork performed was a twenty-minute work called “A Procession Winding Around Me” based on four Civil War poems by Walt Whitman with music composed by guitarist and Canadian composer Jeffery Van. The work was entirely accompanied by our own Professor

Max Ridgway on classical guitar, demanding difficult avant garde techniques. The highlight of the concert in Alva ended with Alva High School’s Electric Gold joining the NWOSU Choirs singing a Gaelic Blessing, “As the Rain Hides the Stars.”

In April, the production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” by Andrew Lloyd Webber showed collaboration with a select children’s choir among the Alva School District, the Chorale and Singers from Northwestern, and the theatre students and alumni.

The tradition of Soundscapes in the Old Armory, now Bus Barn, was presented for the fourth year in a row with guest artist, composer, and conductor Dr. Matthew Nielsen. The sounds inside this beautiful, historic building continue to inspire the singers and amaze the audiences. The choirs are looking forward to celebrating our fifth year of concerts



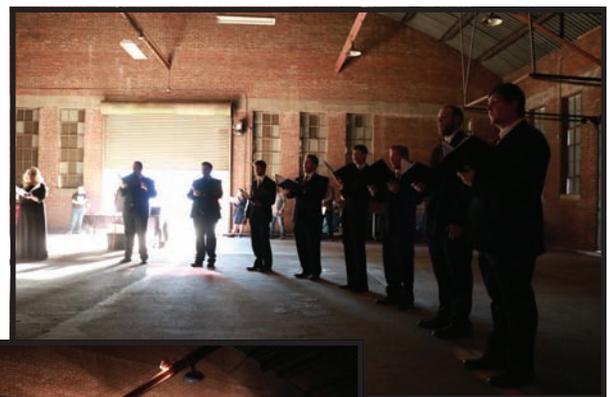
The University Chorale and Singers performed in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in April.

in the space and showcasing the versatility of the human voice and the artistry of the Northwestern Choirs.

The Singers rounded out the year with a mini-tour to Enid, Newkirk, Ponca City, Chandler, Guthrie, Ardmore, Plainview, and Lone Grove. The tour culminated with a concert in collaboration with organist Samuel Bachman at the Episcopal Church in Ardmore, OK.



The University Chorale and Singers performing “A Procession Winding Around Me,” accompanied by Max Ridgway on classical guitar.



The choirs performing at Soundscapes IV at the Alva Public Schools Bus Barn, the former armory.

Glen begins work in DNP program

Dr. Pat Thompson, DNP Program Director, announced that the DNP Program added a third full-time faculty member, Dr. Jennifer Glen, DNP, APRN-CNP, FNP-BC in January.

Dr. Glen holds a DNP in organizational leadership from the University of Kansas, MSN in family nurse practitioner and BSN in nursing from Research College of Nursing, and an AS in histology and BS in biology from Bethel University.

Her experience as a nurse practitioner includes family medicine, combat medicine, emergency medicine, urgent care, and occupational health.

She served as an Army Officer (Major) in the U.S. Army as a Nurse Practitioner and deployed to Afghanistan as the Director of Outpatient Services for the 31st

Combat Support Hospital. She has also held consulting roles in evidence-based clinical decision support software development.

Her academic background includes a part-time faculty role as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing. She was part of a KU inaugural cohort spearheading a BSN campus extension in Salina, Kansas.

Dr. Glen currently lives in Salina and continues to practice as a Nurse Practitioner in an occupational health clinic one day a week. If you ask her why she chose a DNP in Leadership, she will emphasize the dire state of healthcare and the pressing need to bridge the gap between research, practice, and technology. Further, nurses have an opportunity to lead the way in translational research efforts as system-wide change

agents. She believes it starts with how we educate and socialize nurses. She is excited to be part of a new DNP program shaping the future of nursing.

DNP cohort begins primary care courses

Nine full-time students of the 2017 DNP cohort have made it to the primary care courses, according to Dr. Pat Thompson, DNP Program Director.

They are now learning how to take care of patients in the clinical setting. Preceptors in a variety of settings have been recruited to supervise these students, who are excited about applying what they have learned to taking care of “real patients!”

Students are also using new simulation technology called iHuman, which takes a student through an entire case of a patient in the clinic, and then provides expert feedback regarding the students’ decisions and thinking processes.

The students had an online orientation meeting with the primary curriculum developer, Dr. Judy Kalinyak, an endocrinologist. Many graduate advanced practice nursing programs use this technology as a safe environment to practice assessment and clinical decision-making skills.

This class is expected to attend commencement in May of 2020 and will complete their final courses in July 2020.



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Student presents paper at Chicago conference

Northwestern junior Ethan Sacket presented his research paper at the Midwest Business Administration Association (MBAA) International Conference in Chicago recently.

The Aline native authored the paper titled “The Impact of Marshallese Migration on Northwest Oklahoma.” He presented the paper within the Business, Society, and Government division.

Sacket said that when he first learned about the opportunity to present at the conference, he knew exactly what topic he wanted to research further. The Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid, which Ethan attends, has been serving the Pacific Islanders located in Enid through their outreach program for several years.

“Not too many people are aware of the Marshallese and their journey to Enid, Oklahoma,” Sacket said. “Throughout the years, I’ve become fascinated about this topic.”

Sacket said the paper focuses on the mutual, social, economic and educational impact of Marshallese migration on northwest Oklahoma and the challenges faced with this migration.

MBAA International is a multidisciplinary business conference founded in 1964. The conference consists of 12 program divisions all representing a different business discipline. The MBAA defines itself as a “gathering of leaders from around the world to present and receive useful research, share effective

pedagogy and network in a fun and familiar setting.” Its website is mbaainternational.org. The conference brings in individuals from around the United States and other countries in the world, meeting once a year in Chicago. The event in March brought in more than 600 attendees.

“Ethan started working on this presentation last December,” said Dr. Wei Zhou, associate professor of business. “It took him about three months to collect data from Enid private and public sources. I think his presentation was well-organized and professionally delivered at the conference.”

Sacket said Zhou and several other department of business faculty mentored him throughout the process and helped him develop the structure and content that would be appropriate for the conference.

“I am extremely grateful for

Northwestern allowing me this opportunity,” Sacket said. “This experience has opened my eyes to how exciting research can be no matter the topic. Listening to the other presenters, professors and doctoral candidates, discuss topics that they’ve spent years researching was truly inspiring and motivates me to explore endless possibilities within the world of research. It’s all about finding something that resonates and taking passionate steps to learn more.”

Many division of business faculty members actively participate in the MBAA International program, even serving in various leadership positions throughout the years. Dr. Ralph Bourret, associate professor of business; Dr. Steven Palmer, professor of business; and Zhou have all served as the professional division chair of the Business, Society, and Government division.



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Festival of Cultures held in April

International food, culture and performances were enjoyed on campus Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom during the annual Festival of Cultures.

This event brings Northwestern international students together with campus and community members to share food and information about the students' home countries. The public is encouraged to attend and learn about different cultures that have come together at Northwestern. Students performed ethnic dances, songs and more.

"With the decreasing number of international students due to strict visa requirements, this event is even more precious to us, and I am excited that we are able to host this event at Northwestern again," Becca Cook, international student adviser, said. "We are thrilled to have the help of SGA and our new Culinary Club, who are cooking a few dishes to add to the variety and fun.

"We are grateful to have the support of our fellow Rangers and community members."

Proceeds for the event go toward next year's event, and 15 percent of the proceeds are placed in a scholarship fund to help future international students at Northwestern.

"This year featured performances from Nigeria, Nepal, South Africa, and others, as well as food from countries never featured before at Northwestern," Joseph Allotey, a sophomore from Accra, Ghana, and secretary of the International Student Association,

said, "The trivia segment was a crowd favorite from last year and will be included this year as well with even more questions and prizes. See you there!"

The festival had 12 different

dishes and performances/presentations from countries including Bangladesh, Nepal, South Africa and more. The event is sponsored by the International Student Association.



Members of the International Student Association with adviser, Becca Cook, after the Festival of Cultures event concluded in April.



Holliday has article accepted for publication

Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies and professor of English at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, recently had an article accepted for publication by the journal "Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South."

The article is titled "The Importance of Indian Territory to the Ending of Mark Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Holliday's article is scheduled to appear in the journal's first issue of 2021.

One peer reviewer stated, "the account of social conditions and demographics within Indian Territory is something seldom discussed in Twain studies, and this

is essential to an understanding of how Indian Territory functions in the novel, and clarifies the ending."

Holliday also presented his paper "Make it New!: Bob Dylan's



Shawn Holliday

Embodiment of Ezra Pound's Modern Artistic Aesthetic" at the inaugural World of Bob Dylan conference held in Tulsa from May 30 to June 2 of this year. The organizers noted that the conference

"received far more proposals than we had space to accommodate, and the selection committee believed that [Holliday's] work stood out thanks to its depth and originality." The conference consisted of panel

discussions, keynote talks, art exhibitions, performances and a deep dive into the newly-established Bob Dylan Archive in Tulsa.

"While Northwestern is not a research university, I find that research is important since it informs much of my teaching," Holliday said. "Through the research I conduct, I am able to pass on information to students that they normally wouldn't encounter just by reading textbooks and anthologies; thus, my research strengthens the educational experience for all involved."

Holliday joined the faculty at Northwestern in 2009. He has a doctorate in literature and criticism with an emphasis in American realism and naturalism, literary modernism and new historicism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Northwestern is certified as a healthy campus

Northwestern has been awarded Certified Healthy Campus status at the excellence level for 2018.

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

“Northwestern recognizes the value of healthy employees and is committed to providing opportunities to promote wellness and healthy lifestyles,” Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. “Having healthy employees increases productivity and can lower insurance premiums. Healthy employees are usually happy employees. That’s why a culture of promoting wellness is so very important.”

Certifications are awarded at the basic, merit, and excellence levels, depending on the number of criteria fulfilled. A smoke-free policy is required for Basic, and a tobacco-free policy submitted with the application is required for Excellence. The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Campus Program 2018 received 48 applications and certified 42 campuses at the basic, merit or excellence level. Northwestern earned the excellence certification.

“This certification provides opportunities for Northwestern to create an environment that

supports health policies and individual health decisions that ultimately will improve Oklahoma’s health outcomes,” Julie Dearing, state programs coordinator, said. “We applaud all Certified Healthy Oklahoma recipients for making



the healthy choice, the easy choice and for helping to create a culture of wellness in their communities.”

Certified Healthy Oklahoma is

a free statewide certification that recognizes entities going above and beyond to make health and wellness a priority for all. The program is open to businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, restaurants and schools. Northwestern has received certifications from Certified Healthy Oklahoma every year since 2012.

“It is always my goal to create a culture of wellness on our campus and in our community,” Richard Burdick, J.R. Holder Wellness Center director, said. “I am very proud to be part of an environment here at Northwestern that supports positive health choices.”

All award winners were acknowledged at a ceremony and luncheon at the Embassy Suites in Norman on March 7.



Social sciences holds induction ceremony

Northwestern's social sciences department inducted new members into the Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Sigma Alpha and Pi Gamma Mu international honor societies May 1 during a ceremony in the Jesse Dunn building.

Phi Alpha Theta is an international history

honor society dedicated to promoting the study of history. Requirements for membership include a minimum 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, professor of history.

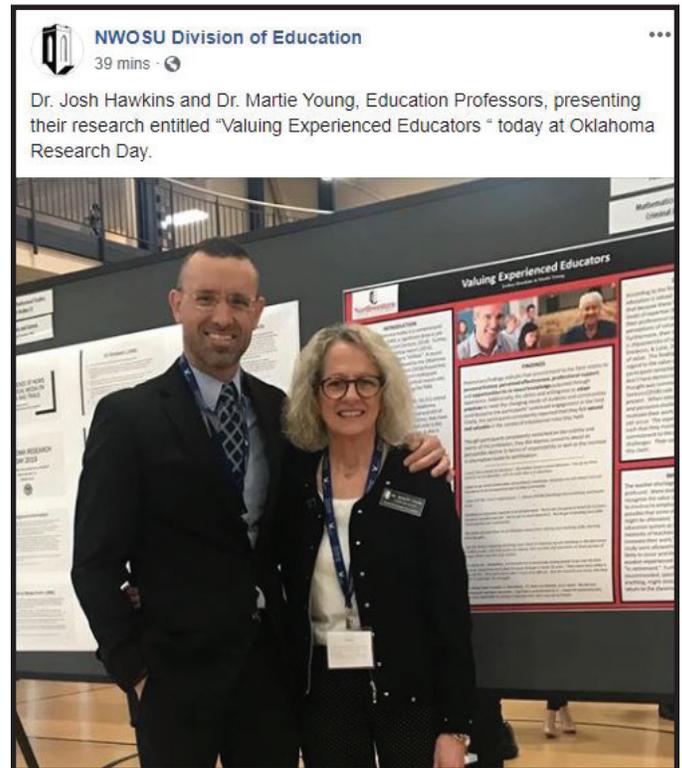
This year's seven inductees include history majors Randal Bishop, Ponca City senior; Austin Booth, Fairmont junior; Jack Servis, Woodward senior; Logan Watkins, Lahoma junior; Madison Wilson, Enid junior; Rochelle Wright, Alva junior; and political science major Jacqueline Ruhl, Alva senior.

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



Northwestern Phi Alpha Theta history honor society sponsor (far left) Dr. Eric Schmaltz, with inductees (left to right) Randal Bishop, Jacqueline Ruhl, Madison Wilson and Rochelle Wright, will work to promote the study of history. Not Pictured are inductees Austin Booth, Jack Servis and Logan Watkins.

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SWAT participates in prevention initiatives

In April, Northwestern Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) members took part in Child Abuse Prevention Month initiatives including the “Wooden Children” project sponsored by the Garfield County Child Advocacy Center. They also designed a blue ribbon tree on the Northwestern-Woodward campus.

Blue Ribbon Trees are sponsored by The Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Action Committee, led by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

The blue ribbon is an international sign for child abuse prevention and is a constant reminder that all individuals have a duty to protect children. This is

the 11th year in Oklahoma that communities have been encouraged to display a “Blue Ribbon Tree” during the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Blue ribbon trees are registered with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and photos of the trees are displayed at the Annual Oklahoma Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, hosted by the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect.

“Being able to grow our activities for Child Abuse Prevention Month to other campuses shows that we are growing in the area of awareness of child abuse and neglect in the state of Oklahoma,” Jennifer Pribble, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said.

The “Wooden Children” project is designed to bring awareness to the number of child abuse cases that are investigated each year. In 2018, 332 confirmed

cases of child abuse were reported in Garfield County.

Each wooden

figurine is approximately 2- to 3- feet high and was cut out by volunteers from Vance Air Force Base. Once the forms were cut out, the Junior Welfare League and other individuals painted on the faces and hair.

Organizations, businesses, groups and individuals were asked to “foster” a wooden child for \$25. The group sponsoring the child dressed and displayed it where they chose throughout March. On April 1 the Wooden Children were taken to the courthouse lawn to be displayed through the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“This is a subject not many enjoy discussing, but is a subject that all individuals need to be aware of as mandated reporters of child abuse in this state,” Pribble said. “Visual reminders of this act brings the awareness that there are children experiencing child abuse and neglect in this state, and it takes all of us to protect these vulnerable children.”



Northwestern Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) members took part in Child Abuse Prevention Month initiatives including designing a blue ribbon tree on the Northwestern-Woodward campus. Pictured are (left to right) Alicia James, Laverne senior, SWAT secretary; Reba Finley, Arnett junior, SWAT member; and Jennifer Pribble, SWAT sponsor, with the blue ribbon tree at the Northwestern-Woodward campus.



(Above) The 332 wooden characters displayed on the northeast corner of the Garfield County Courthouse are being used to increase community awareness of children abused or neglected in Garfield County.



(Left) Standing with examples of the Wooden Children are: (left to right) Kallie Jones, Enid junior; Jennifer Pribble, SWAT sponsor; and Morgan Lopez, Goltry senior, SWAT Enid vice president, at the Garfield County Courthouse.

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Instructor of Education
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Dr. Mariann Braten-Hall served as a guest speaker at Northern Oklahoma College in April.



Dr. Jennifer Mahieu and Dr. Leslie Collins hosted a pediatrics assessment day for junior nursing students from the Alva, Woodward, and Enid campuses enrolled in OB and Peds: Nursing Care of the Community. The students conducted physical assessments on children of NWOSU faculty and staff and in the Alva community. This activity prepared students for upcoming pediatric clinicals in the community.

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Social Sciences...

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

This year's inductee was Clarence Wilson of Woodward, senior political science major.

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 20 hours of social science, a cumulative grade point average of

at least 3.0 and standing in the top third of the graduating class.

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

This year's 21 inductees include social work majors Reba Finley, Arnett junior; Elizabeth Fox-Shiple, Laverne senior; Kathryn Hess, Enid junior; Morgan Lopez, Enid senior; Chanel Martin, Mooreland junior; Ashley Neal, Enid senior; Marsellia Rael, Woodward senior; Jonathan Wales, Woodward junior; criminal justice majors Austin Luker, El Reno junior; Miranda Sanders, Goltry junior; Hannah Williams, Thornton, Colorado, senior; social science majors Clinton Shelton, Woodward senior; Caitlyn Shortnacy, Enid senior; history majors Bishop; Booth; Servis; Watkins; Wilson; Wright; and political science majors Ruhl and Wilson.



Northwestern Pi Gamma Mu social sciences honor society members will encourage service, scholarship and leadership. Back row (left to right) Jonathan Wales, Randal Bishop, Jacqueline Ruhl, Rochelle Wright and Hannah Williams. Front row (left to right) Austin Luker, Reba Finley, Marsellia Rael, Madison Wilson, Chanel Martin and Jana Brown (sponsor). Not pictured are inductees Austin Booth, Elizabeth Fox-Shiple, Kathryn Hess, Morgan Lopez, Ashley Neal, Miranda Sanders, Jack Servis, Clinton Shelton, Caitlyn Shornacy, Logan Watkins and Clarence Wilson.

Larson named to Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition Board

Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art in Northwestern's visual arts program, has been named to the board of directors for the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC), a non-profit organization that supports visual artists living and working in Oklahoma. The organization is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Larson said that he had correspondence with OVAC members and board members throughout his four years at

Northwestern and through various arts events. He learned of an opening on the board and discussed the possibility of joining them after meeting a few of the board members at a reception for his solo exhibition in November 2018 at the TAC Gallery in Tulsa.

"I am excited to be a member of such an important organization," Larson said.



Kyle Larson

"OVAC performs a crucial role of helping support and showcase artists and their endeavors, providing platforms for cultural exchanges and experiences throughout the state. I am looking forward to collaborating with other fellow artists and arts administrators in Oklahoma. It is also an honor to be an advocate for the visual arts in northwest Oklahoma."

Larson said his hope is to support artists and cultural events in northwest Oklahoma with the goal of having more participation and involvement in the arts from Northwestern, the community and region.

He said he plans to attend meetings and events when possible as they primarily take place in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

"I will be working closely with the Programs Committee," Larson said. "OVAC has a number of fantastic reoccurring programs that all Oklahoma artists and community members can attend, participate in and benefit from."

These programs include one for Oklahoma artists ages 30 and younger, honorariums to selected artists to create new bodies of work, volunteer opportunities, internships and more. Information about these programs and others can be found on OVAC's website at <http://ovac-ok.org>.



Ink, toner recycling just got easier

Northwestern employees can now recycle used toner and ink cartridges by dropping them in campus mail.

Tandy Keenan, director of sponsored programs and Alva campus cartridge collector, started collecting cartridges in 2016 while working at the Northwestern Foundation and found out through her sponsored program job duties that there

was no place for others to recycle, so she announced the program university-wide.

The recycled ink and toner cartridges are taken to the Northwest Center for Behavioral Health's Regional substance abuse Prevention Coordinator's office in Alva. The RPC office sells the cartridges to the recycler and uses the funding to pay for meals and other expenses for their underage volunteers, who assist with alcohol compliance checks. The RPC receives between 10 cents and \$2 for each cartridge.

Those who want to participate should place used toner or ink cartridges in the box for the new cartridge — or the old box, if they saved it — and put it into the campus mail as if it were outgoing mail addressed to Keenan. Keenan will accept Alva campus donations in Vinson Hall 311. Dr. Steven Mackie, professor of education, will collect donations for the

Enid campus. Donations will be accepted year-round.

"I am an avid supporter of 'reducing, reusing and recycling' whenever possible," Keenan said.

"Thank you to everyone who has donated their printer ink cartridges for recycling. I estimate we have recycled 185 plus cartridges so far. Ultimately, we

are preventing all of these cartridges from going to the landfill."

Ink cartridges can only be

remanufactured for use up to three times and toner cartridges up to five times. Once the cartridge has exhausted its reusability, it then will be turned into other sustainable products. Keenan said the plastic from those that can no longer be remanufactured will be broken down into pellets to be turned into plastic materials that have nothing to do with ink or toner.

Keenan said it's important for Northwestern to commit to recycling ink and toner cartridges because of their effect on landfills. Cartridges can take 500-1,000 years to decompose in a landfill and may leak printer ink into the environment.

All Northwestern employees, students and community members can utilize this recycling program.



Years of research, fine-tuning lecture notes leads to new book

It may have taken 25-plus years of continuous research and the fine-tuning of lecture notes as he prepared his information to teach students in a music appreciation class at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, but doing so has now resulted in a new book for one of the Department of Fine Arts' adjunct instructors of music.

Alva native Max Ridgway has taught various music classes at the university through these 25-plus years. His classes have included World Music, Applied Guitar, Music Composition and a strings class, but it's his Music in Life humanities class and his endless search for the best stories to tell his students that prompted him to finally turn his "ever-evolving notes" into his second book, "Musical Traditions in Western Culture: A Concise Survey."

Ridgway said that while teaching the class, he has "endeavored to study the entire subject from scratch each time I teach it, searching through old music history texts, biographies and any other source I can find, looking for the best stories about the composers and for the clearest and most interesting musical examples to play for my class," Ridgway said.

"I made use of all of this research by upgrading my notes each semester, fine-tuning my lectures along the way. During the most recent Christmas break (2018), I decided to write out what I was teaching and publish it in book form, both as a low-cost resource for my students and as a stand-alone book that anyone could read and enjoy."

Ridgway explained that he basically had two objectives in mind when writing the book with the first being, as mentioned, how it could be of use to his students. He said he doesn't require his students to use it, but knowing they can be absent from class for various reasons, it can be a helpful resource to find what

they may have missed while gone. And, because it's available on Kindle, he said students can download it and read it on their phones.

"My second objective was simply to tell an interesting story," Ridgway said. "To be perfectly honest about it, I find most music appreciation and music history textbooks to be bland and uninteresting. This is partly because they tend to whitewash the lives of the great composers, covering up their flaws, bizarre behavior, and in some cases, their political incorrectness. As far as I'm concerned, these are exactly the things that make for a good story.

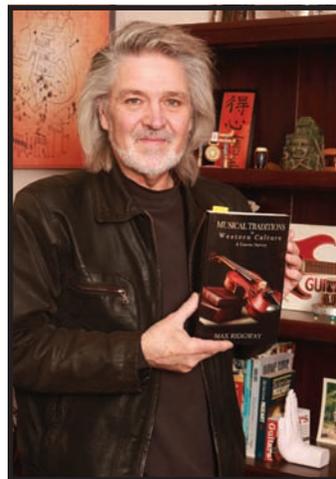
"What I endeavor to do is to simply tell the story, including as much of the morbid, strange and quirky information as I can uncover, slipping in the technical aspects of the music incidentally as it becomes necessary in the narrative."

Some of those "interesting little tidbits" that Ridgway writes about in this book include "the story of Bach's time in jail, the strange disappearance of Haydn's head (after his death, thankfully), the bizarre 'stalker' behavior of Hector Berlioz, an amusing first-hand account of a stone-deaf Beethoven attempting unsuccessfully to conduct an orchestra, and another first-hand account of Tchaikovsky's 'conducting-fail' due to a neurotic fear that his head might fall off."

In the Preface to the book, Ridgway explains that he doesn't use elaborate diagrams or colorful photographs, so this helped to keep the cost of the book low. He writes that all of the

images used are in the public domain and that he created nearly all of the musical examples. He notes that all of the recommended listening examples mentioned in the book are readily available on the Internet. And, he encourages readers not to skip through the footnotes as he has provided "little gems too good to leave out."

"Musical Traditions in Western Culture" has been available at Amazon.com in a Kindle and paperback version since Dec. 29, 2018. But, it's the third format of the book that has Ridgway particularly excited as it's now available as an audiobook via Audible.



Max Ridgway

com and Amazon.com.

"I found a fabulous voice actor in the UK (Fergus Nicoll) who really makes the text come alive," Ridgway said.

The undertaking of turning the book from print to audio proved to be a longer process, Ridgway explained.

"I first had to edit the text, removing references to diagrams or photos," Ridgway said. "Then I had to audition readers. It then took several weeks for the chosen reader to make the recording. Finally, it took several more weeks for Audible.com to do a quality check. The approved audiobook became available on March 27."

Another feature of the book Ridgway pointed out is the cover, as it allowed him to switch from author to proud father.

"The book cover was created by my oldest son, Elliott," Ridgway said. "For the photo, he arranged my violin, some of my music books and one of my

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Hundreds of dresses given away at event

Hundreds of free dresses were given away to students from 20 high schools during the annual Primp for Prom event held in the Woodward High School Practice Gym.

This year more than 400 dresses and nearly 100 pairs of shoes were donated to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Social Work and Woodward High School Key Club, who co-sponsor the event.

“Primp for Prom is an event that always highlights the generosity of others and the kindness that exists in our local communities,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, Department of Social Work chair, said.

Appreciation from members of the Department of Social Work to those who helped with the event’s success goes to Woodward High School Key Club members and sponsor Beth Baker; Stefanie Alexander; Woodward High School; Woodward Leadership Advisory Board; Tom and Dr. Deena Fisher, Woodward campus dean; Drs. Steven and Angela Pharris; Northwestern social work

student volunteers; Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) campus organization; Woodward High School employee volunteers; Venture Foods of Shattuck; Dillard’s; LJ Creations; and all the generous dress and accessory donors from across northwest Oklahoma. A very special thanks goes to the administration of Woodward Public Schools for hosting the event and to Miss Oklahoma Teen USA Abigail Billings.

“The Department of Social Work and the Key Club is always honored to sponsor this event,” Rehder said. “This event is about more than dresses for us; we see it as a means to embody our university mission to build a sense of community and an opportunity to serve others.”



Northwestern plays host to regional science fair

Students from seven different schools earned top awards during the Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair held at Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently.

Since 1957, Northwestern has played host to this science fair. The program has evolved over the years to become one of outreach and service learning, and has served as a springboard for aspiring students.

The fair services the northwest counties of Oklahoma and is a feeder fair for the Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair (OSSEF) held March 28-30 in Stillwater at Oklahoma State University (OSU).

At the regional fair, judges have the capability of advancing a project to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix, Arizona.



Grand Champions of the Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair are (left to right) Carter McGaha from Vici Public Schools in Division II; Kirstin Parkhurst from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview) in Division I; and Garrett Killman and Turner Killman from Alva Public Schools in Division III.



State qualifiers from the Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair held at Northwestern Oklahoma State University competed at the Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair March 28-30 at Oklahoma State University.



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orchestral scores to set up the image.”

The book also is dedicated to his mother, a Northwestern alumna who is the organist at the First United Methodist Church and teaches private piano lessons in Alva. He writes: “For my mother, Alycen Ridgway Yoder, my first and best music teacher.”

Ridgway is a 1990 graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude, and holds a master’s degree in music education from Northwestern Oklahoma State. In addition, he curates a YouTube page with nearly 17,000 subscribers called NewMusicXX, which promotes modern music and contemporary composers. He also is a musician with wide-ranging experience, from avant-garde free improvisation and ambient music to blues-infused jazz. His first book is titled “Modernism: The Strange Story of Art and Music in the Twentieth Century” and is available exclusively through Amazon.

Research presented at conference

Two Northwestern faculty members gave a presentation on virtual reality technology within social work education at the National Technology and Social Science Conference in Las Vegas.

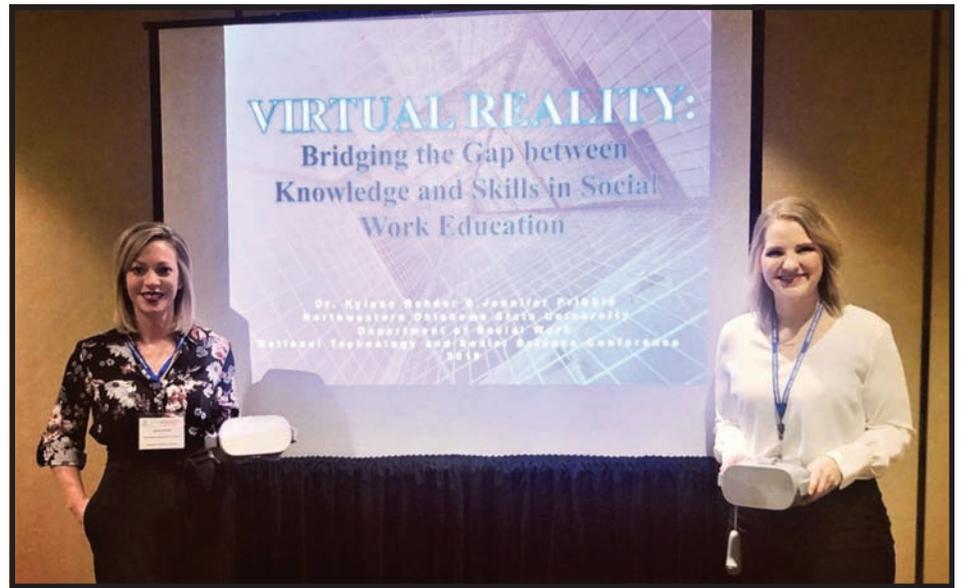
Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work, and Jennifer Pribble, director of social work field education, co-presented “Virtual Reality: Bridging the Gap between Knowledge and Skills in Social Work Education.”

Rehder and Pribble’s research presentation was connected with a grant project they are working on to integrate virtual reality technology into the training and education of social work students.

This year, Northwestern’s department of social work was

awarded a \$40,000 grant to construct a virtual reality lab on the Enid campus. Construction of

the lab is currently underway, and full implementation is expected in the fall 2019.



Northwestern social work faculty members Dr. Kylene Rehder (left) and Jennifer Pribble recently co-presented “Virtual Reality: Bridging the Gap between Knowledge and Skills in Social Work Education” at the National Technology and Social Science Conference in Las Vegas.

Riders in the Sky make appearance

Northwestern played host to the final performance in the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series 2018-19 lineup with Riders in the Sky on Tuesday, April 23.

Four men from different walks of life came together for their first performance in 1977 to become America’s favorite cowboys: Ranger Doug, Too Slim, Woody Paul and Joey. These men make up the entertaining group Riders in the Sky. Together they are a theoretical plasma physicist and wildlife manager; a galvanizer, Life Scout and English major; shot putter and Bluegrass Boy; and a Polka Hall of Fame member. Riders in the Sky are the only exclusively Western artist group to have won a Grammy, and these entertainers have won two.

With all of the original members, Riders in the Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, reviving and revitalizing the genre, for more than 35 years. While remaining true to the integrity of Western music, they have themselves become modern-day icons by branding the genre with their own legendary wacky humor and way-out Western wit, and all along encouraging buckaroos and buckarettes to live life “The Cowboy Way!”

As a classic cowboy quartet, the trail has led them to heights they could have never predicted. Riders in the Sky’s first official public performance was Nov. 11, 1977, at the erstwhile Nashville

nightspot “Phranks & Steins.” This sparked a blazing future. The group has chalked up more than 6,100 concert appearances in all 50 states and 10 countries, appearing in venues everywhere from the Nashville National Guard Armory to Carnegie Hall, and from county fairs to the Hollywood Bowl. Their cowboy charisma and comedic flair made them naturals for TV, landing them their own weekly show on TNN as well as a Saturday morning series on CBS. They have been guests on countless TV specials, documentaries and variety shows, appearing with everyone from Barney to Penn & Teller. Their animated likenesses have shared the screen with Daffy Duck on the Cartoon Network, and

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the Disney Channel's Stanley.

In addition to penning award-winning songs for their own albums, they wrote the score for Pixar Animation's 2002 Academy Award-winning short "For the Birds." They also composed the theme song for

the Internet cartoon show "Thomas Timberwolf" by renowned Bugs Bunny creator Chuck Jones, but the animated character that history will most certainly link to Riders in the Sky is the loveable cowboy Woody, as Riders performed "Woody's Round

Up" in Toy Story 2. The album garnered the Riders in the Sky their first Grammy Award in 2001 for Best Musical Album for Children. Two years later, Riders roped their second Grammy in the same category, for "Monsters Inc. - Scream Factory Favorites," the companion CD to Pixar's award-winning movie.

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series serves residents of northwest Oklahoma and the surrounding area by providing cultural experiences in the performing arts presented by professional musicians with regional, national and international acclaim. The concert series is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, Charles Morton Share Trust, Oklahoma Arts Council and Northwestern.

To learn more about the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series and next year's lineup, follow the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthwestOkCS and Twitter at @NorthwestOkCS.



Riders in the Sky performing in Herod Hall Auditorium on April 23 during the final event for the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series this year.

VISUAL ARTS NWOSU Visual Arts added 96 new photos — at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. April 4 · 🌐

Thanks to all who attended and participated in Ben Zawalich's artist talk and workshop last night at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and thanks to Ben for sharing his work and guiding the workshop! Great discussion and an engaging, dynamic collaborative drawing!



VISUAL ARTS NWOSU Visual Arts is with Connie Moore and 5 others at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. April 29 · Alva · 🌐

Thanks to all who attended and participated NWOSU AiR Daniel Herr's artist talk and drawing workshop last Wednesday. Northwestern Oklahoma State University



Social Work group attends 'LEAD' event

Many social work students and practitioners from across the state gathered this month at the Oklahoma Capitol for the 2019 National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma Chapter (NASW-OK) Legislative Education and Advocacy Day (LEAD).

Social work students, alumnae and faculty from Northwestern Oklahoma State University were among the attendees ready to learn about current legislation impacting the profession of social work and the populations they serve. Participating in LEAD

provides an opportunity for social work students to engage in macro-level social work and learn effective ways to advocate for populations they will potentially serve. It also allows students to understand how to access public policy and interact with their legislators.

“Legislative Education and Advocacy Day provides an opportunity for participation in public policy issues and social justice advocacy, both key components of social work education and practice,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, associate professor of social work and chair of the department of social work, said.

The day started with a welcome message from NASW-OK Executive Director Steven Pharris, LCSW, JD, followed by a legislative update from NASW-OK board member Deborah Johnson, PhD. Cathy Costello, National Mental Health Advocate, presented, as did NASW-OK board member James Smith on the basics of advocacy. The day concluded with a visit to the Oklahoma State Capitol building and opportunities to engage with legislators.



Social work students, alumnae and faculty attending the National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma Chapter (NASW-OK) Legislative Education and Advocacy Day (LEAD) were (left to right) department chair Dr. Kylene Rehder, Denise Tyrell, Jennifer Ruppel, Jordan Koehn, Keliiah Pool, Alicia James, Elizabeth Fox-Shiple, Jessica Goodballet, alumna Sierra Miller, alumna Annie Moss, alumna Dana Kausek, and director of field education Jennifer Pribble.

Department celebrates Social Work month

The NWOSU Social Work department celebrated Social Work month in March by decorating their main office in Alva. This year's theme, “Elevate Social Work,” has provided an opportunity for social workers around the nation and their supporters to educate the public about the invaluable contributions

of the profession.

The theme has created a platform for a conversation to help social workers get better compensation for the work they do. Despite the invaluable services social workers give to others, social work salaries tend to lag behind those of others helping professions.

This is troubling, considering there is a rising need for social workers in the United States to help us cope with societal problem. The goal is to elevate the public image of the profession and explore ways to boost compensation for one of our nation's fastest growing professions.

Ranger Rocketry competes at Argonia Cup

Members of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Ranger Rocketry team competed alongside 10 other teams from nine universities during the third annual Argonia Cup Collegiate Rocketry competition March 31 at the Rocket Pasture near Argonia, Kansas.

Although the team did not place in the competition, Dr. Steve Maier, chair of the department of natural science, professor of physics and co-sponsor of the team, is proud of their efforts.

“I would like to congratulate the team on their work this year,” Maier said. “Even though the results were not what we’d hoped for, the Ranger team took charge with scheduling meetings, leading the building effort, getting the word out to potential new members, and saw the project through to the end. I am looking forward to next year.”

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

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

Maier explained that the Ranger rocket was 2.56 inches in diameter and stood about 7 feet tall. It was designed to fly to an altitude of 8,600 feet before deploying a glider to return a golf ball near the launch site.

“It took a fair amount of time to prepare for launch,” Maier said, explaining that team members were working on motor assembly, packing the parachute and arming electronics.

“During ascent, the rocket became unstable with vibrations (we think it began hinging where sections were coupled together),” Maier said. “The motion became too much, and the upper portion folded down onto the lower portion before apogee. We were able to recover all of the parts of the rocket, but did not recover some of the electronics (the onboard altimeter and the GPS tracker, which became disconnected from its power source).”

Team members working on the project included Sharon Boeckman, Hitchcock freshman, rocket construction and painting; Joshua Calder, Okeene senior, team captain who worked on the rocket’s design and payload construction and is Level 2 certified; Capri Gahr, Carmen junior, payload construction and photography; Colton Reed, Sweetwater sophomore, rocket construction; Osamu Sakamoto, Northwestern alumnus, video; and Claire Theis, Kingman, Kansas, junior, payload design. Dr. Jason Wickham, professor of chemistry, is a team co-sponsor.

Oklahoma State University Senior Capstone team won the event with Southern Illinois University placing second, the University of Oklahoma at third and Wichita State University, fourth.

Other schools competing

included the University of Colorado-Denver, Kansas State University, Mississippi State University, a second team from Oklahoma State University, Western Michigan University College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the University of Wyoming.



Joshua Calder (left) and Sharon Boeckman (right) show off their 7-foot rocket for the Northwestern Ranger Rocketry team, which competed in the Argonia Cup Collegiate Rocketry competition near Argonia, Kansas, recently.

23 inducted into Red and Black Scroll

Northwestern inducted 23 new members into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society April 1 during a ceremony in the Student Center Wyatt Room.

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

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

This year's inductees include Joseph Allotey of Accra, Ghana, biology major; Benjamin Baker of Kerrville, Texas, chemistry major; Lindsey Ball of Guthrie, biology major; Garyn Batchelor of Cheyenne, mathematics education major; Mary Berntsen of Conway Springs, Kansas, social science education major; McKenna Carlton of Lakewood, Colorado, nursing major; Mikayla Carpenter of Clinton, vocal music major; Brittany Cirnigliaro of Hudson, Florida, early childhood education; Damon Doss Jr. of Denver, Colorado, mathematics major; Jacob Fuller of Guthrie, biology major; Bailie Gooch of Stroud, health and sports science major; Jordan Harris of Enid, health and sports science education major; Peyton Lucas of Fairview, psychology major; Kenzie Mize of Fort Gibson, nursing major; Chloe Nutley of Elk City, mathematics major; Caitlyn Pray of Caldwell, Kansas, mass communication major; Ethan Sacket of Aline, business administration major; Dezereè Sawyer of Enid, accounting major; Emma Sporleder of Bristow, mass communication major;

Wynter Standridge of Woodward, social work major; Siona Walsh of Forgan, biology major; Ryan Willingham of Reseda, California, psychology major; and Michelle Willson of Conway Springs, Kansas, mass communication major.

Red and Black Scroll officers were elected the same evening. New officers are: Harris, president; Nutley, vice president; Allotey, secretary/treasurer; Willson, reporter; and Sacket, historian.



Students who were inducted into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society are (back row, left to right) Jacob Fuller, Siona Walsh, Garyn Batchelor, Bailie Gooch, Brittany Cirnigliaro, Damon Doss Jr. (middle row, left to right) Mikayla Carpenter, Mary Berntsen, Dezereè Sawyer, Lindsey Ball, Emma Sporleder (front row, left to right) sponsor Dr. Dena Walker, Jordan Harris, Chloe Nutley, Joseph Allotey, Michelle Willson, Ethan Sacket, and sponsor Dr. Sheila Brintnall. Not pictured are Benjamin Baker, McKenna Carlton, Peyton Lucas, Kenzie Mize, Caitlyn Pray, Wynter Standridge and Ryan Willingham.



Northwestern students Austin Morton, Buffalo freshman, and Rylee Johnson, Amarillo, Texas, freshman, during the interactive murder mystery, "Death and Deceit on the Nile" Feb. 21-23 in Herod Hall Auditorium.

Summer JumpStart program starts

Members of Northwestern's Student Support Services began their summer JumpStart program on the Alva campus June 3. This is the third year for the summer program, which will finish on July 24.

The students from Alva, Blackwell, Cashion, Choctaw, Cleo Springs, Fort Supply, Longdale, Midwest City and Turpin attend classes Monday through Wednesday. Six students are attending the June math session, and nine students are attending the July English session. All of these students will be college freshmen at Northwestern in the fall.

"I couldn't be more pleased about the progress and success of JumpStart," Dr. Dennis Angle, Student Support Services director, said. "This program is a collaborative effort – the instructors (Keenan Meeker and Dr. Jennifer Page) along with their department heads (Dr. Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and Dr. Kathryn Lane, associate professor of English), Dr. James Bell (associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty), Calleb Mosburg (dean of student affairs and enrollment management) and our office make it happen."

Angle said the summer JumpStart program is an attempt to help first-generation, low income

students obtain a brief sample of college life, complete one or two developmental courses and learn the skills necessary for university success.

During the program, the students also attend workshops addressing stress management, test preparedness, financial literacy, time management, Blackboard, studying skills, university life and more.

Student Support Services staff working with the summer program include program advisers Rosa Guel and Demetri Wilson, administrative assistant Rachael Richardson, and serving as student peer coaches are Northwestern

sophomore Adriana Guel of Los Angeles, California, and freshman Michelyn Hurrieta of Longdale.

Instructors this year include: Beginning Algebra – Keenan Meeker, instructor of mathematics at Northwestern; Composition I with a lab – Dr. Jennifer Page, assistant professor of English at Northwestern.

The students are staying in university housing while on campus and eating their meals in Coronado Café.

For more information on Northwestern's Student Support Services program, please contact Angle at drangle@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8119.



Student Support Services summer JumpStart program June participants and staff are (back row, left to right): Dr. Dennis Angle, Demetri Wilson, Collin Zink, Isaiah Sumlin, Arturo Cisneros, Tra'Mon Jackson; (front row, left to right): Autumn Roberts, Klaycie Rauch, Michelyn Hurrieta, Rachael Richardson, Rosa Guel. Not pictured is Adriana Guel.

Ruhl named Newman Civic Fellow

Jacqueline Ruhl, senior political science major at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has been named a 2019 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow.

Campus Compact is a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education. The organization's 2019 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows is comprised of 262 students, including Ruhl.

"It's an honor to be named a 2019 Newman Civic Fellow," Ruhl said. "I am looking forward to what this experience has to offer and discovering what kind of contributions I can make to the program, and playing my small part in making the world a better place. As Bigweld, from the kids' movie 'Robots' would say, 'See a need, fill a need.'"

The Alva native is an active member of the university's Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, the Leviathan Society and the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society. She has volunteered in numerous capacities with her church and her children's activities.

"I nominated Jacqueline for the potential I see for her future," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "She is a nontraditional student, a mother and someone who wants to make a difference in the world. She intends to become an attorney and pursue a career in family law, assisting families in crisis. She understands public service, and I think her personal story gives her an extraordinary opportunity to

serve as a role model for young people."

Ruhl completed a cosmetology program after high school. Four years later, in the fall of 2007, Ruhl first started as a student at Northwestern. She completed nine hours of developmental zero credit courses in English, reading and mathematics and three hours of credit. She was enrolled for the spring of 2008 semester, but had to withdraw because life got in the way. She worked for several years as a delivery driver and parcel carrier, but decided she wanted something more.

In the fall of 2015, Ruhl re-entered Northwestern and pursued her degree with passion and dedication. Every semester since that first one more than 10 years ago, Ruhl has been listed on the President's or Vice President's Honor Roll. She and her husband have a blended family with 13 children, nine of whom still live at home.

"Jacque is a dedicated student who always strives to do

her best in her studies," Dr. Kay Decker, chair of the department of social sciences, said. "As a non-traditional student, Jacque has worked hard to manage multiple demands on her time and energy. We applaud her efforts and wish her all the best as she makes plans to apply to law school upon completing her undergraduate program."

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



Jacqueline Ruhl

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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A State Chamber Research Foundation study shows Oklahoma higher education supported \$8.2 billion in total economic output in FY16, including \$58.1 million in activity by Northwestern. For every dollar of state appropriations invested, higher education generates \$9.40 in economic output. #InvestinHigherEd

16th art show is in the books

The entries came in, the artwork has been submitted and judged. The 16th annual Northwestern Art Society Art Show is in the books. The show took place during the month of March in the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus.

A wide variety of art was on display from current students and employees, retired employees and alumni including paintings and drawings depicting abstracts to realism to theatrical art. There were also wood carvings and a number of photographs.

“I’m excited that past art society president Kristy San Soucie mailed in paintings to show all the way from Washington state,” Angelia Case, art society sponsor, said. “We are always excited when art society alums participate.”

Case also noted that Kristy Benson, who was an art minor and speech/theatre major at Northwestern, also displayed a few very large pieces of art including a 6x8 foot “full-scale scenic drop” created as part of her work as the resident scenic designer in the University of Central Oklahoma theatre department.

Connie Moore, a Waynoka artist, businesswoman and Northwestern alumna, also submitted four paintings for the show, and students in the mass communication and visual arts programs have submitted work.

“Our students had entries in almost every category in the painting and works on paper area,” Case said.

All artwork that earned an award in this show was moved to the Winners’ Show that took place in downtown Alva during the First Friday Art Walk April 5 at the Runnymede Hotel.

Student Brianna McClure’s painted portrait, “Maxwell,” was judged as student best of show on campus as well as being chosen as People’s Choice at the Winner’s Show.

Moore’s piece titled “Point of View” was judged as non-student Best of Show and was chosen by those attending the on-campus show as People’s Choice.

If you’d like to see a list



Brianna McClure’s painting of “Maxwell” was judged as Student Best of Show at the annual campus art show. Her work was also chosen by those attending the Winner’s Show during the April First Friday Art Walk event as People’s Choice. Pictured are McClure, left, and Maxwell Archer.



of all winning pieces or the 2019 NAS Art Show in Photos, visit this link, then follow the NAS Art Show Winners tab: www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show

“The Art Society doesn’t have many members, but the group works hard on fundraising throughout the year with our Photos with Santa event and Goodie Giveaways at basketball games so we can provide this opportunity for our Ranger family to showcase their talents,” Case said. “We also appreciate the support of the Student Government Association for its co-sponsorship of the show.”

Outdoor tennis, basketball courts have new look

While January was not an ideal time for an outdoor tennis match or a pickup game of basketball, students at Northwestern have refurbished courts to play on now that the weather has turned warmer.

Thanks to a lead gift from the Esther Blessington Testamentary Trust of Alva, the courts were resurfaced and new nets were installed at the tennis court. Upgraded lighting will be installed later this year.

“This project gives our students another opportunity to have some recreation time outdoors,” Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. “Northwestern has the only public tennis courts in Alva, so this is welcome news for those who enjoy the game.”

The courts feature a striking

red and gray paint scheme that is unique to Northwestern.

“It is a great look,” Cunningham

said. “I hope students and community members take advantage of the courts.”



Northwestern Oklahoma State University's outdoor tennis and basketball courts have been refurbished, and updated lighting will come later this year. The courts are open to the public, free of charge.

Diversity workshop held

The annual Diversity Training Workshop for all Northwestern employees took place March 12 in the Student Center Ranger Room on the Alva campus. The topic was “Understanding Financial Aid: Challenges and Restrictions for Faculty Advisors.”

Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, and Tara Hannaford, director of financial aid and scholarships, shared important information to assist faculty and staff with advising.

Information was also shared about the new Ellucian system, a centralized administrative and information management tool for day-to-day operations at Northwestern. Students, staff and faculty will experience more efficient service and processes related to financial aid, purchasing, human resources, enrollment and advising, and reporting.

A link to a recorded version of this workshop was shared via Zoom Recording and a link placed on the Diversity webpage this spring.



Enid Spring Recognition honors students

The Enid Campus community got together to celebrate awards and graduation on May 8 at Spring Recognition.

The event allows families of students to meet instructors, staff and academic advisors.

Certificates were given to each graduate, with his or her degree listed, as representatives from each department

gave recognition to honorees and information about their area.

One student graduating with a master's degree attended, and 23 bachelors graduates attended. Approximately 170 attended the event.

Award Recipients: Emily Bellinger - C.O.R.E.'s Outstanding Senior Graduate; Leadership

Council Pins - Caitlin Evans, Ryan Gantt, and Madison Green; Psychology Club - Lauren Keller-President, Apera Tobiason-Vice President; SWAT Members - Denise Tyrell & Madeline Turner; Social Work Pins - Denise Tyrell, Madeline Turner, & Rhema Abercrombie.



-Leadership Council Members (Left to Right) Madison Green, Lainey Coldren, Morgan Lopez, Brannon Robinson, Caitlyn Shortnacy, Caitlin Evans, Ryan Gantt, Tiffany Misak (Sponsor), Dr. Wayne McMillin (Sponsor)

Council Members - Madison Green, Lainey Coldren, Morgan Lopez, Caitlyn Shortnacy, Brannon Robinson; Leadership Council Officers - Ryan Gantt - Secretary, Caitlin Evans-Reporter;



Darrel Ring, left, receiving his Master of Counseling Psychology certificate from Dr. Wayne McMillin.



Graduates receiving Bachelors Degrees



Enid Nursing Graduates with Dr. Krista Tilley and Heidi Ritchie

NWOSU Visual Arts is with Angie Aguilera and 4 others at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. April 29 at 2:08 PM · Alva · 🌐

Thank you, **Bekah Cudd**, for sharing your illustration project with the Digital Illustration/Design class last Wednesday!



Lopez accepted into leadership institute

Northwestern social work senior Morgan Lopez of Goltry has been accepted into the National Education for Women's (N.E.W.) Leadership Institute. She is a student at Northwestern-Enid.

Each year, about 35 students are selected for the institute through a competitive application process. Lopez was chosen based on numerous factors including, but not limited to, individual leadership potential, maturity, ability to deal with challenges, capacity to reflect on one's own personal strengths and weaknesses, special interests, unique characteristics or diverse experiences that contribute to the N.E.W. Leadership learning goals, interest in politics, public service or public policy, and a commitment to participate fully in the N.E.W. Leadership institute.

N.E.W. Leadership is an intense, five-day program that takes place each year on the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus and is designed specifically for undergraduate women from colleges and universities across the state of Oklahoma. Participants reside at the Alpha Phi House, and the entire experience, including housing and meals, is offered at no cost to students. This year the event was held from May 17-21.

"Morgan is an exceptional student who is focused on public service and policy development

that advances societal well-being," Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair, said. "The department is excited for her opportunity to learn from some of the state's most prominent women."

The award-winning program educates and empowers undergraduate women to participate actively in politics and public service. The program connects students to policy makers and community activists to engage them in shaping the public agenda. Launched in 2002, the program is part of the N.E.W. Leadership National Network at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

For more information visit www.ou.edu/carlabertcenter/womens-leadership/new-leadership.html



Morgan Lopez

Decker, Kelsey offer lecture on windows

Two members of the Northwestern faculty presented a cultural heritage lecture titled "The Significance of Church in Oklahoma's Settlement Patterns: The Lincoln Windows Projects in Oklahoma" on Thursday, Jan. 31, in Alva's First United Methodist Church. The church is located at the corner of Sixth and Church streets.

Dr. Kay Decker, chair of social sciences and professor of sociology, and Ken Kelsey, instructor of history and humanities, presented this lecture.

Northwestern students and employees, as well as the general public were welcome to attend this free presentation and discussion.



Kay Decker



Ken Kelsey



Pfeifer-Hill establishes natural science scholarship

The Loyd V. Hill and Cynthia A. Pfeifer-Hill Natural Science Scholarship was established in May 2019 to support students majoring or minoring in any natural science field and who also demonstrate a love of learning in any of these fields.

“Both Loyd and Cynthia made significant contributions to Northwestern during their teaching careers, and their impact will continue through this scholarship,” said Dr. Janet Cunningham, President of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. “It is a fitting legacy for two outstanding educators.”

Dr. Loyd Hill earned a bachelor’s degree at Oklahoma A&M College in Stillwater before serving as a Flight Navigator in the U.S. Air Force. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he obtained his master’s and Ph.D. degrees in plant science and agronomy from Oklahoma State University. While working on these degrees, Loyd began his teaching at Northwestern Oklahoma State University as an instructor in the Department of Agriculture. Following his time at Northwestern, Loyd worked in several agricultural-

based positions, obtaining seven patents.

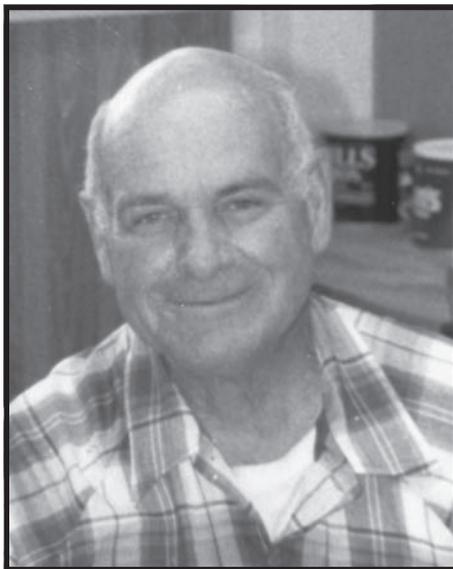
Dr. Cynthia Pfeifer-Hill earned a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry at Pennsylvania State University in 1985. She obtained her Ph.D. in veterinary physiology and pharmacology at Purdue University, Ind. She conducted postdoctoral research at New Mexico State University and the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. Cynthia began her Northwestern career in 1995 in the Department of Natural Science, teaching Human Anatomy, Physiology, Pathophysiology, Biochemistry and Cell and Molecular Biology. She also served as interim dean for several years and department

In 2019, Cynthia retired after 24 years at Northwestern.

Cynthia and Loyd first met at Northwestern in 1995 as biology faculty colleagues and soon found their common passion for teaching and the biological sciences. They married on May 23, 1998.

Applicants for the Loyd V. Hill and Cynthia A. Pfeifer-Hill Natural Science Scholarship must be full-time continuing students pursuing a Biology, Chemistry or Physics major or minor with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Applicants must also be active in a science club. To be considered, students must complete the scholarship application form through the Financial Aid Office on any Northwestern campus. This scholarship can be used for University-related expenses including tuition, books, fees, and room and board.

For more information on the Loyd V. Hill and Cynthia A. Pfeifer-Hill Natural Science Scholarship, or about investing in Northwestern students, contact Skeeter Bird, CEO, Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association, at 580-327-8598 or at aebird@nwsu.edu



Loyd Hill



Cynthia Pfeifer-Hill

chair of the Department of Natural Science for 10 years. She oversaw a major science building renovation and helped start the Heartland BEST Robotics program. Cynthia also holds the Dr. Anna B. Fisher Endowed Biology Chair at Northwestern.

Weigand Family establishes fund to enhance biomedical science

Dr. Dennis and Janet Weigand of Edmond recently established the Weigand Biomedical Science Fund at Northwestern Oklahoma State University to provide funding for equipment, training and faculty development.

Weigand graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree from Northwestern in 1960 and a year later married Janet White, formerly of Alva. In 1963, Weigand earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Oklahoma.

After interning in Wichita, Kansas, he was a resident in dermatology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for three years before serving as a major in the United States Army until 1970. Weigand has contributed to many professional journals, taught at the University of Oklahoma, and

been a member of many medical and dermatological societies. Weigand was a diplomat on the American Board of Dermatopathology and the American Board of Dermatology.

Weigand has spent much of his practice time in service to the public. He has been honored by the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Oklahoma City, recognized on the Healthgrades Honor Roll, and holds the position of professor emeritus at the University of Oklahoma.

The Weigand Biomedical Science Fund exists to elevate biomedical science pedagogy within the Department of Natural Science at Northwestern.

"The purpose is to enhance the teaching of science, specifically biomedical sciences," said Weigand about the fund. "As

a retired physician, I hope this fund will help inspire students to become doctors, whether in practice, research or both."

"The Weigands are passionate and committed to students and health care," said Skeeter Bird, CEO, Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association. "They have chosen a great place to invest with Northwestern's natural science program. Because Northwestern prepares so many students for different careers in health care, we cannot imagine a better place for them to impact our community and the state's future with this generous endowment."

For more information on the Weigand Biomedical Science Fund or about investing in Northwestern students, contact Skeeter Bird, at 580-327-8593 or at aebird@nwsu.edu.

Math, Science Academy successful, fun

Elementary students who have completed second through fifth grades had the opportunity to engage in hands-on math and science activities with faculty at Northwestern in June.

Elementary students were able to participate in fun and engaging activities that are designed to help build math and science skills. The academy was held during Friday mornings at Northwestern-Alva in the Student Center and Science buildings. The group finished with car races in the Student Center Ballroom on campus.

Elementary students that participated were Isaac Anton, Sage Baird, Asia Blackledge, Donovan Bryant, Aubrey Bryant, Jordan Carpenter, Scott Church, Emma Eckhardt, Eloy Estrada, Sam Garrett Jr, Graham Goss, Avery Goss, Parker Grimsley, Whitney Hanks, Tucker Hannaford, Paislerienny Jackson, Sykler Longhurst, Gavin Lowenstein, Lucas Maharry, Elim Meeker, Aden Moreno,

Kynlee Murrow, Dayton Murry, Zachary Nickels, Hope Olsen, Dominic Olson, Jordan Pannell, Matthew Pannell, Tatum Ricke, Trendon Ricke, Pedro Rodriguez, Taytum Schlarb, Conner Shafer, Cooper Shafer, Payton Smith, Hunter Stauffer, Brooklyn Stewart, Demy Stewart, Jadyne Welsh, and Skyler Wickham.

Math & Science Academy is organized by Northwestern faculty members Dr. Sheila Brintnall, Dr.

Tim Maharry, Dr. Steven Maier, Keenan Meeker, Dr. Aaron Place, Dr. Jenny Sattler, and Dr. Mary Riegel.

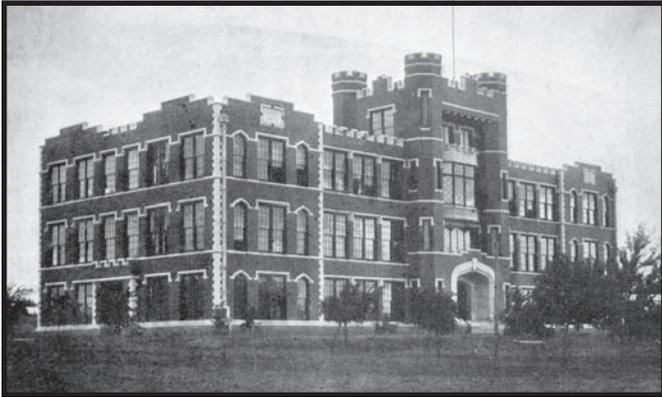
Northwestern students that helped were Derek Blow, Willow Gahr, Madeline McIntrye, and Chloe Nutley.

Others who helped with the activities were Cindy Goss, Emma Place, and Leah Maier.



Attendees and staffers at the 2019 Math and Science Academy

Fine Arts building windows being updated



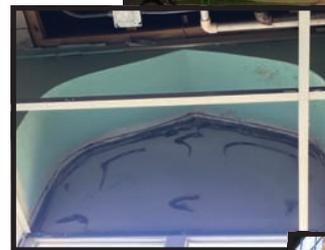
Fine Arts from 1916 yearbook.



*Above and right:
Fine Arts from past
years.*



*First window comes out on May 8, and
the first new window is in on May 9.*



*The window arches on
the north side will be
full windows again.
The second floor
arched windows will be
installed a little later.*



*We've had campus
staff (left) and
contractors (above)
involved with the
window update.*



*A window comes out.
(Left)*



*A new
view.
(Right)*



*New windows and
doors on the north side.
(above)*



*Sandblasting the north
entry. (right)*



Fine Arts as it is today, Tuesday, July 9.