

the Spotlight

Newsletter

Issue 18 - Spring 2026

Do the contents really span just one semester?

As another spring semester comes to an end, yet one more academic year is officially in the books!

Regarding “semester” and “academic year,” browsing through this edition of the Spotlight Newsletter, I suspect you may find yourself asking the same question I asked aloud while shaking my head in disbelief: “Do the contents of this issue really span just one semester?!”

It could be that for this particular semester there happened to be an inordinate level of activity for members of our NWOSU community. Or, maybe the newness of many things coming to fruition at the same time leads to the perception of an overabundance of happenings. Occam’s razor suggests something simpler: the contents of this issue are indeed just a representation of a typical spring semester’s activity here at Northwestern.

Another possibility: all three of the above! In my time here at NWOSU, I do not recall a semester of inactivity. I also do not recall a semester devoid of change or newness of items coming to our univer-

sity. What’s more, I’ve never had the occasion of remarking “Well this wasn’t a very busy semester,” have you?

This spring, we had an inaugural Red Dirt Art Show and we set forth scores of students into practicum experiences, internships, and residency programs as in the past. This was the year to celebrate America’s 250th birthday, and we as Rangers stepped in for the moment. We once again posted impressive student-athlete academic performances and for the first time, our women’s basketball Lady Rangers won the GAC championship and advanced to the NCAA DII tournament. As per usual, we hosted several student-led productions, performances, research, and service endeavors. We had a very healthy schedule of outreach offerings for area youth and practitioners/professionals, bringing camps, workshops, and conferences to our campus locations. There were Rangers at the Capitol and in attendance at legislative meetings. We hosted and attended cultural events, supporting the arts

and honoring many voices.

It strikes me that all of these things necessitate incredible infrastructure. There’s a need for physical infrastructure for certain, but something else in addition, too. Our level of engagement requires an infrastructure of community that is only sustainable with a strong network of people striving to make a difference. This means having motivated faculty that bring students into leadership positions, academic departments pooling resources together to make things happen, staff and administrative offices putting in untold hours to enable things to run smoothly, and you—doing what you do to support our mission.

What makes me most proud and thankful is the ability to say that I have the privilege to work within the NWOSU community and to know that “all of the above” is commonplace here at Northwestern.

Collegially,





Northwestern Oklahoma State University
January 1
 Happy New Year Ranger Family!

NWOSU Ranger bands

January 1

Happy New Year from The Ranger Band



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

January 7

Join us on January 31 to celebrate the induction of Jeff Allen, Greg Johnson, Melvin Swift, and Mario Woodson into the Northwestern Sports Hall of Fame.

Recognition of former inductees will be during halftime of the women's game. The recognition of the 2026 inductees will be during halftime of the men's game.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME



JANUARY 31, 2026 11:30 LUNCHEON
 STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

RSVP by January 27

580 327 8593 / nwalumni@nwosu.edu



NWOSU TRIO-SSS

January 7

TRIO is a federal grant program that helps students overcome some personal and academic barriers to be successful in college. There is no cost for eligible students, so reach out or come see us and take control of your college success. #trioworks

**What is TRIO
 and
 what do we
 do?**

TRIO is:
 a federal grant
 program that
 supports students
 who are navigating
 specific academic
 and personal
 barriers through
 college

**TRIO is
 completely
 FREE for
 qualified
 students.**

**TRIO works
 with students
 who are:**
 • First Gen **OR**
 • lower income **OR**
 • Students with
 disabilities

**TRIO helps
 with:**
 • "unwritten curriculum"
 • financial aid (FAFSA
 and school aid)
 • financial literacy
 • academic planning
 • study skills
 • what comes after
 college



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 5

Nearly 60% of our students graduate debt-free. At NWOSU, success lives here. Our professors know your name and your goals. Our campus is alive with activities, from homecoming to intramurals. With affordable tuition and hands-on learning from day one, you'll graduate ready for your career. Come ride with us and discover a university that feels like home. Learn more at nwosu.edu.

#NWOSU | #RideRangersRide | #OKHigherEdWorks

SWAT Chapter completes annual Dignity Drive

Members of the Social Work Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter completed their annual Compassion in Action Dignity Drive.

The student-led organization, advised by Codi Harding, director of social work field education and assistant professor of social work, works to enhance students' educational experience through service projects and community engagement.

"Each year, this event provides SWAT members with a meaningful way to help meet the basic needs of people in their local and nearby communities," Harding said.

This year's drive gathered a variety of essential items, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products and other hygiene supplies. These donations will assist individuals receiving services through the Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma Family Court Systems.

"Access to basic hygiene is a foundation of human dignity," said Alana Shotpouch, a senior social work major from Jay who serves as SWAT secretary. "By coming together as a community, we can ensure that no one is left without the essentials of care. Every contribution strengthens the health, confidence, and unity of our neighbors."

One of SWAT's ongoing goals is to partner with local agencies and support the needs of the individuals they serve. The dignity drive is a key initiative that allows students to make a direct and meaningful impact.

"The small act of participat-

ing in the Dignity Drive truly does make a huge difference in the community," said Kaydence Decker, a senior social work major from Blair, who serves as SWAT vice president. "It is great to see community members come together and provide others with everyday essentials."

SWAT Leadership and Membership

To be a member of SWAT, students must be enrolled in the Northwestern Social Work program. Northwestern SWAT leaders, members and their classification include:

Officers: Isabella Burden, Medicine Lodge, Kansas, junior, president; Decker, vice president; Shotpouch secretary; Haylee Durrence, Alva sophomore, treasurer; Nikita Brewer, Woodward sophomore, reporter.

Members: Itzel Castillo, Laverne senior; James Fanning, Enid senior; Mattie Gore, Camargo senior; Karly Green, Newton, Kansas, senior; Tyra Hostetler, Harper, Kansas, senior; Amanda Houldsworth, Vici junior; Shelby Kinnard, Woodward junior; Emey Lopez, Enid junior; Lizbeth Lopez, Enid junior; Jenna Maier, Alva senior; Guadalupe Melchor, Enid senior; Nicole Posada, Woodward senior; Kimberly Ruf, Gage senior; Morgan Sanders, Woodward sophomore; Maureen Torres, Enid sophomore.

For more information, contact Dr. Kylene Rehder, department chair and professor of social work, at kdrehder@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135 or visit the Northwestern Department of Social Work online at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work.



Isabella Burden, Medicine Lodge, Kansas, junior, and Alana Shotpouch, Jay senior, from the Northwestern Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter delivered donated personal hygiene products to Youth and Family Services Family Court Systems in Enid.

Visual Arts honors inaugural Red Dirt Review Art Show winners

Winners of the inaugural Red Dirt Review High School Art Show were honored at the show's opening reception in Gallery Sophia in Jesse Dunn at Northwestern on Dec. 5.

The Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts Wisdom Family Foundation Visual Arts Program sponsored this event for local high school students.

Juanita Hernandez, Guymon senior, and her project "Bound to Thee," an ink and watercolor on watercolor paper, earned the \$500 President's Scholarship award for Best in Show.

Award winners in each category received art materials to use on their future projects, along with Northwestern scholarships.

Category winners, their classifications, high schools and project names include:

Ceramics

First Place: Martina Alfonso, Woodward sophomore, "Night and Day"

Second Place: Jaqueline Gines, Woodward senior, "Mushroom House"

Third Place: Rylee McDowell, Woodward junior, "Folkware Home"

Drawing

First Place: Kyndall Ray, Oklahoma Bible Academy junior, "Art is My Rescue," white charcoal and pastel on black paper

Second Place: Jaylece Martin, Woodward junior, "Dark Corners," pointillism marker

Third Place: Will Menasco, Oklahoma Bible Academy junior, "The Rule," white charcoal on black paper

Mixed Media

First Place: Avery Bilyeu, Woodward senior, "Geisha"

Second Place: Jocelyn Wilson, Woodward junior, "Swamped in Scrutiny" (A Representation of Stage Fright)"

Third Place: Owen Vermillion, Alva sophomore, "Mountain Lion"

Painting

First Place: Jady Tapp, Woodward junior, "Hazel"

Second Place: Alexa Lares, Woodward junior, "Lisandro"

Third Place: Holly Evatt, Oklahoma Bible Academy fresh-

man, "Sweet Things"

Photography

First Place: Relina Sibok, Oklahoma Bible Academy junior, "A New Beginning"

Second Place: Gio Causor, Oklahoma Bible Academy junior, "Fruit of the Grave"

Third Place: Sara Tellez Blanco, Kingfisher senior, "Dear Catrina"

For more information on future art shows, contact Thomas Cornell, assistant professor of visual arts, at tacornell@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8111 or visit the Wisdom Family Foundation Visual Arts Program online at www.nwosu.edu/visual-arts.



Juanita Hernandez, Guymon senior, earned the President's Scholarship Award for her project, "Bound to Thee," at the inaugural Red Dirt Review High School Art Show at Northwestern this past December.

NWOSU SGA
January 12
Welcome back, Rangers! Check out this week's events!

STUDENT EVENTS	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 SGA Meeting 7:00 PM - Bible Study & Worship New Senate Room Bible Chair Round Up 8:00 PM - Bible Study The BCM	THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 Vision Board Workshop 7:00 PM - Bible Chair Round Up Free food! Women's Bible Study Evangelical Night
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 BIBLE CHAIR TUESDAY 11:30 AM - 1 PM EAST OF VINE	THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 BCM ROOM WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM - 1 PM EAST OF CART

THIS WEEK AT THE WESLEY

TUESDAY 01/13 6PM
VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 01/15 11:30AM - 1PM
THURSDAY LUNCH

1027 8th STREET

Welcome Back Rangers!

'America at 250' teaching history event held in November

A program on the legacy of the Declaration of Independence on its 250th anniversary was presented at the Northwestern Enid campus Feb. 20 thanks to a free seminar offered by Teaching American History.

Northwestern's Department of Social Sciences played host to the program. Breakfast and lunch were provided for attendees, courtesy of Teaching American History.

Jana Brown Pittman, coordinator of social science teacher education at Northwestern and organizer of the event, said the goal when hosting these professional development workshops is to bring opportunities to attend events conducted by national organizations to teachers in Northwest Oklahoma and Southern Kansas.

"We want to make it easier for our educators to gain a deeper understanding of our history and government and to gather classroom resources," Pittman said.

The seminar, led by Dr. Donna Devlin, focused on the Declaration of Independence and the context in which its authors understood it. The group discussed the primary sources that best illuminate the Declaration's meaning and imbue its words with living significance.

Devlin was raised on her family's farm near Jewell County, Kansas. She earned bachelor of arts and education degrees from Fort Hays University in 2006, completed her Master of Arts in American History degree from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio, in 2012 and finished her Doctorate of Philosophy in History from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2023. Devlin served 11 years in the Kansas public school

system teaching social studies and currently works as an assistant professor of history at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas.

Teaching American History provides more than 150 one day seminars per year at no cost to the host or the teachers. The Feb. 20 program was conducted as a discussion, utilizing primary source documents as the only readings, with Devlin facilitating the conversation instead of lecturing or presenting. Registrants received the readings prior to the seminar were encouraged to read all the documents in advance and come ready with questions. Teachers received a letter of attendance at the conclusion of the seminar.

"The Declaration of Independence is a timeless document," Pittman said. "As Abraham Lincoln noted in 1859, the Declaration of Independence is a, 'revolutionary document... applicable to all men and all times...that today, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling-block to the very harbingers of re-appearing tyranny and oppression.' Lincoln's

statement highlights the importance of teaching and remembering the Declaration of Independence alongside other primary sources from early American history, so that our students develop a deeper understanding of the principles we, as individuals and as a nation, should always aim to uphold."

For more information contact Pittman at jdbrown@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8519 or visit the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences online at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus January 12

Welcome back! Spring semester classes began today (Jan. 12) on the NWOSU-Enid campus.

—
We have snacks for you in the Commons all week so stop by and grab yourself something to munch on and drink!

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Did you know that you can still enroll until next Wednesday (Jan. 21)? Pop into the Business Office to see Kristy or Ruth Ann if you have questions!





Northwestern Oklahoma State University – Woodward Campus
January 13

A brisk morning to welcome back our students for the Spring 2026 semester! #RRR #backtoschool #welcomeback

NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
January 12

One morning, Brian Clay woke up with a strange bump on his head. As a middle school wrestler, he didn't think much of it, assuming it was just a minor injury from the mat. What seemed insignificant would soon change his life forever. To learn more about Brian and his journey as a Ranger: <https://ournorthwestern.org/stories/brian-clay-27>



NWOSU Department of Social Work
January 12
Primp for Prom 2026



NWOSU Division of Education
January 13

Spring 2026 Student teachers always have a great learning experience with Oklahoma Agriculture in the Classroom. We appreciate all the resources provided.



NWOSU Division of Education

January 13

Spring 2026 student teachers!

They are ready to start their internships on Friday!

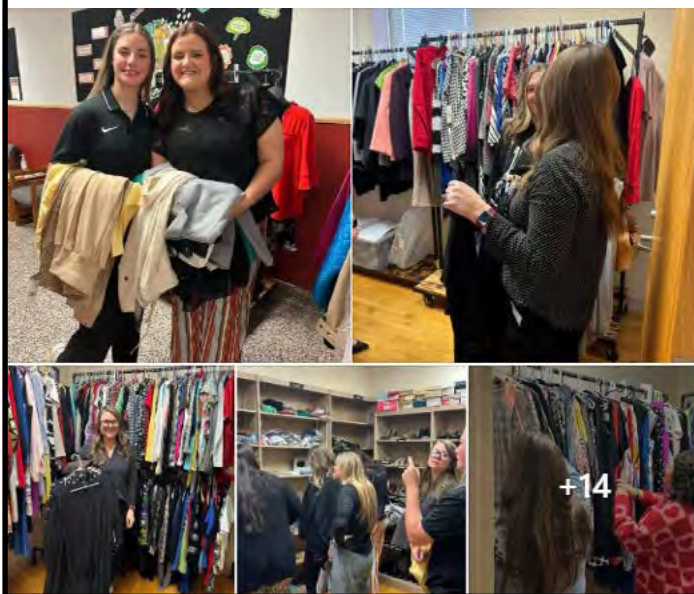
Go be great!



NWOSU Teacher's Closet

January 13

Spring student teachers shopped in the teachers closet today!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 14

The spring student teachers were able to look for a few items to help them add to their professional wardrobes. #NWOSU students -- if you need help with clothing for upcoming job interviews, to get headshots taken in the University Relations office, etc., contact the Division of Education -- (580) 327-8436, mswillyard@nwosu.edu -- to ask about finding a few clothes, shoes and accessories.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

January 15

The Little Rangers' Ranger Recyclers from Fowler Early Childhood Center next door assembled on campus to rescue NWOSU-Enid's recyclables Wednesday (Jan. 14) with educational environmental superhero Dr. Mariann Braten-Hall.

Every month five kiddos are chosen as Ranger Recyclers to assist in the Enid campus recycling program that was started in 2009 by Dr. Steven Mackie's CORE Club (Conserving Our Ranger Environment).

Enid Rangers can recycle:

- Copy paper and newspapers
- Flattened cardboard
- Aluminum soda cans
- Plastic water and juice bottles

Receptacles are in the Commons and the upstairs hallway.



PRE-NURSING ASSOCIATION SPRING 2026 MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, January 20th
Tuesday, February 17th
Tuesday, March 31st
Tuesday, April 21st

All meetings will be held @ 3:30pm.
Alva students: meet in person at Carter Hall 204.
Enid, Woodward, & Ponca students: via
Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/96158717230>

We hope to see you there!



NWOSU Pre NA January 15

Here's the full schedule for all the Pre-Nursing Association meetings that we'll be having this spring! We're excited to see everyone there!

HAPPY
Birthday!
Campus Cabinet



Northwestern Oklahoma State University January 14

The Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantry is celebrating 7 years of existence helping #NWOSU students and employees.

www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing January 20

Our junior nursing students completed their first skills lab of the semester last week, learning how to change central line dressings, draw labs, and provide top-notch care to their patients.

We're proud of them for learning new skills, growing their confidence, and starting the semester strong.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics January 20

Max Alexander is your GAC Offensive POTW!!



NWOSU Division of Education

January 20

Dreaming of making a difference in the classroom?
Calling all high school juniors, seniors, and current NWOSU students! Join us for Future Educators Day and learn more about your teaching career.

When: Wednesday, February 4

Time: Registration at 9:00 a.m. | Kickoff at 9:30 a.m.

Featuring: Keynote speaker Melissa Evon, Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, and many break-out sessions.

The best part? The event is FREE, and lunch is provided for all registered high school participants and parents/sponsors!

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FUTURE EDUCATORS DAY!

- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026
- 9:30AM - 2:30PM
- STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS, SENIORS, AND NWOSU STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN OR CONSIDERING EDUCATION ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

REGISTER NOW



MORE INFO

<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/future-educators-day>

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University Center

at Ponca City

January 21

Northwestern
Oklahoma Work-
shop

How to Read a
Syllabus Workshop
Learn how to
break down your
syllabus, under-
stand course
expectations, and
set yourself up
for success this
semester.

-Jan. 21 & Jan. 28

-12:30 - 1:00 PM

All students are
welcome!

Hosted by the Academic
Success Center:

HOW TO READ A SYLLABUS WORKSHOP

*TIME:
12:30 PM -
1:00 PM

*This workshop will break down
the components of a syllabus,
explain meaning to each
component, and show how it
can help you succeed!*

Presenter: Aleya Rose

Located : UC- RM 124

Email amrose@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8149
with any questions!

DATES:
Wednesday
January 21st &
28th

NWOSU Division of Education

January 21

What a wonderful surprise! The Division of Education received a tea drop from Showtime Nutrition today, and it was exactly what we needed to stay energized and focused. So grateful for this thoughtful gesture.



NWOSU LASSO

January 21

It's time for a re-introduction!

We all know her. We all love her. And we are beyond proud to shout out our Title III/LASSO Project Director — MRS. EMILIE CLINE!!!

#RideRangersRide #LASSOLadies #WOO #SoProud



10 social work seniors step into field practicums

Ten Northwestern senior social work majors completed their field practicum assignments at agencies throughout Oklahoma and Kansas this spring semester.

As part of their degree requirements, students must complete 420 contact hours, demonstrate 20 professional behaviors, and master the program's nine core competencies established by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Field education serves as the signature pedagogy of social work, preparing students for professional practice by integrating classroom learning with real-world experience. Through these placements, students gain hands-on experience, allowing them to apply the knowledge and skills developed throughout their academic coursework.

"Each student in field education is paired with a field instructor who generously volunteers their time to support student learning and to

reinforce core social work values, behaviors, and competencies," said Codi Harding, director of field experience and assistant professor of social work. "We are grateful for all of our past and present field instructors."

Spring 2026 Field Practicum Student Placements

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

Itzel Castillo of Laverne at the Circle of Care in Woodward; Kaydence Decker of Blair at the Department of Human Services in Oklahoma City; James Fanning of Enid at Department of Human Services in Enid; Mattie Gore of Taloga at Bent Creek Counseling Services in Woodward; Karly Green of Newton, Kansas, at Great Plains Health Center in Cherokee; Tyra Hostetler of Harper, Kansas, at the Patterson Health Center in Anthony, Kansas;

Jenna Maier of Alva at Bill Johnson Correctional Facility in Alva; Guadalupe Melchor of Glenville, Georgia, at Shamrock Counseling Services in Enid; Nicole Posada of Guymon at the Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; and Alana Shotpouch of Jay at Delaware County Children's Special Advocacy Network in Jay.

For more information, visit the Northwestern Department of Social Work online at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work or contact Harding at clharding@nwosu.edu or (580) 213-3148.



Itzel Castillo



Kaydence Decker



James Fanning



Mattie Gore



Karly Green



Tyra Hostetler



Jenna Maier



Guadalupe Melchor



Nicole Posada



Alana Shotpouch



**University Center at Ponca City
January 23**

We are honored to receive Ponca City Chamber of Commerce Business/Partner of the Year! This recognition would not be possible without the incredible support of our students, staff, board members, and community partners. Thank you for believing in our mission and for being such an important part of what we do at the University Center. We are grateful for each of you and look forward to continuing this work together!



**NWOSU Division of Education
January 25**

NWOSU Agricultural Education students and faculty participated in Teach Ag Day in Altus and El Reno this week as part of a statewide effort to recruit agriculture teachers. Join us at NWOSU to #teachag and be a Ranger!



**Woodward News
January 23**

Here are some good things happening to students at NWOSU



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

January 23

Hannaford Family Scholarship Established

Dr. Bo and Tara Hannaford, along with Dr. Hannaford's sister Kristye and her husband Tim Taylor, established the Hannaford Family Scholarship to help students graduate debt free. Dr. Hannaford is grateful for those who invested in him and is committed to paying that gift forward. Investing in students as they pursue and complete their degrees is a shared goal of the Hannaford family, reflected in their love for and dedication to Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

For the full story, go to <https://ournorthwestern.org/.../hannaford-family...>

Pictured: (from left) top row: Bo and Tara Hannaford, Kristye and Tim Taylor

middle row: Tucker Hannaford, Kylee and Hawken Taylor with son Bodhi

front row: Carson Hannaford and fiancé Easton Hammonds



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

January 27

After posting a double-double against SWOSU last week, Robbie Armbrister is your GAC Defensive POTW!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 26

We spy some views of Ranger Field and campus covered by snow, along with other views of Alva.

Stay warm and safe, #RangerFamily.

Woods County Emergency Management

January 26

Stay warm and safe Alva, even with the snow over, its still slick out there.



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

January 27

Northwestern students are having snow much fun today!



NWOSU Literacy Center

January 27

Literacy tutoring will be available both VIRTUALLY and IN PERSON this semester beginning in February! At the NWOSU Literacy Center, we'll match your child with a teacher-candidate who is majoring in education. This service is free!

Tutoring will begin the week of February 11 and end the week of April 15. Mrs. Stovall will actively participate in tutoring and supervise teacher candidates.

Scan the QR code or use this link to apply: <https://forms.gle/SZc3fFcD69Z8XGH36>

Contact Mrs. Stovall at wrstovall@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8450 with any questions!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
VIRTUAL LITERACY AND READING
TUTORING FOR GRADES K-6!

Free Reading Tutoring

Through NWOSU Literacy Center



TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON
FEBRUARY 11 - APRIL 15
4:00-4:40

Email - wrstovall@nwosu.edu
Phone - 580.327.8450

<https://forms.gle/Xafx66yrq1qssusH7>

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ADMISSION WILL SUPPORT
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FIGHT AGAINST CANCER.



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THANK YOU



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 29

Thursday's basketball games against Harding will be Cancer Awareness Night in support of Mickaela Harman, wife of men's basketball coach Robbie Harman.

Donations may be given at the door for admission or by scanning the QR code. #RRR #RangerFamily #NWOSU



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 28

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing students practice hands-on simulations, complete clinical rotations, and learn from expert faculty who support your success.

With multiple degree pathways, 100% job placement, and nearly 60% graduating debt-free, you'll be ready to make an impact in healthcare from day one.

Program highlights include multiple BSN pathways, NCLEX pass rates exceeding national averages, and dedicated faculty support. See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing>

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NURSING

at Northwestern Oklahoma State University

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
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PRE-NURSING ASSOCIATION

- Traditional BSN, Hybrid LPN-to-BSN track, online RN-to-BSN and Hybrid BSN-to-DNP programs available
- 100% job placement for all graduates
- NCLEX and NP Certification Pass rates exceed the national and state averages (NCLEX 2025 91%, 2024 95%; NP Certification 2025 100%, 2024 NP 92%)
- Dedicated faculty and staff who are experts in their fields and believe in an open-door policy to ensure the success of students
- Employers seek out NWOSU nursing students during school and after graduation with job opportunities
- Oklahoma LPN students may receive up to 27 credit hours of advanced standing
- Large number of scholarship opportunities available for students

Success Lives Here

20 seniors complete student teaching assignments at local schools

Twenty Northwestern senior education students completed their student teaching assignments at local schools to gain critical hands-on experience.

The students return to campus monthly to assess their progress, attend a service learning day at the Oklahoma State Capitol in March and complete their exit interviews in May. Commencement was held on May 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Ranger Field.

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

Agriculture Education – Baylan Byrd of Rush Springs at Ringwood Junior High/High School

Early Childhood Education – Kaitlyn Corn of Magnolia, Texas, at Longfellow Elementary in Alva; Rhianna Grace of Newkirk at Shidler Elementary School; Madison Vaverka of Hennessey at Dover Elementary School

Elementary Education – Maria Almaraz of Enid at Pioneer-Pleasant Vale Elementary in Enid; Kaylee Beck of Enid at Hayes Elementary in Enid; McKenzie (Mashak) Killian of Cimarron, Kansas, at Beeson Elementary in Dodge City, Kansas; Madison Morse of Enid at Pioneer-Pleasant Vale Elementary; MaKynlee Mulbery of Balko at Forgan Public Schools; Jamie Niblett of Cooper, Texas, at Ringwood Elementary; Stacy Pedersen of Gillette, Wyoming, at Tonkawa Elementary School; Naomi Soderstrom of Bartlesville at Longfellow Elementary in Alva; Christina Tuton-Lunow of Union City at Drummond Elementary; Teagen Wright of Alva at Longfellow Elementary in Alva

English Education – Ashland Crites of Hennessey at Drummond High School

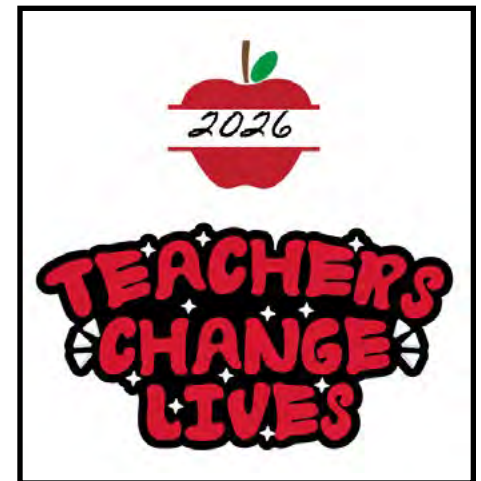
Health and Sports Science Education – Mia (Graves) Jones of Clinton, Utah, at Washington Elementary School in Alva; Daniel Riojas of Laverne at Alva High School

Mathematics Education – Ashlan Light of Enid at Okarche Junior High/High School

Social Science Education – Dylan McLane of Covington at Pioneer-Pleasant Vale Junior High/High School and Waukomis Public Schools; Jessica Myers of Enid at Chisholm High School

For more information on Northwestern's teacher education program, contact Dr. Jennifer Oswald,

division chair and associate professor of education, at jdoswald@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8451 or visit the Northwestern Division of Education webpage: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 29

Meet Rachel and Marcus, Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing students.

They're gaining hands-on experience through clinical simulations and rotations—preparing for ICU nursing careers with faculty who are invested in their success. With 100% job placement and nearly 60% graduating debt-free, NWOSU nursing students graduate ready to make an impact. Program highlights include multiple BSN pathways, NCLEX pass rates exceeding national averages, and dedicated faculty support.

See where Nursing at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing

#NWOSU #RideRangersRide #NWOSUNursing
#ProgramsAtNWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks



WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

**Charles Morton Share Trust
Division of Nursing**



Northwestern Oklahoma State University · Follow
Abby Posner · Reflect And Rise

NWOSU Division of Education

January 30

NWOSU Pre-service Education students are diving into Project WILD! This interdisciplinary program helps our students turn environmental awareness into real-world action for wildlife and conservation.

Big thanks to Jack Hilgert, Oklahoma's State Coordinator, for helping us empower the next generation of environmental stewards!

#NWOSU #ProjectWILD #OKConservation



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

January 31

Welcome to the #NWOSU Sports Hall of Fame Melvin Swift, Greg Johnson, Jeff Allen and Mario Woodson. Formal induction ceremonies will take place at halftime of the men's game. Past inductees will be recognized at halftime of the women's game.
#nwosu #nwosurangers #OnceARangerAlwaysARanger



[Video Link for Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies](#)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus January 30

Don't forget you can take a trip down Route 66 tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 31)! NWOSU-Enid with Chautauqua Council of Enid will present the 2026 Winter Chautauqua on the iconic route with Chautauqua scholar Joey Madia as Cyrus Avery, the father of "The Mother Road."

Madia will present two one-hour workshops during the day in Room 120 and then give his lively performance that evening in the Commons.

All events are free; for one hour of humanities college credit, enrolled NWOSU students should see their academic advisor or stop by the NWOSU-Enid business office to inquire before 3 PM today.

Saturday morning workshop from 10-11 AM will celebrate Avery's numerous achievements as a businessman and oilman outside of his advocacy for the federal highway system.

Saturday afternoon workshop from noon to 1 PM will focus on some of the businesses, roadside attractions, and personalities, along with legends and lore that make Route 66 a destination for global travelers.

Then join Madia as Avery for a lively presentation set in July 1927 at 7 PM Saturday about the Good Roads Movement, the early years of Oklahoma, and the birth of Route 66. The interactive performance will be followed by questions from the audience directed toward either the character of Avery or Madia as a Chautauqua scholar.

Before the evening show, listen to pianist Steven Harwood, who will play music that will conjure the nostalgia of Route 66.

#SpringSemester2026 #nwosuenid #enidok

#RideRangersRide #WinterChautauqua #route66centennial
#route66 #route66oklahoma #TheMotherRoad
#themotherroadroute66 #historicroute66

Free! **2026 WINTER CHAUTAUQUA**
CYRUS AVERY
Route 66
THE MOTHER ROAD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Workshops at 10 am and Noon on Saturday

7 pm **PERFORMANCE**

For class credit see Dr. McMillin

PERFORMED BY:
JOEY MADIA

FUN LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RIGHT HERE ON THE ENID CAMPUS!

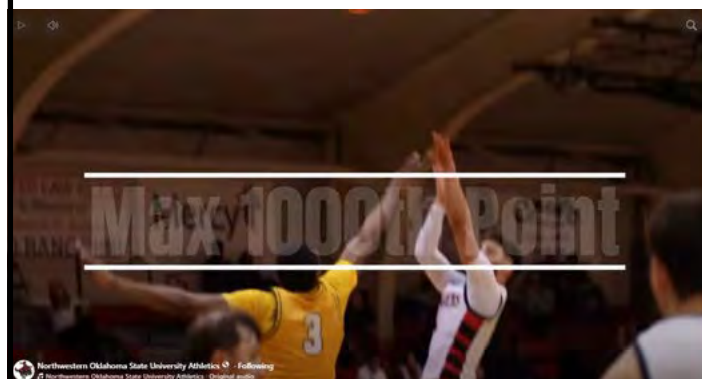
NWOSU Division of Education February 2

Jenna Maier discussed the prevention services available to NWOSU students with Student Teachers. She spoke on behalf of the Coalition for Prevention Services in Higher Education.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics February 2

MR. 1000!!! Max Alexander joins the 1000 point club with a 31 point performance against Arkansas Tech. Alexander also goes over 1,500 career points!!!





OMRF

February 2

Attention, Alva and surrounding areas! OMRF is coming TO YOU to talk about the science of a healthy heart! Hear from a panel of OMRF scientists on cardiovascular health, get questions answered and more!

NWOSU Theatre

February 2

The Insanity of Mary Girard by Lanie Robertson is the senior capstone presentation of Speech/Theatre major Lilith Ferrero.

The Insanity of Mary Girard is the real-life story of a Philadelphia woman who spent the last 25 years of her life in a mental institution.

This production is recommended for mature audiences only.

This production features themes with the following:

Simulated blood - Graphic violence

Mentions of domestic abuse - Mentions of infant death

Explicit language. #nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts

#theinsanityofmarygirard #nwosu #theatre

The Insanity of Mary Girard

By Lanie Robertson

February 13 - 7:00 p.m.

February 14 - 2:00 p.m.

~2026~

In Fellers Family Auditorium
at Herod Hall,
Alva, OK

Tickets

General Admission

\$5.00

Students

\$3.00



NWOSU
Approved

Presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals
on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

February 3

Hey Enid Rangers, did you know we have a Campus Cabinet? Located across from the Business Office in the Student Lounge, we offer free food stuffs and hygiene products for any student who needs it—no strings attached.

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Want to donate items or funds to support this cause? See Kristy or Ruth Ann in the Business Office for details!

#NWOSU #nwosuenid #enidok #RideRangersRide



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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus February 3

The Little Rangers' Ranger Recyclers from EPS' Fowler Early Childhood Center next door struck again on the NWOSU-Enid campus last Wednesday (Jan. 28). Led by educator Dr. Mariann Braten-Hall, the kiddos assisted in bagging items from the campus recycling bins located in the Commons and the upstairs study area. Did you know students can recycle:

- Copy paper and newspapers
- Aluminum soda cans
- Plastic water and juice bottles

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #nwosuenid #enidok
#SpringSemester2026 #recycling #recycle #RangerRecyclers
#environmentalsuperheroes #kidheroes



Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 3

We're back on the job and ready for our first show of 2026!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 3

Are you looking for a fun group to join, or are you interested in becoming a band director someday? Then take a look at the NWOSU Ranger Bands program, where you can do both!

* Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble
Quality Education

* Affordable * Great Scholarships

* Do not have to be a music major to play in the band!

* Nearly 60% of NWOSU students graduate with NO DEBT!

* Make Friends for Life

Learn more under Music - Bands & Instrumental at www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts

#BeARanger #NWOSU #RideRangersRide #NWOSUBands
#ProgramsAtNWOSU #MusicAtNWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks



NWOSU Division of Education February 3

Hattie Potter, Alva Public School's Special Ed Director, visiting with student teachers about working with all students, reading an IEP, and collaborating with other teachers and professionals.

We appreciate our school partners and their willingness to share their expertise with our students!



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 4**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Future Educators' Day! With over 100 registrants, this was our largest event yet.

We appreciated hearing from 2025 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Melissa Evon and connecting with high school students and Rangers exploring education careers.

The day was filled with great conversations about teaching, breakout sessions, and campus connections.

Thank you to our NWOSU Division of Education faculty, staff, and student volunteers who made this day possible.

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

#OKHigherEdWorks



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics
February 5**

Once again Max Alexander is your GAC POTW!



**NWOSU Alva Psychology Club &
Psi Chi International Honor Society
February 4**

We need your help!

The Psychology department is gauging interest in the following for their program:

-An Undergraduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and

-A Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

Your feedback will help us understand student interest and shape potential course offerings.

Take the survey here!

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfQmsEMSTAmVy.../viewform>

Industrial/Organizational Psychology is the scientific study of people at work. It applies psychological principles to understand and improve motivation, performance, leadership, teamwork, and well-being in organizations. I/O psychologists explore how people think, feel, and behave in professional settings — from how employees stay motivated and manage stress, to how organizations can build positive, ethical, and inclusive cultures.

This field connects psychology with real-world applications like:

-Leadership development and employee engagement

-Workplace mental health and resilience

-Training, performance, and job satisfaction

-Organizational change and culture

-Decision-making and human behavior in the workplace

Take the survey here!

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfQmsEMSTAmVy.../viewform>

**WE NEED YOUR
HELP!**



**TAKE THIS
QUICK
SURVEY!!**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 5

Reminder! PLC Scholarship applications are coming up! Don't miss your chance to apply for scholarship opportunities through PLC.

Deadline: March 13

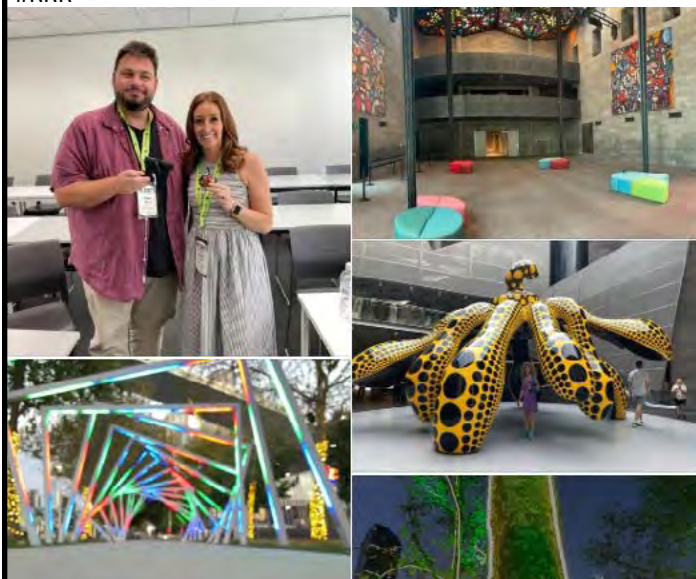
Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/4tb4bL8>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Steve Maier

February 5

The Northwestern "N" has been making its rounds in Melbourne, Australia!! We brought the #NWOSUtreasurehunt to the land down under for a session authored by Dr. Theresa McBride at the #MOBTSoceania annual conference! Folks from across the world participated in a hunt during our session hosted at the CQUniversity Australia University campus by solving riddles and following clues sent out to attendees!! #RRR



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

February 5

Alex Dabrowski is your GAC POTW!!!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 5

Meet Robert, Jade, Levi, and Hadley — NWOSU Ranger Bands members with diverse majors united by their love of music. From future pharmacists to graphic designers, they're all finding scholarships, community, and lifelong friends. With a great band director, departmental scholarships, and participation awards, students like Levi can graduate debt-free.

You don't have to be a music major to be part of the Ranger Bands family!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts (Music - Bands & Instrumental)

#NWOSU #RideRangersRide #NWOSUBands

#ProgramsAtNWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks



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JOIN US IN BAND!

Reichenberger

Department of Fine Arts

Instrumental Music Program

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing February 6

So proud of our nursing students who are volunteering today at the OkMOM event in Enid! They're spending the day serving their community, supporting a massive free dental clinic, and putting compassion into action. Thank you to OkMOM and all the volunteers who make this event possible!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 6

Congratulations to our Rangers on the Fall 2025 Honor Roll! Your hard work and dedication to academic excellence makes us proud.

See the full list of honorees: <https://bit.ly/4r2kmca>

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

#OKHigherEdWorks



Fall 2025 Honor Roll



NWOSU TriO-SSS

February 6

Here are 3 of our top tips for study habits to help you stay on top of your classes this semester! Share your best study habits and techniques in the comments or stop by our office in RH 108 to talk about them

- 1: Spaced Repetition
- 2: Pomodoro
- 3: Rubber Duck Debugging / Feynman Technique



NWOSU Alva Psychology Club & Psi Chi International Honor Society

February 7

We need participants + volunteers for a Poverty Simulation at NWOSU-Alva!

Thurs, March 5, 12:30–4:30 (simulation 1:00–4:30)

NWOSU Student Center, Ranger Room

Volunteer to run stations/roles: Email Susan Holliday at susan.holliday@okstate.edu and say you're an NWOSU Psychology student (grad/undergrad).

Woods County Coalition & OSU Extension present:

POVERTY

SIMULATION

Experience what many individuals and families face every day and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges of poverty. Join us for this powerful, eye-opening simulation that brings our community together to learn, reflect, and take action.



March 5, 2026
Registration 12:30 pm
1:00-4:30 PM

Northwestern OK State University
Student Center, Ranger Room
709 Oklahoma Blvd.
Alva, OK



Register with the QR code or at this link
by February 25:
<https://tinyurl.com/2kyh2dof>

Theatre presents 'The Insanity of Mary Girard' in February

Northwestern's Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts theatre program presented "The Insanity of Mary Girard" by Lanie Robertson on Thursday, Feb. 13, in the Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall.

Presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, this production is a dark, brooding historical drama based on a true story and recommended for mature audiences only.

The production is directed by Lilith Fererro, a senior speech and theatre major from Cordell as her capstone project.

The production opened with Mary restrained in a tranquilizing chair as she is visited by ghost-like figures known as "furies." These figments of her imagination taunt her while impersonating figures from her past, including her mother, husband and her husband's mistress. Through shared dialogue that shifts between the furies at each punctuation mark, the play presents a unique theatrical structure while examining women's rights, power and injustice in the 1790s.

Fererro said she intentionally chose a darker production for her senior capstone to explore themes that are deeply personal to her.

"I knew very early into my search that I would be venturing from the typical comedy that we produce at Northwestern Theatre," Fererro said. "'The Insanity of Mary Girard' addresses several topics, with a primary focus on feminism and gender dynamics in marriage. Although the play was written in 1970 about events from 1790, the message is still relevant today."

She acknowledged that the tone of the play is heavy, but said she be-

lieves its message is important.

"It is true that the play is very dark, but I believe it is also important," Fererro said. "I hope that the dark tones of this play will not dissuade the public from coming to view the production, but instead invite thoughtful discussion for all those who attend."

Fererro said the production presented challenges in areas such as historical costuming, lighting and design, which required extensive research and application of her theatre education.

"I had to do a considerable amount of research before coming up with my costume designs," she said. "As I got further into the process, I encountered complications in lighting and set design as well. All of my design choices were made after spending time researching and reflecting on what I've learned in the theatre department."

She added that directing her peers was initially intimidating but ultimately rewarding.

"Being in charge of every aspect of the process has been very challenging, especially with time management and directing decisions made before casting," Fererro said. "Despite the struggles, I've found the experience very rewarding. I'm proud of the product I created and grateful to my peers and professors for helping bring this show to life."

Lisa Turner, an American Studies graduate student from

Alva, served as stage manager.

Cast members for this production and the names of their characters included: Emily Wright, Cheyenne junior majoring in mass communication, as Mary Girard; Aidan Slater, Laverne freshman majoring in early childhood education, as Stephen Girard; Jacob Saucedo, Glenpool freshman majoring in computer science, as The Warder; Jaden Matthews, Hennessey junior majoring in speech and theatre, as Mrs. Lum; Bella Anguino, Glenpool sophomore majoring in speech and theatre, as Polly Kenton; Matthew Skinner, Sand Springs junior majoring in speech and theatre, as Mr. Phillips; and Sophie Jungman, Alva sophomore majoring in English, as Mrs. Hatcher.

Other crew members included: Ashlein Richmond, a sophomore majoring in psychology from Enid, John Hillman, a junior majoring in computer science from Cheyenne, Charles Schafer, a freshman majoring in speech and theatre from Alva, and Kendra Puebla, a freshman majoring in psychology from Felt.

Understudies for the production include: Gabriel Bussinger, Woodward senior majoring in speech

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The cast of Northwestern theatre production "The Insanity of Mary Girard" was (left to right) Aidan Slater, Jaden Matthews, Matthew Skinner, Emily Wright, Lilith Fererro (director), Aspen Marshall, Sophie Jungman, Bella Anguino, and Jacob Saucedo.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 8

Congratulations to the Seattle Seahawks on winning the #SuperBowl vs New England Sunday evening. And, wow! What a play (Pick 6) to Uchenna Nwosu! We might be a bit biased, but what a great last name! Congrats! #superbowlsunday #NWOSU



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Theatre presents...

and theatre; Aspen Marshall, Tulsa junior majoring in speech and theatre; Jade Campbell, Woodward senior majoring in instrumental music education; Lily Post, Ponca City sophomore majoring in speech and theatre; and Justus Durham, Brighton, Colorado, freshman majoring in speech and theatre.

For more information on theatre performances and courses in the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts at Northwestern, contact Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts, at kkweast@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8462, or visit their webpage at www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 10

Heads up, Rangers! A crane will be on the Alva campus tomorrow, Wednesday, February 11, from 8 a.m. to noon to install a new A/C unit on the Percefull side of the HSSE building. For safety, no one will be allowed inside HSSE/Percefull Fieldhouse while the crane is in operation. Classes scheduled in that building have been relocated—check with your instructors for updated locations.

Please avoid: North side of the Intramural Field Sidewalk on the south side of HSSE/Percefull Fieldhouse (running east to west)

These areas will be blocked off during the work. See the map for details. Questions? Call (580) 327-1700.



On Feb. 11, a new chiller was installed on the Percefull side of the HSSE building.



Free summer STEM Camp at Northwestern June 9-12

Oklahoma students in grades 9-12 in fall 2026 were welcome to register to attend a free summer STEM camp at Northwestern-Alva, June 14-19. Registration for “Renewable Energy – The Future is Here – Exploring and Learning Today: A Summer STEM Camp” was opened on March 1 and closed April 1 and was limited to 25 students.

Check-in for all campers was held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, in Fryer Hall residence hall on the southwest corner of campus. Campers were welcomed and completed an orientation of the week’s events. The camp ended on Friday, June 19. Students ate several meals in the Coronado Cafeteria during the camp.

This camp was funded by a grant from the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education. Northwestern played host to the camp along

with High Plains Technology Center of Woodward, OG&E, and NextEra Energy, the largest producer of wind and solar power in the nation.

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

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

Students got an inside view of an operating nacelle, experienced simulators and a climbing tower, and saw an operational Renewable Energy Site. They learned about the generation and use of electricity, as well as received an introduction to electronics and robotics and have hands-on experiences with

the Renewable Energy Trainer. This portable Microgrid training device includes power generation, a micro-inverter, and storage using renewable energy technology.

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

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

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

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



Twenty-nine students from across the state of Oklahoma and 10 staff members took part in the STEM Camp at Northwestern

Oklahoma State University in June 2025. (File Photo)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

February 10

After EXPLODING for 39 points and a double double last week, Kira Bass is your GAC OPOTW!!!



New to campus and need to find out where to get your copy code, where to have your exams printed or whom to contact when your copier goes crazy?

*Contact [Printing Services](#), [Alica Hall](#),
Ext. 3476 in Jesse Dunn.*

GSP Health February 11

We are excited to welcome the NWSU Nursing students to GSP Health as they join us for their clinical rotations. We're proud to partner in supporting their hands-on learning and future careers in healthcare. Partnering in their education helps strengthen the future of healthcare in our communities. Welcome, Northwestern Oklahoma State University students. We are happy to have you!

WELCOME
NWSU
Nursing Students



GSP HEALTH
Better access. Better care. Better health.



Wisdom Family Foundation
Doctoral Program
in Rural Nursing Practice

Better Access.
Better Care.
Better Health.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 10

Media and Communication at Northwestern is a place where students learn about journalism, marketing, strategic communications, photography, videography and so much more! As a media and comm student, you'll have hands-on experience in almost every class, work with the latest technology and your faculty work close with you on projects.

Learn more about our Media and Communication program at www.nwsu.edu/.../mass-communication #NWSU

#RideRangersRide #NWSUMediaComm

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MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

at Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Student-led Media, including Northwestern
News, NWTN and Ranger Communication
Agency

- Gain knowledge and skills in multiple areas, including broadcast, journalism, and strategic communication
- Use industry standard equipment and software in our on-campus studios, production labs and newsroom
- Be supported by working one-on-one with faculty and peers
- Work with clients in the agency to create strategic plans & campaigns
- Apply for participation and/or memorial scholarships specifically for students active in the Media & Communication program and student media
- Work for our award-winning student media in paid student positions at the Northwestern News and NWTN

Success Lives Here

NWSU Foundation & Alumni Association February 11

Today we kicked off the 2026 annual Scholarship Drive with a luncheon. From February 11 - March 12, Alva community members and campus employees will be raising funds for the Rangers Investing in Students & Education (RISE) scholarship endowment. RISE supports continuing student scholarships at Northwestern.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 11

Departmental scholarship applications are due this Sunday, February 15.

Your department wants to invest in your success. From agriculture to education to nursing to business and beyond, departmental scholarships recognize your commitment to your field and help make your degree more affordable. Nearly 60% of Rangers graduate debt-free—and scholarships like these are a big reason why.

Apply online at www.nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships under the Departmental Scholarships for Continuing Students section. Each department has its own application form. Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office at (580) 327-8542. #RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers #OKHigherEdWorks

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Nearly 60% of Rangers Graduate Debt-Free

Deadline: February 15, 2026



More Information:
www.nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

February 12

Leadership Greater Enid Class XXXV toured NWOSU-Enid Wednesday afternoon. Our campus coordinator Kristy Davidson showed them around.

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #SpringSemester2026

#nwosuenid #enidok #leadership #LGE



NWTV

February 18

For NWOSU sophomore, Morgan Robinette, her creative outlet has turned into a full-blown sewing business.



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

February 11

Established in 2017 by Charles and Clara Jackson, the Clara Haack R.N. Scholarship honors Clara's lifelong dedication to nursing while investing in the future of rural healthcare and student success at Northwestern. The scholarship reached a transformational milestone in 2025 when Charles contributed nearly three quarters of a million dollars, ensuring lasting impact for generations of nursing students. Now the second largest nursing scholarship in Northwestern history, it continues to change lives by easing financial burdens and helping prepare skilled nurses for rural communities.

For the full story on Charles and Clara Jackson, go to <https://ournorthwestern.org/stories/charles-and-clara-jackson>

CLARA HAACK R.N. SCHOLARSHIP



What began as a heartfelt tribute has grown into a powerful investment in rural healthcare and student success at Northwestern.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 11

Former Northwestern Oklahoma State University Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Timothy Zwink will be inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame on March 19 at 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center Museum in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Zwink earned his Ph.D. in history from Oklahoma State University in 1980 and spent much of his career teaching U.S. history and American Indian history at Northwestern in Alva. During his time at NWOSU, he conducted research and developed public programs about Camp Alva, a German prisoner-of-war camp during World War II.

After serving over a decade as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Northwestern, Dr. Zwink joined the Oklahoma Historical Society in 2002. As Associate Director of Development, his grant writing helped secure final funding to complete construction of the Oklahoma History Center. He retired in 2016 as Deputy Executive Director and continues working as an editorial consultant for books about Oklahoma history.

The Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame is the highest honor awarded by the OHS, recognizing distinguished contributions to Oklahoma history through excellence in preservation, collection, interpretation and dissemination of the state's history. Read the full press release: <https://bit.ly/3MfC90z>
#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks



NWTV

February 12

NWOSU's Spring Showcase is coming up on February 21st. The event gives high school seniors and transfer students an opportunity to learn more about NWOSU.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 12

So what do you do when February gives you a beautiful day in Alva, OK? You teach your class outside. Tammy Brown met with her Business and Professional Communication class today at the outdoor classroom space near the Student Center where the students learned more about interpersonal communication at work. They used various scenarios and practiced the application of strategies for how to respond to criticism at work. They also learned about different listening styles.
#okhigheredworks #NWOSU



Social Work offers free infant mental health training

The Department of Social Work continued its partnership with Haruv USA to provide a free infant mental health training series.

The training included a two-part session presenting “Reflective Parenting.”

Dr. Tina Adkins presented the sessions via Zoom on March 2 and March 4 from 1 to 4 p.m.

“These trainings focused on reflective parenting practices that enhance caregivers’ mentalizing abilities, fostering healthier relational patterns and supporting children’s emotional and behavioral development through the promotion of more secure attachment contexts,” said Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the Northwestern department of social work, social work program director and professor of social work.

Adkins is a psychotherapist in private practice, who spent a decade as a professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Texas in Austin. She holds a master of science degree in Developmental Psychoanalytic Psychology and a doctoral degree in Psychoanalytic Studies from University College London and the Anna Freud Center. She is also a Research Fellow with the International Psychoanalytic Association.

Adkins has worked most of her life within child welfare, first as an investigator and later as a clinician and researcher. Her work within family trauma centers around developing and implementing impactful interventions within the field of child welfare, which has resulted in an evidenced-based group mentalizing intervention for foster/adoptive parents called “Family Minds.”

These workshops focused on reflective parenting interventions

which show promise in improving mental health outcomes through increasing a caregiver’s ability to mentalize.

Haruv USA’s webpage describes mentalizing as, “... the skill of being able to see yourself from the outside and others from the inside.” Mentalizing involves the ability to understand behavior in relation to mental states, such as thoughts and feelings, and typically develops within the context of secure attachment.

According to Haruv USA, the ability to be a reflective parent and successfully mentalize has been positively connected to better caregiving, healthier relationships, increased parental satisfaction and lower parenting stress. For children, having a parent who can use this skill positively impacts children’s emotional/social development as well as their ability to regulate their behavior.

“We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Haruv USA and offer training that supports the work in the field of infant and early childhood mental health,” Rehder said.

She added that this training was ideal for teachers, social workers, child welfare specialists, counselors and those in the medical field. Haruv USA is an international training institute that

provides interprofessional education and training for professionals and students from many settings in the field of child maltreatment. Haruv USA’s innovative programs equip professionals working with abused and neglected children with up-to-date theoretical and empirical knowledge to meet their needs.

Registration for the training was free, and CEUs are available for social work and LPC professionals.

For more information on the training, contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwosu.edu or DeJon Knapp, Haruv USA Director at the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work at OU-Tulsa, at dejon@ou.edu.

To learn more about the Northwestern social work department, visit their webpage at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work.



HARUV USA
at OU - Tulsa

Northwestern
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Haruv USA & NWOSU present

**A Two-part Virtual Series:
Reflective Parenting**

March 2 & March 4, 1-4pm CST

Tina Adkins, MA, MSc, PhD, LPC

Free CEUs available for Social Work and Behavioral Health
(6 credit hours for both sessions)

REGISTER HERE

Annual Presidential Lecture Series scheduled for March 10

Northwestern welcomed author Jim Rasenberger to the annual Presidential Lecture Series on Tuesday, March 10.

This year's session was titled "Presidents of the Declaration of Independence: The Friendship and Collaboration of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson."

Rasenberger is the author of five books including "Revolver," "The Brilliant Disaster," "America, 1908" and "High Steel." He has also contributed to the New York Times, Vanity Fair, Smithsonian and other publications. He is a native of Washington, D.C., and resides in New York City.

The discussion centered around his upcoming work, "A Perfect Coincidence," which deals with the lives and accomplishments of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

More information about Rasenberger is available on his website, www.jimrasenberger.com.

The annual program was sponsored by the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences Donovan Reichenberger Endowed Chair in History and the Institute for Citizenship Studies in collaboration with

the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association.

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

★★★★★
Presidential Lectureship Series
Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association
Presidents of the Declaration of Independence:
The Friendship and Collaboration of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

📍 **STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM**
📅 **MARCH 10, 2026**
🕒 **1:00 P.M.**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An author of five books, Rasenberger will discuss his upcoming work, *A Perfect Coincidence*, which explores the lives and achievements of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

Funded by the Institute for Citizenship Studies and the Donovan Reichenberger Endowed Chair in History.

Jim Rasenberger

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 16

Your Promise. Our Affordability. With Oklahoma's Promise, your degree can cost less at Northwestern Oklahoma State University—and the difference is huge. What is Oklahoma's Promise? It's a state scholarship that covers 100% of tuition for eligible Oklahoma students. And as of July 1, 2025, kids of Oklahoma public school teachers (with 10+ years of service) may now qualify under a higher income limit thanks to a new expansion. Here's where Northwestern shines: At NWOSU, Oklahoma's Promise can cover nearly HALF of your total annual cost. These are real numbers with real savings. Smaller campus. Lower costs. More access. If Oklahoma's Promise is part of your plan, Northwestern Oklahoma State University just makes sense. Learn more: (580) 327-1700

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 13

Meet Corky, Megan, and Ken — Media & Communication students at NWOSU gaining hands-on experience in journalism, social media, videography, and strategic communications. From affordability without sacrificing quality education to creating meaningful work shared with real audiences, they're building skills that matter. Work with industry-standard equipment in on-campus studios, get one-on-one faculty support, and create content that goes beyond the classroom.

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Media & Communication

Student athletes partner with Campus Cabinet for food drive

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Northwestern Campus Cabinet Food Pantry partnered for a monetary donation/non-perishable food drive at the last home basketball games of the season on Thursday, Feb. 26.

Brad Franz, vice president for athletics, offered free admission to the games to anyone who brought two or more items to donate to the campus food pantry. Season ticket holders and Northwestern students were admitted as usual, but were encouraged to donate items to the pantry. Tax-deductible monetary donations were also accepted.

"The Northwestern Student-Athlete Advisory Committee partnered with the campus food pantry to care for our campus family," said Gretchen Jones, assistant director of athletics for compliance and student athletic services. "With gratitude for the generosity and support of our community, we come together to reduce food insecurity, remove barriers, and ensure that everyone feels supported, valued, and nourished."

All non-perishable foods were accepted, but the pantry provided a "[Most Needed Items](#)" list to help fans decide what to bring. A list of the most needed types of non-perishable foods and other items includes:

Chili, peanut butter, grape/strawberry jelly, canned chicken, tuna, Vienna sausages, shelf-stable microwave-ready meals, toaster pastries, cereal, breakfast drinks (chocolate, vanilla), six-packs or boxes of individual bottles of fruit juices (apple, orange) and fruit cups (peaches, pineapple, oranges, apple sauce), soups (vegetable, chicken

& rice, chicken noodle, tomato), spaghetti sauce (meat, traditional, cheese, garlic), toilet paper, facial tissues, deodorant for men and women, shampoo/conditioner, body wash (men and women), tampon multi-packs/pads, new bed pillows, new or like new sheets (twin XL and other sizes), new or like new blankets, adult coats/jackets of varying sizes, gloves, stocking hats/beanies and many other items.

Checks should be payable to Northwestern Foundation with Campus Cabinet Food Pantry written on the memo line. Monetary donations may also be mailed to Angela Case, coordinator of the Campus Cabinet, at 709 Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, OK 73717. Please include a name and address with monetary donations so that a receipt may be sent, especially if donating cash.

"Thank you for donating to our campus food pantry because we can't help our students and employees in need without your non-perishable food and monetary donations," Case said.

During the fall 2025 semester, the pantry averaged about 10 clients per week. The highest number of clients that came in one week was 14. The average weekly disbursement in the fall was about 158 pounds, and the highest month of expenditures was in September,

with nearly \$850 spent on food and other items for pantry clients.

Case explained that although several clients have moved on from Northwestern since the pantry opened on Jan. 16, 2019, it has registered 306 total clients to date, adding 26 new clients so far this school year. More than 32,000 pounds of food and supplies have been disbursed since opening.

More information about needed items or how Northwestern students and employees can use the pantry is available at www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet. Also on this web page are "Wish List" links for donors to use to purchase items directly from Walmart (<https://bit.ly/campus-cabinet-wishlist>) or Amazon (<https://amzn.to/3skteAX>) and have them sent directly to campus.

More information is available by contacting Case at arcase@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8577.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 26

THANK YOU to everyone bringing donations to tonight's basketball game food drive for the Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantry. We've seen canned goods, pillows, jackets, cash and more! It all helps!!



7th Herpetological Society Conference held in February

The Department of Natural Science welcomed the Oklahoma Herpetological Society to campus for its seventh annual conference on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Joe J. Struckle Education Center.

Experts and hobbyists from around the state gathered to share results from their research and other related activities with reptiles and amphibians.

This year's keynote speaker was renowned evolutionary biologist Dr. David Hillis speaking about Phylogenomics and Species Delimitation.

"This event is great for anyone who wants to get an idea of what research gets conducted on reptiles and amphibians in our state," said Dr. Nicholas Ledbetter, assistant professor of biology.

For more information, contact Ledbetter at nmledbetter@nwosu.edu or (479) 466-0013 or visit the Department of Natural Science's webpage at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus February 17

Hey Enid Rangers, need a student ID or parking decal? We can help with that! Walk down the hall past the Business Office to the campus security office and Alan or Carter will assist you. Make sure you have your student number handy.

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OHS 2026 Annual Conference

February 28th, 2026
Northwestern Oklahoma State University



NWOSU Division of Education February 17

We had our annual Teacher Education Faculty retreat today on Enid campus. We've looked at data to improve programs, and teams are now working to revise assessments.

We also appreciate our stakeholders who were able to join us in this process today!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing
February 18

Senior BSN nursing students and faculty had a great time visiting Longfellow Elementary in Alva today! They shared fun, hands-on lessons about handwashing, brushing teeth, hygiene, nutrition, and staying healthy overall. We're grateful we got to join the students at school today and help build healthy habits that last.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 17

Agriculture students at NWOSU develop hands-on skills in plant and animal sciences, agricultural management, agribusiness, and agricultural education.

With 100% job placement for Ag Education graduates and nearly 60% graduating debt-free, you'll be ready to lead in Oklahoma's agriculture industry.

Program highlights include versatile degree pathways from banking to real estate, certificates in animal science and plant and soil science, hands-on experience at the University Farm, and faculty with real production agriculture experience. See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/agriculture

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Aggie Club

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- Ag. degrees are very versatile, leading to careers ranging from banking to real estate
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AGRICULTURE
at Northwestern Oklahoma State University

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHTS

- **Blake Kennedy**
American Star in Agribusiness
- **Bridger Anderson**
CNFR Steer Wrestling Champion
- **Taylor Munsell**
CNFR Breakaway Roping Champion
- **Dr. Mindi Clark**
Significant Woman in OK Agriculture by the OK Dept. of Ag, Food & Forestry and OSU

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NWTV

February 18

HAPPENING NOW: Wildfire near Fair Street north of Alva. Please be aware of emergency vehicles. Mutual aid from surrounding towns have been called for fires in Woods County

Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 18

Registration is open for the 23rd annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show Spring Art Show, set for March 13–31 at the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva Campus.

Entries are free and open to all current Northwestern students and employees, as well as alumni and retired employees. Entry forms, categories, and instructions are available at www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show — entry forms are due no later than March 2.

Artists may drop off artwork at the back of J.W. Martin Library:

March 9: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. | March 10: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The exhibition is free and open to the public during regular library hours. Note: The library will be closed March 16–19 for spring break and will reopen March 20–21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Saturdays.

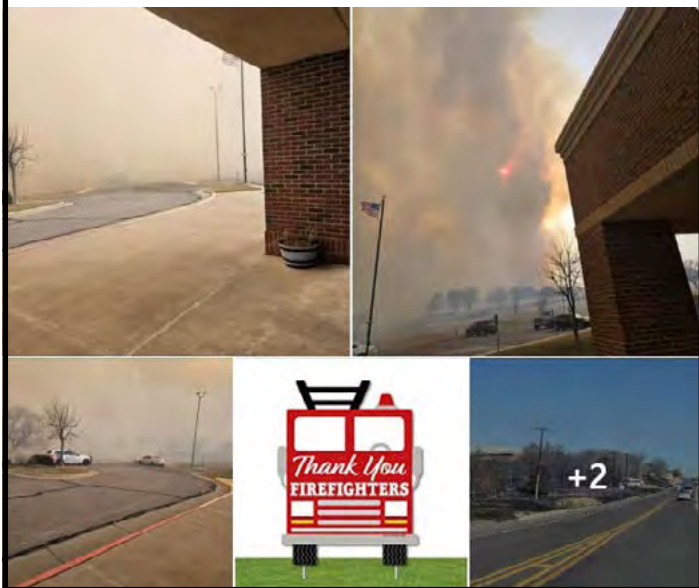
Cash prizes will be awarded to current students in various categories, and ribbons will go to all winners. The student Best of Show winner receives \$50, with \$10 prizes for first-place finishers in each category. The \$25 People's Choice award is open to students and non-students alike and is voted on by show visitors.

Award-winning pieces will advance to a Winners' Show on Friday, April 3, from 6–8 p.m. at the Runnymede in downtown Alva, coinciding with the monthly First Friday Artwalk. Artists may collect non-winning artwork at the library by Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. Winners' Show pieces can be picked up at the conclusion of that event at the Runnymede. For pickup locations on Tuesday, April 7 by 5:30 p.m., contact Thomas Cornell at tcornell@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8111. Read more: <https://bit.ly/4tCxmqf> | NWOSU Visual Arts #RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers #OKHigherEdWorks



Northwestern Oklahoma State University – Woodward Campus February 18

We want to give a huge thank you to all of the firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel who worked so hard to get our building, and many around us, evacuated ahead of yesterday's wildfires. Our students, staff, and larger Ranger family are all appreciative of your dedication to keeping the Woodward community safe! #woodwardstrong #woodwardfiredepartment #woodwardpolice #woodwardcampus #wildfires #emergencyresponse #thankyou! #feelingblessed



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association February 19

Ridgeview Veterinary Clinic owner Cori Hoffman, '17, shares how his time as a Ranger has impacted his life.

To learn more about Hoffman's Ranger story: <https://ournorthwestern.org/stories/dr-cori-hoffman-17>



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 19**

Meet these NWOSU agriculture students preparing for careers as soil conservationists, animal nutritionists, ag loan officers, and ag teachers.

They're gaining hands-on experience in the classroom, arena, and with livestock and equipment—building skills that translate directly to their future careers.

With 100% job placement for Ag Education graduates and nearly 60% graduating debt-free, NWOSU's agriculture program combines practical learning with real-world opportunities.

See where Ag at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/agriculture

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WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

Department of Agriculture

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 21**

It's a GREAT DAY to #BeARanger!

Welcome to all the transfer students, high school seniors and families who came to #SpringShowcase today to learn more about #NWOSU and earn a \$500 scholarship when they enroll and attend the Alva campus!

Be sure to sign up for #FreshmanConnection in April to #GetEnrolled!

www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules

www.nwosu.edu/freshman-connection



**LITTLE SHOP
OF
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CAST LIST

SEYMOUR - LUCAS WOOD
AUDREY - JADEN MATTHEWS
MR. MUSHNIK - ALAN GARCIA
ORIN - JUSTUS DURHAM
THE PLANT (AUDREY II) - JOHN SYNDER
CHIFFON - RYLEE OTT
CRYSTAL - ERIN HOPKINS DAVIS
RONNETTE - ADDYSON BRYAN

-ENSEMBLE-
BELLA ANGUINO, JOPLIN BRADT, CARA BRADT,
JADE CAMPBELL, SAMANTHA GRIMES,
ASPEN MARSHALL, LILY POST, KENDRA PUEBLA,
ELLIANA REAMS, ROSA VARGAS,
GABRIEL BUSSINGER, CHUCK SHAFER,
MATTHEW SKINNER

PRINCIPAL CAST - PLEASE MEET MR. BRADLEY
TODAY (2/20/26) AT 6PM, RYERSON HALL 323
TO CHECK OUT LIBRETTOS.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 20**

Congratulations to those being cast in NWOSU Theatre's upcoming musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" in Fellers Family Auditorium April 23, 24, & 26!

This is going to be a good one, so get it on your calendar now!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 23

Enid Rangers, want to be part of something bigger? Enid Rotary Club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back.

You can join Dr. McMillin on a Monday in March and be part of Enid Rotary Club as a NWOSU student of the month. Stop by the Business Office today for details!

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus February 23

Want to learn how to effectively communicate?

The Academic Success Center will host "Effective Communication Workshop" designed to teach the do's and don'ts of emails and phone calls tomorrow (Thursday, Feb. 24) from NOON to 12:30 PM in Conference Room 117 on the Enid campus or via Zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/89634096331

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #nwosuenid #enidok #Spring-Semester2026 #communication #phoneetiquette #email-etiquette #EffectiveCommunication

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

This will cover:

- When to email, phone call, and visit offices
- Do's and Don'ts of emails, phone calls, and office visits
- Respecting and utilizing office hours

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
February 24th & 24th
Academic Success Center, Room 117

PRESENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 580-327-6141
Email: amcrae@nwosu.edu

Enid News & Eagle February 23

Just like the bridge between Northern Oklahoma College Enid and Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid, the two colleges offer a dual admission program for students to have ease of access to higher education.

STORY at EnidNews.com

This is part of a six-part series of stories about NWOK: Pride in the Heartland — see all the Education stories at EnidNews.com/progress

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Northwest Oklahoma ❤️ Pride in the heartland
"IT'S A TEAM EFFORT"
Bridge program between Enid colleges offers pathway to higher education
The Bridge program eliminates barriers to attaining educational goals, thus encouraging students to live, work and stay in Enid, said Wayne McMillin, Northwestern-Enid dean.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Business February 23

On February 19th, the Division of Business hosted a presentation featuring Blaine Peterson, President and CEO of the OSCP, and Kim Holland, a representative from Becker CPA Exam Review. The event was organized by NWOSU Becker Campus Ambassador Hadley Bohlen, alongside faculty members Mrs. Teri Allen and Mrs. Dana Roark.

Our accounting students got an inside look at the path to taking the CPA exam and licensure, scholarship opportunities, and the benefits of student membership and accounting careers. #beckercpa @oklahomacpas



Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic band present join concert

The Northwestern Ranger Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band presented a joint concert on Tuesday, March 10, in Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall. T

The evening began with a performance by the Ranger Jazz Ensemble for a 30-minute performance, featuring a dynamic set of jazz repertoire that highlighted student improvisation, stylistic versatility and collaborative musicianship. The ensemble included students from a variety of majors and backgrounds, performing music that spans classic and contemporary jazz traditions.

Following the jazz ensemble, the Northwestern Symphonic Band took the stage for a 45-minute set. The Symphonic Band is the premier large instrumental performing ensemble at Northwestern and includes members from across the Alva community.

The Symphonic Band program featured contemporary and traditional music written for wind band, including works that incorporated fixed media elements alongside live performers. The ensemble also presented wind band adaptations of choral works, offering audiences the opportunity to hear familiar vocal textures reimaged through the color and power of the wind ensemble. These selections showcased both traditional and innovative approaches to wind band literature within a professional concert setting.

“The Symphonic Band performs in this format only a few times each academic year,” said Xan Perkins, band director and instructor of instrumental music. “This concert represented the dedication and preparation our students bring to

the instrumental music program at Northwestern.”

The March 10 performance provided an opportunity for the community to experience both jazz and wind band traditions in a single evening, highlighting the breadth of musical study and performance at Northwestern.

For more information contact Perkins at agperkins@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8191 or visit the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts online at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts.



The Ranger Jazz Ensemble gives a 30-minute performance at the March 10 concert.



Xan Perkins, band director and instructor of instructional music, gives a brief informational moment about one of the pieces of music the Symphonic Band presented.

Great American Conference with Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 24

NORTHWESTERN'S BASS NAMED WBCA/D2CIDA NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK
- <https://greatamericanconference.com/.../womens-basketball...> #theGAC



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 24

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University hosted 131 students and 92 projects from six area schools on Feb.

19. Twenty-one projects advanced to the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair in Stillwater on March 27.

Congratulations to all participants, award winners and state qualifiers!

See the full results: <https://bit.ly/4cLlRj>

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NWOSU Theatre

February 25

Having a blast at the American College Theatre Festival Region 6 Conference!

NWOSU theatre students and faculty pictured here in front of the Paramount theatre in historic downtown Abilene TX! The theatre opened in 1930 and after extensive restoration in 1980s is one again home to live entertainment and movies!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #paramounttheatre #actregion6 #nwosurangers



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

February 24

NWOSU Division of Education students at NWOSU gain hands-on classroom experience and learn from faculty with PK-12 teaching experience.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, graduates highly sought by school districts in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas offering signing bonuses, and the Inspired to Teach scholarship program for future Oklahoma teachers, you'll be ready to make an impact. Program highlights include nationally accredited CAEP programs, courses in Alva, Enid, Woodward and Ponca City, and alternative certification and master's programs available. See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education

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Teacher Education at Northwestern

Majors Offered:
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education | Special Education

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Health & Sports Science Education

EDUCATION

at Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Courses available in Alva, Enid, Woodward & Ponca City

Nationally Accredited by CAEP | Student Organization: OAEA

- Graduates highly sought by school districts in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas, because they are well-prepared to meet the needs of PK-12 students.
- "Signing bonuses" available in most school districts upon signing a contract
- All faculty members at NWOSU have PK-12 experience in the areas in which they are teaching

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing
February 25

Our BSN students in the Family Health course have been busy making a real impact in our local schools!

Dr. Elsey and students visited Mooreland and spent time with 7th and 8th grade students talking about the risks of vaping, healthy body image, and the importance of healthy friendships with 5th and 6th graders.

Mrs. Easterly and students were at Waller Middle School in Enid, where they taught more than 250 sixth graders about vaping during their science classes. The students did a fantastic job, and we're so grateful to the schools for the warm welcome and great partnership.



NWOSU SGA
February 25

We had SO MUCH FUN last night with everyone at Bob Ross Night and we hope you all did too!

Keep your eyes on our social media because we have even more fun coming up! #nwosu #studentlife



NWTV
February 26

The NWOSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee is teaming up with NWOSU's Campus Cabinet to get donations. Campus Cabinet-NWOSU Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics



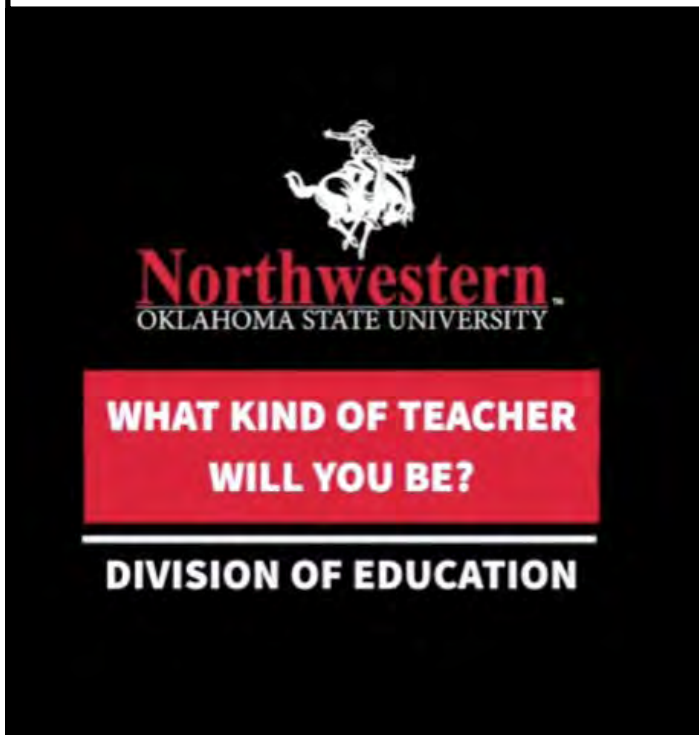
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
February 26

What kind of teacher will you be? Meet these future teachers from NWOSU Division of Education preparing to teach everything from kindergarten to high school agriculture, English, math, history, and more.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, graduates highly sought by school districts in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas offering signing bonuses, and the Inspired to Teach scholarship program for future Oklahoma teachers, NWOSU education students are ready to make an impact. Teach like a Ranger!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus February 26

Enid area counselors! Don't forget the psychology department at NWOSU-Enid is hosting two sessions of continuing education next Friday, March 6.

Morning covers ethics of AI in counseling practice. Afternoon covers technology best practices in counseling supervision. This is approved for 3 hours of continuing education credits.

Please RSVP by emailing jgreen08@rangers.NWOSU.edu

Continuing Education Event

Speakers:
Taylor Randolph, PhD, LPC, LADC
Bailey Lancaster, PhD, LPC
Christopher Neu, PhD
Natalie Adams, MSCP, LPC, LADC



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

6TH MARCH 2026

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

\$35 per session
\$40 per (w/ lunch)
\$70 for both (w/ lunch)
Lunch served noon to 1:00 PM

AI ETHICS - Explore and navigate AI ethical concerns emerging in counseling practice.

SUPERVISION - Utilizing technology and the best practices in counseling supervision.

MORNING The Ethics of AI in Practice 9:00 AM - Noon

AFTER NOON Technology and Counseling Supervision 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



AI ETHICS

Approved for 3 CEU credits for LPC, LMFT, LBP, & LADC licenses
Location: 2929 E. Randolph, Enid, OK, 73701

Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 26

Great crowd for #FanAppreciation Night! Thank you to Alfalfa Electric Cooperative for providing free Ranger Tshirts! The Chemistry Club has a goody giveaway tonight. And the Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantry appreciates your donations tonight.

Fun night in Percefull Fieldhouse!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics



NWOSU Division of Education February 26

Professor Warnock in action! This week, Chisholm Middle School students learned about the "Marigold" concept—surrounding themselves with supportive influences to ensure they bloom. Professor Warnock emphasized that genuine kindness and mindful speech are the foundations of a healthy school culture.



NWTV

February 26

NWOSU is hosting the 7th annual Herpetological Conference this Saturday from 8am-5pm.



NWOSU Division of Education

February 27

Teaching the leaders of tomorrow with the tools of today. What does the classroom of 2026 look like? Professors Stovall, Kiser, and Warnock are attending the AI Conference today to find out!

Our division is committed to more than just following AI trends; we're learning how to lead them. From AI-augmented personalized learning to the ethics of generative tools in the classroom, our faculty is bringing back the insights needed to ensure our students are "AI-literate" and ready for the workforce.

We're not just teaching the next generation; we're upgrading the way they learn.



NWOSU Theatre

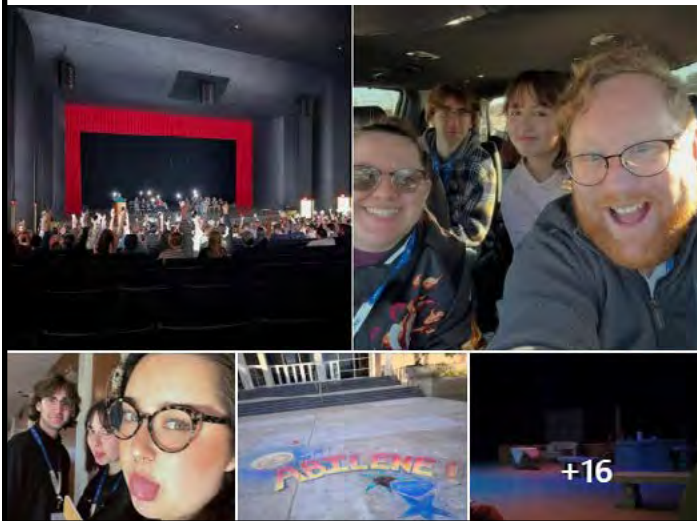
February 27

What an inspiring week of workshops, lectures, and performances, we've had at the American College Theatre Festival! NWOSU Theatre was excited to attend and hopes to be back next year with all kinds of production projects to present at the conference.

ENCOURAGE. RECOGNIZE. CELEBRATE. IMPROVE.

"...I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we, too, will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit." -John F. Kennedy

#nwosutheatre #actf #actregion6 #theatre #nwosurangers



Need Information for ALCA? Contact:

[Kaylyn Hansen](#) for Assessment, Ext. 8150

[Shawn Holliday](#) for Faculty Portfolios, Ext. 8589

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

February 27

Our nursing faculty are excited to spend the day at the Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2026 AI Conference, themed "Rural Roots, Digital Literacy."

As technology continues to evolve, it's critical that we model integrity, critical thinking, and responsible innovation for our students. These conversations help ensure we're preparing future nurses to use AI thoughtfully, ethically, and with patient-centered care at the forefront.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University February 27

NWOSU Esports is hosting the Oklahoma Scholastic Esports Smash Brothers Ultimate Tournament on Monday, March 2! Thirteen middle and high schools will bring teams to the Alva campus, with 75+ competitors expected in the Esports Arena at Shockley Hall beginning at 10 AM. NWOSU is one of five statewide host sites for the event, which is part of a thriving Oklahoma scholastic esports scene that includes hundreds of competing schools. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Evan Vaverka at epvaverka@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8587.

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Free and Open to
the Public



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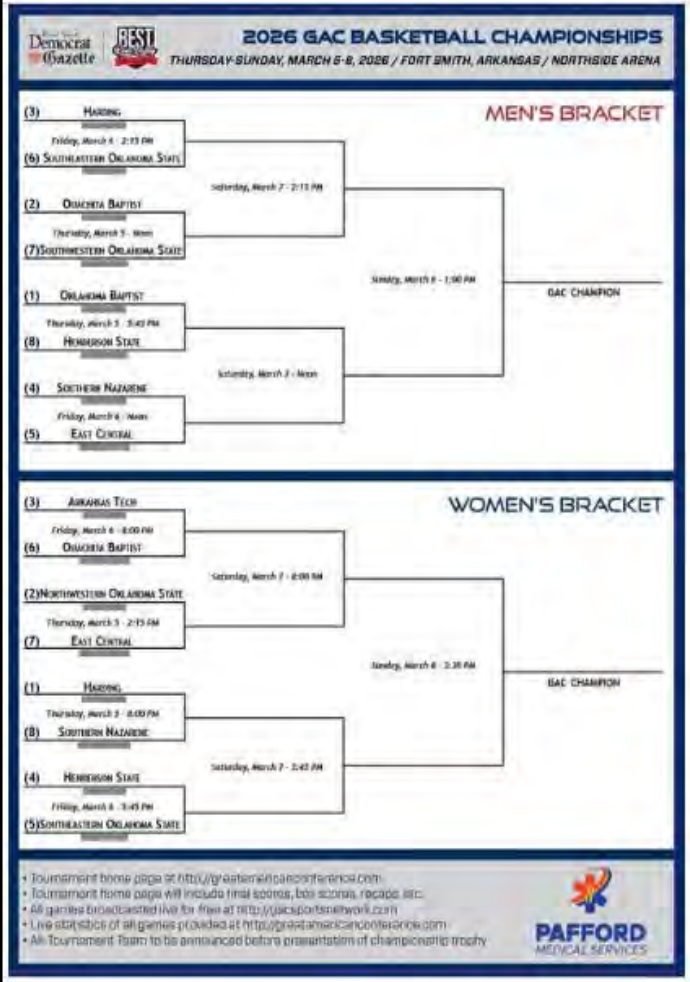
ESPORTS

**Oklahoma Scholastic Esports
Smash Brothers Ultimate Tournament**

**Monday, March 2
Shockley Hall Esports Room
10 AM**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 2

Congrats to Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball for making it to the Great American Conference tournament! The women (No. 2 seed) will play No. 7 seed East Central University on Thursday, March 5, at 2:15 p.m. at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Northside Arena. The winner of this game will play the winner between No. 3 seed Arkansas Tech and No. 6 seed Ouachita Baptist, Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m. #RRR



Campus Cabinet-NWOSU March 2

Thank you to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for helping sponsor the Food Drive at last week's final home Ranger basketball games!

We brought in 163 pounds of donated supplies and \$309!!!
Thank you Ranger fans! You are sincerely the BEST!!
We appreciate your support soooooo very much!!

We also enjoyed a great visit with the SAAC organization. They dropped by the pantry Sunday evening to learn what we do so they can pass the word along! Thanks for coming by!

thank you

Thank you SAAC for helping to sponsor the Food Drive held this past Thursday at the Ranger basketball games! We look forward to future partnerships with you!

Campus Cabinet
Northwestern Food Pantry
www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet

Zac Thomas
SAAC President

Gretchen Jones
SAAC Sponsor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 3

NWOSU Department of Social Work students gain hands-on experience through field placements, virtual reality labs, and active learning environments.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, students can obtain licensure upon graduation to practice, and over 95% are employed upon graduation.

Program highlights include nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (1 of 5 BSW accredited programs in the state), senior spring field practicum experience, Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health minor and micro-credential, CWPEP grant awards up to \$24,300 annually to participating students, and graduates eligible for Masters of Social Work (MSW) advanced standing programs.

Courses available in Alva, Enid, and Woodward.

See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work

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SOCIAL WORK
at Northwestern Oklahoma State University

SOCIAL WORK
at Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Courses available in Alva, Enid & Woodward
Student Organization: SWAT

- Nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education - 1 of 5 BSW accredited programs in the state
- Social work students can obtain licensure upon graduation to practice
- Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Minor & Micro-Credential
- Senior Spring Field Practicum Experience
- Graduates are eligible for Masters of Social Work (MSW) advanced standing programs
- Distinguished Faculty & recipient of the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award
- Virtual Reality Labs and Active Social Work Learning Environments
- CWPEP grant awards up to \$24,300 annually to participating students
- SWAT (Social Workers Association of Tomorrow) is a vibrant student organization that hosts events such as the award-winning Primp for Prom

Nearly 60% of Our Students Graduate Debt-Free

Success Lives Here

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

March 3

Our senior BSN students had a great opportunity to attend Nurses Day at the Capitol with the Oklahoma Nurses Association!

They heard from state leaders, learned how legislation impacts nursing and patient care, and saw the legislative process in action. We're proud of them for representing NWOSU Nursing and stepping into their roles as nurse advocates.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

March 3

Hey Enid Rangers, did you know students can get paperwork notarized at no charge? See Kristy in the Business Office for details! #NWOSU #nwosuenid #enidok #RideRangersRide #notarypublic #notaryservices



NWOSU Division of Education

March 3

They say those who can, do. Those who can do more, teach. Today, we traded our lesson plans for a seat at the table. Our student teachers were at the State Capitol advocating for the future of public education, because our students deserve fully funded classrooms and teachers who are supported from day one.

We aren't just teaching the next generation; we're fighting for them.



Castillo earns Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health stipend

The Northwestern Department of Social Work is pleased to announce the 2026 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) practicum stipend recipient.

Itzel Castillo, a senior social work major from Laverne, received the honor this year.

“Receiving the IECMH stipend has been such a meaningful support in my professional journey,” said Castillo. “It has allowed me to expand my knowledge and skills. I’m truly grateful for the investment in my education and in the future of infant and early childhood mental health.”

Castillo’s practicum opportunity is part of Northwestern’s newly established IECMH Training Academy, funded by a \$40,000 Child

Welfare Professional Enhancement Program Student Payback Fund Grant. This academy supports targeted university coursework, advanced training for social service professionals and paid practicum experiences for students preparing to enter child and family serving fields.

Infant and early childhood mental health focuses on the

and young children, emotional regulation and social bonding, cognitive and relationship development

and preventive interventions that strengthen family well being.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the Northwestern Department of Social Work and professor of social work, emphasized that these initiatives reflect the department’s commitment to preparing students for diverse and meaningful roles



Itzel Castillo

in social work by providing comprehensive, real world experiences that challenge them to think critically, adapt quickly and develop innovative solutions to complex issues.

“By advancing the field’s understanding of infant and early childhood mental health, professionals are uniquely positioned to promote healthier developmental trajectories for young children, ensuring they receive the comprehensive emotional and mental support necessary for long term well being,” Rehder said.

For more information, contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135 or visit the Northwestern Department of Social Work webpage at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work.

Through the new academy, students like Castillo gain specialized preparation in areas such as: brain development in infants

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education March 3

Ready to accelerate your nursing career? 11 OK universities offer innovative options from LPN or RN → BSN!

The University of Oklahoma | Oklahoma State University | East Central University | Northeastern State University | Northwestern Oklahoma State University | Rogers State University | Southeastern Oklahoma State University | Southwestern Oklahoma State University | University of Central Oklahoma | Langston University | Oklahoma Panhandle State University



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 4

Congrats to Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball player Kira Bass on being named Great American Conference Player of the Year!

And, Summya Adigun was named a GAC elite scholar athlete.

For the Ranger men, Max Alexander was named to the second team All-GAC and Robbie Armbruster named to the honorable mention All-GAC team!

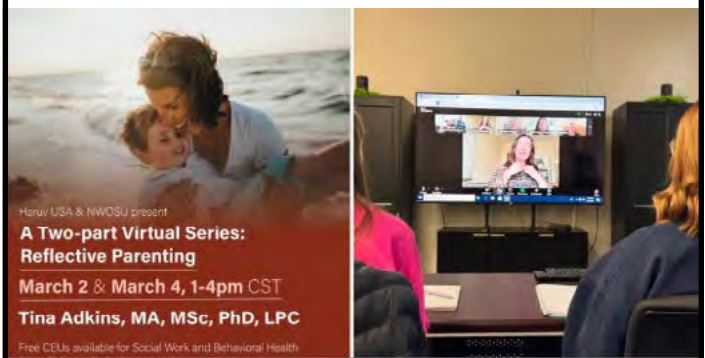
The women will play East Central Thursday in the GAC quarterfinal in Fort Smith, Arkansas, at Northside Arena at 2:15 p.m. #RRR

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NWOSU Department of Social Work

March 4

Reflective Parenting Workshop was amazing! #IECMH #nwosusocialwork #swmonth



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 5

The future of social work starts with students who care. In this video, three social work students share why they chose this path and the difference they hope to make in their communities.

Nearly 60% of our students graduate debt-free, but the real story is the people behind the program.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Libraries

March 5

If you plan to stream the Lady Rangers Basketball game today, stop by the library for some fresh popcorn and be on your way! Northwestern Oklahoma State University



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WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL WORK**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 5

Social workers serve in hospitals, schools, mental health facilities, child welfare agencies, veterans' centers, hospice programs, and in public policy at every level of government.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair and professor of social work at Northwestern, put it this way: "Social workers stand alongside individuals and communities with an unwavering belief in their strength. To uplift is our calling, to defend is our duty and to transform is our promise — because every person deserves the chance to thrive."

This month, take a moment to thank a social worker — and learn more about the profession.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/40IOUnl>

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#OKHigherEdWorks



NWOSU Division of Education

March 5

NWOSU students in Emergent Lit and Foundations of Math courses participate in the Poverty Simulation presented by the Woods County Coalition and OSU Extension.



Great American Conference

March 7

All aboard Lady Rangers - YOU'RE HEADED TO THE SHIP!!

#theGAC

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1503800668419889&set=pcb.1503800715086551>

Great American Conference

March 7

LADY RANGERS RIDE TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND CLAIM THE CROWN #theGAC



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

March 6

Queen Bass is your UNANIMOUS GAC Player of the Year!

Bass and the Lady Rangers will battle in the semi finals of the GAC Tournament tomorrow!



University Singers share ‘Songs of Light;’ Hold Audition Day

Northwestern’s Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts vocal music program presented “Illuminations: Songs of Light and Hope” featuring the University Singers on Thursday, March 12, at First Presbyterian Church in Alva.

“The University Singers presented a dynamic and stylistically diverse program exploring themes of resilience, renewal and shared humanity,” said Kane Bradley, director of choral studies and instructor of music. “The repertoire spanned contemporary choral works, beloved folk traditions, and masterworks of the classical canon.”

Highlights included Andrea Ramsey’s evocative “Through the Dark,” the imaginative “So Let Us Create” by Ben Thornehill of Jukebox the Ghost (arranged by Adam and Matt Podd), and a fresh choral setting of “From the Start” by Laufey. The program also featured Zoltán Kodály’s vibrant “The Peacock,” Bob Dylan’s reflective “I Shall Be Released” in a contemporary choral arrangement, and the spiritual “In Bright Mansions Above” by Roland Carter.

A special moment in the evening featured Lawana Newell, instructor of music who teaches voice, as soprano soloist during “Laudate Dominum” from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This performance offered a preview of the complete “*Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*,” which was presented with full orchestra by the University Chorale on May 1.

Bradley added the March 12 concert promised an engaging blend of classical elegance, contemporary expression, and spiritual depth, showcasing the artistry and versatility of the University Singers.

The March 12 concert was also the culmination of a day-long schedule of events for high school juniors and seniors who were interested in various aspects of Northwestern’s fine arts programs in vocal, band, theatre and visual arts. Students were able to experience life as a music student, whether they plan to be music majors or members of any ensemble. They were also able to attend classes, meet music, theatre and visual arts faculty and

students, and audition for scholarships.

For more information regarding the Northwestern choirs and vocal music program, visit the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts webpage at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts or contact Bradley at jkb Bradley@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8692.



*Lawana Newell, instructor of music, was the soprano soloist during “Laudate Dominum” from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This was presented during the University Singers concert on March 12.*

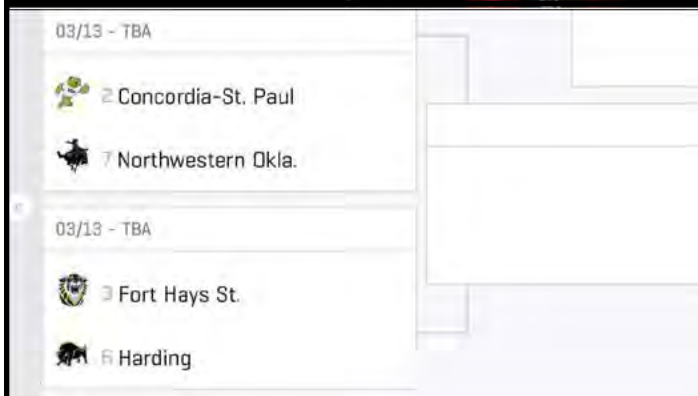


The University Singers presented its “Illuminations: Songs of Light and Hope” concert at the Presbyterian Church on March 12.

Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball

March 8

Selection Show on the bus as your HISTORY MAKING GAC CHAMPS are on their way back home to Alva! Minnesota here we come!



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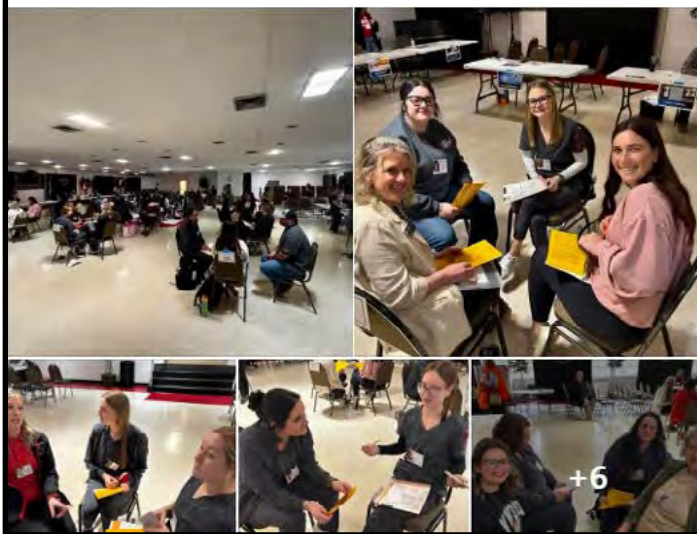
Division of Nursing

March 8

Last week, OSU Extension brought the Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) to the NWOSU Alva campus, and nursing faculty and students had the opportunity to participate alongside other NWOSU departments.

This engaging experience placed participants in the shoes of individuals and families navigating the challenges of poverty, making difficult decisions about housing, childcare, transportation, employment, and healthcare with limited resources. It was a powerful reminder of the real-world barriers many individuals and families face and why understanding social determinants of health is so important in nursing and community health.

Thank you to OSU Extension for bringing this impactful experience to our students!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

March 9

Freshmen from Enid High School toured the nursing program at NWOSU-Enid on Thursday. They learned about degree options, listened to current nursing students, and tried out the nursing simulation labs.



NWOSU Ranger Bands

March 8

Loved watching our Lady Rangers Basketball team win the GAC!! We're so proud of you ladies!



NWOSU Department of Social Work

March 9

HB 1818 passed the Oklahoma House today and now proceeds to the senate for further consideration. Thank you Carl Newton State Representative! #nwosusocialwork #nasw #BSW



HB1818 Professions and occupations: licensed social workers; terms and titles modified; effective date.
3/9/2016 H Third Reading, Measure passed: Ayes 37, Nays 0

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

March 9

Earlier this week, Dr. Sierra Elsey visited the JAG program at Woodward High School, speaking with sophomores, juniors, and seniors about opportunities in nursing and what a future in healthcare can look like. It was an awesome outreach opportunity to connect with students and share the many paths available through nursing.

She also had the chance to participate in the Woodward Health & Wellness Expo, hosted by the Woodward News. Faculty members Dr. Jennifer Mahieu and Dr. Sierra Elsey staffed our booth throughout the day, visiting with community members and sharing information about NWOSU nursing programs.

We enjoy opportunities like these that allow us to connect with future nurses and strengthen partnerships in the communities we serve.



Great American Conference

March 9

RANGERS CAPTURE FIRST #theGAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE - <https://greatamericanconference.com/.../rangers-capture...>



NWTV

March 10

The Lady Ranger's Basketball Team recently made history. They are the Great American Conference Champions! The Rangers now head to the NCAA Division II Championship. Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics Northwestern Oklahoma State University



Wildcat TV

March 10

A group of students had a chance to visit the NWOSU Communications Department this morning. Dr. Jesse Schroeder is giving them the run down before getting to do some hands on activities.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 10

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Psychology students study human behavior through an evidence-based curriculum that bridges science and practice. With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, students gain hands-on experience through field placements, applied projects, and psychology tools that connect theory to real-world practice.

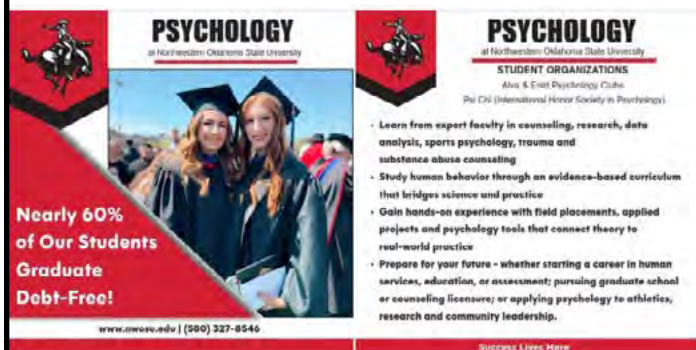
Learn from expert faculty in counseling, research, sports psychology, and trauma counseling. Prepare for careers in human services, education, graduate school, or counseling licensure.

See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/psychology

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at Northwestern Oklahoma State University
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Alpha & Epsilon Psychology Clubs
(Phi Chi (International Honor Society in Psychology))

- Learn from expert faculty in counseling, research, data analysis, sports psychology, trauma and substance abuse counseling
- Study human behavior through an evidence-based curriculum that bridges science and practice
- Gain hands-on experience with field placements, applied projects and psychology tools that connect theory to real-world practice
- Prepare for your future - whether starting a career in human services, education, or assessment; pursuing graduate school or counseling licensure; or applying psychology to athletics, research and community leadership.

Nearly 60% of Our Students Graduate Debt-Free!

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Success & Learning

NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

March 10

Students, faculty, alumni and community members gathered for the Presidential Lectureship Series today. Five-time author Jim Rasenberger, shared his upcoming work, *A Perfect Coincidence*, which explores the lives and achievements of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Full Story here: <https://bit.ly/3MKt8g6>



NWOSU LASSO

March 10

Yesterday's LASSO Center pop-up event was a success! We had a great turnout and loved getting to connect with everyone who stopped by. Thank you to everyone who participated!

We'll be announcing the winner of the \$30 bookstore gift card soon, so stay tuned

Don't forget — another LASSO event is happening tomorrow in the ASC from 12–1 PM! We'll be presenting on how to understand your schedule and make the most of your classes.

PSA: There will also be a drawing for a free Starbucks gift card, and five winners will be announced!

Come learn, hang out, and maybe walk away with a prize. See you there!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 11

Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball fans: A Watch Party for Friday's national tournament game has been set at Rialto Theatre in downtown Alva!

Game tips at 2:30 p.m., so get there early to get your snacks, drinks, and a seat to cheer on the team together while watching the big screen!

Admission is by donation, with proceeds supporting the team's purchase of conference championship rings!

Let's go, Lady Rangers!

Read more at <https://bit.ly/4sBFS81>.

For those unable to travel to the game or attend the local watch party, the link to view the tournament game is <https://www.ncaa.com/game/6537990>. Ranger fans can also listen live on KRDR 105.7 FM or online at www.alvaradio.com.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 12

NWOSU Art Society will open its 23rd annual Spring Art Show on Friday, March 13, in the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus.

The show is free and open to the public on March 13 until 5 p.m. The show will close for Spring Break, March 16-18, but reopen on March 19-20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will then resume during regular library hours beginning March 22. The final day to view the campus show is March 31.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/47F64GJ>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 11

FYI: Tentative schedule for Highway 281 road construction, which is near the east side of the #NWOSU campus, during the week of Spring Break.

City Hall – Alva, Oklahoma

March 11

C3 Construction and ODOT have provided the following tentative construction schedule for the US 281 South highway project. This is all contingent on weather conditions and the absence of unforeseen construction conditions, breakdowns, etc.

"Below you'll see our current schedule for activities on the North end of the project near the NWOSU Campus. We plan to do the majority of work in this area during the week of spring break.

TH/FR (3/12 – 3/13): Demo crossing at Olive St.

MO (3/16): Stabilize from Monroe St. to High St.

TU (3/17): Lay concrete to High St.

WE (3/18): Stabilize from High St. to the Baptist College Ministries

TH (3/19): Lay concrete from High St. to BCM

FR (3/20): Stabilize the remaining 300 ft.

MO (3/23): Lay concrete the remaining 300 ft. to Oklahoma Blvd

The crosswalk at Olive St. will get demoed and replaced with a temporary crosswalk starting Thursday 3/12 through the weekend 3/21-3/22."

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

March 12

This week, our nursing students gathered on the Enid campus to participate in Day of Caring. This is a special event focused on building resilience, mentorship, and professional development in nursing. It was a great opportunity for students to connect, learn, and reflect on the support systems that help nurses thrive throughout their careers.

A big thank you to the speakers and vendors who spent time with our students and shared their knowledge and encouragement. Your investment is helping shape the future of the nursing workforce!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 12

WBB | Kira Bass has been named to the D2CCA Women's Basketball All-Central Region first team!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 13

Meet Azucena, Jady, Belinda, Madison, and Kynlee—Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Psychology students preparing for careers as child psychologists, neuropsychologists, criminal prosecutors, psychologists, and counselors.

They're studying human behavior through evidence-based curriculum and gaining hands-on experience with faculty who are invested in their success.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, NWOSU psychology students are ready to make an impact. See where psychology at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/psychology

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 13

At the Rialto Theatre watching the Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball team playing in the NCAA Division II National Tournament in Mankato, Minnesota! Let's go, ladies!!

-Mankato, MN

-Concordia St. Paul

-2:30 PM

ncaa.com/game/6537990

msumavericks.com/sidearmstats/w...

alvaradio.com

#RRR



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WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

**DEPARTMENT OF
PSYCHOLOGY**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

March 13

Continuing Rangers — the scholarship application deadline is this Sunday, March 15, 2026.

If you're enrolled full-time, have completed 24 semester hours, and hold a 3.5 GPA, apply now before the window closes.

Nearly 60% of Northwestern Oklahoma State University graduates finish debt-free.

- Deadline: Sunday, March 15, 2026
- Eligibility: Full-time enrollment
- 24 completed semester hours | 3.5 GPA

Apply: www.nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

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A graphic for Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Continuing Scholarships. It features a red background with a brick building and students. The text "CONTINUING SCHOLARSHIPS" is at the top. Below it, "Eligibility" is listed with three points: 1. Enrolled Full-Time, 2. Completed 24 Semester Hours, 3. 3.5 GPA. To the right, "How to Apply" says "Apply Online at: nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships". At the bottom, it says "Submit your application by March 15, 2026".



NWOSU Department of Social Work

March 14

Primp for Prom this year was an outstanding success, providing nearly 500 free dresses to 30 schools in 3 states. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the schools, volunteers, donors, and supporters who helped make it all happen. #primp4prom #nwosusocialwork #WHS #NWOSU #naswok



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

March 13

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series closes out its 2025–2026 season with a bang.

King Cabbage Brass Band — Tulsa's eight-member funk, soul, jazz, and R&B ensemble — takes the stage at Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall at Northwestern Oklahoma State University on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

This band has performed at SXSW, FORMAT Festival, alongside Leon Bridges and Alanis Morissette, for the Oklahoma City Thunder and Tulsa Drillers, and on the roof of the BOK Center in Tulsa. They record at Leon Russell's legendary Church Studio. Now they're coming to Alva.

For the full story on King Cabbage Brass Band and the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series: <https://bit.ly/4urUzw5> The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts at Northwestern, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Charles Morton Share Trust.

For more information, visit www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts or contact Dr. Eduardo Moreira at emartinsmoreira@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8192.

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

#OKHigherEdWorks #NWOCs



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team

March 16

Rangers came in HOT to the college rodeo in Fort Scott, KS! These are the results—> Tiedown: Hazen Sparks 5th, Carter Anderson 8th Breakaway: Kinlyn Yadon 2nd, Bleu Hall 5th, Sarah Pita 10th, Y'leigh Yarbrough 12th Saddle Bronc: Riley Smith 10th Goat Tying: Payton Dingman 3rd, Tyra Tsosie 8th Steer Wrestling: Tydon Tsosie 1st, Nathan Duvall 2nd, Emmett Edler 3rd, Grady Aasby 6th, Samuel Daly 7th, Hazen Sparks 10th Team Roping: Sage Bader (HL) 4th, Colter Snook (HL) 9th



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



NWOSU Department of Social Work

March 23

Professional development @ The National Technology and Social Science Conference. #nwosusocialwork #RRR



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

March 23

Four Northwestern baseball alumni - Larry, Eddie, Scott and Antonio - invite you to join them at the annual Baseball, Hot Dogs & Apple Pie event.

All alumni are invited to join us on April 14 at 6 p.m. for the President's Reception on the mezzanine level. Ranger Baseball alumni will also be recognized on the field before the first pitch.

The Rangers will take on SNU at 7 p.m. at David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid. We hope to see you there!



Visual Arts students exhibit work in Gallery Sophia during spring

Students in Northwestern's visual arts program showcased their work this spring in a series of exhibitions featuring a variety of artistic styles, themes and mediums.

These senior exhibitions featured artwork from art majors Bentley Cox and Megan Valdez, both of Alva, and Katelyn Findley of Stillwater, as well as art minors Elayna Warrington of Alva, Olivia Saner of Dawson, Nebraska, and Gabriel Bussinger and Macy Eads, both of Woodward. The exhibitions were free and open to the public.

The first exhibition, "Stories," was displayed March 23-27 in Gallery Sophia, Jesse Dunn Building, Room 218. A closing reception was held on March 27. The exhibition included work by Eads, Saner, Warrington and Bussinger and explored personal narratives, faith and emotional experiences through a variety of artistic styles.

It was noted that the gallery is only accessible via stairs.

Eads presented pieces inspired by biblical themes and her Christian faith. Her exhibition included acrylic paintings, prints and mixed-media work.

"Even though the pieces look

different, they are all bound by the theme of Christianity," Eads said. "I hope viewers can see the joy my faith brings me and how it inspires my creativity."

Eads also featured a miniature vending machine that dispenses free prints to visitors throughout the exhibition.

Warrington, a natural history biology major with a visual arts minor, focused her work on wildlife and the emotional cycles of life and death. Her pieces combined digital and traditional media to explore personal experiences and growth.

"A lot of my pieces are inspired by my love for animals and the emotions I was feeling at the time," Warrington said. "I hope viewers don't see the skull imagery as dark or morbid, but as an outlet for emotion."

phasizes vibrant color and layered textures to create immersive underwater scenes.

"The word 'chromatics' represents my focus on color, while 'the deep' reflects the ocean and the imaginative underwater worlds I create in my paintings," Valdez said. "I wanted viewers to feel like they are stepping into a colorful underwater world."

While visiting campus for this



Elaina Warrington and Gabriel Bussinger, visual arts minors, were two of the four who displayed their works at the exhibition held in Gallery Sophia in March.



Macy Eads, art minor, included a miniature vending machine that dispensed free prints.

Valdez's exhibition, "Chromatics of the Deep," was on display April 6-10 in Jesse Dunn Building, Room 218, with a reception following on April 6.

Valdez's work featured ocean-inspired paintings that combine real sea creatures with mythical elements. Using oil and mixed media, her work em-

phasizes vibrant color and layered textures to create immersive underwater scenes. Last day for the campus art show was March 31. A Winner's Show took place at the Runnymede in downtown Alva on April 3 for the First Friday Artwalk.

For information about the visual arts program, contact Thomas Cornell, assistant professor of visual arts, at tacornell@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8111, or David Poindexter, associate professor of visual arts, at dapoindexter@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8108, or visit www.nwosu.edu/art.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 23

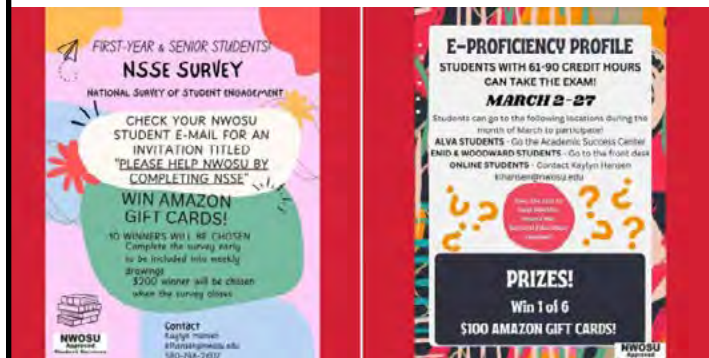
Two ways to help NWOSU — and win Amazon gift cards while you're at it.

If you have 61–90 credit hours, you can take the E-Proficiency Profile exam through March 27. The exam helps NWOSU assess its General Education courses. Alva students, go to the NWOSU Academic Success Center. Enid and Woodward students, go to the front desk. Online students, contact Kaylyn Hansen at klhansen@nwosu.edu. Six students will win \$100 Amazon gift cards.

First-year and senior students, check your NWOSU student email for a message titled "Please Help NWOSU by Completing NSSE." The National Survey of Student Engagement helps shape the student experience here. One respondent wins a \$200 Amazon gift card when the survey closes.

Questions? Contact Kaylyn Hansen at klhansen@nwosu.edu or 580-748-2607.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 24

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25 and come back to Alva for one of our favorite traditions, Spring Alumni Reunion! It's the perfect time to reconnect with friends, make new memories, and celebrate what it means to be a Ranger. We'll be recognizing alumni from the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 2001, 2016, and 2021, along with this year's Outstanding Graduates:

Riley Faulkner ('15) – Arts
Colby Clodfelter ('08) – Business/Professional
Dr. Cheryl Evans ('92) – Education
Adam Jordan ('87) – Humanitarian
Taylor Munsell ('19) – Ranger Recognition
William Baker ('77) – Ranger Spirit
All alumni and friends are invited. Get all the details here:
<https://ournorthwestern.org/spring-alumni-reunion>
We can't wait to see you back on campus!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 24

Why choose #NWOSU Visual Arts?

- Learn by doing in painting, photography, sculpture, graphic design & more
- Get personal support with small classes/expert guidance
- Create in well-equipped studio spaces
- Build your portfolio/exhibit your work
- Major or minor available -- or just take a class for fun!
- Save money -- nearly 60% of Northwestern students graduate debt-free

Create your future. Start here. Learn more about the program at <https://www.nwosu.edu/visualarts>

Also, don't forget to stop by the J.W. Martin Library before March 31 to see the campus art show & the Winner's Show at the Runnymede on April 3!

And, a few seniors are displaying their artwork in Jesse Dunn 218 until March 27.

#VisualArts #CreateYourFuture #RangerRangersRide #RRR
#ProgramsAtNWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus March 24

Hey Enid Rangers, did you know we have our own fitness center? In between classes you can work out in our Wellness Room, located across from the Business Office. It's free of charge; just sign in and get sweating!

#NWOSU #nwosuenid #enidok #RideRangersRide
#SpringSemester2026 #workoutmotivation #workout



Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 25

What an enjoyable evening taking in the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series tonight featuring the King Cabbage Brass Band from Tulsa! Our own NWOSU Ranger Bands Director Xan Perkins played his tuba with them on a couple tunes, too!

See the comments for videos of the group leading the audience out of the auditorium with continued play in front of Herod Hall!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University March 25

Kira Bass is officially an ALL-AMERICAN!!

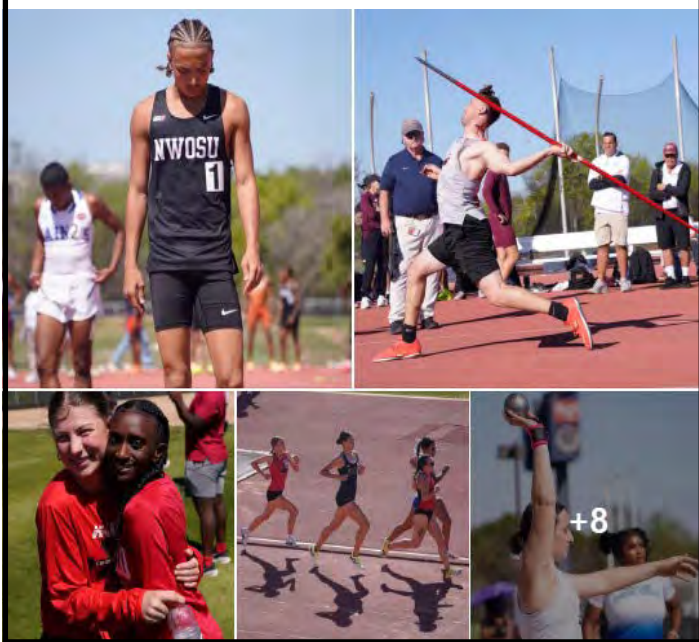
- 3rd Team All - American - 1,500 Points
- 1st Team All - Central Region - GAC POTW 3x
- GAC POTY (UNANIMOUS) - National POTW
- GAC Tournament Champion - 39 Points (Career High)
- 12 Double Doubles - 18 Rebounds (Career High)

Congratulations on a legendary season!!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics March 25

Outdoor season has begun for our Ranger Track teams! #RRR



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing**

March 25

Mrs. Martin and Dr. Elliott had a great time this morning at the internship and career fair at Ponca City High School! We truly enjoyed visiting with students, hearing about their goals, and learning more about the paths they're excited to pursue. It's always encouraging to see so much motivation and potential in the next generation.

We're especially looking forward to welcoming some of these students into the nursing profession in the future!



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing**

March 26

We're proud of Dr. Elsey and our junior nursing students who recently visited the Woodward Middle School TAP program for a Family Health teaching day.

They presented to hundreds of middle school students across Northwest Oklahoma, highlighting the many pathways within nursing. Through hands-on activities like healthcare bingo, blood pressure and heart rate demos, and biofeedback, they made learning engaging and meaningful.

They did a phenomenal job representing our program and inspiring future healthcare professionals.



NWOSU Division of Education

March 25

Today students in Dr. Foster's Social Studies methods class toured the historic McKeever school house located right here on the Alva NWOSU campus. This one room treasure offers a hands-on look at what pioneer education was like in the early 1900s. The school house is a living reminder of our roots and the enduring spirit of education in Oklahoma.

#NWOSU #RRR #Oklahomahistory



NWTV

March 25

HAPPENING NOW: An exhibition titled "Stories," is on display now through March 27th in Gallery Sophia, Jesse Dunn Building, Room 218, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. A closing reception will take place on March 27 at 5 p.m.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 26

Road construction on Highway 281 that goes right by the east side of the #NWOSU-Alva campus is really coming along. Concrete was being poured today near the entrance to Percefull Fieldhouse/Vinson Hall/Wellness Center and the Compact Car parking area causing a one-lane situation for cars traveling on the road.



Who do you talk to about tutoring?

Contact [Aleysa Rose](#), (Ext. 8149), IE 113,
Academic Success Center Coordinator,
for information on getting things set up.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

March 27

Our junior nursing students recently completed their pediatric clinical rotations at Bethany Children's Health Center. This experience helped them build essential skills while providing compassionate care to children and their families. We're proud of their growth and thankful to Bethany Children's Health Center for supporting the next generation of nurses.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 26

Meet Bently Cox and Katelyn Findley
@nwosu_visual_arts students at NWOSU learning by doing
and preparing for senior art exhibition in Jesse Dunn 218
Nearly 60% graduate debt-free!
Don't forget to stop by the J.W Martin Library before March
31 to see the campus art show & the Winner's Show at the
Runnymede on April 3!



WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

Department of
Visual Arts

NWOSU Foundation and Alumni Association

March 26

For the first time in Northwestern history, the Lady Rangers women's basketball team won the Great American Conference Tournament.

Former Lady Rangers reminisced about their time on the court and congratulated the team on its successful season, proving that once a Lady Ranger, always a Lady Ranger.



Shotpouch earns 2026 deSERVING Ranger Award

Alana Shotpouch, senior social work major from Jay, has been honored with this year's deSERVING Ranger Award from the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (SL/CE) program at Northwestern.

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

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

Shotpouch serves as the secretary of the Northwestern Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter and has completed more than 200 service hours in volunteer opportunities with the Campus Cabinet Food Pantry, the Compassion in Action Dignity Drive, Day of Kindness in Northwest Oklahoma and the Garfield County Child Advocacy Center Wooden Children Project.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award," Shotpouch said. "Serving my university and giving back to a community that has given me so much is truly a privilege. Thank you for this recognition."

Even after completion of her service learning, she has remained a dedicated volunteer to the Campus Cabinet.

"Alana has spent the better part

of two years being present, dependable and valued at our pantry," said Angelia Case, Campus Cabinet Food Pantry coordinator. "She is a great leader and sets the standard for others. I trust her, I depend on her, and I'm so very happy she chose us to help."

She also assisted with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) and Northwestern Social Work Department's new Infant and Childhood Mental Health Grant Project in 2025.

"Alana has exemplified the highest standards of dedication and responsibility aligned with Northwestern's vision for community impact," said Dr. Kylene Rehder, professor of social work and chair of the Northwestern Department of Social Work. "What truly sets Alana apart is her embodiment of service beyond self-interest. She embodies the spirit of service, leadership and civic responsibility that Northwestern strives to promote."

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

To learn more about the Northwestern Campus Cabinet Food Pan-

try, visit www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet or contact Case at arcase@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8577.

To learn more about Northwestern's Department of Social Work, visit nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work or contact Rehder at kdrehder@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135.



Alana Shotpouch

TwisTed Rodeo

March 30

Sam Daly, a junior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, earned his first intercollegiate victory this past weekend by winning the bulldogging title at in Garden City, KS.

Photo by Dale Hirschman



Reach Higher: Reconnect event helps students complete degrees

Oklahomans who have successfully completed some college coursework, but have not yet finished a college degree had the unique opportunity to submit college admission applications, receive advisement and financial aid counseling, and enroll in college classes with support from knowledgeable staff members during Northwestern's Reach Higher: RECONNECT Event on Thursday, April 2.

Each campus location played host with extended hours on April 2 so possible students could get questions answered about continuing their college career. Alva, Enid and Woodward made available in-person appointment times and via Zoom from 3-6 p.m. If any Oklahomans have some college credit and would like to finish their degree, this was one opportunity to begin.

Reach Higher: RECONNECT events are a series of coordinated student recruitment opportunities to be held February through June at participating Reach Higher campuses across the state. The primary goals of Reach Higher: RECONNECT events are to increase awareness of the adult-friendly degree completion options available through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Reach Higher initiative and encourage adults who have earned some college credit to successfully complete their degrees.

For more information about Northwestern's Reach Higher: RECONNECT event, visit www.nwosu.edu/reach-higher. For more information about the Reach Higher degree completion initiative, visit reachhigh-erok.org.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 30

The NWOSU Department of English, Foreign Language, & Humanities invites you to the annual Visiting Writer Series — and this year's guest is a writer with deep Oklahoma roots and a national publishing record.

Author Dr. Constance Squires visits the NWOSU-Alva campus on Monday, April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ranger Room for a reading and book signing. The event is free and open to students, faculty, staff and the general public.

Squires is the author of four books, including her 2025 novel "Low April Sun" (University of Oklahoma Press), as well as "Along the Watchtower" — winner of the Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 2012 — and "Live from Medicine Park," a 2018 Oklahoma Book Award finalist. Her short fiction and nonfiction have appeared in publications including The Atlantic Monthly, Guernica, the New York Times and Salon, and her work has been featured on NPR's "Snap Judgment." She currently teaches creative writing at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and holds a doctoral degree in English/Creative Writing from Oklahoma State University. "The series is the department's way of bringing writers with a tie to Oklahoma to our region every spring to discuss writing, the publishing industry and to share their work with all interested parties." — Dr. David Vaughan, assistant professor of English

Monday, April 6

6–8 p.m.

Student Center, Ranger Room — NWOSU Alva Campus

For more information, contact Dr. David Vaughan at dl-vaughan@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8470.

Read the full press release: <https://bit.ly/4146G5b>

Learn more about the NWOSU Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities at <http://nwosu.edu/english-foreign-language-and-humanities>

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

#OKHigherEdWorks



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

March 31

It's Higher Ed + Oklahoma's Promise Day at the Capitol! Join us to celebrate our students and the value of our public colleges and universities as we build Oklahoma's workforce. More degrees = stronger workforce, stronger economy.

2026

Higher Education & Oklahoma's Promise Day at the State Capitol

Tuesday, March 31, 2026



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**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 31**

As the demand for STEM grads continues to grow, STEM degrees and certificates conferred by state system institutions increased nearly 29% at all levels over the last decade. #OKHigherEdWorks #NWOSU



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 31**

Our students learn here, earn here—nearly 92% of Oklahomans who graduate from our public colleges and universities remain and work in our state one year after graduation. #OKHigherEdWorks #NWOSU



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
March 31**

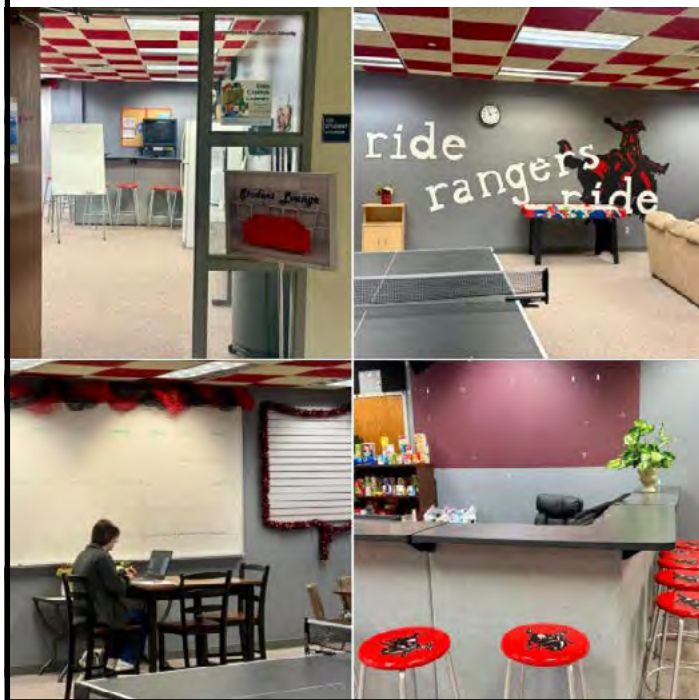
By 2032, over half of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations will require education after HS, and most of those jobs will require an associate degree or higher—including the top 22 highest-paying jobs. #OKHigherEdWorks #NWOSU



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
March 31**

Hey Enid Rangers, did you know we have a Student Lounge just for you? In between classes you can play some games, have a snack, or simply chill on a couch across from the Business Office.

#NWOSU #nwosuenid #enidok #RideRangersRide #SpringSemester2026 #lounge



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
April 1**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid hosted its annual Easter egg hunt for the Enid Public Schools' pre-schoolers at the neighboring Fowler Early Childhood Center on Tuesday afternoon. Campus coordinator Kristy Davidson facilitated this year's event with Fowler with the assistance of NWOSU-Enid students who stuffed the eggs and hid them on the south lawn. — : Ruth Ann Replogle



Mote speaks on history, challenges of Marshallese people

Terry Mote, founder and president of the Oklahoma Micronesian Coalition, spoke about the history and challenges of the Marshallese people and culture on Friday, April 10, in the Joe J. Struckle Education Center, Northwestern's Alva campus.

This event was sponsored by the University Support and Engagement Committee (USE). There were two sessions. The first session, "History

of the Marshallese People," was from noon to 1:15 p.m., and the second, "Current Challenges of the Marshallese People," was from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. A

"This event was open to all—students, faculty, staff, and community members," said Yesenia Buckhaults, chair of the Northwestern USE Committee and instructor of education. "Northwestern is a welcoming family where everyone belongs, and getting

to know our students is one of the most mean-

ingful ways to help them feel valued and at home."

The presentation was streamed to the Northwestern-Enid campus, Room 202; the University Center at Ponca City, Room 124; and the Northwestern-Woodward campus, Room 144.

"The USE Committee was excited to host Mr. Mote," Buckhaults said. We enjoyed learning more about the Marshall Island culture and customs.

For more information, contact Buckhaults at ybuckhaults@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8459.



Terry Mote, founder and president of the Oklahoma Micronesian Coalition, spoke on campus about the history and challenges of the Marshallese people and culture on April 10.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University April 1

The cast and crew of the upcoming musical "Little Shop of Horrors" at #NWOSU-Alva are hard at work in stage and musical rehearsals, as well as preparing the set, props and costuming for the production. Performances are April 23-24 at 7 p.m. and April 26 at 2 p.m. in Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall.

See the cast and crew list at <https://bit.ly/47DxU6g>



NWOSU Alva Psychology Club & Psi Chi International Honor Society Northwestern Oklahoma State University April 1

The boxes are out and ready to be filled for this NWOSU Alva Psychology Club activity! You'll find one in the Wellness Center by the front desk and another in Education in front of the elevator.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

April 1

On Monday, NWOSU President Dr. Bo Hannaford delivered an engaging presentation at a Rotary Club of Enid meeting, connecting with community members. Junior nursing student Tiffany and BSN Director Dr. Heidi Ritchie attended on behalf of the nursing program, alongside Dr. Randolph, Chair of Psychology, and Dr. McMillin, Dean of the Enid campus. The event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with local leaders and showcase the impactful work taking place at NWOSU.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Enid for the invitation!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University April 1

Health & Sports Science Education students at NWOSU prepare for careers as teachers, coaches, personal trainers, fitness professionals, physical therapists, and more. With nearly 60% graduating debt-free and 100% job placement for the physical education teacher education program, you'll be ready to contribute to healthy lifestyles. Program highlights include three degree options (Health and Physical Education Teaching degree for grades Pre-K-12, Non-teaching Health and Sports Science degree, and Health and Fitness Management degree), merit-based scholarships available only to HSSE majors, and individual student attention and assistance.

See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/scho.../health-and-sports-science-education

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#ProgramsAtNWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks

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- 100% job placement for teacher education program for physical education
- Merit based scholarships available only to Health and Sports Science majors
- Receive individual student attention and assistance
- 3 degree options: Health and Physical Education Teaching degree (grades Pre-K-12); Non-teaching Health and Sports Science degree (major or minor); and Health and Fitness Management degree
- We prepare students with the skills and knowledge necessary to enable them to contribute to healthy lifestyles
- Career path options include becoming a teacher, coach, personal trainer, fitness professional, physical therapist, and more

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Graduate Debt-Free!**

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus April 1

While it may be April Fools Day, it's no joke that Enid Leadership Council with Dr. McMillin meets this afternoon.

Monthly meeting is today (Wednesday, April 1) at 4 PM in the Student Lounge across from the Business Office to help us make NWOSU-Enid an even better place for students.

We have several events coming up that we need our Enid Rangers to assist with this month, so make sure not to miss this!

#nwosuenid #NWOSU #enidok #SpringSemester2026

#RideRangersRide #leadership #leadershipcouncil #RRR

#EnidLeadershipCouncil



NWOSU SGA

April 1

Join us in the Student Center ballroom next Thursday from 5:30-8:00 for a fun night of carnival games and crafts!

#studentlife #nwosu

NWOSU CLUB & ORGANIZATIONS

CARNIVAL & CRAFTS

Game Booths | Crafts | Prizes

April 9, 2026

NWOSU Student Center Ballroom

Wristband: \$20.00

Individual Tickets \$1.00

NWOSU Student Tickets \$0.50

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Warrington, Knedler take Best of Show; Winner's Show is April 3

A student drawing in the animal/creature category of Works on Paper and a painting in the non-student landscape/nature category have been selected as the Best of Show winners in their respective divisions during the 23rd annual Northwestern Art Society Art Show.

Elayna Warrington, an Alva junior majoring in biology-natural history, is the Student Division winner with "Through the Deep Dark Valley."

The Non-Student Division winner for those who are current/retired employees or alumni is Dr. Mike Knedler, retired Dean of Arts and Sciences, with "Anderson Redwoods."

A Winners' Show of all pieces winning an award will take place on April 3 in downtown Alva at The Runnymede, across the street from the Alva Police Department. The artwork will be on display on the first floor of the building from 6-8

p.m. It is free and open to the public.

For a complete list of winners and photos from the campus show, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/art/>



Alva junior Elayna Warrington is the top student winner in the 23rd annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show.

[nas-art-show](https://www.nwosu.edu/art/).

For more information about the Northwestern visual arts program, contact Cornell or visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/visualarts>.



Retired Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Mike Knedler is the winner of the non-student division at the NWOSU Art Society Art Show that has been on display in the J.W. Martin Library throughout March. This winning piece and others will be displayed in a Winner's Show for the First Friday Artwalk April 3 at the Runnymede.

NASW Oklahoma

April 1

Thank you to everyone who attended Oklahoma Legislative Education & Advocacy Day (LEAD)! It was a wonderful day of advocacy, learning, and coming together to make a difference. A special thank you to Oral Roberts University for organizing such a meaningful event. We're already looking forward to next year!



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April 2

Northwestern's Agriculture Department recently held its annual contest. High School students from around the area came to the Alva campus to compete in multiple categories.

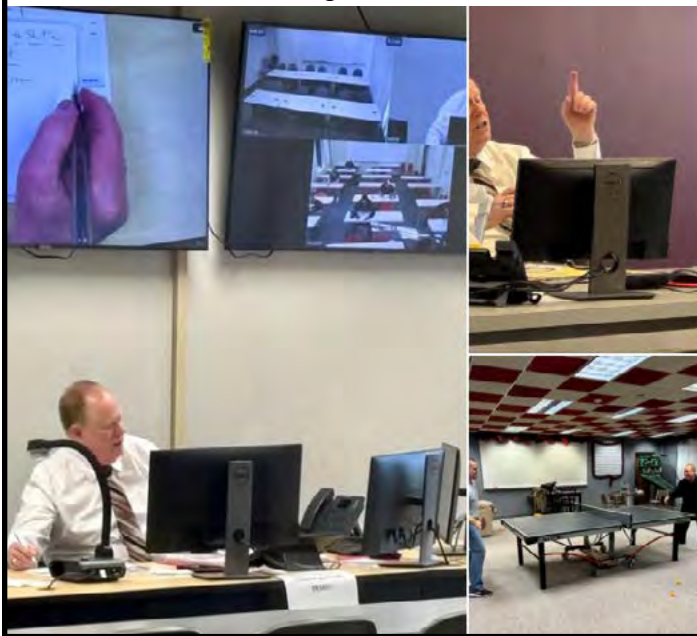


Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus April 2

Dr G. made the newspaper!

Read all about it: [http://enidnews-cnhi.newsmemory.com/...](http://enidnews-cnhi.newsmemory.com/)

#nwosuenid #enidok #NWOSU #RideRangersRide
#SpringSemester2026 #RRR #business #businessdivision
#businessman #businessdegreeonline



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

April 2

Mrs. Martin and Dr. Ritchie recently had the opportunity to visit the LPN students at Pioneer Technology Center in Ponca City to share information about NWOSU's new hybrid LPN to BSN track.

This program is designed with working LPNs in mind, allowing them to continue working full time while completing their BSN and becoming a registered nurse in just four semesters. We enjoyed connecting with these future nurses and look forward to supporting them as they take the next step in their nursing journey.

Interested in learning more? Fill out our interest form here:
<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/nursing-information-request>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University April 2

Members of Enid Leadership Council attended Higher Learning Day with Dr. McMillin at the state capitol Tuesday.

ELC meets the first Wednesday each month during the spring and fall semester at NWOSU-Enid to assist in making the campus and the community an even better place for students and to learn leadership skills.

#nwosuenid #NWOSU #enidok #SpringSemester2026
#RideRangersRide #leadership #leadershipcouncil #RRR
#EnidLeadershipCouncil #HigherEducationDay2026
#highereducation #statecapitolbuilding #Oklahoma



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April 2

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 2

Meet Haley Combs, a Health & Sports Science major from Hinton, OK!

At NWOSU, Health & Sports Science Education students like Haley are preparing for careers as teachers, coaches, personal trainers, fitness professionals, physical therapists, and more.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free and 100% job placement for our Physical Education Teacher Education program, students are ready to make an impact!



WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & SPORTS SCIENCE

South Barber USD 255

April 2

Career Spotlight: Exploring the World of Social Work!

A huge thank you to Dr. Kylene Rehder, Chair of Social Work at NWOSU, for visiting South Barber today!

Dr. Rehder gave our students an inside look at the incredible impact of social work. She defined it as a “helping profession”—one dedicated to supporting individuals within the context of their own environments.

--Key Takeaways from Today's Session:

- Endless Variety: Social work isn't just one job; it's a path of immense diversity. Dr. Rehder shared a presentation highlighting 100 different career opportunities in the field!
- The Roadmap: Students learned about the specific education requirements and the importance of licensure.
- A Bright Future: We took a look at the strong career projections and the growing need for compassionate professionals in this sector.

Whether it's healthcare, school counseling, or advocacy, the possibilities are endless. Thank you, Dr. Rehder, for inspiring our students to consider a career of service and impact!



NWOSU Division of Education

April 2

Our future teachers in the Elementary Creative Activities courses have been busy collaborating with the brilliant young minds at Longfellow and Lincoln Elementary. Now it's time to see that hard work on the big stage! Join us for the first Friday art walk to celebrate the student masterpieces. Where: Graceful Arts gallery When: Friday, April 3 Time: 6 PM to 8 PM Come support our local schools, our future educators, and the next generation of artists! Special thank you to Educators April Ridgway, Jordan Penner, Sarah Eckhardt, Kendi Wooten, Jordan Villalva, and Kassandra Kuns for opening up your classroom to NWOSU students!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University & Windy Ford April 3

There's nothing better than celebrating a team that represents our community with heart, grit, and a CHAMPIONSHIP mindset!

We were honored to present the Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball with a \$2,000 check to help support their championship rings! These athletes have made our community proud, and we're beyond excited to be a small part of honoring their incredible achievement.

Hard work. Dedication. Results.

That's what being a champion is all about — and these ladies proved it every step of the way!

From all of us at Windy Ford... CONGRATULATIONS, LADY RANGERS!



Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball April 3

When we say we have the best fans, we mean it!

#1 in attendance for Women's Basketball 2 years in a row!



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IN ATTENDANCE FOR 2 YEARS IN A ROW



RIDE RANGERS RIDE

Northwestern Oklahoma State University April 3

Nearly 500 free prom dresses. 30 high schools. 3 states. That's the impact of the 12th Annual Primp for Prom, hosted by the NWOSU Department of Social Work in collaboration with Woodward High School.

Held in March at Woodward High School, the event distributed dresses to students from across Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas — continuing a tradition that has now provided nearly 3,000 free dresses to young people across the tri-state region since 2015.

Every student who participated had the opportunity to register to receive a scholarship to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University after graduation.

"This event represents far more than free dresses," said Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the Northwestern Department of Social Work. "It reflects our university's mission and our professional social work commitment to serve. This community event provides meaningful financial support to families, builds a sense of community, celebrates inclusion, and promotes positive self-image, confidence and empowerment among young people."

Read the full story: <https://bit.ly/4c4MPIi>

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

#OKHigherEdWorks #Primp4Prom



Three senior art exhibitions at Gallery Sophia in April

The Northwestern visual arts program launched its spring senior exhibition series in Gallery Sophia, Jesse Dunn Building, room 218, with several more student showcases this month.

Megan Valdez, a visual arts major from Alva, opened her exhibition April 6 with “Chromatics of the Deep.”

Bentley Cox, a visual arts major from Alva, exhibited “Emotional Echoes,” April 13–17. The show explored the inner emotional lives of people through a combination of silhouettes and evocative scenes. Cox, who typically works in landscapes, tried something different for this exhibition.

“I wanted to challenge myself,” Cox said. “I usually do landscapes, so I tried something new, portraiture, to not only push my skills but to grow as an artist.”

Receptions for both Valdez and Cox took place on April 13.

Katelyn Findley, a visual arts major from Stillwater, presented “Nature Magnified,” April 20–24, with a reception on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m.

Four visual arts minors displayed their artwork in March, including Elayna Warrington of Alva, Olivia Saner of Dawson, Nebraska, and Gabriel Bussinger and Macy Eads, both of Woodward.

For information about the visual arts program, contact Thomas Cornell, assistant professor of visual arts, at tacornell@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8111, or David Poindexter, associate professor of visual arts, at dapoindexter@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8108, or visit www.nwosu.edu/art.



Thomas Cornell helps Macy Eads, Elayna Warrington, Katelyn Findley, Bentley Cox and Gabriel Bussinger prepare for their senior art exhibits



Katelyn Findley prepares for her senior art exhibition starting April 20 in the Gallery Sophia in Jesse Dunn 218 by cutting some wire.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing April 3

Our junior nursing students recently partnered with Waller Middle School in Enid to lead an interactive session for students on the dangers of vaping and the importance of healthy stress management.

Through engaging discussions and age-appropriate education, the nursing students helped middle schoolers better understand the risks associated with vaping while also introducing practical strategies for managing stress in positive ways. Thank you to Waller Middle School for the partnership and opportunity to work with your students!



NWOSU Department of Social Work

April 3

We're proud to spotlight one of our social work graduates, Kori Salinas, making a real difference at her former high school as a mental health liaison. #bsw #nwosusocialwork #SouthBarber #schoolsocialwork



NWOSU TRIO-SSS

April 3

Congratulations to all our Financial Literacy Workshop drawing winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

**Congratulations
to our
drawing
winners!**



Thank you to all who participated in
our financial literacy workshop!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 6

NWOSU Department of Social Work wrapped up Social Work Month in March by participating in the 2026 Legislative Education and Advocacy (LEAD) Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

LEAD Day gives social work students and professionals the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the legislative process by engaging directly with state lawmakers and their staff — and learning firsthand how public policy affects the populations social workers serve.

During this year's LEAD Day, Oklahoma State District 58 House Rep. Carl Newton formally recognized social workers on the Oklahoma House floor, acknowledging their contributions to communities across the state.

"Participation in LEAD Day reinforces the essential role of social workers in shaping informed public policy and advocating for the well-being of our communities," said Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the Northwestern Department of Social Work. "Engaging directly with legislators and being recognized on the House floor affirms the value of social work voices in advancing meaningful and transformative change."

Northwestern's participation reflects the profession's 2026 Social Work Month theme: Social Work: Uplift. Defend. Transform.

Read the full story: <https://bit.ly/4tAWvRXWorks>



NWOSU Theatre

April 6

Castle Players meeting TODAY! 4/6/26

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub

#nwosu #nwosurangers



CASTLE PLAYERS MEETING

APRIL 6, 2026 @ 5:00

WE WILL BE TAKING CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS!!!

POSITIONS : President, Vice President, Historian, Treasurer, & Social Media Manager



NWTV

April 6

Lady Ranger Basketball Day was celebrated earlier today at the Woods County Courthouse in Alva, OK. (Video Provided)



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Enid Campus

April 6

Enid Rangers, you still have a chance to be part of something bigger this semester!

—
Enid Rotary Club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back.

—
You can join Dr. McMillin on a Monday in April and be part of Enid Rotary Club as a NWOSU student of the month. Stop by the Business Office today for details!

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Dr. McMillin was joined by other NWOSU-Enid faculty and NWOSU President Bo Hannaford who spoke at last Monday's weekly noon rotary meeting in Enid. #NWOSU #NWOSURangers #nwosuenid #enidok #SpringSemester2026 #RRR #RideRangersRide #Rotary #enidrotary #civicengagement #civic #civicclub



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 6

Happy Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball Day!

The Northwestern Lady Rangers made history — and Woods County made it official.

The Woods County Commissioners proclaimed April 6, 2026, as “Lady Ranger Basketball Day” in honor of the Northwestern Lady Rangers, who captured the first Great American Conference Championship for any Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics program in the Division II era and qualified for the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the first time in program history.

Coach Tasha Diesselhorst, assisted by Payton Jones and Randy Turney, led the Lady Rangers to a historic season. Center Kira Bass earned D2CCA Third Team All-American honors, was named to the NCAA All-Central Region Team, was the National Player of the Week, and was the unanimous GAC Player of the Year and unanimous All-GAC First Team selection.

Alva, Oklahoma is proud of these Lady Rangers — and today, all of Woods County celebrated with them.

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

#RangerNation



NWOSU TRIO-SSS

April 6

On April 17th, from 1-3 pm, TRIO Student Emma Ginter will be leading a clean-up project at Hatfield Park in Alva.

Contact Emma to let her know that you're interested!

Service Project Hatfield Park Cleanup April 17 1-3pm



Meet at Girl Scout Building

Contact Emma @

eginter33@rangers.nwosu.edu

NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

April 7

Big news for Northwestern!

The Executive Committee of the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association has approved an increase in the endowment payout from 3.25% to 4%, starting fall 2026. This change will add an extra \$365,000 in support for students, faculty, and programs. This brings total distributions to over \$1.7 million!

Thanks to the continued generosity of alumni and donors, the endowment has grown significantly over the years, making this impactful investment possible.

For the full story, go to <https://ournorthwestern.org/.../northwesterns-endowment...>



**NWOSU Alva Psychology Club &
Psi Chi International Honor Society**

April 8

Dr. Bailey Lancaster, faculty sponsor of the Alva Psychology Club, and Professor Taylor Phillips, faculty co-sponsor of the Alva Psychology Club, are wearing blue in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and in support of sexual assault survivors.

They have also added their notes of encouragement to the support board in the Student Center, and there are already so many meaningful messages being shared. In addition, the chalk messages written throughout the mall area have been such a powerful reminder that our campus stands with survivors.

There is still time throughout the rest of the week to stop by, write your own message of support on the board in the Student Center, and pick up any of the giveaway items available on the table. Thank you to everyone helping make SAAM Awareness Week visible across campus through support, awareness, and action.

#SAAM #SexualAssaultAwarenessMonth #SupportSurvivors #NWOSU #SpeakUpForChange



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing
And Beta Delta Chapter-At-Large**

April 7

Congratulations to Sarah Martin on being awarded the Weatherby Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Nursing Education!

Sarah is a faculty member in the nursing program at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and is currently pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Educational Leadership. Her doctoral project focuses on developing emotional resilience in pre-licensure nursing students to better prepare them for clinical practice. Her nursing background is in emergency nursing and public health. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oklahoma City University in 2015 and her Master of Science in Nursing Education from Northeastern State University in 2023. She is active in her local Rotary Club, serves on the board of the Community Health Foundation in Kay County, and has been a member of Sigma Theta Tau since 2024. Sarah lives in Ponca City with her husband and their two-year-old daughter.



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing
and KayNewsCow.com**

April 7

Congratulations to senior BSN student, Courtney, for serving as the Nurse of the Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol!

https://kaynewscow.com/2026/04/07/pfeiffer-hosts-tonkawa-resident-as-nurse-of-the-day/?fbclid=IwY2xjawSVUMxleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETfxMU03cTBXeXhOTF-BQQ2prc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg-5MgABHh7hI4lQUocCitZsO7LHeteeHZWbK4db9UmdEgckL-R4VtoD_ejrlToTWGTV_aem_tt-ZferV9xte53AcTjctbg



Freshman Connection held; early enrollment offered

Freshman Connection at Northwestern is designated as the official start to freshman enrollment for first-time freshmen. This event was held on Wednesday, April 15, at the Alva campus. As a convenience, morning and afternoon sessions were available to accommodate student schedules.

Morning registration began at 8:30 in the Student Center with a welcome and enrollment following. The afternoon session started at 1:30 with the same schedule as the morning. Both sessions offered an optional parent panel that gave parents the opportunity to have all of their questions answered by Northwestern administration and staff members.

Matt Adair, Northwestern assistant dean of student affairs and recruitment, said this event was open to all high school seniors who were ready to plan their fall schedules. Faculty and staff members were available to provide academic advisement, answer questions and welcome new Rangers to campus.

Students must first meet admission and curriculum requirements to enroll during Freshman Connection. Requirements include having an ACT score of 17 or using an overall GPA instead. For students who do not have an appropriate ACT/SAT score or GPA for admittance, please call (580) 327-8546. Additional admission information is available at www.nwosu.edu/apply-for-admission/incoming-freshmen.

To register for Freshman Connection, visit www.nwosu.edu/freshman-connection or contact the Northwestern Office of Recruitment at recruit@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8546.



Dr. Krystal Elliott, assistant professor of nursing, is enrolling a student at last year's event.

NWOSU SGA

April 8

Congratulations to the 2026-2027 SGA Officer Team! These four individuals will lead student life next year.

Left to Right:

Treasurer - Edmilson Perez

President - Maci Flowers

Secretary - Kate Mann

Vice President - Coy Bullard



NWTV

April 8

"Chromatics of the Deep" is currently on display in Jesse Dunn Room 218. This is Senior Visual Arts Major, Megan Valdez's, exhibition.



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

April 9

Ranger Family, join us for an evening at the ballpark! Enjoy a night of Ranger baseball, hot dogs and apple pie at David Allen Memorial Ballpark on Tuesday, April 14. First pitch is at 7:00 p.m. as the Rangers take on SNU. We can't wait to see you there.

Discover more about Baseball, Hot Dogs & Apple Pie: <https://ournorthwestern.org/.../baseball-hot-dogs-apple-pie>

DAVID ALLEN MEMORIAL BALLPARK



NWTV

April 9

After nearly 40 years in education, NWOSU's Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. James Bell, will retire on June 30th. Northwestern Oklahoma State University



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 9

Your future is calling, Rangers.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's spring Career and Internship Fair is Tuesday, April 14, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ranger Room on the Alva campus — and it's open to Northwestern students and community job seekers alike. Bring copies of your resume and cover letter, dress to impress, and come ready to connect with employers from across the region.

Registered organizations include: Beadles Nursing Home
Circle of Care of Woodward

Griffin Media, LLC (News 9-KWTV, News on 6-KOTV, Griffin Radio)

Kiowa District Healthcare — Kiowa, Kansas

Macksville USD 351 — Macksville, Kansas

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Graduate Studies

Oklahoma Baptist University Graduate College

Oklahoma Department of Corrections

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

USDA Farm Service Agency

Woodward Police Department

Need help before the fair? Stop by the Office of Counseling and Career Services in Ryerson Hall 209 or reach out to Director

[Taylor Wilson at tawilson@nwosu.edu](mailto:tawilson@nwosu.edu).

Read the full press release: <https://bit.ly/4dCfcju>

For more information: www.nwosu.edu/student-services/office-of-career-services

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YOUR FUTURE IS CALLING!

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

APRIL 14TH, 2026
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
STUDENT CENTER: RANGER ROOM

- MEET REAL PROFESSIONALS.
- EXPLORE EXCITING CAREER PATHS.
- BUILD MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS.
- GET RESUME ADVICE ON THE SPOT!

Questions? Contact:
tawilson@nwosu.edu
mldrader@nwosu.edu

INVEST IN YOU!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 10

Dr. Braten-Hall's Children's Literature class performed a book reading for the students from Fowler Early Childhood Center this morning in our library/resource room. Ali, Chloe, Macy, Molly, and Emily did a great job and the children enjoyed it very much!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 10

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts hosted the Annual Guitar Festival today on the Alva campus, bringing together middle and high school guitar students from across the region for a day of performance and music education.

The festival is organized each year by NWOSU instructor of music Max Ridgway. Among the participating teachers this year was Drew Faulkner of Enid High School — an NWOSU alumnus and former guitar student of Ridgway's.

Learn more: www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts #RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers #OKHigherEdWorks



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 9

Speech & NWOSU Theatre students gain hands-on experience through theatre productions, concerts, and presentations throughout the year. Students don't need to be theatre majors to participate in productions.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, 95% of graduates employed in theatre, entertainment, or theatre education, and 100% accepted into graduate school of their choice, you'll be ready to make an impact.

Program highlights include main stage opportunities in your freshman year, firsthand technical theatre experience with opportunities to direct and design as an undergraduate, fully equipped Vectorworks and Lightwright labs, active participation in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, and scholarships available for majors, minors, and participating non-majors.

Student organization: Castle Players Theatre Club, performing since 1928.

See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: <http://nwosu.edu/school-of-.../fine-arts/speech-and-theatre>

#NWOSU #RideRangersRide #NWOSUTheatre

#ProgramsAtNWOSU #OKHigherEdWorks

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Castle Players Theatre Club

- Opportunities to be on the Main Stage within a student's freshman year
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University –

Woodward Campus

April 10

If you have questions about our degree programs, course structure, or anything NWOSU related—stop by our booth at the Farm Expo this weekend! Especially if you have any questions about our outstanding Nursing Program, chat with our very own Dr. Elsey!!!!

#woodwardcampus #NWOSU #farmexpo #Q&A

#NursingLife



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 10

"Just absolutely everything that you could want to know, you have the opportunity to just jump into it."

Meet Jaden Matthews, a Speech & NWOSU Theatre student at NWOSU from Hennessey, Oklahoma, preparing for a career as a costume designer and actor.

She's gaining hands-on experience in lighting, costuming, prop work, and scenic painting with faculty who are invested in her success.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, 95% of graduates employed in theatre, entertainment, or theatre education, and 100% accepted into graduate school of their choice, NWOSU theatre students graduate ready to make an impact.

See where theatre at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: <http://nwosu.edu/school-of.../fine-arts/speech-and-theatre>



WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

**DEPARTMENT OF
SPEECH & THEATRE**

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 12

Spring Meeting, but make it meaningful

This afternoon was filled with wisdom, perspective, and powerful reminders of the kind of woman I want to be. From leadership and authenticity to living with purpose, each speaker poured into us in a way that challenged me to grow—not just as a titleholder, but as a person.

One thing that really stuck with me: "live like everyone loves you."

Because when you lead with confidence, kindness, and purpose, you create impact without even realizing it.

I also spent time reflecting on what it means to be the best version of myself—not for recognition, but to serve others well. Encouragement, leadership, and being an obedient follower of Christ... that's the standard I want to live by.

So grateful for opportunities like this that continue to shape me into the woman I'm becoming. This journey is about so much more than a crown—it's about growth, purpose, and impact. @MissAmericaOK @Jjayroe @Macye07

@JillFDonovan @KelliMasters #MissOklahoma



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
April 13

Congrats to #NWOSU Media & Communication senior Megan Spray from Sharon-Mutual, who has been selected to receive the \$2,500 Carl C. Smith Memorial Scholarship from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

April 13

Our senior nursing students gathered on the Alva campus today to complete simulation labs as part of their Community Health and Leadership in Nursing courses.

These simulations challenged students to manage care for multiple patients at once, as well as identifying and connecting patients to appropriate community resources.

With graduation just around the corner, experiences like this help prepare our senior nursing students to step confidently into their roles as registered nurses. We're proud of the hard work and growth they continue to demonstrate as they get ready to enter the profession.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

April 15

We had a great time welcoming 60 freshmen from Fairview Public Schools to our nursing lab yesterday!

Students had the opportunity to see one of our simulation mannequins in action and get a firsthand look at how we use simulation to prepare future nurses for real-world patient care. Experiences like this help bring healthcare careers to life and give students a better understanding of what a career in the nursing profession looks like.

We appreciate Fairview Public Schools for visiting and look forward to seeing where your journeys take you!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team

April 13

Here are your results from the rodeo last weekend in Weatherford!

Men's Team 3rd Overall - Tie-Down Roping

Men's All-Around Champ - Hazen Sparks

Tie-Down Roping

Carter Anderson-4th; Carter Anderson-4th; Hazen Sparks- 6th

Breakaway Roping

Y'leigh Yarbrough - 4th

Saddle Bronc Riding

Riley Smith - 8/9/10th

Goat Tying

Tyra Tsosie - 11th

Steer Wrestling

Tydon Tsosie - 1st; Hazen Sparks - 2nd; Riley Smith - 4th;

Nathan Duvall - 6th; Emmett Edler - 10th

Team Roping

Colter Snook - 9th; Jacob Curtis - 11/12th

#northwesternrodeo #KeepHustling



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

April 14

Superhero Saturday at Meadowlake Park Enid was a great success and fun for all! Our Enid Leadership Council and the Rowdy Ranger were there repping NWOSU and spreading the word for us.

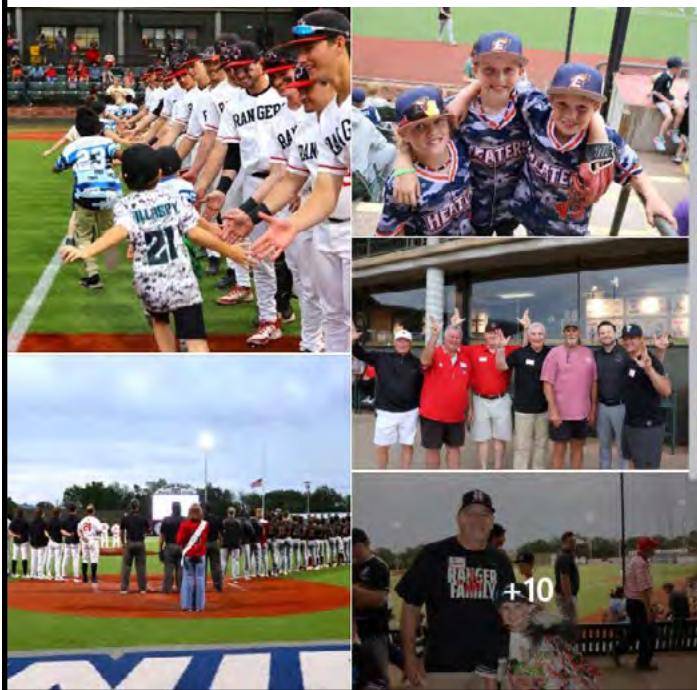


NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

April 15

Baseball, Hot Dogs & Apple Pie 2026

We kicked off the night with free hot dogs and apple pie, followed by the running of the bases and a night of Ranger baseball. Thank you to our incredible sponsors for helping make this event such a success!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

April 15

Shoutout to 180 Direct Primary Care of Enid for donating a \$100 gift card for a drawing at the Superhero Saturday event! Angela Goodman was our winner! Congratulations Angela, and THANK YOU, 180 Direct Primary Care!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 16

Mathematics students at NWOSU develop strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills that apply to a variety of careers. With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, you'll be ready to make an impact.

Students can major or minor in mathematics and mathematics education. Math education students have the opportunity to work as a student instructor in introductory mathematics classrooms alongside a faculty member. There is a national shortage of math teachers, thus a degree in math education from NWOSU not only gives students a solid education, but also a skill set that is in high demand. Pre-engineering students can take math and science classes at NWOSU.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Math Club

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NWOSU Department of Social Work

April 17

Our social work students had a fun time connecting and supporting the nursing home community today!

#NWOSU #socialwork #RRR #nwosusocialwork



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 19

31 years ago today.

These are the images and reporting done by students and employees in the #NWOSU Mass Communication program at that time.

Tragedy occurred Wednesday, April 19, 1995

Reporting from OKC Bombing site Friday, April 21, 1995.

#WeRemember #OKCBombing #OklahomaStandard



Campus Cabinet

April 20

If you're graduating or just moving out for the summer and don't have room for some things, please consider donating to the Campus Cabinet food pantry. We can accept unused, shelf-stable foods, hygiene products, school supplies, gently used bedding, small appliances and coats. (No clothes for us, please.)

Contact: arcase@nwosu.edu. We are at Shockley Hall, Room 109. www.nwosu.edu/campus-cabinet

If you have nice clothes you'd like to donate, contact NWOSU Teacher's Closet. Contacts: jdoswald@nwosu.edu or mswilyard@nwosu.edu

If you have larger items you'll no longer need, consider advertising them online so someone can use them. Make throwing them away your last option. Thanks!!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 20

We officially have more than 19,000 Facebook followers for our NWOSU page!

Thank you, Ranger Family!

Be sure to share our information on your pages so others can learn more about us and follow us, too!



WE HAVE

19K+

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS!!

Thank you for being part of our Ranger Family. Be sure to tell your friends to give us a follow to keep up with what's happening at Northwestern.

@nwosu.rangers

If you're leaving campus at the end of semester and don't want to pack up unused snacks/non-perishable foods, please consider donating to the Campus Cabinet food pantry in Shockley Hall. We also offer services all summer.

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



Northwestern News wins 13 awards at conference

The Northwestern News staff won 13 awards — seven first place, four second place and two third place — on April 1 at the annual Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association (OCMA) Conference at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Ten colleges and universities in the state are members of OCMA. Eight schools sent representatives to the conference. Members of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame judged the contest entries, which appeared in the Northwestern News between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025.

The following Rangers won first-place awards:

- Jaxyn Cloud, a senior media and communication major from Alva, General News Story, “Asbestos Closes JD Annex”
- Alli Schieber, junior media and communication major from Alva, Breaking News, “Crystalized Picric Acid Causes Campus to Temporarily Close Thursday Morning”
- Ingrid Maldonado, senior media and communication major from Alva, In-Depth Reporting, “How can America be healthy again?”; Feature/Personality Profile, “Do Children have Too Much Screen Time?”; Sports Photo, “Rodeo does well at FSCC”
- Emma Gott, junior media and communication major from Fort Worth, Texas, Sports Feature/Personality Profile, “Car Accident Changes Player’s Life: The Story of Lily Anderson”
- Victor Kinzie, sophomore health and sports science education major from Edmond, News Photo, “Protestors Seek Justice in Police Shooting”

Second-place awards:

- Oaklee Fielder, sophomore media and communication major from Woodward, Breaking News, “Jones out after 2-9 football season”

- Karolina Juresiute Arensdorf, media and communication graduate from Pratt, Kansas, Feature/Personality Profile, “Do Cellphones Distract Students?” and In-Depth Reporting, “AI Becoming Beneficial Tool”

- Sarah Brashears, junior accounting major from Alva, Personal Column, “Authenticity Over People Pleasing”

Cloud also earned a third-place award for her feature/personality profile, “Adventures, Family, Friendships and Kindness: The Story of Dr. Jenny Sattler,” and Maldonado earned a third-place award for her personal column, “Importance in having Community Support.”

“Once again, the Northwestern News staff’s work excelled at OCMA,” said Dr. Kaylene Armstrong, professor of mass communication who has advised the staff for 11 years and will be retiring from the university at the end of the school year. “Many people don’t realize the late nights and untold hours these students put in to make the newspaper outstanding. They all work really hard to do a great job and meet the deadlines. I’m proud of all the students who make the newspaper successful every semester, even if their work didn’t win an award. They are all winners in my book.”

For more information about Northwestern’s Media and Communication program, [visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/communication/mass-communication](http://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/communication/mass-communication).



Northwestern News staff attending the Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association Conference on April 1 show off seven first-place awards. Staff attending include (from left) Oaklee Fielder, sports editor; Victor Kinzie, advertising manager and photographer; Ingrid Maldonado, photo editor; and Kevin Kaumans, entertainment editor.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 17

Meet Ashlan Light, a Mathematics student at NWOSU from Enid, Oklahoma preparing for a career as a math teacher. She chose NWOSU after hearing how much graduates loved the math education program and the success they'd had. Faculty help her answer questions about where she wants to go in her future, what classrooms would be a good fit for her, and the direction she's taking next.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free and a national shortage of math teachers creating high demand, NWOSU math education students graduate ready to make an impact. See where mathematics at NWOSU can take you!

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WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

**DEPARTMENT OF
MATHEMATICS**

NWOSU Division of Education

April 17

After years of being the person with all the answers, our incredible Certification Officer, Natalie Miller, AKA our office "Siri," is officially "unplugging" and heading into retirement beginning July 1.

While the world might have a digital assistant, we've had the real deal...someone who actually knows how to navigate the complex world of teacher certification without saying "I found this on the web."

Natalie, thank you for being the brain behind the operation and the heart of this office. We aren't sure how we'll function without you, but we know your next chapter is going to be your best one yet!



Jenny Sattler

April 17

Hello Everybody!

NWOSU Science is hosting a Nature Walk and Astronomy Night tomorrow (April 18). There are still some spots available and the flyer has information about how to sign up.

**NATURE WALK
AND
ASTRONOMY
NIGHT**

**COME ON A NATURE HIKE
AND END BY LOOKING AT
THE STARS**

Saturday, April 18th at 8 PM-9:30 PM

Limited to 25 people

Bonnam Pond on the Salt
Plains Wildlife Refuge

Bug Sneets will be available to take
pictures



Psi Chi ceremony recognizes 27 new members

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology chapter welcomed 27 new members during an induction ceremony on Tuesday, April 7, on the Northwestern-Alva Campus.

Taylor Phillips, instructor of psychology and Psi Chi chapter advisor, was joined by psychology faculty members Dr. Bailey Lancaster, assistant professor of psychology and Psi Chi Chapter co-advisor, and Mistie Kline, lecturer of psychology, in celebrating the inductees and their accomplishments.

Fifteen of the 27 new members took part in the membership acceptance ceremony.

New members include: Sophia Arnold, Enid senior; Paige Bailey, Enid senior; Elizabeth Bales, Ponca City senior; Jennifer Bicknell, Enid senior; Allyson Boone, Perry junior; Katelyn Breedlove, Harper, Texas, junior; Catherine Buchanan, Alva graduate student; Jaydan Coffman, Alva senior; Samora Collins, Clinton graduate student; Cierra Cook, Mustang senior; Elizabeth Dang, College Station, Texas, senior; Emily Flores, Wylie, Texas, graduate student; Guadalupe Giron, Woodward senior; Dennise Gorton, Woodward senior; Julie Green, Enid senior; John Hofferber, Ponca City graduate student; Haylee Jantz, Burlington junior; Taylor Larsen, China Spring, Texas, graduate student; Brandi Layton, Enid senior; Cadence Long-Torres, Moore senior; Pedro Martinez, Texhoma junior; Louis Miele, psychology alumni from Brooksville, Florida; Jennifer O'Donnell, Fairview senior; Beatriz Penaflor, Shattuck graduate student; Heather Rogers, Haskell graduate student;

Halie Shirley, Braman senior; and JoEllen Worthington, psychology alumni from Cherokee.

The ceremony celebrated the academic excellence, commitment, and perseverance required to earn membership in Psi Chi. Students in attendance were formally inducted, presented with certificates, and recognized for their achievements in scholarship and dedication to the field of psychology. The event marked an important milestone in each student's academic journey and emphasized the value of leadership and service within the discipline.

Founded in 1929, Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology and a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership is extended to students who meet rigorous academic standards and demonstrate a strong interest in psychology. With chapters at more than 1,000 colleges and universities worldwide, Psi Chi provides opportunities for research

funding, leadership development, community engagement, and professional networking. Membership in Psi Chi is a lifetime honor reflecting academic distinction and commitment to excellence in the sci-

ence and application of psychology.

To qualify for membership, students must meet national Psi Chi eligibility requirements. Inductees must have completed at least 9 semester hours of psychology coursework and a minimum of three semesters of college study, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and rank within the top 35% of their class. Membership is by invitation only and reflects sustained academic excellence and commitment to the field of psychology.

Psychology students who are interested in determining their eligibility for Psi Chi membership are encouraged to contact Phillips at tn-phillips@nwosu.edu.

For more information on the Northwestern Department of Psychology, contact Dr. Taylor Randolph, department chair and assistant professor of psychology, at jtrandolph@nwosu.edu or 580-213-3119, or visit nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/psychology.



The Northwestern Psi Chi Honor Society in Psychology welcomed 27 new members in an induction ceremony on April 7. Attendees and inductees include (back row, left to right): Mistie Kline; Sophia Arnold; Dennise Gorton; Allyson Boone; Paige Bailey; Catherine Buchanan; Taylor Phillips (middle row, left to right): Dr. Bailey Lancaster; Brandi Layton; Jaydan Coffman; Guadalupe Giron; Cadence Long-Torres; Haylee Jantz; Katelyn Breedlove (front row left to right): Jennifer Bicknell; Julie Green; Jennifer O'Donnell; Pedro Martinez. Inducted but not present: Elizabeth Bales, Samora Collins, Cierra Cook, Elizabeth Dang, Emily Flores, John Hofferber, Taylor Larsen, Louis Miele, Beatriz Penaflor, Heather Rogers, Halie Shirley and JoEllen Worthington.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 20

Connie Sturgeon, Northwestern Oklahoma State University Class of 1986, will deliver the commencement address at NWOSU's Spring 2026 ceremony on Saturday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Ranger Field in Alva.

A Woodward native, Sturgeon earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Northwestern and went on to build a 39-year career as a Chick-fil-A operator — earning the company's highest honor, the Symbol of Success, three times. She is also a dedicated community leader in Enid, serving on multiple boards and receiving recognition including the Enid Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year and Northwestern's own Outstanding Graduate Award.

A livestream will be available the day of the event at www.YouTube.com/NWOSURangers.

Commencement photos will be available for download at www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-rangers/collections.

For full details: <https://bit.ly/4vHyCK4>

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NWOSU SGA

April 20

Make sure to join us Thursday on the Intramural Field from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM!

Cornhole tournament sign ups and sand volleyball tournament sign ups are open until Wednesday, so be sure to get your team signed up!

BREAKAWAY NWOSU Intramural Field April 23, 2026 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM		BREAKAWAY FUNDRAISER PIE OR DUNK AN OFFICER NWOSU Intramural Field April 23, 2026 7:45 PM - 8:15 PM
PRIZES CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT DANCES & ACTIVITIES	FOOD GIVEAWAYS TRIED 'N' CANOE	MUSIC SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT The officers with the most money in their jar will ALL be dunked or pied BUT you have an opportunity to pie/dunk someone specifically... \$5.00 to pie a female officer of your choice or \$6.00 to dunk a male officer of your choice during this time frame. All funds raised will be donated!
FUN FOR EVERYONE! PIE & DUNK AN OFFICER		
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 5:30 PM - Food Available, Corn Hole Tournament & Sand Volleyball Tournament Begins 6:00 PM - Water Bucket Relay 6:30 PM - Watermelon Eating Contest 7:00 PM - Sponge Relay 7:30 PM - Limbo Contest 7:45 - 8:15 PM - Pie to Pie & Dunk an Officer 8:30 PM - Event Ends	BAHAMA BREAKAWAY CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT Limit of 8 teams Sign-up in Recreation Hall 131	BAHAMA BREAKAWAY SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Tournament of 16 teams Sign-up in Recreation Hall 131

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 21

Many hands make light work!

Several came out today for #NWOSU Campus Beautification Day to help pull weeds, plant flowers and spread mulch to make campus look even more beautiful!

Thank you to everyone who helped.



TwisTed Rodeo

April 20

All-around Northwestern Oklahoma State University cowboy Riley Smith wrestled the bulldogging championship over the weekend at the FHSU Rodeo Team and Club rodeo. It was his first intercollegiate victory. <https://twistedrodeo.com/.../smith-wrestles-victory-in-hays/> Photo by: Dale Hirschman



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 24

From classroom to career Cynthia, Flor, Reese, Sarah & Zachary are getting real-world ready at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. #RangerReady #RideRangersRide

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

April 21

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Bridge Breakfast this morning!

We loved seeing so many NOC - Enid students and NWOSU faculty, come together to connect, grab some coffee, and kickstart the day.

We're so glad you were a part of it!

#NWOSURangers #NWOSU #RRR #SpringSemester2026

#coffee #enidok



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 22

Business students at Northwestern Oklahoma State University gain real-world experience that sets them apart. With a nationally accredited program, held by fewer than 1 in 4 business schools worldwide, NWOSU prepares students for success.

From learning alongside faculty who hold CPA credentials and run their own businesses, to networking with regional leaders at the annual Entrepreneur Seminar, students build valuable connections and skills. Opportunities to compete in events like the Love's Cup and the Oklahoma Statewide Student Ethics Challenge add even more hands-on experience.

See where a business degree from NWOSU can take you!



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- Nationally accredited - fewer than 1 in 4 business programs worldwide hold this accreditation
- 100% of full-time accounting faculty hold CPA credentials
- Most full-time faculty are engaged in personal business ventures such as: farming, ranching, manufacturing, accounting, and general business
- Learn from, and network with, successful regional business owners at the annual Entrepreneur Seminar
- Opportunities to participate in competition events, such as the Love's Cup, and the Oklahoma Statewide Student ethics Challenge.



WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

DIVISION OF BUSINESS

'Little Shop of Horrors' comes to Northwestern stage

The Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts presented the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" April 23, 24 and 26 in Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall on the Alva campus.

"Little Shop of Horrors," with book and lyrics by Howard Ashman and music by Alan Menken, is a dark comedy musical that follows Seymour Krelborn, a shy floral assistant who discovers a mysterious plant with a taste for blood. As the plant, named Audrey II, grows, Seymour finds himself drawn into a dangerous situation as fame, fortune and moral choices collide. Known for its humor, memorable music and unique storyline, the production has become one of the longest-running and most popular Off-Broadway

musicals.

The production featured a talented group of students, alumni and community members. The main cast of characters included Seymour, portrayed by Lucas Wood, a sophomore vocal music education major from Enid; Audrey, by Jaden Matthews, a senior speech/theatre major from Hennessey; Mr. Mushnik, by Alan Garcia, an alumnus from Beaver; Orin, by Justus Durham, a freshman speech/theatre major from Brighton, Colorado; Audrey II – the Plant, by Johnathan Snyder, a senior instrumental music education major from Oklahoma City; the singing trio of Chiffon by Rylee Ott, a junior biology major from Forgan; Crystal by Erin Hopkins Davis, an alumna from Alva; and Ron-

nette by Addyson Bryan, a junior business administration major from Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Additional cast members included Bella Anguino, a sophomore speech/theatre major from

Tulsa; Joplin Bradt, a community member from Alva; Jade Campbell, a senior instrumental music education major from Woodward; Samantha Grimes, a junior music education major from Enid; Rosa Vargas, a senior instrumental music education major from Lahoma; Aspen Marshall, a sophomore speech/theatre major from Tulsa; Lily Post, a sophomore speech/theatre major from Ponca City; Kendra Puebla, a sophomore psychology major from Felt; Elliana Reams, a community member from Kiowa, Kansas; Chuck Shafer, a freshman speech/theatre major from Alva; Matthew Skinner, a junior speech/theatre major from Sand Springs; Jacob Saucedo, a freshman computer science major from Glenpool; and Gabriel Bussinger, a senior speech/theatre major from Woodward.

Crew members supporting the production were Lilith Ferrero, a senior speech/theatre major from Cordell; Lisa Turner, a graduate student in American Studies from Alva; and Ashlien Post, a sophomore psychology major from Enid.

The production team was co-directors Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts; and Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager; and

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Photos from "Little Shop of Horrors" presented April 23, 24 and 26 in Fellers Family Auditorium.



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Little Shop...

music director Kane Bradley, instructor of music and director of choral studies. Jordan also served as the scenic designer and is the co-choreographer with Davis. Weast also served as the lighting designer. Matthews helped off-stage as the costume designer, and Jerad Bradt, a Northwestern alumnus, is the audio designer.

For more information about the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts at Northwestern, contact Jordan at mojordan@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8458, or visit the webpage at www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts.



Audrey II and her voicer, John Snyder, in a closing number at "Little Shop of Horrors." (Above) Curtain Call for "Little Shop of Horrors." (Below)



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 22

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Psychology's Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology chapter welcomed 27 new members during an induction ceremony on April 7 on the Alva campus.

Fifteen of the 27 inductees attended the ceremony, where they were formally inducted, presented with Psi Chi certificates, and recognized for their academic excellence in psychology.

To earn membership in Psi Chi — the International Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 and represented at more than 1,000 colleges and universities worldwide — students must complete at least 9 semester hours of psychology coursework, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, rank within the top 35% of their class, and have completed a minimum of three semesters of college study. Congratulations to all 27 new members of the Northwestern Psi Chi chapter!

Psychology students interested in learning

more about Psi Chi eligibility are encouraged to contact chapter advisor Taylor Phillips at tphillips@nwosu.edu.

For more information on the Northwestern Department of Psychology, visit WWW.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-

studies/psychology or contact Dr. Taylor Randolph at jtrandolph@nwosu.edu or 580-213-3119.

Full Story: <https://bit.ly/4cSjq0C>

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#NWOSURangers #OKHigherEdWorks



Student conductors featured in May 3 concert

The Northwestern instrumental music program presented its final concert, “Podium Perspectives,” on Sunday, May 3, in Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall. The concert was free and open to the public.

This concert showcased six undergraduate instrumental music education majors as they took the podium to conduct the Symphonic Band as part of their final project in the Instrumental Conducting class.

Featured student conductors included Jade Campbell, Woodward senior; Chancie Davidson, Alva senior; Samantha Grimes, Enid junior; Kacie Setzer, Fairview senior; Johnathon Snyder, Oklahoma City senior; and Rosa Vargas, Lahoma senior.

“These folks will be graduating next year after their student teaching this fall so this is a unique and very special concert,” said Alexander Perkins, instructor of instrumental music and director of bands. “For many of them, this is one of their final performances before student teaching and graduation.”

The program began with a performance by the jazz ensemble and concluded with a performance by the symphonic band. The symphonic band’s repertoire included selections chosen by the student conductors, featuring quality band literature written within the past decade.

In addition to highlighting all student achievement, the concert recognized eight graduating seniors, making it a meaningful conclusion to the academic

To learn more about the university’s programs within the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts (bands and instrumental music; choirs, choral and vocal studies; speech/theatre; and visual arts), visit www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts.



Student director, Samantha Grimes



Student director, Kacie Setzer



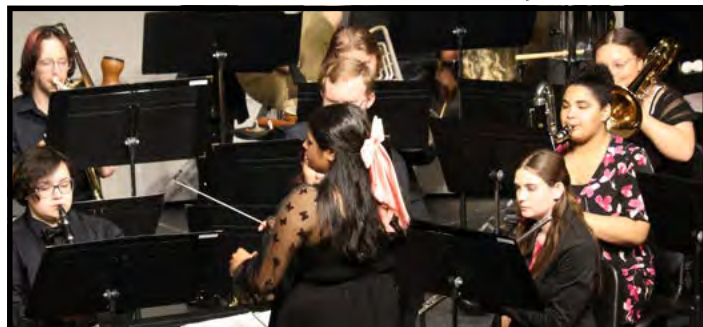
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Student director, Rosa Vargas

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
April 24**

Join Us at First Friday!

We're excited to be part of First Friday and would love for you to stop by our booth!

Come learn more about our degree programs, master's options, and bridge opportunities, grab school info, and spin our prize wheel for a chance to win!

Don't forget to check out the temporary tattoos offered by our OAEA club while you're there!

Whether you're a future student or just curious, we'd love to meet you—stop by, say hi, and see what we have to offer!

#FirstFriday #EnidEvents #CollegeLife #futurestartshere
#NWOSURangers #NWOSU

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

**FIRST
FRIDAY!!**



Join Us!

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 1

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**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing**

April 23

Dr. Elliott and Mrs. Gillett recently attended a Stop the Bleed course at Integris Health Ponca City. They're bringing this critical knowledge back to our nursing students, helping prepare them to respond quickly and confidently when it matters most.



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing
April 23**

Our nursing students had a great day at Cherokee Elementary School leading an interactive education day for Pre-K through 4th grade students. They covered important topics like nutrition, hygiene, proper hand-washing, teeth brushing, and sidewalk safety when using e-scooters. Thank you for having us!



Northwestern Esports competes in National Finals contest

The Northwestern Call of Duty Esports team posted a standout spring season in the Collegiate Call of Duty League (CCL), competing against 118 teams from across the United States and Canada and qualified for national finals competition.

Entering the season ranked No. 13 nationally, Northwestern's four-player roster included Ryan George, a junior general studies major from Colorado Springs, Colorado; team captain Nathan Gillespie, a sophomore business major from Tampa, Florida; Tyler Pickel, a junior computer science major from Fayetteville, North Carolina; and Max Saltzman, a junior biology major from Tulsa.

Competing in the Midwest Region, the team played in a Swiss-style round-robin tournament from Feb. 2 through March 17 against 14 other teams, including the defending national champion. Northwestern compiled an 11-2 record, which qualified them for the Midwest Regional playoffs.

The regional playoffs, held April 10-12, featured a double-elimination bracket. Northwestern advanced to the Grand Finals after defeating Oklahoma Christian earlier in the bracket, sending the defending champion to the loser's side. Oklahoma Christian ultimately claimed the title in the final matchup, marking the third meeting between the two teams this season.

With a runner-up finish and a 16-3 overall record at the time, Northwestern secured a spot in the CCL National Championship playoffs, which began April 17 and included the top eight teams from each of the league's four regions.

After three days of competition, Northwestern remained among the final eight teams in the bracket. The team traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, to compete at the Impact Gaming Center during the national finals weekend, May 2-3, finishing in 5th place overall.

The finals format included one day of Swiss play, followed by a championship round featuring the top four teams. Northwestern entered the final weekend with a 19-5 record.

Current or future Northwestern students interested in learning about the Northwestern Esports team, including available scholarships, can visit www.nwosu.edu/nwosu-esports or contact Evan Vaverka, Northwestern Esports director and instructor of computer science, at esports@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8587.

For more information about the Northwestern Math and Computer Science Department, visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/math-and-computer-science.



Students compete in gaming contests at computers in Northwestern's esports contest room in Shockley Hall. The university's esports team will play in the national finals competition May 2-3 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 24

Last night, our Enid community faced something no one should have to endure. In a matter of moments, lives were changed, homes were lost, and familiar streets were forever altered. Today, we stand together with heavy hearts for the families who have lost so much.

To everyone affected — our thoughts are with you. To the first responders and volunteers — thank you for showing up with courage and compassion when it mattered most.



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NWOSU Division of Education

April 25

We are proud of our senior education majors who represented us exceptionally well at the awards ceremony today! Congratulations!!

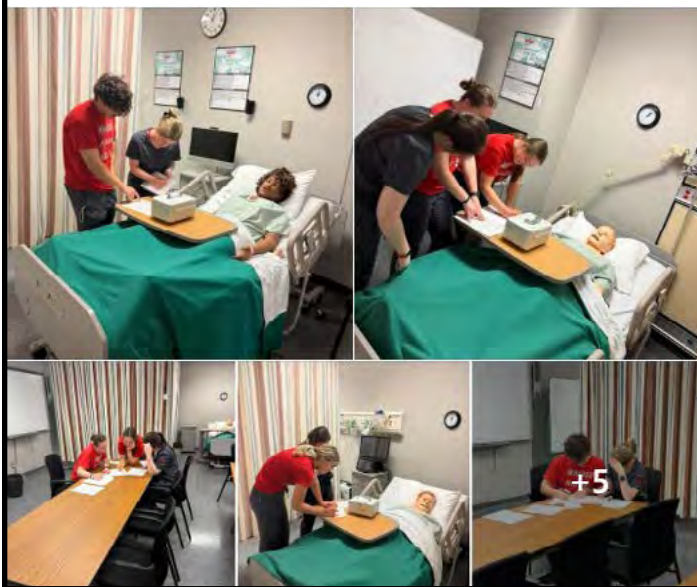


Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

April 27

Our junior nursing students put their knowledge to the test in an Endocrine Escape Room lab last week!

They worked through various scenarios to reinforce endocrine concepts they've learned in class. The adrenaline was pumping, but they thyroid their best, and it really paid off. No need to pituitary them against each other, they demonstrated great teamwork. Cortisol levels may have risen, but so did their knowledge. We're proud of them!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team

April 26

Congratulations to this years College National Finals Rodeo Qualifiers! We'll see you in Casper!

Heeling: Colter Snook

Steer Wrestling: Nathan Duvall, Tydon Tsosie, Emmett Edler

Goat Tying: Payton Dingman #RRR #NWOSURangers

#RangerRodeo #NWOSURodeo



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 27

Another NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association Reunion is in the books. This year's State of the University recap covers four years of enrollment growth, record-setting athletics, national-qualifying esports, landmark scholarships, and the Rangers who made it all happen.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

April 27

Another Study Abroad opportunity coming up!

Website link for more information:

<http://www.explorica.com/NOC-NWOSU-2027>

\$250 discount until May 14, 2026. Discount code HS27EU

The Rangers are going to Northern Europe!

Oslo, Copenhagen & Stockholm

We are excited to partner with NOC in connection with the Bridge Program for this Summer 2027 Study Abroad opportunity.

Interest Meetings will be on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/2224310126>

- April 20 @ 2:30 pm
- April 28 @ 12pm
- May 6 a 4:30 pm

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 28

Computer Science students at NWOSU gain hands-on experience through courses in programming, database, networking, digital forensics, game development, robotics, operating systems, website development, and cybersecurity.

With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, you'll be ready to make an impact. The Bill & Billie Buckles Computer Science Robotics lab provides high-end computers, a 3D printer, and a robotics build lab.

Students interested in gaming, game development, and game programming also utilize this lab. NWOSU has an active student group as well as several competitive eSports teams competing in various games against other colleges and universities.

Students also participate in Gaming LiveStreams, other gaming events and conferences. Student organizations: eSports, Game Programming, and Computer Science Club. See where the possibilities at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: <http://nwosu.edu/.../math-and-computer.../computer-science>

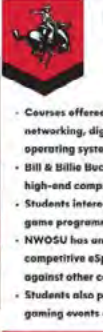
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

April 28

We are proud to recognize senior BSN nursing student Evan Silva for representing Northwestern Oklahoma State University at Research Day at the Capitol. Evan presented his research topic, "The Effects of Parental Health Literacy on Overall Child Health."

Evan collaborated with fellow senior nursing students Marcus Bueno and TJ Kim to explore this topic and its implications for nursing practice. Their work reflects the critical thinking and dedication our students bring to advancing healthcare. Please join us in congratulating Evan, Marcus, and TJ on this accomplishment.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University –

Woodward Campus

April 28

We are so grateful to all volunteers who helped us fill pots and tend to flower beds last week for Campus Beautification!

We would also like to thank Patty McGuire for setting up the lunch for everybody, and Hunter Eads for grilling our burgers! They were yummy!!!!

#spring #flowers #campusbeautification
#woodwardcampus #NWOSU #RangerLife



NWOSU Theatre

April 28

We love a good time-lapse!
Watch the set of Little Shop of Horrors disappear before
your eyes. Four weeks of scenic work gone in a flash!
Video by @chris_perez_10
#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #littleshopofhorrors
#musical #nwosurangers



NWOSU Division of Education

April 28

The Elementary Creative Activities class brought the book
“The Way I Feel” to life during a special performance for
The Little Explorers group at the Alva Public Library. It was
a wonderful day of storytelling, big emotions, and com-
munity connection. #futureeducators, #AlvaPublicLibrary,
#EarlyLiteracy #NWOSU



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Athletics

April 29

The time is now. conference tournament starts tomorrow!



Tandy Keenan

April 28

Come and see me, Raisin, and my other snakes in Enid on
Monday, 5/4, from 11:30-1:30pm during the NWOSU Enid
Campus Burger Bash! It will be at the gazebo between
NWOSU and NOC. Contact me with questions.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 29

All the best to our retiring employees. #RRR



University choirs perform at Alva First United Methodist Church

The Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts vocal music program presented "Love's Embrace: Music of Comfort, Compassion and Connection" on Friday, May 1, at First United Methodist Church in Alva.

It showcased the versatility and artistry of Northwestern's choral program. The University Singers opened the program with a diverse selection of contemporary and traditional works, featuring music by artists such as Pentatonix, Sinéad O'Connor, and Billy Joel, as well as spiritual and classical repertoire.

Following a brief intermission, the University Chorale and Concert Choir joined forces with a full orchestra to present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*, K. 339. This masterwork, celebrated for its brilliance and expressive depth, offers a powerful and uplifting conclusion to the evening.

This performance highlighted

the collaborative spirit and musical excellence of Northwestern's choral ensembles and provided an engaging experience for audiences of all backgrounds.

For more information regarding the Northwestern choirs and

vocal music program, visit the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts webpage (www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts) or contact Kane Bradley, instructor of music and director of choral studies, at jkbradley@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8692.



University Singers, Chorale and Concert Choirs along with a full orchestra present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Vesperae Solennes de Confessore, K. 339 at the First United Methodist Church.

NWTV
April 29

Northwestern Alumni were honored this past weekend during the 2026 NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association banquet.



NWTV
April 29

NWOSU student athletes were recognized at the annual Northwestspys. Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics



NWOSU Division of Education
April 30

From Seeds to Success...Future Educators in Action!
It was a day of hands-on discovery in the 3rd grade classroom as Kaitlyn Corn, one of our student teachers led a dynamic lesson on the scientific process and the magic of growing seeds.

There is something truly special about watching a new educator blossom, especially when they are being mentored by a former ranger and proud graduate of our program, Mrs. Dani Cushenbery! This is the cycle of excellence in action: our alumni guiding the next generation of teachers through every stage of the journey.

From soil and seeds to hypotheses and heart, we are so proud of the incredible work happening in our partner classrooms!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

April 30

Meet Caleb Bevis, a Computer Science student at NWOSU from The Villages, Florida seeking to further his education with a master's degree.

In the Bill & Billie Buckles Computer Science Robotics lab, he gets hands-on with real projects—robotics, programming, building. He chose NWOSU because faculty see him as an individual, not a number.

If you want to actually learn, this is the program. With nearly 60% graduating debt-free, NWOSU computer science students dive into programming, database, networking, digital forensics, game development, robotics, cybersecurity, and more.

See where computer science at NWOSU can take you!

Learn more: <http://nwosu.edu/.../math-and-computer.../computer-science>

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WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

**DEPARTMENT OF
COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Campus
Cabinet**

Northwestern Food Pantry

*For students and
employees in need.*

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

We're here if you need us.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

April 30

Our junior nursing students put their skills to the test in a hands-on simulation combining Adult Health II and Family Health concepts.

In this simulation, they stepped into the nurse role to care for a father, pregnant mother, and child following a motor vehicle accident. They worked on skills that strengthened their critical thinking, care prioritization, and supporting the family unit as a whole.

This experience brought together everything they've learned in both courses this semester to provide comprehensive patient care to adult, obstetric, and pediatric patients.



NWTV

April 30

Dr. Roxie James, the current Chair of the English, Foreign Language, and Humanities department has been named the new Dean of Faculty at NWOSU. She replaces Dr. Steve Maier who was promoted to Vice President of Academic Affairs following the retirement of Dr. James Bell. Dr. James and Dr. Maier will assume their new roles on July 1st.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

April 30

after dismantling the dawgs last week, softball is back at home for the last home series this week



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

May 1

Applications are officially open for NWOSU Nursing's LPN to BSN hybrid track!

This flexible track in our BSN program is designed with working LPNs in mind. Students complete online coursework, attend residency-style labs, and gain clinical experience alongside our experienced faculty.

Applications are open May 1 through September 1, and classes begin in January 2027.

Ready to take the next step in your nursing career and become a registered nurse? Apply here: <https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/lpn-bsn-track-application>

Thinking about applying but want more information first? Request info here:

<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/nursing-information-request>

NWOSU NURSING

Applications for
NWOSU NURSING'S
LPN TO BSN
Hybrid Track

OPEN TODAY!

APPLICATIONS OPEN
MAY 1 — through — **SEPTEMBER 1**

TAKE THE NEXT STEP. ADVANCE YOUR CAREER. MAKE AN IMPACT.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus

April 30

Last Call!!

Don't miss the burger bash at the Gazebo this May 4th from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM at NWOSU Enid.

Come enjoy FREE burgers and chips, check out our wildlife education booth, and enjoy disc golf demonstrations.

Bring a friend and come hangout!! #EnidEvents

#nwosuenid #RideRangersRide #MayThe4th #lunch

#enid #enidoklahoma

BURGER BASH
AT THE GAZEBO!

Join Us at NWOSU Enid for a FUN event!

MAY 4TH •
11:30 AM — 1:30 PM

FREE BURGERS & CHIPS!
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Meal provided by community donations and NWOSU.

- WILDLIFE EDUCATION BOOTH
- DISC GOLF DEMONSTRATIONS
- NONPROFIT EVENT

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 1

NWOSU's instrumental music program will present its final concert of the season, "Podium Perspectives," on Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. in Fellers Family Auditorium

Six student conductors will take the podium to lead the Symphonic Band in this special performance.

CONCERT
Band
SUNDAY, MAY 3
STARTING AT 2 P.M.

AT FELLERS FAMILY AUDITORIUM IN HEROD HALL
ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 1

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will hold its 2026 Spring Commencement Saturday, May 9, at Ranger Field beginning at 10:30 a.m. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Percefull Fieldhouse. Businesswoman and community leader Connie Sturgeon, a Northwestern graduate from 1986, will deliver the commencement address.

See the full graduate list and live stream information: <https://bit.ly/4w4rOX7> Congratulations to the Class of 2026! #RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers #OKHigherEdWorks



Great American Conference

May 1

GAC FIELD CHAMPION

Congratulations to Northwestern Oklahoma State's Jeremiah Anderson - #theGAC Men's High Jump CHAMP



Great American Conference

May 1

GAC FIELD CHAMPION

Congratulations to Northwestern Oklahoma State's Brock Bourgeois - #theGAC Men's Shot Put CHAMP



Classic Hits 105.7

May 2

Setup and ready to go for Northwestern and Arkansas Tech. Rangers with a win will force a final game tomorrow. An Ark Tech win will move them in the title game next week.

Our Dean Goll Real Estate and Auction, LLC pregame begins at 9:10pm and the official start time is at 9:25pm.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus May 4

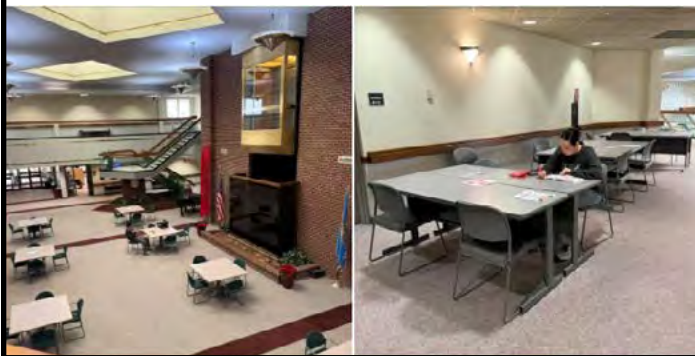
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We've got the perfect spots all across campus to help you prepare for your upcoming exams!

Don't forget to stop by the Commons to grab breakfast this week—we'll have an assortment of breakfast items and snacks all week as a pick-me-up before exams.

Where will you be studying this week?

#finals #finalsweek #RideRangersRide #enidoklahoma
#CollegeLife #RangerPride



Northwestern Oklahoma State University May 1

Thinking about your future? Start strong with Natural Science at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

With nearly 60 percent of our students graduating debt-free, you can prepare for careers in medicine, engineering, research, teaching, and more—all while learning in small classes where your professors actually know your name.

- Hands-on labs with real equipment
 - Pre-health and pre-engineering options
 - Biology & Chemistry majors/minors, Physics minor
 - STEM outreach programs and clubs that make a difference
 - Over \$20,000 in scholarships for science majors each year
- At #NWOSU, you won't just study science -- you'll DO science. From day one, you'll be part of a close-knit community that helps you succeed.

Find Your Place. Build Your Future.

Learn more at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science or contact Dr. Jenny Sattler, associate professor of physics and chair of the Natural Science department, at jasattler@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8568.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:
Medical Sciences Club
Chemistry Club
Biology Club

- Prepare for a career in medicine, engineering, research, high school science teaching, industry, and more
- Experience science firsthand with small class sizes and well-equipped labs
- Excel in academics with options available in pre-professional areas to include pre-health and pre-engineering
- Participate in undergraduate research and present at professional conferences
- Become involved in several K-12 STEM outreach programs
- Earn awards with over \$20,000 in departmental

Northwestern Oklahoma State University May 4

Administration is up late with our students serving them late night breakfast!

Our students kick off finals week with a delicious meal!

#RRR #NWOSU #FinalsWeek



NWOSU SGA

May 4

Join us for the FINAL SGA meeting tonight then head straight over to coffee and cram before the Late Night Breakfast!

FINAL SGA MEETING TONIGHT

HEAR FROM DR. DAVID PECHA
INDUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Thursday, May 7
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM
In J.W. Martin Library

COFFEE & CRAM

Free coffee bar, hot chocolate, tea, water, soda, and snacks!

NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association

May 4

The Mildred Byrum Dillon and Victor H. Dillon Memorial Scholarship was created by their daughter, Anne Ott.

"It is inspiring to have people like Anne Ott who want to honor their parents in such a positive way by helping our students reach their potential," said Dr. Hannaford, Northwestern president. "This will be a great scholarship opportunity for our math students and I appreciate Anne so much for thinking of them."

For the full story, go to <https://ournorthwestern.org/stories/anne-ott>



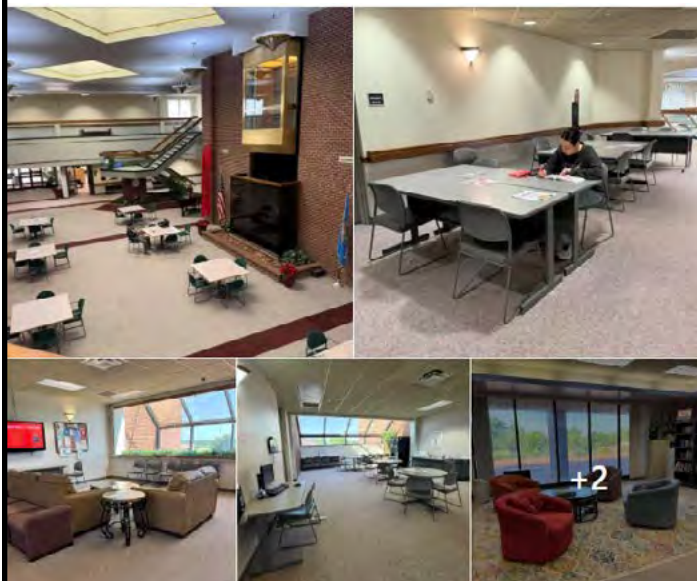
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus May 5

Thank you everyone who came out to the Burger Bash! It was a great time and appreciate all who stopped by. A special thank you to Oxbow, RSVP, and Walmart for helping make this event possible. Another big thank you to Tandy Keenan, for putting on a fantastic snake show. We enjoyed seeing everyone there ! #RangerPride #RideRangersRide #CollegeLife #finalsweek #finals #nwosuenid #MayThe4th #gazebo #burgerbash



NWTV May 5

New cameras are being installed on campus for added security. Here are the details according to Lisa Vermillion, Director of Purchasing, at NWOSU.

Why are the cameras being installed? The cameras are part of the campus security plan and will allow our campus police staff to monitor campus and investigate any incidents more fully. Is grant money making this possible, or some other means? The cameras are being paid for with deferred maintenance funds along with other capital and auxiliary funds.

Where does the feed go?

There is a cloud based server that only designated users will have access to.

Do the cameras record audio? No.

Will they be placed in classrooms or offices?

The vast majority of the cameras will only cover hallways and entrances/exits. We do have a few high conflict areas that will have additional cameras including anywhere money changes hands, package rooms, large gathering areas (wellness center, gyms, and libraries) along with maintenance, student services and science chemical storage.

Are other buildings on campus having them installed as well? Currently Enid and Woodward's campuses have had their camera project completed. All of the buildings on campus will receive cameras, with the exception of the church property, rodeo grounds, and the ag farm. The parking lots and crosswalks around campus will also have increased coverage.



WalletHub.com highlights Evans' business expertise

Northwestern associate professor of business Dr. Barry Evans was featured in [WalletHub.com's](#), "Best Credit Cards for Students" article.

Evans is featured in the "Expert Opinion" section of the article where



Barry Evans

he shares his advice for college students with questions about credit cards.

"Treat the credit card like a valuable, but very potentially dangerous tool, like a razor-sharp knife," Evans said. "It is extremely useful and convenient. However, if used improperly, it can cause great damage."

Evans said the best way to use a credit card for anyone, college student or working professional, is to use it regularly for routine low-cost purchases, then pay off the entire balance each month. By keeping an ongoing low balance each month, students build their credit rating

without getting into a debt spiral. They also have "room" on their credit limit to make emergency charges such as a car repair that they can then pay off over a few months.

He said the biggest mistake college students make with credit cards is getting in the habit of using it for everything and only paying the minimal required payment.

"Doing so makes that \$5 cup of coffee actually cost \$15 by the time it is fully paid off," Evans said. "This creates a lifestyle behavior of staying permanently in debt, which spirals."

When asked about whether it should be easier or harder for college students to acquire credit cards, Evans said with a low spending limit, the system is just right.

"By keeping the spending limit low, the risk is lower for the card issuer and for the college student as well," Evans said. "This credit card is

likely going to be the student's first attempt to build credit. So, if the credit card company had more strict guidelines

of requiring a high credit score, then most students likely would not qualify and not be able to build credit easily."

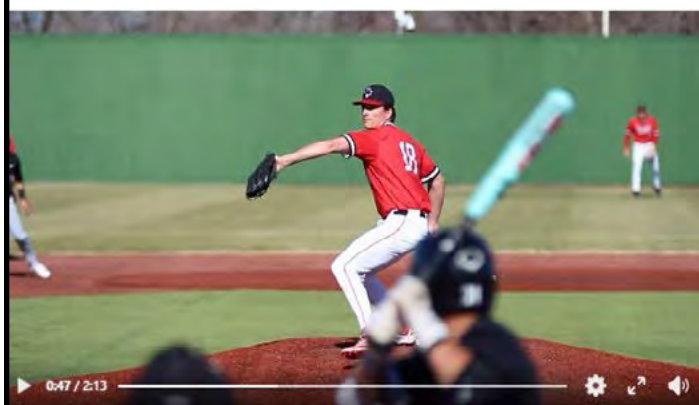
For Evans' full comments, see WalletHub's article at [www.wallethub.com/best-credit-cards-for-students#expert=Barry Evans](http://www.wallethub.com/best-credit-cards-for-students#expert=Barry%20Evans).

Evans began teaching at Northwestern in fall 2023. His teaching competencies include business communication, employment law, leadership, strategic management, macroeconomics, business and accounting ethics, organizational theory and organizational change.

For more information on the Division of Business visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/business, or contact Dr. Garrett Lahr, division chair and professor of business, at 580-327-8550 or ga-lahr@nwosu.edu.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics May 6

Alex Dabrowski, Logan Sandoval, Ryan McClaskey and Will Kates each earned GAC - All Conference Honors for @nwosu_baseball !!!



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association May 6

Rangers Through the Decades!

Join us in reminiscing about the memories, moments and familiar faces that make Northwestern home.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 6

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is sending off Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University Abbey Elam and Miss Northwestern's Teen Lauren Thomason in style before they head to Midwest City to compete in the 2026 Miss Oklahoma Organization and Miss Oklahoma's Teen competitions June 9-13.

Join us for a come-and-go send-off party on Saturday, May 16, from noon to 2 p.m. at Daisy Village Patio, 506 Flynn St., in Alva. Drop in when you can, stay as long as you like, and help us cheer on Abbey, Lauren and Miss Northwestern's Star Hadleigh Dugger as they represent Northwestern Oklahoma State University and the Alva community on the state stage.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to Daisy Village Boutique.

Full Story: <https://bit.ly/4esvR9y>

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

May 6

Ready to take the next step in your nursing career? NWOSU's RN-to-BSN program is designed with working nurses in mind. With a flexible, fully online format, you can continue serving your patients while advancing your education.

There are start dates available in the fall, spring, and summer semesters, making it easier to begin when the timing is right for you.

Apply today: <https://www.nwosu.edu/.../online-rn-to-bsn-program...>

Want more information? Request details here: <https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/nursing-information-request>

Advance your degree. Expand your opportunities. Stay rooted in your purpose.

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RN to BSN

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- Start in Fall, Spring, or Summer

Apply Now

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University

2026

Incoming Freshman SCHOLARSHIP

Apply Today!

COMPLETE ONLINE FORM BY MAY 15 FOR BEST CONSIDERATION

WWW.NWOSU.EDU/FORMS/FRESHMAN-SCHOLARSHIP

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 7

Incoming freshmen scholarship opportunities are waiting at Northwestern Oklahoma State University!

Complete the online scholarship application by May 15 for best consideration for 2026 freshman scholarships.

Apply today and take the next step toward becoming a Ranger

www.nwosu.edu/forms/freshman-scholarship

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 7

Meet Zachary and Cassandra, students in our Department of Natural Sciences.

Zach plans to be a surgeon, and Cassandra is going into dentistry.

Both believe that Northwestern's classes/labs are preparing them for their futures. And, they are thankful for faculty members who care about them and their learning. Whether you are preparing for a career in medicine, engineering, research, teaching, and more, you can do so in small classes where your professors know your name.

Big goals. Real support. A home away from home.

Learn more at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science or contact Dr. Jenny Sattler, associate professor of physics and chair of the Natural Science department, at jasattler@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8568.

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#SuccessLivesHere

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

May 7

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Gillett are at the Worklahoma Job Fair today at Pioneer Technology Center in Ponca City, visiting with attendees about the nursing programs at NWOSU. Be sure to stop by and say hello!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 6

It's Teacher Appreciation Day/Week!

Thank you to teachers everywhere!

NWOSU Division of Education would be a great way for you to become a teacher!

Learn more at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education.

#OKHigherEdWorks #BeARanger



WHY I CHOOSE NWOSU

**Department
of Natural Science**

To find photos from this school year and past years, follow this link:

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



**HAPPY
TEACHER'S
DAY**

Thank you to all teachers!

**We appreciate what you do
for your students every day.**

**If you would like to be a
teacher, NWOSU can help you.**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 7

It's National Nurses Week, and we just want to thank all nurses for their hard work.

If you would like to become a nurse, check out our great #NWOSU Division of Nursing at <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing>.

#OKHigherEdWorks #BeARanger



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 8

Congratulations to NWOSU nursing faculty member Mrs. Sarah Martin and University Center CEO Tim Williams on graduating from Leadership Ponca City Class 39!

They were recognized last night during the Leadership Ponca City graduation ceremony and celebrated alongside nursing faculty Dr. KeEra Byrd, Mrs. Crystal Gillett, and Division of Nursing Chair Dr. Leslie Collins.

Leadership Ponca City continues to develop and connect community leaders who are committed to making a positive impact in Ponca City and the surrounding area. Congratulations to Leadership Ponca City Class 39!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

May 8

We enjoyed celebrating the graduates of our BSN and DNP programs at today's graduation luncheon. During the event, we recognized all of our graduates, including our SNA officers and students who served on committees throughout the year.

We look forward to continuing the celebration at Convocation this evening at 6:00 PM at Percefull Fieldhouse as we honor our graduates and their accomplishments.



Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball

May 8

As we wrap up the school year today, here's a look back at our "One Shining Moment".

A big thank you to Ken Irving for creating this video and all his work throughout the year.



Math, Science Academy held on Fridays in June

The Mathematics and Natural Science departments held a math and science academy on the four Fridays in June.

Elementary students in grades 2-5 engaged in math and science enrichment activities with Northwestern faculty and students. Each Friday, students completed various hands-on math and science activities, learning about different math and science concepts.

The academy took place from 9 to 11 a.m.

- June 5, 12 and 19 – Science Amphitheatre
- June 26 – Student Center Ranger Room

All supplies for this academy were provided with funding from the Beisel, Fellers and Fischer Endowments.

For more information, contact Dr. Tim Maharry, chair of the mathematics and computer science department and professor of mathematics, at tjmaharry@nwosu.edu.

NWOSU Higher Education Prevention Services

May 8

Follow us while we show you where our resources are located on campus!!

Resources are located: 2nd floor of Ryerson 1st floor of Ryerson Student Center Percefull Fieldhouse

Help is available! Use the resources available on campus, call 988 for 24/7 support, and visit for additional information.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this publication, including University Relations staff members Kelsey Martin, Valarie Case and Sean Doherty who write stories, take photos and provide social media posts that clearly document our semesters. Also, thank you to those who submit news, photos and social media posts. We love that you show what's happening in your world so we can share it with others.

We are always accepting information for the next newsletter. Please use the link below to submit stories and photos: <https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/submit-news-to-spotlight> or email arcase@nwosu.edu or sjmaier@nwosu.edu

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

May 8

It's official! The best pitcher in the Great American Conference is Logan Sandoval! | First - Wins & Innings Pitched (8 wins in 81.1 innings) | Second - In the GAC in ERA (3.21) | Third In D2 in Shutouts (5) | 61 Strikeouts (5th in conference) | 1st Team All-GAC | GAC Pitcher of the Year



Northwestern Oklahoma State University May 8

Tonight, Northwestern Oklahoma State University celebrated the Charles Morton Share Trust Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing and the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice's Pinning and Convocation in Percefull Fieldhouse in Alva, Oklahoma — honoring 23 Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates and 6 Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

These nurses are heading into communities across rural Oklahoma and beyond, ready to serve. We couldn't be more proud of every one of them.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026.

Photos from this weekend's commencement activities will be updated throughout the weekend at the link below:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/72157721573883191>

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NWOSU Theatre

May 8

Congratulations to the class of 2026!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #nwosu #nwosurangers #rrr



Northwestern Oklahoma State University – Woodward Campus

May 8

LOOK OUT WORLD HERE THEY COME -- THE INCREDIBLE CLASS OF 2026!!!

Earlier this week, we held a reception for our Spring 2026 graduates and their families. There was a through-line of excitement and a little bittersweetness as staff and friends celebrated the graduates and acknowledged the irrevocable impact they would be leaving on this campus and broader community. Each and every one of these students has an incredibly bright future ahead! Be sure to congratulate them!!!!

Pics of the celebration below! #RRR #woodwardcampus #gradlife #Congratulations #RangerGrads #ClassOf2026



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 9

Northwestern Oklahoma State University held Spring Commencement today at Ranger Field in Alva, Oklahoma, celebrating the Class of 2026.

Businesswoman and community leader Connie Sturgeon, a Northwestern graduate from the Class of 1986, delivered the commencement address to this year's graduating class.

Congratulations to every graduate. We are proud of each of you.

Commencement photos will be updated throughout the weekend at the link below.

<https://www.flickr.com/.../collections/72157721573883191>

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

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NWOSU Division of Education

May 9

Congratulations to our graduates! We are so proud of you! You can find pictures of our pinning and graduation here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-rangers/albums/>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

May 10

POV: You just finished your nursing program at NWOSU.

This graduation weekend, we handed the selfie stick over to our BSN and DNP graduates and let them take over a post with their own pictures and memories.

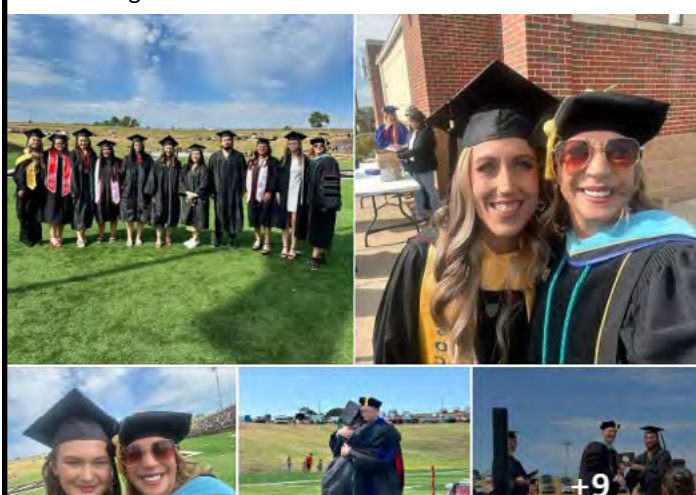
xAfter all of the exams, clinicals, projects, presentations, long nights, and everything in between, they made it to graduation day. We're proud of each and every one of them and can't wait to see the impact they'll make in healthcare.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 8

Congratulations to the class of 2026 Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) graduates! Your dedication, hard work, and passion for social justice have paid off! #NWOSU #nwosusocialwork #RideRangersRide



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing**

May 11

Please join us in congratulating NWOSU Nursing alumni Jaydon Cronister (BSN '25) on receiving the DAISY Award. The DAISY Award recognizes nurses who demonstrate extraordinary compassion, clinical excellence, and dedication to patient care. This honor reflects Jaydon's commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and families through professional and compassionate nursing practice.

We are proud to see our alumni continuing to lead and serve with excellence in the nursing profession. Congratulations, Jaydon, on this well-deserved recognition!



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing**

May 8

Congratulations to Sarah Martin MSN, RN, nursing faculty in the BSN program, for being named the recipient of our annual DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators. Mrs. Martin was nominated by graduating nursing student, Courtney Koeppen, who described her as someone who "... seeks out the strength in others, celebrates what each person brings to the table, and creates an environment where everyone feels valued."

This recognition reflects the lasting impact Mrs. Martin has made on her students through her encouragement, leadership, and dedication to nursing education.

Congratulations are also in order for the outstanding nursing faculty and adjuncts who were nominated for this year's DAISY Award: Dr. Jennifer Mahieu, Mrs. Crystal Gillett, Dr. Sierra Elsey, Mrs. Terri Hummel, and Dr. Leslie Collins. Thank you all for the difference you make in the lives of our students and the future of nursing.



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Enid Campus**

May 11

We were honored to celebrate our Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Spring '26 graduates this past week. We are so proud of all you've accomplished and can't wait to see where your next chapter takes you! -RRR! #graduation #gradstudent #SPRING26 #nwosualumni #enidoklahoma #NWOSURangers



**Jenny Sattler
May 10**

Congratulations to the 2026 graduates! We are so excited to see what the future holds for you!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing

May 11

Congratulations to one of our alumni, Cason Matthews (BSN '25), on earning the Rising Star Award at Integris Health! This recognition is a wonderful reflection of Cason's dedication and commitment to excellent patient care. We are proud to celebrate his hard work and the positive impact he is already making in the nursing profession. Congratulations, Cason!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics

May 13

FB | The Annual Football golf tournament is almost here! Make sure to also join us for the Hog Roast and Benefit auction the night before! You can come to the roast and auction even if you aren't playing in the tournament.

FRIDAY NIGHT HOG ROAST & BENEFIT AUCTION
MAY 29th, 2026
6:30 PM: HOG ROAST
7:30 PM: BENEFIT AUCTION
LOCATION: MERCHANTS BUILDING
WOODS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT MEAL & DRINKS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON SOME FANTASTIC AUCTION ITEMS

POSSIBLE AUCTION ITEMS:

- *RANGER GEAR
- *RANGER METAL ART
- *GOLF PACKAGES FOR AREA GOLF COURSES
- *TEXAS RANGERS BASEBALL TICKETS
- *OKC THUNDER BASKETBALL TICKETS
- *NWOSU GOLF BAGS
- *RANGER HELMETS

AND MANY MORE EXCITING ITEMS!

2026 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD	HARDING AWAY - SEARCY, AR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH	ARKANSAS TECH HOME - ALVA, OK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH	OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOME - ALVA, OK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH	EAST CENTRAL AWAY - ADA, OK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS AWAY - MAGNOLIA, AR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH	KENDRICKSON STATE (HOMECOMING) ALVA, OK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH	SOUTHEASTERN OKLA STATE HOME - ALVA, OK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH	SOUTHERN KANSAS AWAY - BETHANY, OK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST	OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOME - ALVA, OK
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH	UNIVERSITY OF MONTICELLO AWAY - MONTICELLO, AR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH	SOUTHWESTERN OKLA STATE AWAY - WEATHERFORD, OK

NORTHWESTERN RANGERS 29TH ANNUAL NWOSU FOOTBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT
MAY 30TH, 2026

REGISTRATION: 30 MINUTES BEFORE TEETIME
FIRST FLIGHT: 7:30AM
SECOND FLIGHT: 1:30PM

COST: \$125 PER PERSON
\$500 PER 4 PERSON TEAM
COST INCLUDES: GREEN FEE & CART

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER & BEVERAGES SATURDAY LUNCH & BEVERAGES NWOSU FOOTBALL SHIRT GIFT BAG W/ TEES, BALL MARK, DIVOT TOOL, AND KOOZIE AWARDS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AND FOR SUPPORTING THE NWOSU RANGER FOOTBALL PROGRAM!

Enid Chautauqua

May 12

We're one month away from Summer Chautauqua 2026. Theme is 250 Years: The Spirit of America. All events are free admission and will again be inside at Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus.

Tuesday, June 9: William Clark, by Doug Mishler

Wednesday, June 10: Sojourner Truth, by Rebecca Mark Jimerson

Thursday, June 11: Washington Irving, by John Anderson

Friday, June 12: Eleanor Roosevelt, by Susan Marie Frontczak

Saturday, June 13: Lucille Ball, by Leslie Goddard

Evening performances begin at 7 pm, with pre-show entertainment starting at 6:15 pm.

Workshops are daily at 10 am with a Brown-Bag lunch workshop at 12 pm.

The complete schedule is VisitEnid.org/Enid-Chautauqua-3



J.R. Holder Wellness Center

May 13

Due to the ongoing road construction on College Avenue, The turn in entrance to enter the wellness center from the front has been blocked off. You will not be able to turn in off of college Avenue to park in the front parking lot.

For now, you can turn down Monroe Street and enter through the back parking lot in the southeast doors to get into the wellness center OR you can drive down the one-way road located on the west side of the wellness center to park in the front and enter through the main doors.

Please use caution if you are driving down the one way road as traffic normally flows south



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing**

May 13

Congratulations to our NWOSU Nursing students who were recognized during Friday's Convocation and Pinning Ceremony. We are proud to celebrate these students for their leadership, professionalism, compassion, and commitment to the nursing profession.

-Doris Wagner-Ferguson Outstanding Senior Award: Courtney Koeppen

This award, voted on by the BSN nursing faculty, honors a senior nursing student who demonstrates excellence in the classroom, clinical setting, and community while exemplifying professionalism and peer support. The award is named in honor of Doris Wagner-Ferguson, a leader in public health nursing and former Dean of the NWOSU Division of Nursing.

-Nursing Spirit Award (BSN): Madison Reeves

Selected by the graduating BSN class, this award recognizes a student who demonstrates professionalism, compassion, ethical practice, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

-Nursing Spirit Award (DNP): Kyndall O'Donnell

Selected by the graduating DNP class, this award honors a student who exemplifies nursing spirit, sensitivity, professionalism, and promise for the future of nursing.

-Wisdom Family Foundation Outstanding DNP Graduate: Sarah Wilber

Voted on by the DNP nursing faculty, this award recognizes excellence in academics, leadership in advancing rural nursing, professionalism, and dedication to patient-centered care. The award also honors the continued support of the Wisdom Family Foundation and Dr. Petty Wisdom for nursing education at NWOSU.

Congratulations to each of these outstanding students on this well-deserved recognition. Your impact on the nursing profession and the communities you serve is already evident, and we are excited to see what your future holds.

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Division of Nursing**

May 14

Mrs. Martin had a great time visiting the students at Trout Elementary in Ponca City yesterday for Career Day. She enjoyed talking with the students about what it means to be a nurse, the many different roles nurses serve in, and the importance of compassion and caring for others. Thank you to Trout Elementary for the invitation and for giving students the opportunity to learn about careers in healthcare.



**Northwestern Oklahoma State University
May 15**

Do you have an elementary student in grades 2-5 who enjoys math and science?

Then sign them up for the #NWOSU Math/Science Academy every Friday morning in June!

Registration form and more info: <https://bit.ly/4dcQvIC>



NWOSU NURSING STUDENTS!



**Doris Wagner-Ferguson
Outstanding Senior Award:**
Courtney Koeppen



Nursing Spirit Award (BSN):
Madison Reeves



Nursing Spirit Award (DNP):
Kyndall O'Donnell



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 14

We need volunteers for NWOSU's 9th Annual DNP Residency Week in July!

- Children under 7 are needed for 20-minute physical exams on July 13 (1-3 PM) and optional practice also on July 13 (9:30-11:30 AM). Gift bags provided!
- Female volunteers (who have not had a hysterectomy) are needed for well-women physical exams on July 14 (1-5 PM). These exams take about 60 minutes and participants will receive a gift bag that includes a Walmart gift card as thanks.
- All exams will take place on the NWOSU Alva campus. Help support the education of our future nurse practitioners!
- To sign up or learn more, contact Brenna Smith at brsmith@nwosu.edu

Please share with friends or family who may be interested- Thank you!



Northwestern VOLUNTEERS Needed!

Help support the education of our future nurse practitioners!



NWOSU'S 9TH ANNUAL DNP RESIDENCY WEEK IN JULY!



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These exams take about 60 minutes and participants will receive a gift bag that includes a Walmart gift card as thanks.



ALL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE NWOSU ALVA CAMPUS.



TO SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE, CONTACT BRENNIA SMITH AT brsmith@nwosu.edu

Please share with friends or family who may be interested- *Thank you!*

NWOSU Department of Social Work

May 18

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! #nwosusocialwork
#NWOSU #upliftdefendtransform



A Message From the Department

On behalf of the Department of Social Work, we welcome you to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Social Work Program newsletter. This newsletter is updated bi-yearly and includes the most recent news from the department of social work throughout all of our campuses. Here you will see our most recent projects, upcoming events, student spotlights and more! We would like to thank those whose efforts assist us in preparing competent, effective Northwest Oklahoma generalist practice social workers. We are so grateful to our field agency partners, field instructors, adjunct instructors, and Social Work Advisory Board Members for enhancing and improving social services in our region. We look forward to all the new developments in the department and are excited to see the benefits these developments bring to our social work students.



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Uplift. Defend. Transform. - Ride Rangers Ride.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 20

We are extremely sad to announce the passing of our beloved instructor of agriculture, Jack Staats.

His positive impact on students will be remembered for years to come. He dedicated his life to his family and teaching the future of agriculture. We are thankful for his time at Northwestern and the students' lives he touched while here. Please keep the Staats family in your thoughts and prayers during this time and the continuing months to come.



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May 18

Huge thank you to Daisy Village Boutique for hosting our Miss Oklahoma send-off party! Paige is the most incredible director, and I'm so thankful for all the love, support, and hard work she poured into making today so special for all of us.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Team Northwestern before we head to Miss Oklahoma week! It's hard to believe it's already almost here, but we are so excited, so grateful, and so ready.

Let's go Miss O!!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 22

Your journey starts with purpose at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

- 40+ degree programs
 - Professors who know your name
 - Hands-on learning
 - Building your future, not just earning a degree
- Success lives here.

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#RangerPride #OklahomaUniversity #CollegeLife



NWOSU Division of Education

May 22

Our education community lost a remarkable leader, mentor, and advocate. We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Ms. Roxann Clark, a proud NWOSU alumna and former Early Childhood instructor. Ms. Clark was a patient teacher and a fierce advocate for her students. She held her students to the highest expectations, yet she was always the first to offer guidance and a helping hand to ensure their success. Her legacy lives on in the countless educators she mentored and the lives she touched. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 26th, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mustang Community Center.



12 chosen as Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors

Twelve Northwestern students have been selected as members of the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors (NSA) for the 2026-2027 academic year.

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

"I am grateful these students have such an eagerness to invest their time and talent to positively impact others," Sacket said. "I am excited for how each one of the 12 ambassadors will personally grow in their servant leadership journey while inviting others into what the NSA is all about."

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

Students selected to this year's NSA include:

- Jordan Banuelos, Thomas sophomore majoring in computer science
- Allie Brewer, Bristow sophomore majoring in agriculture education
- Barrett Brown, Liberty junior majoring in business administration
- Pete Gwinn, Helena junior majoring in criminal justice
- Anniston Henning, Harper, Kansas, senior majoring in agriculture
- Jenna Johnson, Mustang

sophomore majoring in biology

- Patrick Means, McKinney, Texas, junior majoring in agriculture

- Ava Miller, Tuttle junior majoring in biology

- Boden Miller, Fairview sophomore majoring in business administration

- Alaina Pierce, Alva senior majoring in chemistry and biology

- Haiden Thompson, Miami, Texas, junior majoring in biology

- Nicolette Webster, Lamont sophomore majoring in agriculture education

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

The NSA students will attend a leadership retreat June 18-20 for a time of connecting and planning the year's opportunities. They will then gear up for the academic year

by hosting Camp Ranger for incoming freshmen July 30 to Aug. 1.

"We have a fruitful year ahead with this special group," Sacket said. "I trust our campus and community members know they can always contact us if any needs arise, for the goal of this program is to serve."

Incoming Northwestern freshmen can register for Camp Ranger online at www.nwosu.edu/camp-ranger. The registration fee is \$125 and covers food and lodging in the Northwestern dormitories. Students who attend Camp Ranger can also take the opportunity to move-in to their respective dorms early. Registration will be accepted until Tuesday, July 28.

For more information about the Northwestern Scholar Ambassador program, visit www.nwosu.edu/nsa or contact Sacket at egsacket@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8606.

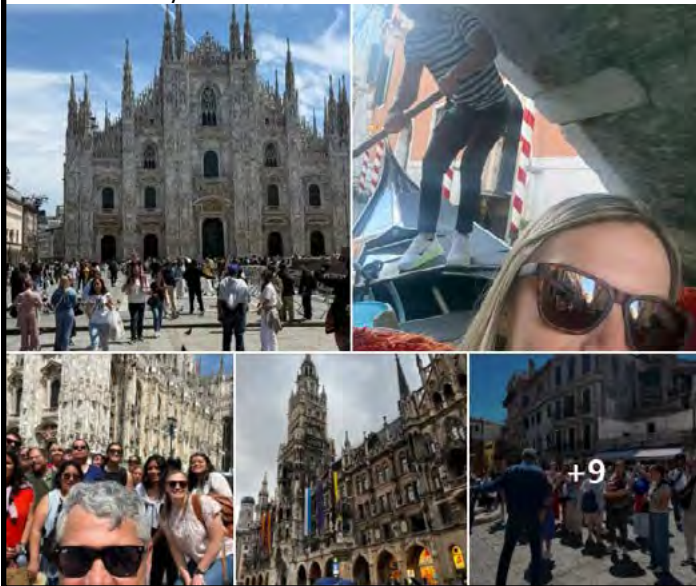


Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 22

Several Northwestern Rangers and community members embarked on a 13-day European trip beginning May 13 with highlights including exploring Munich, Germany's historic main city square and former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs, traveling through the canals of Venice on a gondola, taking in the sights of Lucerne from the Swiss Alps, and exploring iconic Paris landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre-Dame Cathedral as well as the Marienplatz in Munich, and other sites in Innsbruck, Austria; Burano and Venice, Italy; and Lucerne and Zurich, Switzerland. The group will travel home on May 25.

#NWOSUStudyAbroad #NWOSU #RRR



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Division of Nursing

May 23

Congratulations to NWOSU Nursing alum Maria Jose Cornwell (BSN '25) on receiving the DAISY Award!

Maria is finishing her first year as a registered nurse in the ICU at INTEGRIS Health Enid Hospital and is already being recognized for her exceptional patient care, compassion, and dedication to her patients and families.

We are incredibly proud to see our graduates already making such a meaningful impact so early in their nursing careers. Congratulations, Maria! This recognition is well deserved.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 26

Summer is here, and so are new hours!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is switching to summer work hours starting Monday, June 1. All locations will be open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., through July 30.

Key offices on the Alva campus — Northwestern Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Admissions, Business Office, Financial Aid, and Registry — will remain open Fridays to serve prospective Rangers. Woodward and Enid offices will not be open Fridays.

The Ranger Market and Starbucks begin summer hours May 27, open select days from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Summer enrollment is still open for undergraduate and graduate programs. Fall classes begin Aug. 17.

More info: <https://bit.ly/4f9ZkFw>

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

#OKHigherEdWorks



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 28

Welcome to #NWOSU, members of the 101 Classic Bowl band! We hope you enjoy your time on campus and that you have a great performance in Woodward on Saturday.

We would love to see you participating in the Ranger band in the future. We have GREAT participation scholarships to help you pay for your education. #BeARanger #ImWithTheBand

101 Classic Bowl

May 28

Checkout some images from Day 1 in Alva with the 101 Classic Bowl Band!



Metcalf to lead 'Red, White & Rowdy' Homecoming Parade

The Northwestern homecoming committee is excited to welcome current, former and future Rangers to get "Red, White & Rowdy" for this year's homecoming events, Oct. 8-10, 2026.

This year's theme honors America's 250th Anniversary celebrations. Student and community groups are encouraged to create floats that incorporate this patriotic theme for homecoming.

This year's theme was submitted by Northwestern alumnus Ruth Ann (Click) Replogle. She received \$25 worth of Alva Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks" as a

prize for her winning submission.

Leading the parade as parade marshal will be longstanding Northwestern supporter Verne Metcalf.

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

Homecoming button sales will

be announced during the Fall 2026 semester.

To keep up-to-date with Homecoming events, visit www.nwosu.edu/homecoming. The webpage will be updated as events are finalized.



NWOSU Department of Social Work

May 28

We're proud to highlight one of our 2026 social work program graduates!

Tyra Hostetler is currently a Case Manager/BSW at Patterson Health Center, where she provides resources, psychoeducation, and behind-the-scenes support, including policy and procedure development and chart audits. She will begin her Master of Social Work program at Fort Hays State University in June.

We are so proud of Tyra and excited to see all she will accomplish in the future! #bwsgrad #NWOSU #nwosusocialwork #RideRangersRide



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

May 28

NWOSU Nursing's LPN to BSN hybrid track is built for nurses who are ready for the next step.

Designed with working LPNs in mind, this flexible hybrid track in our BSN program includes online coursework, residency-style labs, and clinicals with our experienced faculty.

Applications are open now through September 1. Classes begin in January 2027.

Apply here:

<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/lpn-bsn-track-application>

Have questions or want more details? Request information here:

<https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/nursing-information-request>

Your LPN experience matters. Let NWOSU Nursing help you build your career.



9th Annual DNP Residency Week set for July 12-16

Students in the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice ninth annual summer residency program will be on the Northwestern Alva campus July 12-16, 2026.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of nurse practitioners is projected to grow by 45% through 2032. This event puts a spotlight on Northwestern's DNP program, which was ranked the No. 1 Online Nurse Practitioner Program in the U.S. in 2021 and was rated No. 4 by Edu-Med.org for Online Higher Education in Healthcare in 2023.

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

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

The 2026 DNP graduates' poster presentation will be open to the public on the first floor of the J.W. Martin Library on Thursday, July 16, from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m.

The program is currently seeking volunteers for children and well-woman exams conducted by the family nurse practitioner students. Children exams will be conducted Monday, July 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. The well-woman exams will be conducted on Tuesday, July 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. All volunteer events will take place on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

To volunteer for an exam or for more information, contact Brenna Smith, Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing assistant, at brsmith@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8442.

Applications for entry into Northwestern's BSN-to-DNP and traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing are accepted Oct. 1 through Feb. 1 for the next fall's class. The online RN-to-BSN program applications are accepted year-round for coursework in fall, spring and summer. Applications for the new hybrid LPN-to-BSN program are open now until Sept. 1.

For more information on the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice, contact Dr. Gwyneth Holderby, DNP program director and assistant professor of nursing, at glholderby@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8497 or visit www.nwosu.edu/graduate-studies/bsn-to-dnp.

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



DNP students and community members listen to a presentation by one of the 2025 Northwestern DNP graduates in the J.W. Martin Library during residency week last July.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing May 28

NWOSU Nursing faculty Mrs. Sarah Martin, Mrs. Karry Easterly, and Dr. Krystal Elliott are attending the "Equipping Nurse Educators" conference at Rogers State University today. The conference focuses on strategies to support emotional resilience and promote psychological safety in nursing students and newly licensed nurses.

Opportunities like this help our faculty bring back practical tools to support student success in the classroom, clinical setting, and future nursing practice.



Study Abroad announces 2027 Scandinavian tour

Northwestern Study Abroad officials are excited to announce a nine-day educational travel opportunity to Scandinavia in June 2027. The immersive international experience will partner as part of the Bridge Program with Northern Oklahoma College and will take participants through the vibrant capitals of Oslo, Copenhagen, and Stockholm from June 9–17, 2027. The tour, paid by the traveler, is designed to provide students and community members with firsthand exposure to European history, culture, architecture, and global perspectives.

The journey will begin with an overnight flight to Oslo, where travelers will explore iconic landmarks including the Royal Palace, Karl Johans gate, and the National Theatre. Additional highlights in Norway include guided visits to the Oslo Opera House, Akershus Fortress, Vigeland Sculpture Park, and the Norsk Folkemuseum. Participants will then travel overnight by ferry to Copenhagen, where they will experience the city's historic charm through walking tours, a canal cruise, and guided sightseeing of

notable attractions such as the Little Mermaid Statue, Gefion Fountain, Christiansborg Palace, and Tivoli Gardens.

Travelers will continue their journey to Stockholm via the Öresund Bridge, with a cultural stop in Gränna to visit a traditional peppermint candy shop. In Sweden's capital, the group will take part in guided tours of Gustav Adolfs Torg, the Swedish Parliament, and Stortorget Main Square, along with visits to the Nobel Museum and the renowned Vasa Museum. The program concludes with a return flight from Stockholm on the last day of the trip.

The all-inclusive tour package features round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations with private bathrooms, an overnight ferry stay, daily breakfast and dinner, guided tours, and the full-time support of a profes-

sional tour director. The total investment for both students and adults is \$6,272. Flexible payment options are available, including an automatic monthly plan starting at \$50 upon enrollment.

Spots are limited, and early registration is encouraged. Students can enroll in two credits of Global Citizenship, in addition to the trip. To learn more or to enroll, visit Explorica online at explorica.com/NOC-NWOSU-2027, use Tour Center ID NOC-NWOSU-2027, or call 1-888-310-7121. Dr. Wayne McMillin, dean of Enid's campus and tour facilitator, can be reached at 580-213-3116 or wlmcmillin@nwosu.edu.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University June 1

Congratulations to Morgan Dutton, NWOSU Division of Education Spring 2026 "Teach Like a Ranger" honoree! Dutton earned her Natural Science Education degree with a chemistry emphasis from Northwestern in 2018. She went on to teach high school science and was named Kingfisher Public Schools' Teacher of the Year in February 2026.

"Not every day is easy, but when you see the connections being made or the student who has struggled the most starting to be successful, it makes the tough times worth it."

— Morgan Dutton



Northwestern Oklahoma State University May 29

Are you ready to travel in 2027? Our #NWOSU Study Abroad team is excited to offer a trip of a lifetime! This group is headed to Scandinavia June 9-17, 2027. The trip can offer course credits to students, but is also open to the community!

*Pictures below are from this year's trip and do not depict the 2027 trip.

Check out more details here - <https://bit.ly/4u3qwtm>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University May 29

Several band and flag corps students were on campus this week in rehearsals for the annual 101 Classic Bowl football game in Woodward on Saturday. The group gave a mini concert in downtown Alva Friday at noon.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University May 29

Our Northwestern Oklahoma State University travelers have officially landed back home from their 13-day Europe trip! During their trip, the group visited Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. From breathtaking scenery to world famous sights, they explored many iconic landmarks.

We are so excited to welcome them back!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University June 3

Our incoming BSN students kicked off the week in their NURS 3013 course, where they begin building the foundational knowledge and skills that will prepare them for success as they enter the nursing program full-time this August. This week in lab, students gained hands-on experience with essential nursing skills, including taking vital signs, proper use of personal protective equipment, hand hygiene, patient transfers, and more. We are excited to watch this group grow and develop into the next generation of nurses. Welcome to the start of an exciting journey!



Twisted Rodeo June 2

Five Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers, including goat-tier Payton Dingman, will be part of this year's field at the College National Finals Rodeo, where they will battle for national championships. Other finalists are Colter Snook, Nathan Duvall, Tydon Tsoie and Emmett Edler.

<https://twistedrodeo.com/>... Photo by Dale Hirschman



NWOSU Division of Education

June 3

Our incredible NWOSU future educators recently dove into the Elementary Creative Activities course, discovering innovative ways to seamlessly blend the fine arts, physical education, and health right into their future classrooms.

Special thank you to these educators for sharing their knowledge with us: Abigail Gregory, Ashley Hromas, Katie Pearce, Dr. Christee Jenlink

#NWOSU #CreativeClassrooms #TeacherPrep #FineArts #PhysicalEducation

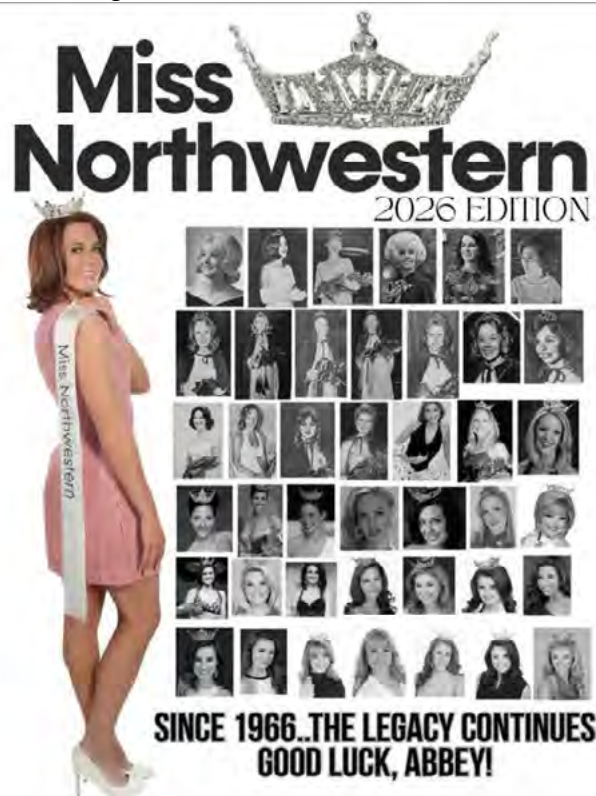


Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 7

Miss Northwestern, you've got mail!

Drop your well wishes, favorite quote, or good luck messages in the comments below, so we can fill Abbey's week with encouragement and love!



Nescatunga Arts and Humanities Council, Inc.

June 6

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's own music faculty Max Ridgway performing with Robert Ford and David Engle at the Nescatunga Arts Festival.

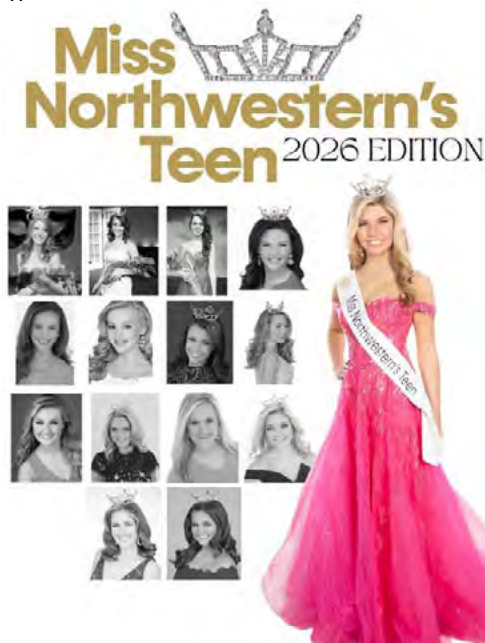


Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 9

Miss Northwestern's Teen, you've got mail!

Drop your well wishes, favorite quote, or good luck messages in the comments below, so we can fill Lauren's week with encouragement and love!



Incoming freshmen selected for 26-27 President's Leadership Class

The President's Leadership Class (PLC) will welcome 17 new members this fall.

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

Students selected for this year's class include:

Kylie Adair, a biology major from Alva; Audra Coldiron, a political science major from Perry; Brayden Cowan, an agriculture major from Fay; Jayli Diel, a nursing major from Garber; Katey Doss, a psychology major from Cherokee;

Addyson Dunkin, an early childhood education major from Enid; Tanith Erikson, a chemistry and microbiology major from Alva; Afton Froelich, a chemistry and microbiology major from Beaver; MaKenzi Hamil, an agribusiness major from Taloga; Jaelyn Koontz, a nursing major from Thomas; Matthew Manning, an undecided major from Rockwall, Texas; Tatum Ricke, a biology major from Alva; Jose Rodriguez, an engineering major from Binger; Tyler Skaggs, a psychology major from Moore; Colton Sudbeck, an engineering major from Owasso; Ava Watkins, a nursing major from Piedmont; and Kailah Wyatt, a biology major from Edmond.

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

western-Alva campus.

The students will begin their year-long adventure Aug. 1-5 with a trip to Dallas, Texas. Activities during the five-day trip include visits to The National Medal of Honor Museum, the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, and AT&T Stadium, the home of the Dallas Cowboys. The group will also attend a baseball game at Globe Life Field, home of the Texas Rangers.

"Taking part in PLC is a great opportunity for our students," Hannaford said. "Our PLC class creates a bond and a network that will last a lifetime. During the summer and fall semesters, they learn how to become better leaders and citizens in our communities."

To learn more about the President's Leadership program, visit www.nwsu.edu/plc.



Top Row (Left to Right): Kylie Adair, Audra Coldiron, Brayden Cowan; Middle Row (Left to Right): Jayli Diel, Katey Doss, Addyson (Addy) Dunkin; Bottom Row (Left to Right): (NWOSU Horse & Rider Logo), Tanith Erikson, Afton Froelich



Top Row (Left to Right): MaKenzi Hamil, Jaelyn Koontz, Matthew Manning; Middle Row (Left to Right): Tatum Ricke, Jose (Renner) Rodriguez, Tyler Skaggs; Bottom Row (Left to Right): Colton Sudbeck, Ava Watkins, Kailah Wyatt

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 8

We're excited to highlight one of our former social work graduates. Katelyn is currently a Licensed Social Worker, serving as a school social worker for a special education cooperative in Illinois. Pictured here with her husband, Tyler—who is also a NWOSU graduate. #bswgrad #NWOSU #RideRangersRide #nwosusocialwork



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 15

For the 17th year, Northwestern Oklahoma State University welcomed the OASC BASIC workshop to the Alva campus! Junior counselors spent the week leading, learning and having fun alongside 250 high school student council members from across Oklahoma.

A second BASIC workshop comes to Northwestern's campus July 12-17.

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers #OKHigherEdWorks



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 9

Congratulations to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers named to the Spring 2026 President's and Vice President's Honor Roll!

These students earned their place on the list by maintaining a 3.5 GPA or better — with no incomplete work — in a minimum of 12 undergraduate or nine graduate credit hours.

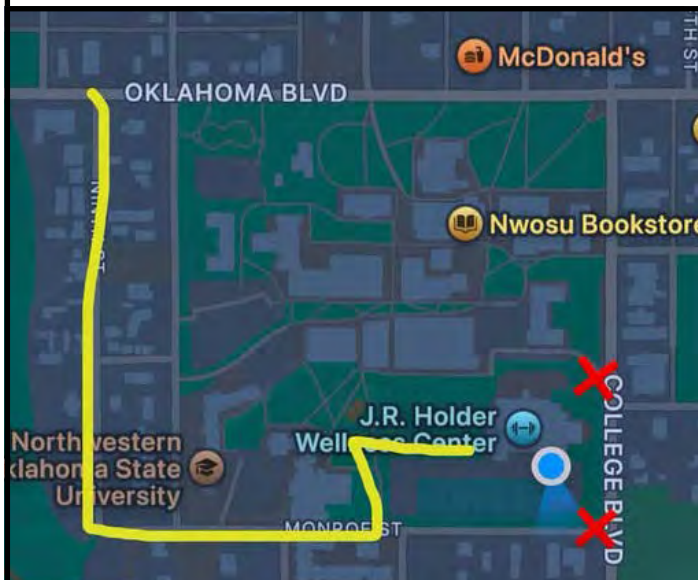
See if you or someone you know made the list.



J.R. Holder Wellness Center and Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 11

Please be aware!! There is no entry from either location off College to the Wellness Center. You will have to drive down 9th street, turn on Monroe and into the back parking lot.



A&IE, Academic Success Center newsletter information

On the next few pages are the latest newsletters from the Office of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness and the Academic Success Center. I have also included the assessment results for your review.

The assessment results will be [posted on the web-site once the new site launches](#). Results for the E-Proficiency Profile and the NSSE will be available in the fall semester. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [Kaylyn Hansen](#) (Ext. 8150) or [Aleysa Rose](#) (Ext. 8149).

ASSESSMENT & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

NEWS²⁰²⁶ LETTER

NWOSU

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Summer 2026

- June 1: Alumni Survey Begins
- July 13-23: Summer Course Evaluations

Fall 2026

- November 9-20: Fall Course Evaluations

RESULTS FOR ASSESSMENTS

Results can be viewed in the PDF files attached to this email and will also be posted on the website once the new site launches.

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

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

For assistance with obtaining your campus parking sticker, Northwestern ID, ADA Services, and so many other services, contact the Student Services office, Ryerson Hall 126, studentservices@nwosu.edu



ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

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

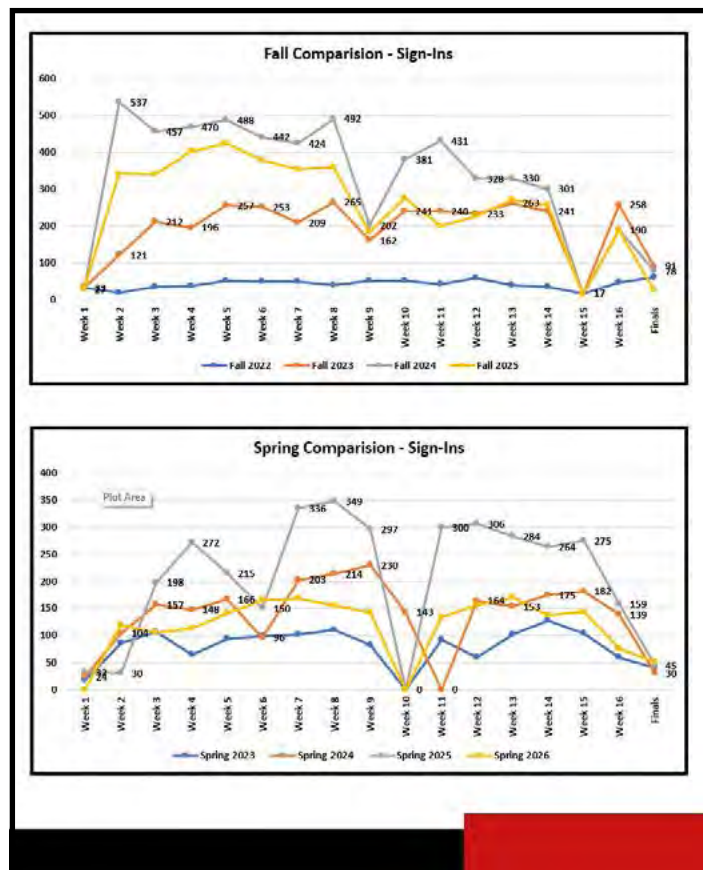
Fall 2025 Sign-Ins

General Computer Printing	Tutoring	Studying	Testing Residual ACT, CLER, MAT	Total
Week 1	10	0	82	92
Week 2	14	0	138	152
Week 3	5	2	314	321
Week 4	15	6	383	404
Week 5	10	7	407	424
Week 6	10	14	355	379
Week 7	10	17	327	354
Week 8	11	18	310	339
Week 9 (Fall Break)	8	7	168	183
Week 10	4	7	263	274
Week 11	3	4	194	201
Week 12	3	5	218	226
Week 13	3	11	238	252
Week 14	0	14	243	257
Week 15 (Thanksgiving Break)	0	1	13	14
Week 16	0	3	186	189
Finals	0	4	22	26
Total	106	120	4109	4335

Spring 2026 Sign-Ins

General Computer Printing	Tutoring	Studying	Testing Residual ACT, CLER, MAT	Total
Week 1	0	0	0	0
Week 2	0	0	120	120
Week 3	0	0	305	305
Week 4	1	3	308	312
Week 5	1	4	126	131
Week 6	2	0	153	155
Week 7	0	0	168	168
Week 8	0	0	355	355
Week 9	3	0	140	143
Week 10 (Spring Break)	0	0	0	0
Week 11	1	0	134	135
Week 12	0	4	351	355
Week 13	0	1	169	170
Week 14	0	0	136	136
Week 15	0	3	140	143
Week 16	2	1	69	72
Finals	8	1	40	49
Total	22	17	1534	1573

Fall 2025 & Fall 2026 Check-Ins



ASC WORKSHOPS

AY 2025-2026

HOW TO READ A SYLLABUS WORKSHOP

Hosted by the Academic Success Center

TIME:
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

DATES:
Wednesday January 21st & 28th

Presenter: Aleyssa Rose

Location: Academic Success Center
Snacks & Drinks Provided!

Email: amrose@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8149
with any questions!

STUDY HABITS WORKSHOP

PRESENTER: ALEYSSA ROSE

DATE & TIME:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT:
An exploration of habit tips for studying, places to study on campus, and study techniques to utilize on your own!

SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED
HELP BY THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

THIS WILL COVER:

- When to email, phone call, and visit offices.
- Do's and Don'ts of email, phone calls, and office visits.
- Studying, multitasking, and effective study.

① Volunteering
② Interviewing
③ Interviewing
④ Interviewing

PRESENTED CONTACT INFORMATION

① 360.327.8149
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Advising Workshop

Presenters:
Emilie Cline
Vice ID & CASO
Project Director

M'Chella Rader
LAWO1 Educator
Dorothy A.
Academic Advisor

About the Workshop:

- Understanding a syllabus
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Office Time Location:

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JOIN THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER FOR THE ALL ABOUT FINALS WORKSHOP

Dates:
Thursday, April 2nd @ 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM
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**HELD IN THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER
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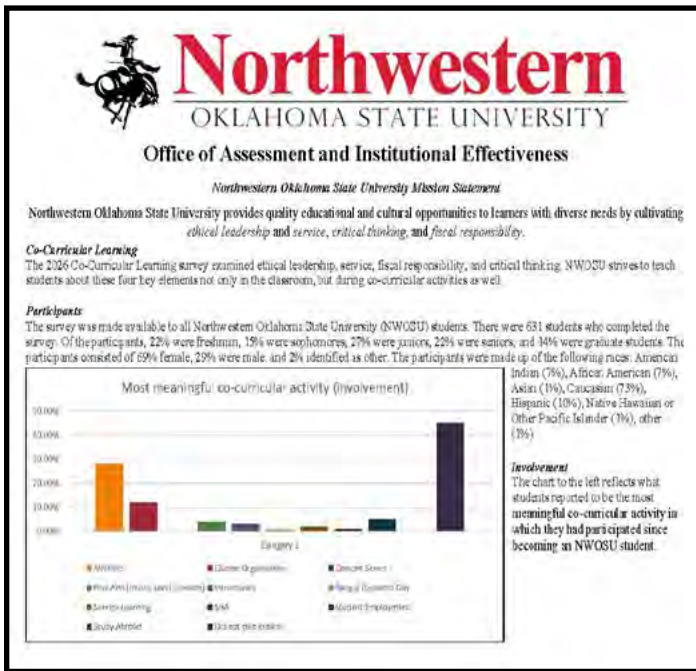
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"I love this community and our students."

121 Spotlight

A&IE, Academic Success Center newsletter information



Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 13

Tonight's the night we've all been waiting for... FINALS! What a week it has been. From interview, to talent, to health & fitness, to evening gown, every moment has challenged me, stretched me, and reminded me why I love this organization so much.

No matter what happens tonight, I am incredibly grateful for this journey, the friendships, the memories, and the opportunity to represent Northwestern Oklahoma State University on the Miss Oklahoma stage.

Tune in live on pageantvision.com !!!

See you at Finals! #MissOklahoma #MissNorthwestern #RideRangersRide #MissAmericaOpportunity #FinalsNight



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 17

All Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU) offices will be closed Friday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. We'll see you Monday, June 22!

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers #OKHigherEdWorks

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**FRIDAY
JUNE 19, 2026**

Dr. Bell's upcoming retirement was celebrated at the Final Coordinators and Directors meeting held at the Woodward Campus.

Below, members present were: (front) Becky Hicks, Stacy Sanborn, Kaylyn Hansen. (back) Steve Maier, Aleya Rose, James Bell, Tandy Keenan and Jake Boedecker.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University June 21

That's a wrap on the 2026 CNFR, with a short round win for Emmett Edler, 4th in the nation, as well as 10th in the Nation for Nathan Duvall, and a 9th place men's team finish overall.

Thank you to Rambling Rose Media for the videos all week.
#RangerRodeo #NorthwesternRodeo #RideRangersRide #RRR #NWOSU



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 17

Professor Garcia's Foundations of Education class field trip summer 2026!

Thank you to Santa Fe South and Positive Tomorrows for their hospitality!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 18

Transferring to NWOSU comes with a scholarship for your academic record — no essay, no extra application.

Qualifying transfer students can receive a Transfer Academic Scholarship (\$900–\$1,500 for a 3.5+ CGPA) plus an Associate Degree Scholarship: up to \$1,900 in tuition and a \$940 room scholarship for a 3.5–4.0 CGPA, or \$1,400 in tuition for a 3.0–3.49 CGPA. Students must attend and live in Alva.

Be a part of a community invested in your success.

#RideRangersRide #NWOSU #NWOSURangers

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TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Ride, Rangers, Ride!

NWOSU.EDU/APPLY-FOR-ADMISSION/TRANSFER-STUDENTS

[Link to Emmett Edler story from Twisted Rodeo](#)

Oswald receives statewide education leadership award

Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Division of Education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has received the Jane M. Morse Leadership Award from the Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (OACTE).

The honor was announced during OACTE's state meeting on June 5, where Oswald also was installed as OACTE president for the 2026-2027 term.

The Jane M. Morse Leadership Award is presented annually to an Oklahoma educator who dem-

onstrates exceptional leadership, dedication and vision in advancing teacher preparation across the state. Oswald was selected by her peers from higher education institutions across Oklahoma in recognition of her advocacy, collaborative spirit and commitment to shaping the future of educator preparation.

The award capped a monumental week of advocacy and leadership for Oswald. Prior to the state meeting, she traveled to Washington, D.C., for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

to advocate for teacher preparation policies and resources.

"Receiving the Jane M. Morse Leadership Award from my community of peers, who care so deeply about the future of education, is the privilege of my professional career," Oswald said. "The work we do collectively across Oklahoma to prepare the next generation of high-quality educators is more critical than ever."

OACTE is a state affiliate of the AACTE. The organization represents Oklahoma institutions of higher education dedicated to the high-quality preparation of professional school personnel, advocating for policies and practices that support excellence in learning and teaching.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

June 26

And that's a wrap for the #NWOSU Math & Science Academy held every Friday morning in June for students in grades 2-5! Thanks to all involved for the fun of learning.
#OKHigherEdWorks #RRR #STEMLearning #STEMFun



(AACTE) Washington Week, where she met with federal legislators and congressional staff



Dr. Toni Ivey, professor of education at Oklahoma State University, presents Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Division of Education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, with the Jane M. Morse Leadership Award during the Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education's (OACTE) June 5 state meeting.

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
June 12 at 8:04 PM

ABBEY ELAM, MISS Northwestern, IS A TOP 16 SEMI-FINALIST FOR MISS OKLAHOMA!!!!!!

Thanks given to McDermott for RUSO service

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's President, Dr. Bo Hanaford, would like to thank Jane McDermott of Alva for her nine years of dedicated service to the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) as a regent. McDermott was appointed by Gov. Mary Fallin in 2017.

Reflecting on her tenure, McDermott said one of her greatest joys was watching university leaders from the six universities RUSO governs set ambitious goals and achieve them.

"My favorite memories are seeing each university president and their institution establish goals and then accomplish them," she said. "Enrollment growth, increased state funding and significant growth in donor support are just a few of the successes I have witnessed over the years."

During her time on the board, the RUSO system experienced significant growth. The state legislature allocated substantial deferred maintenance funding to address aging infrastructure and improve campus facilities. New construction projects were completed across RUSO schools, enhancing educational opportunities and campus experiences for students.

A graduate of RUSO and Northwestern herself, McDermott said her decision to serve as a regent stemmed from a desire to give back.

"I became a regent because I wanted to give back to the university system that gave so much to me,"

she said.

Throughout her service, McDermott helped drive initiatives designed to strengthen RUSO by building stronger leadership throughout the system, advancing affordability plans for Oklahoma students and supporting the creation of a RUSO legislative caucus to strengthen awareness of the system's impact on the state.

She also noted the role regional universities play in workforce development.

"More graduates are staying and working in Oklahoma than ever before," she said. "RUSO has become a leader in workforce development for our state."

McDermott served as chairman of the RUSO Board of Regents for three consecutive years.

"Serving as chairman and working alongside fellow regents, university leaders, faculty and staff has been an incredible privilege," she said. "I am proud of what we have accomplished together and excited about the future of Oklahoma's regional universities."

Besides Northwestern, RUSO is the governing body for East Central University, Northeastern State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Members of the Northwestern administration join institutions across the Regional University System of Oklahoma in thanking McDermott for her years of service and dedication to higher education and the students of Oklahoma.



Hannaford: Northwestern Expands Student Success

As I finish my fourth year as president at Northwestern, I am proud of how we have continued to serve Oklahoma and our students by remaining focused on their success. Northwestern's enrollment has grown 20% in those four years, so we have grown our pipeline for Oklahoma's workforce. Over 80% of our graduates find employment in Oklahoma after graduation and are still employed in the state after five years. Through commitment to affordability and career-aligned degree programs, Northwestern plays a vital role in producing skilled professionals who contribute to Oklahoma's long-term success, especially in our rural communities.

Student success is Northwestern's top priority. By ensuring that higher education remains affordable, we empower our students to pursue their dreams without the burden of overwhelming debt. An affordable education allows students to take a running start at becoming Oklahoma's future workforce and community leaders. Northwestern has done this by securing our school's largest scholarships in critical occupation majors. This includes two gifts totaling over two million dollars for nursing, a one-million-dollar gift in education, and a one-million-dollar gift in business.

Northwestern has seen consistent growth in these critical occupation undergraduate programs. With the ever-present need for new professionals in Oklahoma, we're regularly updating and defining new opportunities to expand the accessibility of our programs for students.

Our nursing degrees have seen exciting growth and success. Next year's incoming Traditional BSN

junior class will see a 100% jump in enrollment compared to the prior year. With opportunities in our RN-to-BSN program, as well as our new hybrid LPN-to-BSN track, we are expanding the healthcare outreach available in nearby communities and throughout the state. Northwestern is also one of only five public universities in Oklahoma to offer a Doctorate in Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP) degree and is the only Oklahoma university to offer a BSN-to-DNP program track. Our DNP program is specifically designed to give back to the local communities by being the only program in the state that emphasizes nursing in rural communities.

Northwestern's educational programs regularly find new pathways to meet Oklahoma's education workforce demands. Beyond the growth of our undergraduate education majors, graduate enrollment in programs like the new Superintendent Certification Program and the Educational Leadership Program for principal certification are available. Northwestern is also excited to partner with our local school districts to bolster efforts in reading proficiency through our Reading Specialist program and through our Darrell and Grace Wesels Literacy Center.

Finally, the number of our business majors has grown over the last four years by 31%. Our ACBSP-accredited program provides a chal-

lenging curriculum with supportive faculty. Northwestern has worked hard to provide opportunities for our students to interact with professionals in the field within our advisory groups, internships, career fairs, or one-on-one interactions with our alumni. These connections continue to give them unique experiences and the ability to build long-lasting relationships. This, along with our new online MBA degree, allows for continued individual growth for students to add essential skills and increase their employability.

The future of higher education is exciting in northwest Oklahoma, with Northwestern Oklahoma State University remaining a critical provider of high-quality and affordable educational opportunities. Ride, Rangers, Ride!

- President Bo Hannaford, Northwestern Oklahoma State University



President Bo Hannaford

Five attend 2026 AI Symposium for Oklahoma educators

Five Northwestern faculty members attended the 2026 AI Symposium for Oklahoma Educators, a state-wide gathering on artificial intelligence in education, June 8-10 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa in Catoosa.

The Oklahoma Education Commission hosted the invitation-only symposium, which brought together more than 300 educators, administrators and policy-makers from across Oklahoma to address the practical, ethical and strategic integration of artificial intelligence in the state's K-12, higher education and CareerTech systems.

Dr. Barry Evans, associate professor of business; Dr. Roxie James, incoming dean of faculty; Dr. Shannon Leaper, director of library services; Sarah Martin, instructor of nursing; and Dr. Christina Xan, associate professor of English, represented Northwestern at the symposium.

Symposium organizers handpicked Northwestern's faculty, along with other education leaders from across the state, to attend the event, which featured keynote sessions, hands-on workshops and policy discussions. Organizers designed the symposium to position Oklahoma as the first state in the nation to build a fully aligned, statewide AI education strategy spanning the classroom to the Capitol.

For more information about Northwestern, visit www.nwosu.edu.

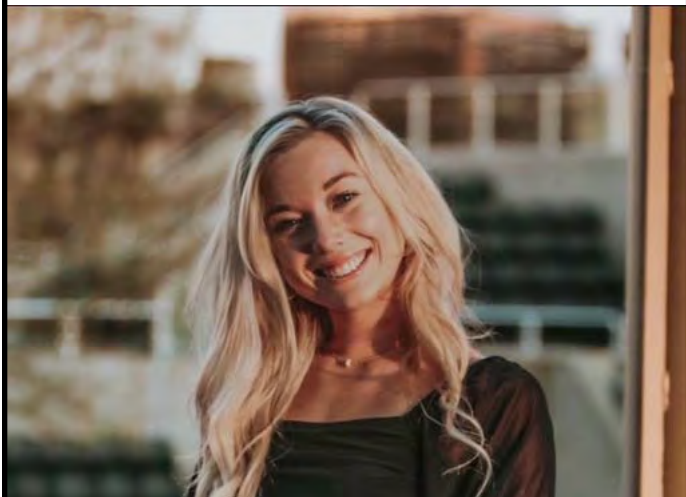


Northwestern faculty members (left to right) Dr. Shannon Leaper, director of library services; Dr. Christina Xan, associate professor of English; Dr. Roxie James, incoming dean of faculty; Dr. Barry Evans, associate professor of business; and Sarah Martin, instructor of nursing, attended the 2026 AI Symposium for Oklahoma Educators June 8-10 in Catoosa. (Photo submitted by Sarah Martin)

NWOSU Department of Social Work

June 29

We're proud to spotlight one of our social work alumni, Kailynn Martin, who serves as an outpatient therapist at Western Plains Youth and Family Services, providing individual, group, and family therapy. #bsw #bswgraduate #nwosu #nwosusocialwork



NWOSU Department of Social Work

June 29

Join us in recognizing one of our outstanding social work alumni, Barbara McPherson, DHA, MSW is currently serving as a Case Manager at an intermediate care facility that supports individuals with intellectual disabilities and mental health disorders. After graduating from Northwestern Oklahoma State University continued her education at the University of Oklahoma, earning her master's degree, and most recently earned her Doctorate in Healthcare Administration from Oklahoma State University this year. Barbara is currently working toward becoming a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW). #BSW #NWOSU #RideRangersRide



Elam advances to Miss Oklahoma semifinals

Abbey Elam, a Northwestern sophomore from Woodward majoring in media and communication, advanced to the top 15 semifinalists at the 2026 Miss Oklahoma Competition during her first year competing in the contest.

The Miss Oklahoma and Miss Oklahoma's Teen Competitions took place the week of June 7 at Rose State College in Midwest City. The 15 semifinalists, including Elam, competed again the evening of Saturday, June 13, for the Miss Oklahoma crown.

Elam's semifinalist finish earned her scholarship money she plans to use toward her education at Northwestern. For the talent portion of competition, she performed the vocal solo "Fields of Gold" and modeled a black evening gown. She also discussed her community service initiative, "Small Victories," during her private interview and on-stage question. She is the daughter of John and Donna Elam.

"My week at Miss Oklahoma is one I will remember forever," Elam said. "I can't help but smile when I think about how blessed I am to have built so many incredible friendships with such inspiring women from across our state. It was an amazing

opportunity to represent Northwestern and to grow both personally and professionally throughout the week."

Lauren Thomason, Miss Northwestern's Teen, also represented the university throughout the week-long competition. Thomason, who will be a sophomore at Burlington



Abbey Elam, Miss Northwestern 2026, poses during the evening gown portion of the Miss Oklahoma Competition at Rose State College in Midwest City. (Photo by Matt Boyd)

High School in the upcoming school year, performed a vocal solo titled "The Girl in 14G" and wore a white evening gown for the formal wear portion of competition. She shared information about her community service initiative, "Confidence for Kids," and took part in rehearsals and a Pilates class throughout the week. She is the daughter of Kevin and Angela Thomason.

"I had the best time at Miss Oklahoma's Teen," Thomason said. "I loved getting to showcase all of my hard work on stage. My favorite part of the week was spending time and making memories with all of the other teens!"

Hadleigh Dugger, Miss Northwestern's Star, attended luncheons, parties and rehearsals throughout the week and accompanied Elam onstage during the evening gown phase of competition. Dugger was mentored by Elam, Thomason,

other local titleholders and Miss Oklahoma 2025 Tessa Dorrell, and she met Laverne native Jane Jayroe, Miss America 1967, during the event. She is the daughter of Dillon and TaKeyah Dugger and calls Shattuck home.

Competition categories at Miss Oklahoma and Miss Oklahoma's Teen included interview, on-stage question, evening gown, talent, and health and fitness.

Jaselyn Rossman, Miss Tulsa State Fair, was crowned Miss Oklahoma, and Finley Henderson, Miss Oil Capital's Teen, was named Miss Oklahoma's Teen. Rossman and Henderson will represent Oklahoma at the Miss America and Miss America's Teen competitions later this year.

The 2027 Miss Northwestern and Miss Northwestern's Teen Competitions are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall on the Northwestern campus in Alva. Elam, Thomason and Dugger will crown their successors during the event, continuing a Miss Northwestern tradition that began in 1966.

The Miss Northwestern Organization and the Miss Oklahoma Organization provide scholarship opportunities for young women pursuing their education.

"Finishing in the Top 15 was an incredible honor," Elam said. "I'm so thankful for everything this experience has taught me. For more information, or to inquire about the availability of the Miss Northwestern titleholders for appearances, contact Paige Fischer, Miss Northwestern Organization Executive Director, at 580-327-8533 or plfischer@nwosu.edu.