

the Spotlight

Newsletter

Issue 15 - Fall 2024

Welcome to the Fall 2024 Spotlight Newsletter!

As in previous editions, this edition of the Spotlight offers a snapshot of the levels of engagement members of the NWOSU have among each other. These levels of engagement encompass surrounding communities, state and national entities, and an array of professional disciplines. From the full-length articles to the many collages of social media posts, it is clear that this fall has been another very productive semester!

For a non-linear start, I'd like to reference the end of the newsletter, where several members of the NWOSU community were recognized for completing their terminal degrees. So, to Dr. Sarah Fry, Dr. Shane Hansen, Dr. Shannon Leaper, and Dr. Keenan Meeker, I say congratulations to you all! As tempting as it may be, I will not follow this up with the common "So what are you going to do with all of your free time now?" quip, because I know these accomplished individuals are already highly engaged with NWOSU. And as you read this newsletter, I think you'll find an overwhelming body of evidence that demonstrates just how committed and dedicated our faculty

are to their students and to the university as a whole.

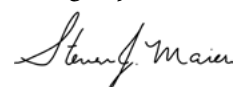
Throughout the newsletter, some of this evidence will point directly toward the growth of programs that have become immediate points of pride for Northwestern. From the new Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in the Division of Business, to the micro-credential Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health in the Department of Social Work and the new Visual Arts program in the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, new programs span both the school of Professional Studies and Arts and Sciences. We are very excited about these new programs and what they offer our students!

In addition to new programs in academics, other developments reflect the spirit of support and promise from NWOSU's stakeholders. This is evidenced by generous donations which enabled NWOSU to initiate long awaited renovations of the Herod Hall Auditorium, now known as the Fellers Family Auditorium. Anticipation of this process was so high, there was even excitement abuzz with the

temporary seating as we waited for the permanent seating to arrive! We continue to look forward to completion of this project in the months ahead.

To close this Spotlight welcome letter as I started, in a non-linear fashion and celebrating faculty, I'll end with a welcome to the 13 new faculty here at NWOSU (see p. 25). As a community, those associated with NWOSU have always shared an excitement in welcoming new cohorts of faculty. And as part of that community, I have thoroughly enjoyed my interactions with these new faculty members this fall. Getting to know each faculty member across campus better through personal visits is something I look forward to each week in my role as dean. I especially appreciate the new perspectives offered by those whom I proudly call my colleagues. In future editions of the Spotlight, I anticipate seeing numerous accounts of their accomplishments—serving as additional evidence of a vibrant and engaged university.

Collegially,



Camp Ranger held for incoming freshmen

Several incoming freshmen were welcomed to Northwestern's "Camp Ranger" held Aug. 1-3 at the Alva campus.

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

"I was a camper two years ago and loved it so much," McKenzie Mashak, junior Elementary Education major from Cimarron, Kansas, and Northwestern Scholar Ambassador, said. "I enjoyed being able to learn about the town of Alva and meet so many new friends before school even started."

By attending, incoming freshmen have the opportunity to meet their classmates, get to know senior staff members, become familiar with the Alva community and its leaders, learn Ranger traditions and officially join the Ranger family with the creation of their own student ID.

"We look forward to welcoming the freshmen attending Camp Ranger in August," Edna Garcia, Camp Ranger director, Northwestern Scholar Ambassador and junior psychology major from Beaver, said. "All the counselors are eager to meet the incoming freshmen and develop new friendships as we prepare for the fall semester."

"We implemented exciting new activities like touring the Alabaster Caverns," Garcia said.

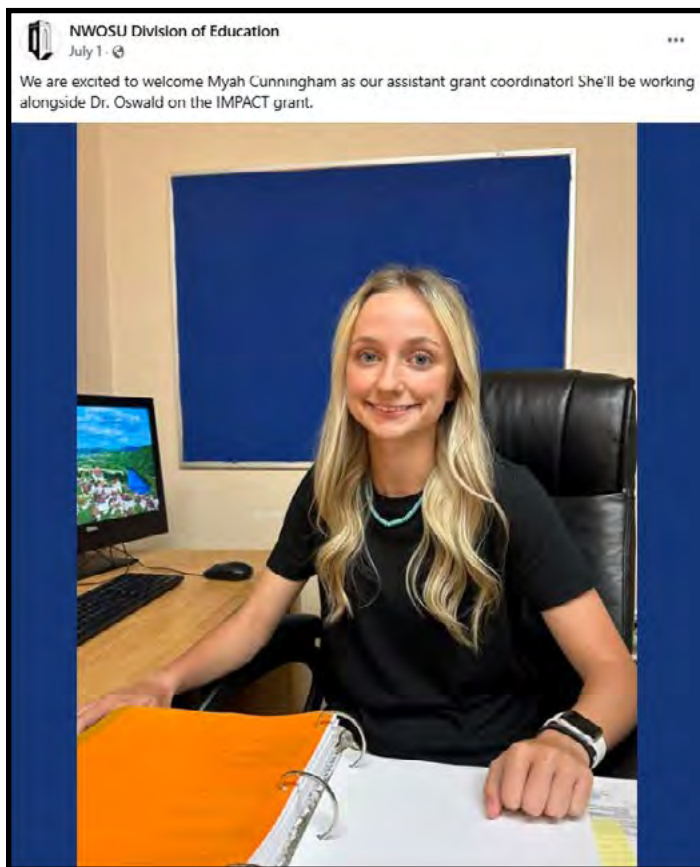
"We also had opportunities for students to familiarize

themselves with the campus and the staff. We cannot wait to meet each individual that registers and show them what it means to be a part of the Ranger Family."

In addition to the hike through Alabaster Caverns State Park, other activities planned included a campus-wide scavenger hunt and a movie at the downtown Rialto Cinema.

"Last year, I helped as a counselor, and it was so fun," Mashak said. "I loved being able to meet incoming freshmen, and as a Peer Leader I got to meet so many of my students that were in my Ranger Connection class. Camp Ranger is always such a fun time!"

At check-in, students moved into the residence halls they were assigned to for the semester. At 5 p.m., students met in the lobby of their respective dorms for a welcome and icebreakers before dinner and other fun activities.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
July 18 · 🌐

The DNP class of 2024 poster presentations!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
July 18 · 🌐

DNP poster presentations underway in the JW Martin Library til 5 pm. Open to the public.
[Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing](#)

NWOSU Division of Education
July 22 · 🌐

When your grads send you a picture of them all working in the same district...❤️❤️❤️
The future of education is bright!! 🌟



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
July 25 · 🌐

Who's ready to join the Ranger family? 🌟 Camp Ranger is just around the corner! Meet classmates, learn traditions, and get your student ID! 📅 Aug 1-3, Alva, OK. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3LDEVJ2>



Thu, Aug 1
Camp Ranger
709 Oklahoma Blvd, Alva, OK

Interested

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
July 27 · 🌐

Happy 90th birthday to a beloved Ranger - Dr. Yvonne Carmichael.

She spent 40 years as a professor of health and physical education at #NWOSU and served as chair of the department from 1985 until her retirement in May 2001. She also worked at Panhandle A&M for three years.

She founded and coached Northwestern's Aquaria Swim Club in 1963. Its first show was presented in the spring of 1964 and its last in the spring of 1996. The pool in the physical education building was closed in 1996.


In 1989 she was chosen as the Sports Coordinator for Synchronized Swimming at the 1989 U.S. Olympics Festival in Oklahoma City.

In the fall of 2000, she had the honor of the Aquatic Center in the J.R. Holder Wellness Center at Northwestern being named for her.


Carmichael also worked for 27 years with the Miss Cinderella Pageant, including serving as the director for 19 years.

She was inducted into the Oklahoma Educator's Hall of Fame in 2002 and named the AAUW Woman of the Year in 2004.

#OnceARangerAlwaysARanger #RRR #Legend #RangerFamily



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
July 27 · 🌐



Ranger Dining
July 19 · 🌐

BASIC camp this week was a great success! We really appreciate all the kind words that were expressed to our associates. It was a pleasure to serve everyone!

Online MBA program for enrollment opens

By Fall 2025, it will be possible for qualified full-time students to have earned a Master of Business Administration degree in management or health care administration from Northwestern Oklahoma State University—completely online.

The Northwestern Division of Business partnered with the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing to develop a 33-credit

hour, fully online MBA degree program.

This program has received approval from the Higher Learning Commission, and prospective students can now enroll for the fall 2024 semester.

If interested in continuing their education beyond a bachelor's degree, any Northwestern business and accounting graduates with a 2.75 GPA are automatically admitted to the MBA program. Additionally, Northwestern nursing graduates with a minimum 2.75 GPA are also automatically admitted, given all prerequisite requirements are met. Current Northwestern students majoring in business, accounting or nursing can take MBA courses their last semester with their department chair's approval.

For new or transfer students, admission requirements are: a bachelor's degree and official transcripts

from a regionally accredited university, an undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher for unconditional admission (or a 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work), and a resume.

For individuals who have a bachelor's degree in an area other than business or accounting, a Peregrine Inbound Common Profession Component (CPC) Exam is required. A Graduate Management Admission



Dr. Garret Lahr, chair of the division of business and assistant professor of business, addresses a group of Northwestern students. Enrollment is now open for the new Master of Business Administration online degree program with specializations in management or health care administration.

Test (GMAT) is not required.

A plan of study for a degree completed in 12 months is below:

Traditional MBA Management Option

Fall First 8-Weeks

- UNIV 5010 Graduate Seminar
- MGMT-5243 Advanced Human Resource Management

Fall Second 8-Weeks

- MRKT-5133 Marketing for Managers
- ECON-5253 Managerial Economics
- ACCT-5153 Accounting for Managers

Spring First 8-Weeks

- FIN-5023 Finance for Managers
- MGMT-5113 Organizational Change
- GBUS-5053 Business Analytics

Spring Second 8-Weeks

- MGMT-5113 Organizational Change
- MGMT-5233 International Business Management

Summer June and July 8-Weeks

- MGMT-5453 Strategic Management (Capstone)
- MGMT-5173 Operations & Supply Chain Management
- MIS-5013 Management of Information

Technology

Health Care Administration Option

Fall First 8-Weeks

- UNIV 5010 Graduate Seminar
- HCA-5003 Health Care Leadership and Communication

Fall Second 8-Weeks

- MRKT-5133 Marketing for Managers
- ECON-5253 Managerial Economics
- ACCT-5153 Accounting for Managers

Spring First 8-Weeks

- HCA-5033 Health Care Finance and Economics

Spring Second 8-Weeks

- MGMT-5113 Organizational Change
- GBUS-5053 Business Analytics
- HCA-5093 Health Care Compliance and Policy

Summer June and July 8-Weeks

- MGMT-5453 Strategic Management (Capstone)
- MGMT-5173 Operations & Supply Chain Management

Summer June and July 8-Weeks

- HCA-5063 Health Management Systems

Part-time students can complete the program in 24 months. Students can start the program in the fall or spring semesters, with summer enrollment available soon. Students who start the program in January will take MGMT-5453 Strategic Management (Capstone) in the second eight weeks of the fall.

All graduate students are eligible for financial aid, excluding Pell Grants. For questions about financial aid, visit www.nwsu.edu/paying-for-college or contact Tara Hannaford, director of financial aid and scholarships, at tlhannaford@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8540.

Additional details about the MBA program at Northwestern may be found at www.nwsu.edu/graduate-studies/mba.

To begin enrollment in the Northwestern Graduate Studies program, visit www.nwsu.edu/

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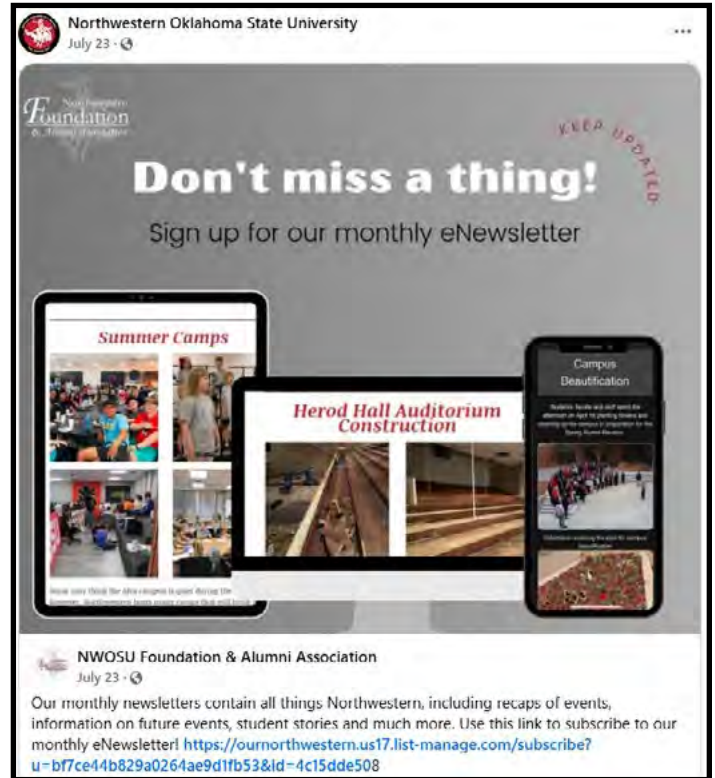
graduate-studies.

For questions about the graduate studies program, contact Melissa Brown, graduate studies enrollment and retention coordinator, at mbrown@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8410 or contact Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, at spholliday@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8589.

For information about the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing, visit www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing/ or contact Brenna Smith, division of nursing assistant, at brsmith@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8442.

For more information on the Northwestern Division of Business, visit www.nwsu.edu/school-of-pro

fessional-studies/business or contact Dr. Garret Lahr, chair of the division of business and assistant professor of business, at galahr@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8510.



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#NWOSU Wraps Up 15th Summer playing host to Oasc Oklahoma BASIC Workshop | Read More: <https://bit.ly/3LEpW1y>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. ★ Favorites · August 1 · Alva · 🌐

Welcome to Camp Ranger 2024! #RideRangersRide

Northwestern Oklahoma State University ★ Favorites · August 3 · 🌐

Our President's Leadership Class left for their trip! This is a great opportunity for students to not only gain scholarship, but get to know our President on a personal level and meet other students before school starts!

#RRR
#NWOSU

NWOSU Division of Education July 29 · 🌐

Ready for your Masters degree in Education???

Click the link below for more information on our Masters Program: <https://www.nwosu.edu/graduate-studies/education>

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MASTERS OF EDUCATION NOW IS THE TIME!!!

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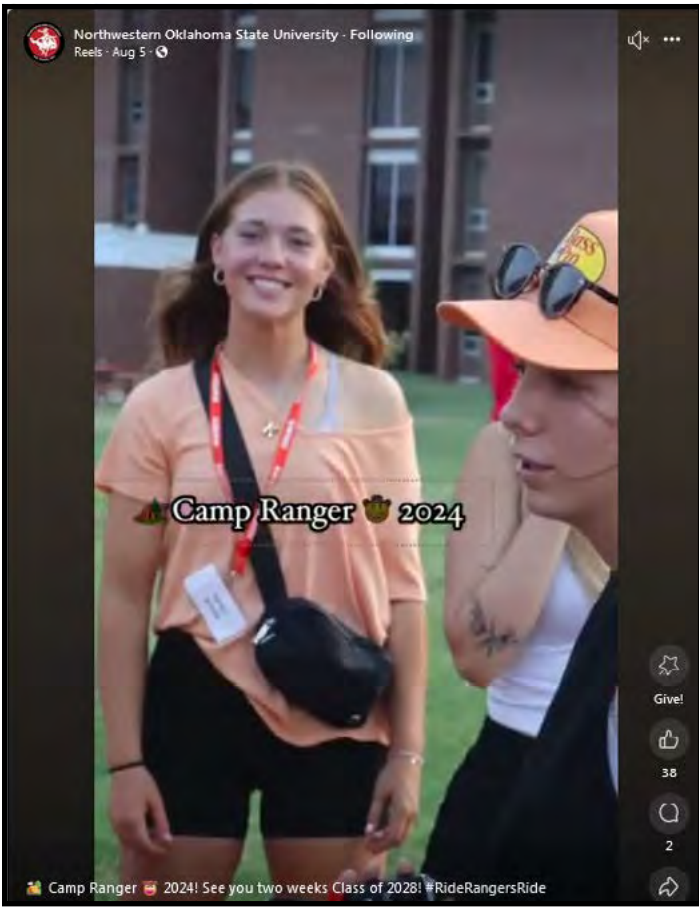
MORE INFO:

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University July 30 · 🌐

Cheyenne Frontier Days™ July 28 · 🌐

Congratulation to Coleman Proctor for being our 2024 Cheyenne Frontiers Days All-Around Champ !!



NWOSU Division of Education
August 6 · 🌐

For more information on our Superintendent program check out the link below!
<https://www.nwosu.edu/graduate-studies/education/supt-cert>

SUPERINTENDENT PROGRAM TESTIMONY

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“As a mom of three, principal, and active member of my community I was hesitant to dive into another degree program. I did not have “spare time” to write lengthy papers or research for hours on end. I was assured that this program would not be that, and I rest assured now having successfully completed the course. Northwestern’s Superintendent Program gave me applicable information that will not only help me later on, but it also made me a better principal by understanding all sides of school administration. The professor was great at bringing in guest speakers and giving us all a tool belt of resources that we could use in our schools. Upon finishing the program I successfully passed my final OSAT without any difficulty. I highly recommend this program to any administrator looking to further their reach within their school and strengthen their understanding of becoming a future superintendent. 🙌”



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
August 8 · 🌐

NWOSU Aspiring Educators - OAEA
August 8 · 🌐

Madelyn Atchley and Bailey Humphries (NWOSU OAEA officers) and Dr. Braten-Hall (sponsor) in Oklahoma City for officer training in May. We are looking forward to our Fall semester! We would love to see you at our first club meeting in August. Details coming soon.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is with Northwestern Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Admissions at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
★ Favorites · August 6 · Alva · 🌐

Fall Enrollment is open! 4 Years with no undergraduate tuition increase and 49% of students who start at #NWOSU graduate with zero student debt! #RideRangersRide
Read More: <https://bit.ly/3XFL8vb>

NWOSU Division of Education
August 9

Deadline to apply for this GEER-funded alternative certification program is August 15!

Northwestern
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

IMPACT PROGRAM
Innovation and Meaningful Preparation for
Alternatively Certified Teachers

IMPACTING TEACHERS, LEARNERS,
SCHOOLS, THE FUTURE!

PROGRAM:

- Fully funded coursework
- Courses are distance-friendly (Fully online and/or Zoom courses)
- Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semesters
- PPAT Trainings
- Fall dates: Sept. 21st Alva & Woodward
Oct. 12th Alva & Enid

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

- Employed as an Oklahoma PK-12 teacher for the 2024-2025 school year
- Hold a non-education bachelor's degree
- Emergency certified or fulfilling alternative certification requirements through the Oklahoma State Department of Education

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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A quick guide to Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature

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NWOSU Division of Education
August 13

Hear from one of our GEER-funded IMPACT alternative certification candidates. We are so grateful for our partnership with OSRHE to make this happen! And we are proud of you, Madison!

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Favorites - August 14

Introducing the Revamped Ranger Dining!

Ranger Dining · Following
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Cafeteria - Before

Coronado Cafeteria is looking better than ever! This summer new ceiling, fans, floor, coolers, and freezers were added, or replaced. We are sure that ... See more

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Year One

**A LOT CAN CHANGE
IN FOUR YEARS. BUT**

We are celebrating 4 Years with No Undergraduate Tuition Increase! #RideRangersRide



Division of Education makes an IMPACT

Time is more expensive than money.

Madison Luckinbill arrived at this realization as she contemplated what her next steps would mean for her family.

Luckinbill was raised in Meeker and enrolled at Northern Oklahoma College in 2015 before changing career paths and moving to Stillwater to work full-time for the Atwood's Corporation. Her work there eventually led her to Enid, where she met her now husband, Seth.

At the encouragement of a family friend, Enid High School's special education teacher Carrie Johnson, Luckinbill started work as a teacher's assistant under Tanea Artman at Hoover Elementary in Enid.

"I always knew that I would love to work with kids, but I just didn't think that life was going to let me," Luckinbill said. "I've always worked with kids back home. My first job was working at a daycare."

Luckinbill worked at Hoover until just before her daughter, Emmy, was born in March 2020.

"I loved having the opportunity to be a stay at home mom," Luckinbill said. "But, bringing (Emmy) into this world, I was like, 'Okay, my husband, he's doing all right, but I also want to provide, and also I want her to be proud of me and know that her mom can contribute something to society.'"

After discussing it with her husband, Luckinbill made the decision to enroll at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in January 2021.

"I started out as an English major, but then I remembered the dynamics of working in the school system and making those relationships with kids, the staff and being a part of the community," Luckinbill said. "And I was like, 'You know what, let's do a 180. I think I want to get alternatively certified to teach.'"

Luckinbill immediately set upon her new degree path.

"My daughter is so young and she has been so patient with me and so has my husband," Luckinbill said. "We have a great community here. As I was taking night classes, online classes, finishing my general

studies degree, there were the occasional times where I did have to go in, and Enid Learning Tree watched my daughter while I could finish."

Luckinbill graduated from Northwestern with a degree in general studies in December 2022. She and her family decided to forego the graduation ceremonies and take a ride on the Polar Express to celebrate. Luckinbill was now emergency certified and started work as a kindergarten teacher at Prairie View Elementary in Enid in August 2023.

"All the information that Enid Public Schools (EPS) gave me, I

took in," Luckinbill said. "Any PLC leadership class that I could take I wanted to, so I could be the best for my students and the best for my school, just do the best that I could coming in without the traditional pathway to education."

In July 2023, Luckinbill passed the OSAT (Oklahoma Subject Area Assessment). Luckinbill now had a decision to make - not only financially but where to spend her time. To complete her alternative certification requirements, Luckinbill still needed to complete some additional college coursework or professional development hours and the PPAT (Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers).

"I was looking at a ton of different universities, online courses," Luckinbill said. "What does that look like financially on our family? What does that look like time wise? Because I feel like sometimes time is more expensive than money is. How much more of that did I want to put into it because my daughter is starting Pre-K this year, and I'm not going to get these little moments back."

That opportunity came with the GEER funded IMPACT (Innovation and Meaningful Preparation for Alternatively Certified Teachers) Program. Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Northwestern Division of Education, reached out to Luckinbill through the EPS system about the program.

"I just immediately was like, 'Oh my goodness, how amazing would this be?' So, I sent my contact information to Dr. Oswald. She was so swift with providing information, and it was just very easy to understand and get signed up."

Coursework is a part of North-



Madison Luckinbill shares a moment with her daughter, Emmy.

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Division of Education makes...

western's Master of Education curriculum and instruction degree and is 100 percent financed with federal money. Zero percent of the total costs of the program is financed by non-governmental source. Federal funds used for this program total \$550,000.

To be eligible for the IMPACT program, individuals must be employed as an Oklahoma Pre-K through 12th grade teacher for the upcoming academic year, hold a non-education bachelor's degree, and be emergency certified or fulfilling alternative certification requirements through the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE).

Luckinbill encourages anyone interested to not be intimidated.

"The classes themselves are 100 percent online, and they were very manageable," Luckinbill said. "I learned so much. The information, while it is very dense, the professors make it very easy to follow along. I was excited to open up my book and read the next chapter to receive more information."

Luckinbill said she feels blessed for the opportunity to learn more about the teaching profession. She also appreciated the Northwestern Division of Education giving her a clear path forward.

"They really do all the hard work for you and give you a clear-cut plan and pathway to reaching your goal," Luckinbill said. "It has given me the

tools and the resources to be at the same level as some of my colleagues that have gone through a traditional pathway of education. I have learned so much terminology, jargon and things that are going to help me and my career. You feel more confident because you do have that vocabulary, knowledge and theories for why we do what we do as teachers."

Luckinbill also gives huge credit to the EPS system and her mentors employed there: Artman and Luckinbill's previous colleagues at Hoover Elementary; Sherri Hendrie, previous Prairie View Elementary principal; and Mary Withey, current principal, along with her mentor Dana Misner and teaching partner Ashley Martin.

Luckinbill also applauded the faculty and staff at the Northwestern Enid Campus.

"I also find that the Enid campus, even though it is smaller, there's a sense of family. If I needed to, I could walk in, talk to registration and ask, 'Hey, I just need a quiet place to study.' They have that, and they provide that."

Luckinbill praised the Northwestern Division of Education faculty and staff.

"Dr. Oswald was just so welcoming and so supportive," Luckinbill

said. "I have emails where she's written, 'I am so proud of you. You can do this.' There is so much support

from the education faculty. Things that are modeled in a classroom management program like saying, 'Use words of encouragement with your students, make them feel important, make them want to learn.' That's what the division of education has done for me."

Luckinbill is excited to be back for her second year in the kindergarten classroom at Prairie View Elementary. She is planning on completing her PPAT training on her way to being certified by next year.

"One thing that I taught my kindergartners was a quote from Maya Angelou, 'When you know better, you do better,'" Luckinbill said. "I feel like now that I know better, I'm going to come back better as an educator. I just want to thank the partnership between Enid Public Schools and the Northwestern Division of Education for this amazing opportunity. A burden has been lifted off my family. Now I can focus on meeting my goal and being the best that I can be."

For more information about the Northwestern Division of Education, visit www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education or contact Oswald by email at jdoswald@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327-8451. For more information about the GEER-Funded IMPACT Program, visit www.nwsu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education/alternative-certification.

For more information about the Northwestern Graduate Studies Program, visit www.nwsu.edu/graduate-studies or contact Melissa Brown, Graduate Studies Enrollment and Retention Coordinator, at mbrown@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8410.



Kindergarten students' Thanksgiving decorations on Madison Luckinbill's classroom door at Prairie View Elementary in Enid.

Welch performs first Northwest Concert Series event

The first Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series of the 2024 – 2025 season, “Helen Welch: The First Ladies of Song,” took place at the Alva High School Auditorium on Aug. 27.

Alva Public Schools graciously allowed its space to be utilized as Herod Hall Auditorium at Northwestern was undergoing renovations.

Welch’s beautifully-arranged and entertaining shows have intimately engaged audiences and packed houses around the globe.

A native of England, Welch began her career on television’s “Romper Room.” Since her early success, she has headlined with world-class organizations such as the BBC Big Band, Glenn Miller Europe, Opus One and others at some of the United Kingdom’s most prestigious venues including: The Ritz, The Savoy, Blenheim Palace, The Grosvenor House Great Room, Claridges and many theatres in London’s West End. Additionally, she held starring roles in a variety of popular musicals including: “Hello Dolly,” “Barnum,” “Carousel,” “42nd Street,” “Calamity Jane” and “Oliver Twist.”

After a very successful run in the UK, Welch relocated to the United States to guest star in the Broadway musical “Smokey Joe’s Café.” Her immediate success landed her as a fronting vocalist for The Cleveland Orchestra, The Breckenridge Summer Orchestra, The Grant Park Symphony Orchestra (Chicago), The Florida Symphony and the Columbus Jazz Orchestra. Since

that time, she has been producing her own shows for Cleveland’s Playhouse Square, The Akron Civic Theatre, The Chautauqua Institution and many other theatres and performing arts centers. In 2016, her musical release “Spellbound” was an entry for the Traditional Pop Category of the Grammy Awards.

Welch performed her big band program, “The First Ladies of Song,” celebrating the music of the greatest female phenoms of all-time including Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Karen Carpenter, Etta James, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee and more. Songs include: “At Last,” “Fever,” “Natural Woman,” “Over the Rainbow,” “Misty,” “Fly Me to the Moon” and more.

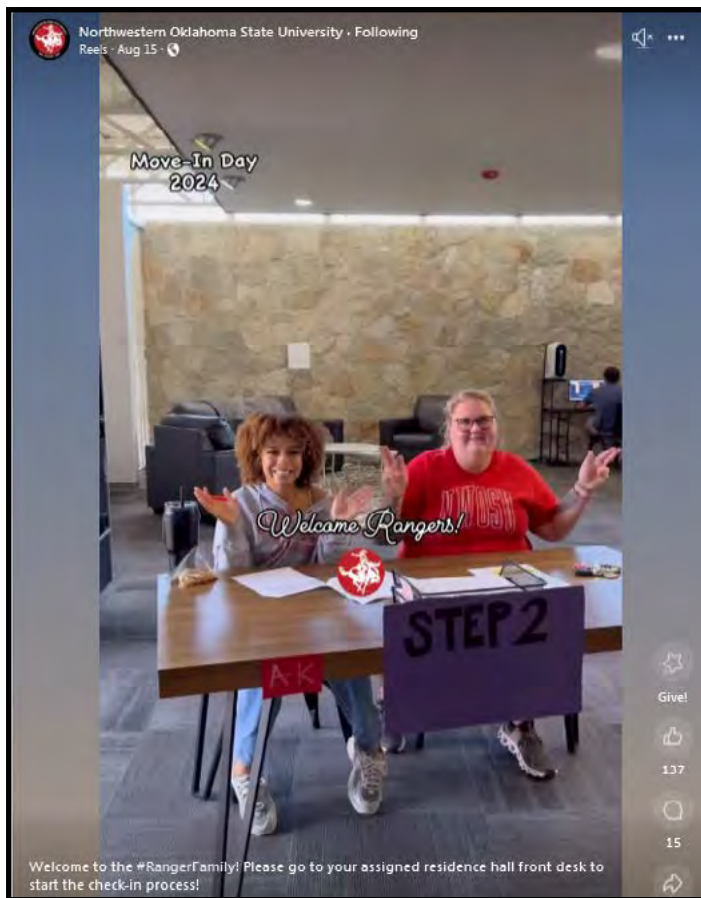
For more information on the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series, contact Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music, by email at emartinsmoreira@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327-8192.

For more information about the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, contact Kimberly Weast, department chair and professor of

theatre arts, at kkweast@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327-6462.



Helen Welch, internationally acclaimed vocalist, entertainer, producer and bandleader, performed at Alva High School on Aug. 27 as part of the annual Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series.



DNP students excel during rigorous residency week

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

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

Students attending this year's week-long residency program included Teirna Adair of Alva, Alyssa Los of Honolulu, Hawaii, Michelle Milligan of Piedmont, Kyndall O'Donnell of Elk City, Juane Russell of Altus and Sarah (Garvie) Wilber of Cherokee.

During residency week, students are able to check off their physical assessment skills to prepare for a clinical setting. They receive an introductory experience to common procedures they will encounter in primary care such as suturing, eye injuries and biopsies. Kiowa Meat Locker donated pigs feet to practice suturing, and Moore's Venture Foods in Alva donated overripe produce for biopsy simulation.

Dr. Gwyneth Holderby, assistant professor of nursing and Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice program director, was joined by assistant professors of nursing Dr. Krystal Elliot, Dr. Sierra Elsey, Dr. Krista Tilley, and new faculty member Dr. Sandra Watson to provide instruction to the group during the week.

Holderby supervised physical exams that were completed on community volunteers and taught students

procedures like joint injections, repairing lacerations with sutures, and other procedures commonly performed in primary care. Elliot, the primary care families and pediatrics course instructor, supervised physical exams on pediatric community volunteers and helped teach procedures. Tilley, the program clinical coordinator, met with students to discuss their DNP projects and clinical placement.

Elsey has extensive experience with female exams and came to help supervise students on well-woman exams that were completed on community volunteers. She also shared a lot of her knowledge with the students.

"The residency week is an intense week, full of hands on learning," Elsey said. "It challenges students' critical thinking in a way that uniquely prepares them for the clinical setting. This group of students met the challenge and excelled throughout this rigorous week. They are an exceptional group, and I look forward to seeing them give back to the community as they transition into clinical, then eventually into practice."

The BSN-to-DNP program enrolled its first class in August 2017. The fifth class to have graduated did so this year in May. Members of the graduating class of 2024 presented their respective projects in the J.W. Martin Library on July 18, in an event open to the public. So far, the program boasts a 85 percent or better certification pass rate and a 100

percent employment rate.

Northwestern is one of five public universities in Oklahoma to offer a Family Nurse Practitioner program, was the first public university with a BSN-to-DNP offering, and is the only program in the state with an emphasis on nursing in rural communities.

Students may enroll full-time for the three-year program or part-time for the four-year program. Instruction within this program helps to prepare students to become certified Family Nurse Practitioners in their home communities and surrounding areas without first earning a master's degree; however, there is an advanced placement option for students who have already completed a master's degree in nursing.

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



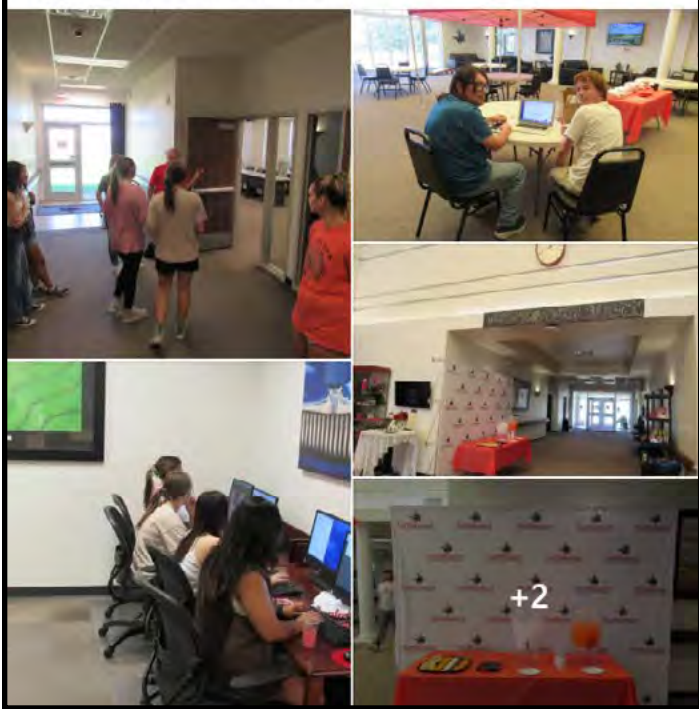
Faculty and students enrolled in the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice pose for a group photo with Northwestern President Dr. Bo Hannaford outside the President's House during residency week. Top Row: Northwestern Oklahoma State University President Dr. Bo Hannaford. Middle Row, left to right: Dr. Krista Tilley, Juane Russell, Michelle Milligan, Kyndall O'Donnell, Dr. Gwyneth Holderby. Bottom Row, left to right: Dr. Sandra Watson, Alyssa Los, Tierna Adair, Sara (Garvie) Wilber, Dr. Leslie Collins.



On the Friday prior to the beginning of classes, all faculty members along with Northwestern administration gather to meet to gain information and receive updates before classes start each fall. Here, Dr. Bo Hannaford, president, speaks to the group.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
August 16 · 🌐

The countdown has ended! Zero Day has come and gone! We want to thank everyone who attended the event. We got to get to know some of our amazing students and we look forward to seeing them next week when school officially starts!
#backtoschool #woodwardcampus #ZeroDays
*For any who were unable to attend and still have questions about enrollment, books, or any of the student resources, give us a call! (500) 254 - 2500



NWOSU TRIO-SSS
August 16 · 🌐

The TRIO SSS team is thrilled for the first day of college on August 19th! 🎉 We're ready to support our students on this incredible journey of growth and success. Here's to new beginnings, lifelong friendships, and unforgettable experiences! Let's make this year amazing together! 🌟
#TRIOSSS #SuccessStartsHere #WeAreTRIO

Meet the TRIO SSS Team!

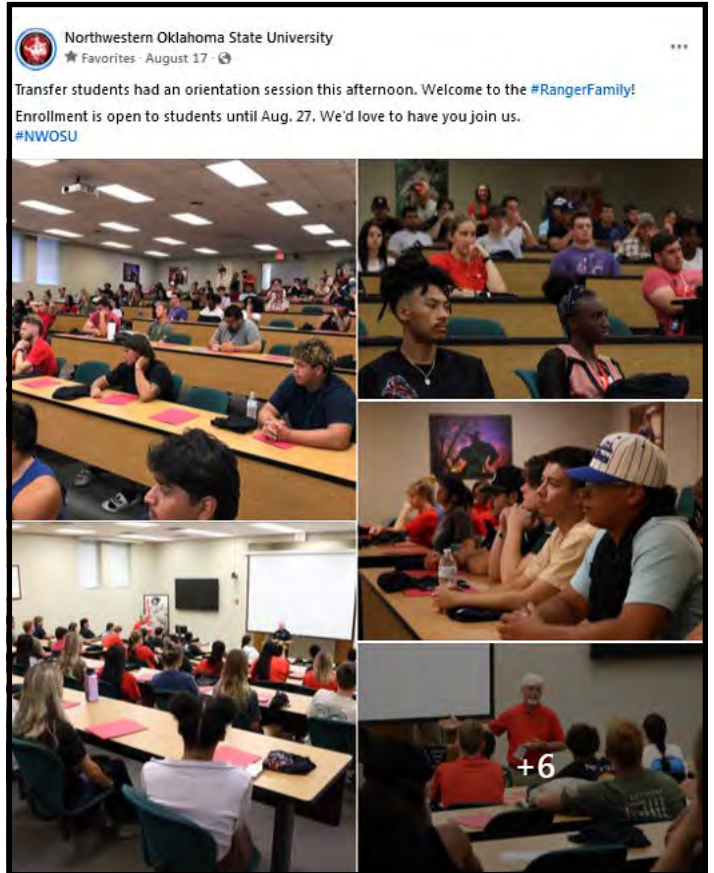
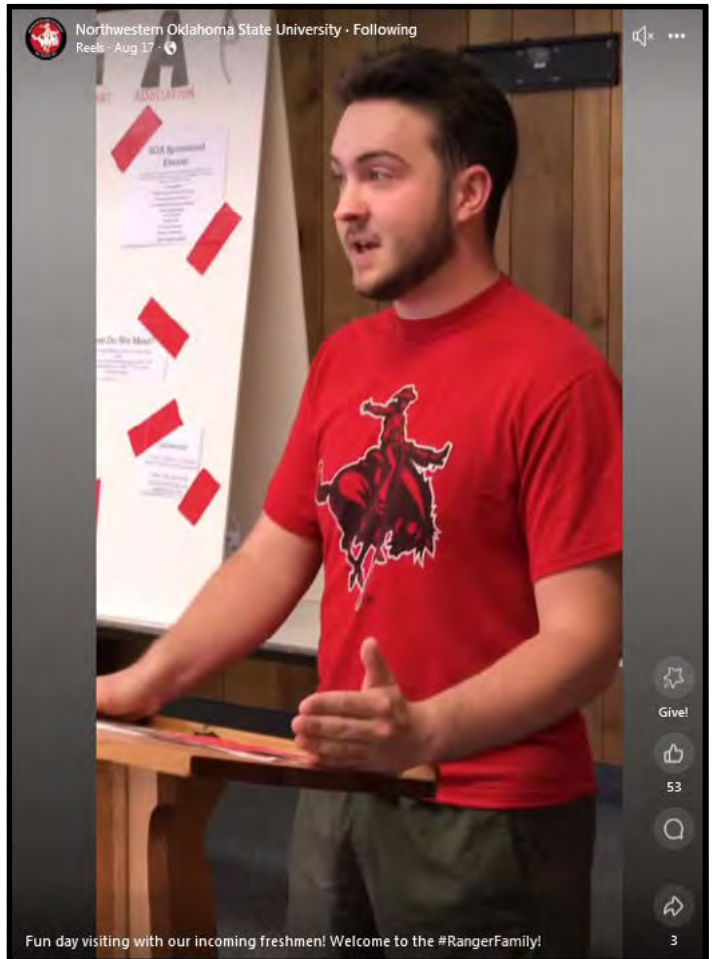
Watch social media next week for a spotlight each day over your staff at the TRIO SSS office.

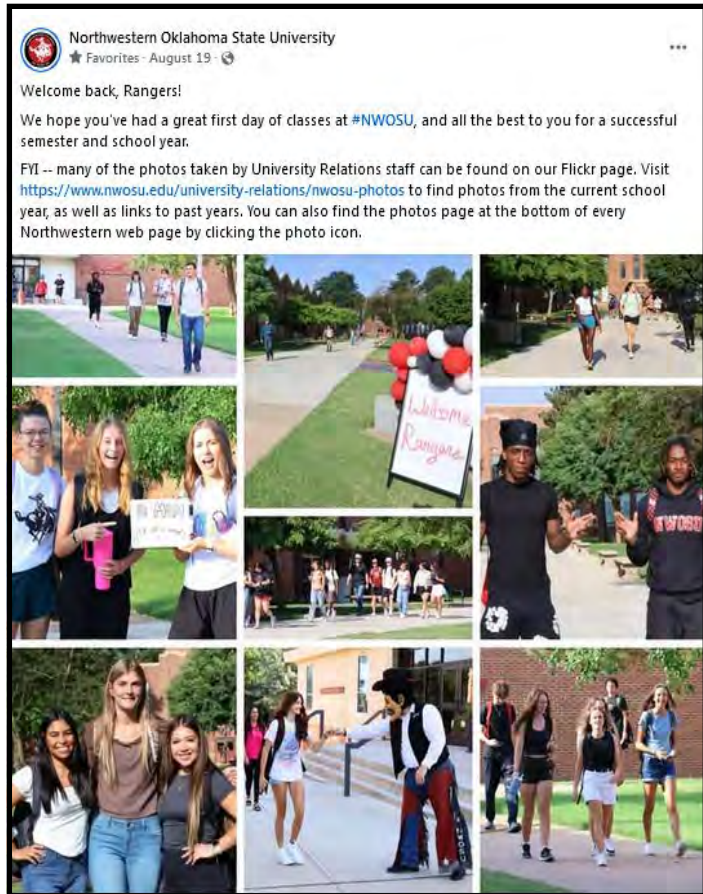
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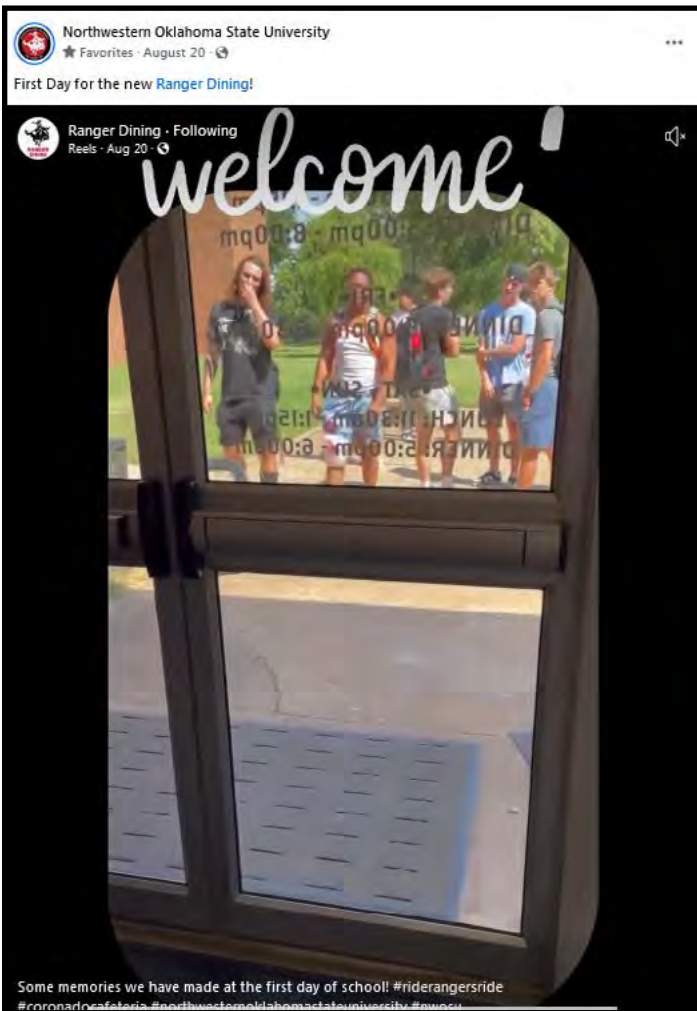
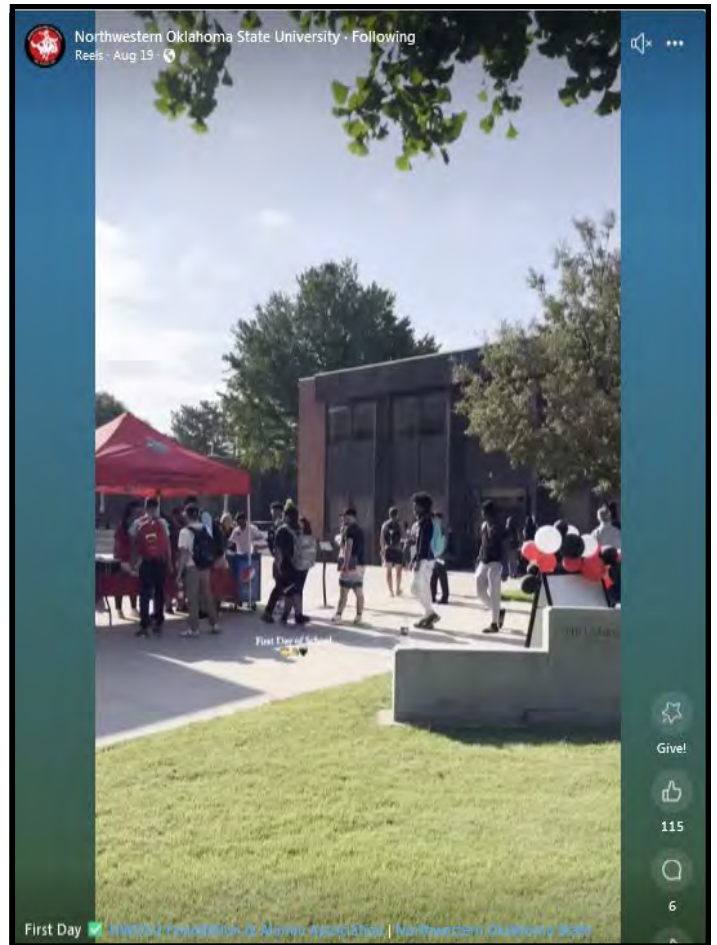
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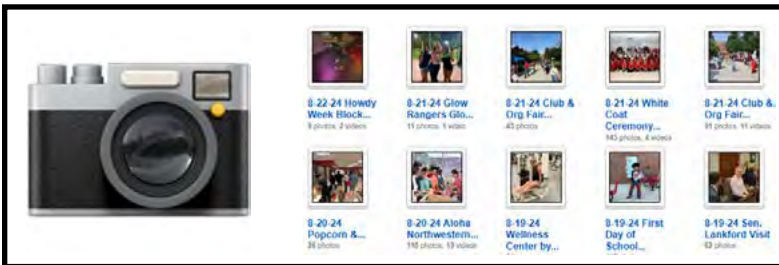
#NWOSU band members ended a successful and hot week-long band camp between their practice field at the intramural field, band room and Ranger Field this week with a culmination pep performance at Freshman Orientation.
Enrollment in any class including band... See more











How do you find University photos, videos or social media channels?
At the bottom of the university's web pages!



Northwestern acquires First Presbyterian Church of Alva

Through a generous donation, Northwestern Oklahoma State University has obtained the First Presbyterian Church of Alva. The Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts will utilize the new annex space for rehearsal space and for performances.

“The decision to gift our church building to NWOSU did not come easily,” church officials explained. “After much prayer and discernment, our small congregation acknowledged that maintaining a large church building is no longer a sustainable part of our ministry. It’s time to direct our energy to our ministry instead of maintaining a building that is beyond our means.

“We are so pleased that NWOSU accepted our proposal to give new life to this beloved and wonderful building as part of its fine arts program. Through a generous arrangement with NWOSU, we will continue to have full access to the building for Sunday worship, fellowship and any other needs that arise in the life of our congregation. Tiny Steps Montessori Pre-School will continue to be a vibrant part of our community in its current location. Our ministry is not ending. We feel revitalized, with new missions and possibilities for the future. We believe we are providing, with grace and dignity, a legacy to our university community that will continue for many years to come.”

Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and chair of the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, expressed her department members’ gratefulness to the members of the Presbyterian Church for their vision and generosity.

“This building is more than

just a physical space; it represents a bright future for the department -- a future where talent and passion will flourish for generations to come,” Weast said.

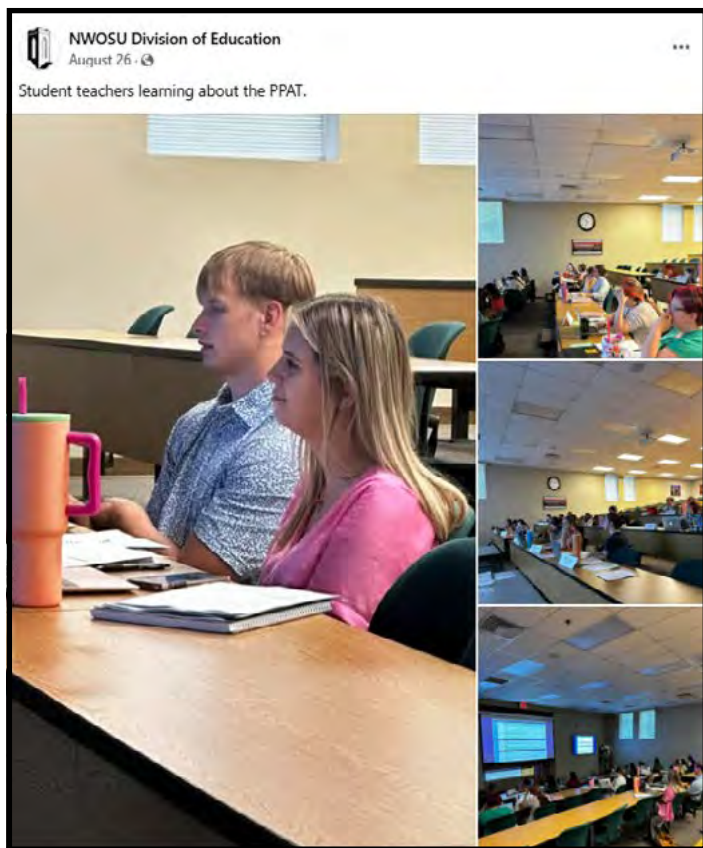
Dr. Bo Hanaford, university president, is excited about the space and the versatility the building provides.

“This building is not only a generous donation, but will significantly add to the capabilities of our fine arts department. This gift also shows the remarkable support of our community members, who not only champion Northwestern but also recognize how partnerships can meet evolving needs.”

The band began using the space in early August for band camp and practices, with jazz band using the facility next. The uses for this facility will expand as need arises.

To learn more about the Reichenberger

Department of Fine Arts and its varied programs, visit www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts or contact Weast at kkweast@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8462.



NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
 August 26 · Alva · 🌐

Fine Arts Faculty and Recipients of the Donovan Reichenberger Core Leader Scholarships of the 2024-2025 academic year.

These students are selected as recipients by holding leadership positions within the disciplines and ensembles of the reichenberger department of fine arts.

#nwosufinearts #nwosutheatre #nwosuchoir #nwosuvisualarts #nwosuband #nwosu #nwosuranglers #riderangerside #finearts #leadership #scholarship #fineartsfaculty #fineartsstudent #musicmajor #theatremajor... See more

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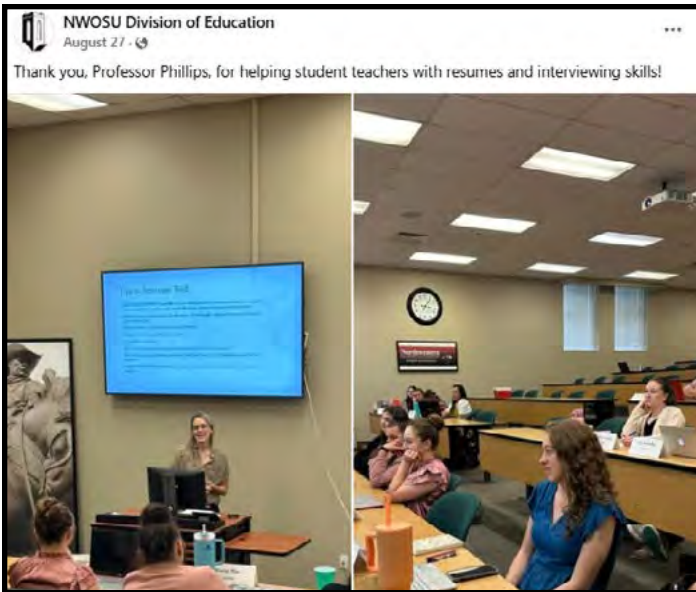
#NWOSU Announces Honor Roll for Summer 2024: <https://bit.ly/3WWSj03>

NWOSU Division of Education
 August 27 · 🌐

President Hannaford visiting with student teachers about his experiences in education and reaching and teaching students in poverty.

NWOSU Division of Education
 August 27 · 🌐

Bailey Trammel, NWOSU Psychology Instructor talks to student teachers about Childhood Trauma.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 ★ Favorites · August 28 · 🌐

When any of our students need free professional attire, look no further than the NWOSU Teacher's Closet.

Students: If you are preparing for interviews, internships, or graduation, please make an appointment with Dr. Jen Oswald to supplement your wardrobe!
 Contact her at jdoswald@nwsou.edu to set up your appointment!

Northwestern News (NWOSU)
 August 29 · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/campus.../>

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Campus renovations include Cafe - Northwestern News
 From inside the Coronado Cafeteria to the campus's outdoor classroom, NWOSU renovated s...

NWOSU Department of Social Work
 September 3 · 🌐

Congratulations Heather, NWOSU BSW & CWPEP graduate! 🎓 🎉

CONGRATS TO MSW ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Heather Bench

"Hello, I am Heather Bench and I am honored to be selected as one of the MSW Online Fall Scholarship recipients! I obtained my Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 2021 and am currently enrolled in the graduate program to obtain my Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Oklahoma. I am driven by my passion for helping families and advocating for children. For the past three years, I have maintained employment with Oklahoma Human Services working as a Child Welfare Specialist. After graduation, I plan to continue my career in child welfare and eventually obtain my Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) certification. None of this would be possible without the support of my incredible husband and family!"

DOONA FLAMM COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
 ANNE AND HENRY FARRROW
 SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
 UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

OU School of Social Work
 September 3 · 🌐

Heather Bench is the next MSW Online Fall Scholarship recipient we are highlighting! Read more about her while joining us in congratulating her achievement!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is with Senator Markwayne Mullin.
 ★ Favorites · August 29 · 🌐

Thank you for visiting our #NWOSU-Alva Campus today **Senator Markwayne Mullin!**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University · Following
 Reels · Aug 30 · 🌐

Happy #CollegeColorsDay! We love seeing you all in Ranger Red and Black! Reminder that all #NWOSU locations will be closed for Labor Day, Sept. 2! See you all back on campus Sept. 3! #RideRangersRide See less

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Holliday chairs session at The Hemingway Society's 20th conference

Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of the Northwestern Graduate Studies Program and professor of English, recently displayed his knowledge at the 20th Biennial International Hemingway Conference sponsored by The Hemingway Society.

Holliday chaired the session, "Hemingway and Sports," and also delivered the paper, "Reading Ernest Hemingway's 'A Pursuit Race' Within the Context of Burlesque History and Tradition." The conference ran from July 14 – 20 in San Sebastian and Bilbao, Spain.

Dr. Holliday also had three Hemingway articles accepted for publication this spring. "The Torrents of Spring and the Beginning of the Hemingway Myth" was accepted by the The Arizona Quarterly and was published this summer for the fall issue.

His article, "Collective, Personal, and Cultural Memory in Ernest

Hemingway's 'Now I Lay Me,'" was accepted by The Lamar Journal of the Humanities and will be published in September.

Holliday's articles, "The Liminal Function of Beds and the Burlesque in Ernest Hemingway's 'A Pursuit Race,' "The Killers, and 'Ten Indians'" have been accepted by The Hemingway Review for publication in fall 2025.

To contact Holliday about research or scholarship opportunities, email spholliday@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327-8589.

For more information on the Northwestern Graduate Studies program, visit www.nwsu.edu/graduate-studies or contact Melissa Brown, Graduate Studies enrollment and retention coordinator, at mbrown@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8410.

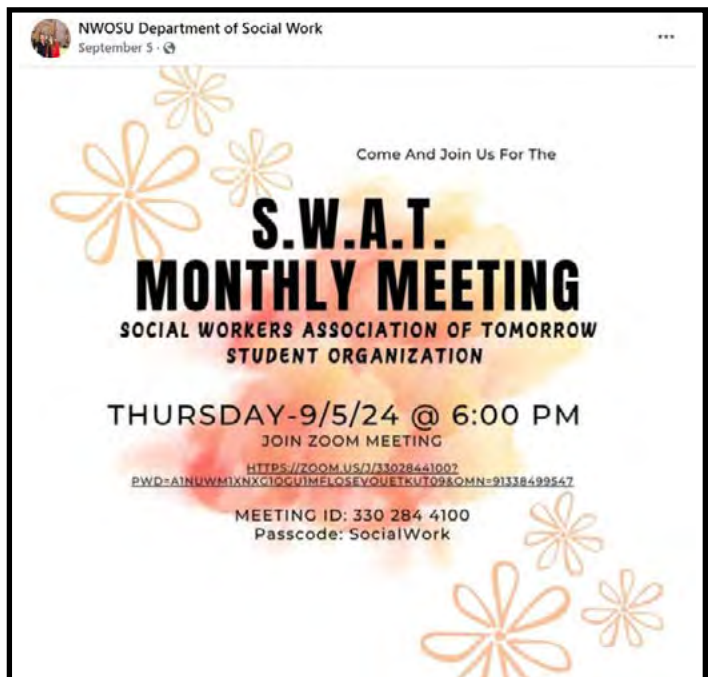
For more information on the English, Foreign Languages

and Humanities Department, visit www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/english-foreign-language-and-humanities, or contact Dr. Roxie James, department chair and associate professor of English, at rjames@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8474.



Shawn Holliday





McBride presents paper at British Academy of Management conference

New faculty in the Northwestern Division of Business are already representing the university on an international stage.

Dr. Theresa McBride, associate professor of business, presented a peer-reviewed, developmental paper on Sept. 2 at the 2024 British Academy of Management Conference.

The conference was held at the Nottingham Business School at Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom. McBride presented the paper virtually. It was titled, "Teaching Leadership: A Collaboration Between Military and Civilian Faculty in the U.S."

She co-authored the paper with research colleagues Lt. Cmdr. Edward Gailor, Department of Management instructor at the U.S. Coast

Guard Academy; Jonathan Heller, Deputy Commandant of Cadets for Strategy and Leadership at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy; and Daniel Morris, associate professor of philosophy at Norwich University.

McBride and her colleagues have been working together since 2022. The research began when McBride served as a lecturer in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy School of Leadership and Management. The authors have presented at both national and international conferences.

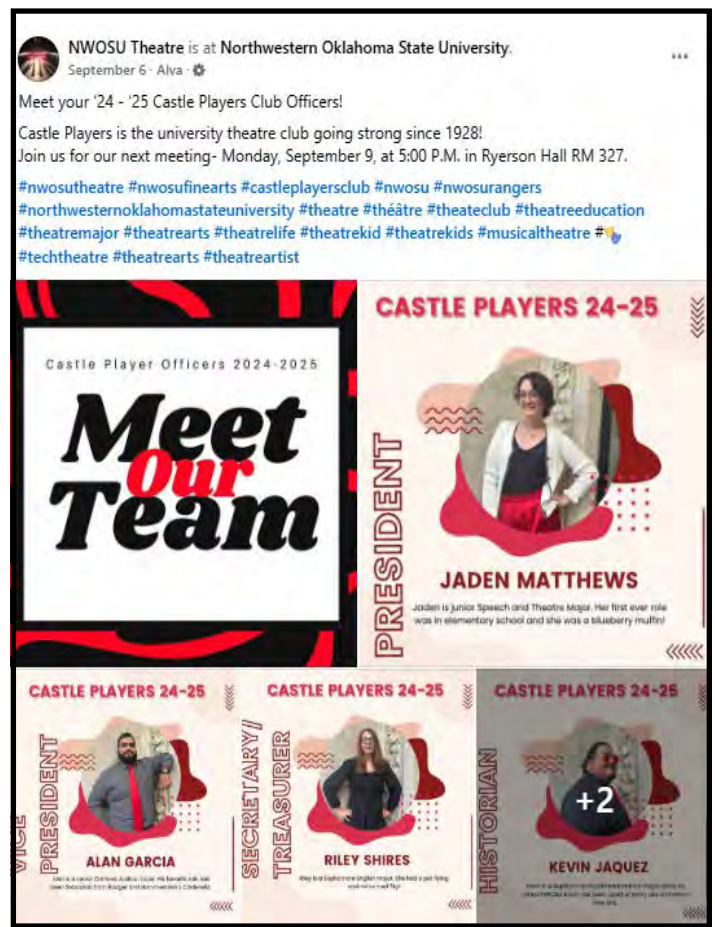
To contact McBride about research or speaking opportunities, email tmmcbride@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327-8440 or (512) 720-9840.

To learn more about the Northwestern Division of Business, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of->

professional-studies/business or contact Dr. Garret Lahr, assistant professor of business and chair of the division of business, at galahr@nwsu.edu or call (580) 327-8510.



Theresa McBride





Northwestern's new faculty members who attended a recent orientation session before the start of the fall semester include (back row, left to right): Derrick Bready, Dr. Rasika Mohottige, Jared Cole, Dr. Adam Alber, Dr. Angela Skousen, Taylor

Phillips, and Dr. Zach Tolman; (front row, left to right): Natalie Adams, Dr. Sandra Scott Watson, Danielle Budy, Sarah Martin, Dr. Theresa McBride, and Dr. Ryle Kiser.

Northwestern welcomes 13 new faculty members

Thirteen new faculty members began their teaching assignments at Northwestern Oklahoma State University for the 2024-2025 school year. Six faculty members have been hired in the School of Arts and Sciences with seven in the School of Professional Studies.

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

Dr. Adam Alber, assistant professor of chemistry, earned his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from St. John Fisher College and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Oklahoma.

Derrick Bready, instructor of music and director of choral studies, received a Bachelor of music

from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and his master's degree in music education from the University of Houston.

Danielle Budy officially joins the Northwestern Mathematics and Computer Science Department faculty as an instructor. Budy received both her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Master of Education in Mathematics from Northwestern. Budy taught at Wagonka Public Schools and Northwest Technology Center before she started working with Northwestern in 2010 as an adjunct instructor of math for several years. She also served as director of the Academic Success Center.

Jared Cole, instructor of com-

munication, holds a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and broadcasting from Oklahoma State University and a Master of Arts in communication from Virginia Tech University.

Dr. Rasika Mohottige, assistant professor of physics, earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Philosophical Physics at the Open University of Sri Lanka before earning his physics Ph.D at the University of North Dakota.

Dr. Zach Tolman, assistant professor of instrumental music and director of bands, earned both his Bachelor of Music Education degree and Master of Music in saxophone performance from the University of

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New faculty members...

Wyoming and his Doctor of Music Arts from the University of Arizona.

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

Natalie Adams, instructor of psychology, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Central Oklahoma and a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from Southern Nazarene University.

Dr. Ryle Kiser, assistant professor of education, earned a Bachelor of Arts in education and a Master of Arts in Education Administration from Eastern Washington University. He also holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University.

Sarah Martin, instructor of nursing, received a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Oklahoma City University and a Master of Science in nursing from Northeastern

State University.

Dr. Theresa McBride, associate professor of business, holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of Baltimore; a Master of Business Administration degree from Colorado State University; and a Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Scotland.

Taylor Phillips, instructor of psychology, received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Northwestern and is currently pursuing her Master of Science in General Psychology at the university. She joins the Northwestern Psychology Department after serving as a career coach in the Title III/LASSO Project at the university since April 2022.

Dr. Angela

Skousen, assistant professor of nursing in the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice, earned both her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees through Northwestern.

Dr. Sandra Scott Watson, assistant professor of nursing in the DNP Program, received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She also earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Frontier Nursing University.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Favorites · September 6

Northwestern

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Oklahoma School Counselor Association
September 5

NWOSU School Counselor Day!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU) hosts a Counselor Appreciation Day event for high school counselors and staff. The event provides an opportunity for counselors to learn about NWOSU's events, scholarships, and other topics. Counselors can also discuss changes at NWOSU, including financial aid, NCAA regulations, and admissions requirements.

The 2024 Counselor Appreciation Day event at NWOSU will take place from September 19th, starting at 9:30 AM and ending at 2:00 PM. The event will be held at the Student Center and hosted by the Office of Recruitment.

For registration or more information, contact Tyler Thompson by email at tthompson@nwosu.edu or by phone at (580) 327-8544.

Seating is limited

NWOSU TRIO-SSS
September 9

To kick off our Mental Health Mondays is your peer mentor Derrick Galindo!

After the whirlwind that was the first month of classes, I doubt I'm the only one who is already feeling signs of burnout or mental un-wellness. The semester is now in full swing, and that means taking care of one's mental health along the way. The one way that I've taken care of my mental health is developing a new outlet. I'm a certified homebody; whether it is doing classwork from my laptop, playing video games on my laptop, or even watching movies on my laptop. I eventually grew sick of sitting anywhere near my laptop. That's where my outlet came in. Last weekend, I took a camera, my phone for music, and some water due to the heat, and went on a walk. Where to? I don't know, I just kept moving. Along the way, taking photos of whatever piqued my interest. After an hour or three outside, I was both tired from a walk, and mentally refreshed. It was some of the best sleep I've gotten since college started.

Well, that's my outlet from classes, what is yours?

FIND YOUR OUTLET

17 education seniors take on student teaching roles

Seventeen senior education students from Northwestern completed their final step toward becoming professional educators.

In their last semester, they were assigned to local schools, where they gained hands-on teaching experience and put their knowledge into practice.

“This was the first class of student-teachers I’ve had the pleasure to teach,” said Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Northwestern Division of Education and associate professor of education. “I am excited to see what they go out and do in the world.”

The students returned to campus for seminars in October and November with their exit interviews in December. Graduation and the education pinning ceremony were held on Dec. 8.

The students, their hometowns and teaching assignments are listed below by their degree path.

Agriculture Education – Trinity Soutter of Ponca City, Fairview High School

Early Childhood Education – Kaycee Evans of Medford, Medford Elementary; Halea Locke of Hooker, Buffalo Elementary; Katelynn Milam of Enid, Waukomis

Elementary Education – Emilee Batman of Sharon, Cedar Heights Elementary (Woodward); Kayla Carroll of Vici, Vici Elementary; Vanessa Pacheco of Enid, Adams Elementary (Enid); Regan Hacker

of Tonkawa, Frontier Public Schools in Red Rock; Madalyn Halderman of Vici, Fargo-Gage Public Schools; Rylee Manning of Seiling, Mooreland Elementary; Mattie Pitts of Waynoka, Seiling Public Schools

Secondary English Education – Elizabeth Bee of Enid, Chisholm High School; Delaney Lambert of Alva, Fairview High School

Vocal Music Education – Emily Smith of Holdenville, Chisholm Elementary School

History Education – Elizabeth Terbush of Woodward, Fargo-Gage Public Schools

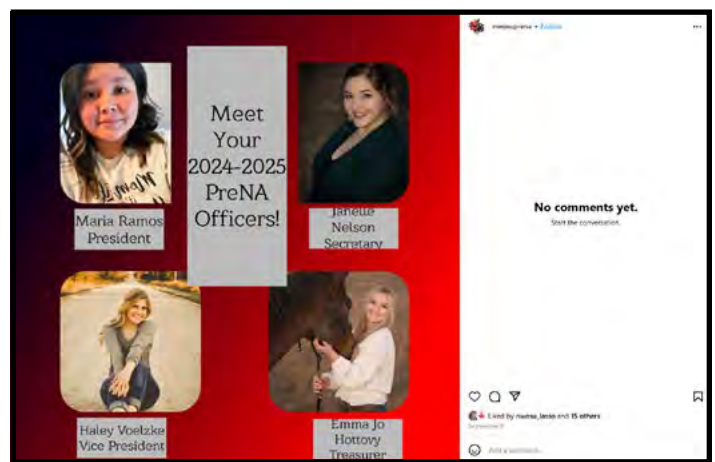
Health and Sports Science Education – Hannah Appleton of Drummond,

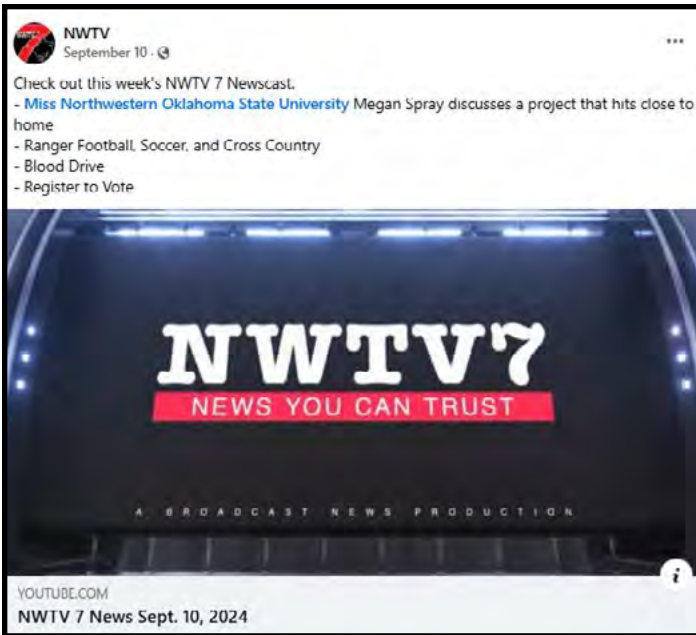
South Barber (Kiowa, Kansas); Worthy Shepherd of Blackwell, Newkirk Elementary

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

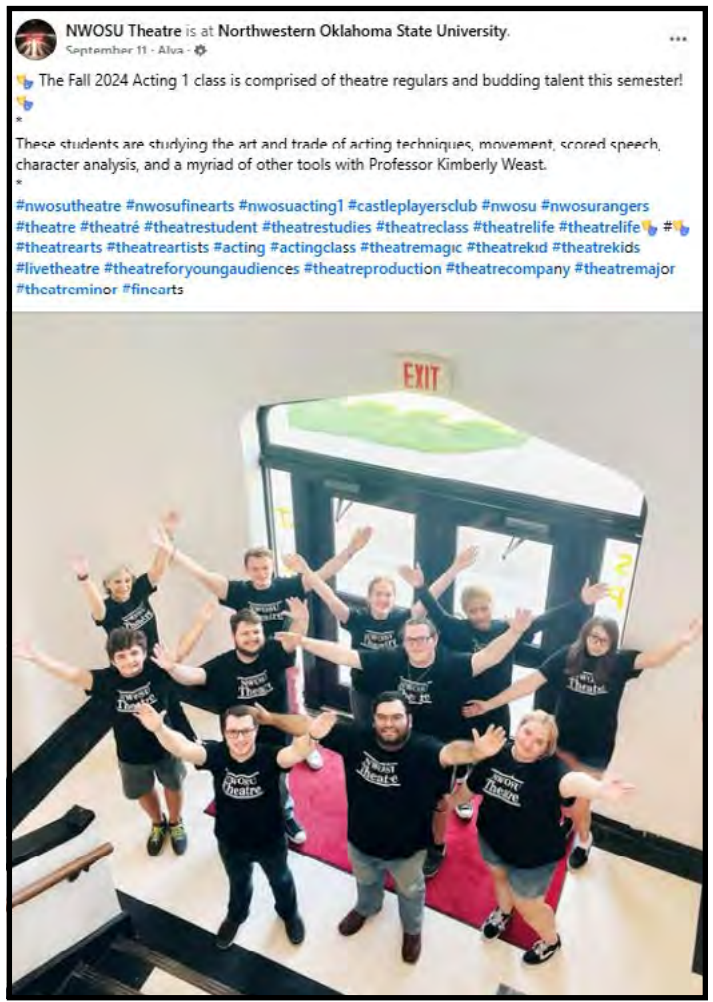
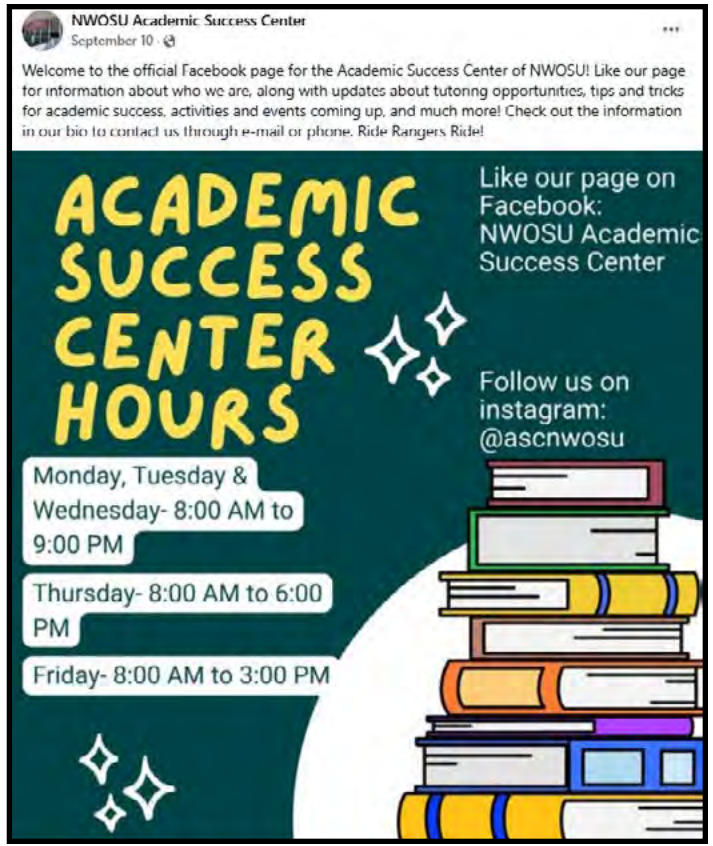
Closet to help transition their wardrobe to professional dress. The Teacher’s Closet is open to all Northwestern students regardless of major.

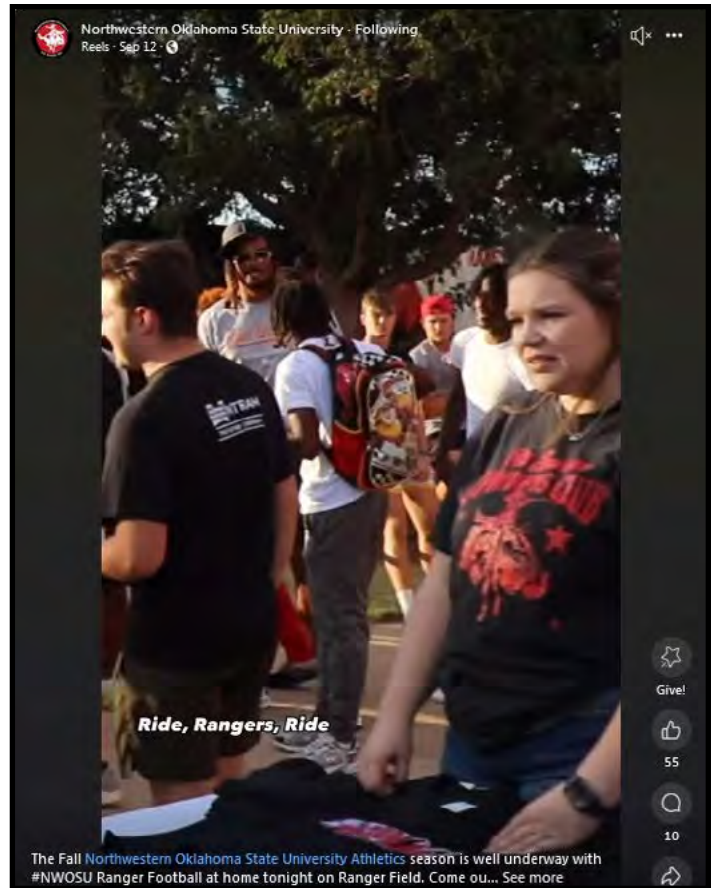
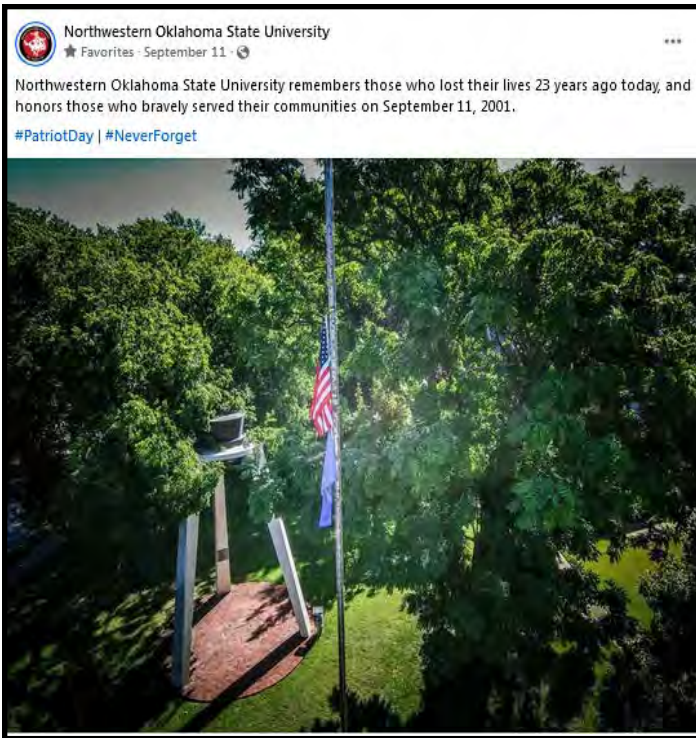
For more information on Northwestern’s teacher education program, or how to donate gently used or new clothing to benefit young professionals contact Oswald at (580) 327-8451 or jdoswald@nwsu.edu.





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.





NWOSU Academic Success Center
September 12

Need some help in your classes? Don't let yourself fall behind- set up a tutoring appointment to stay ahead! Follow these steps and utilize our Tutoring Appointment Request Form for FREE or on-one tutoring.

Whether you're on the Alva, Enid, or Woodward campus, or are a concurrent student enrolled in NWOSU courses, we have you covered!

Don't see the subject you need help in? Give us a call or request and we will find you the help you need.

STEPS TO SET UP A TUTOR IN THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO GET THE SUPPORT YOU NEED!

- FIND AN APPOINTMENT TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU**
 - Visit <https://academic-success-center> to view the schedule of availability for each of our tutors.
 - Find a time to your preference.
- FILL OUT THE TUTOR APPOINTMENT REQUEST FORM**
 - Scan the QR code, or visit nwosu.edu/forms/tutoring-appointment-request-referral
 - Fill out the form as detailed as possible, and submit.
- SHOW UP TO YOUR APPOINTMENT**
 - Bring any notes, books, or resources that are specific to the assignment that is being focused on.
 - Unless scheduled for longer appointments are 30 minutes.
- ARRIVE FOLLOWING AN APPOINTMENT FOR FUTURE**
 - The tutor is not guaranteed to finish your assignment for you, time may not allow for full completion.
 - Schedule another appointment with time to continue.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English: Ashland Crites	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Math: Lily Anderson	12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	12:30 PM - 4:00 PM	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Accounting: Tony Loutstaunau	By Appointment Only, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM	By Appointment Only, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM	By Appointment Only, 5:00 PM-9:00 PM	By Appointment Only, 5:00 PM-6:00 PM	
Biology: Cora Taylor			5:00 PM - 9:00 PM		

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

WHAT DO SOCIAL WORKERS DO?
Professional social workers are found in every facet of community life - in schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practices, prisons, military, corporations, and in numerous public and private agencies that serve individuals, families & communities in need. They often specialize in one or more of the following practice areas:

- Mental Health Therapy - Trauma Center - Military Social Work - Social Work - Adoption & Foster Care - Child Welfare Services - Family Preservation Services - Domestic Family Relationships - Group Facilitation - Community, Maternal & Child Health - National Student Work - Program Management - Health Social Work - Substance Use & Prevention - Long-term Care - Outpatient Treatment - Developmental Disabilities - International Social Work - Advocacy, Consulting & Training - Community Mental Health - Employee Assistance - Program Product - Program Support - Staff - Abuse & Neglect - Academic Success - Program Development - Program Evaluation - Research & Evaluation Services - Family Planning - Community Work - Health Based Programs - Gerontology Services - Community Based Services - Go Home Services - Sports Social Work - Wellness & Rehabilitation - Residential Care/Residential Treatment - Vocational Training - Housing Services - Crisis Services - Emergency Services

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SOCIAL WORK COURSE SEQUENCE FOR MAJORS

Course Number	CRS	Course Title
Year One		
SOCW 210	3	Social Work & Helping Professions
SOCW 215	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 220	3	Introduction to Social Work
SOCW 225	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 230	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 240	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 245	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 250	3	Human Services and Community
Year Two		
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SOCW 335	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 340	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 345	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 350	3	Human Services and Community
Year Three		
SOCW 410	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 415	3	Human Services and Community
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SOCW 445	3	Human Services and Community
SOCW 450	3	Human Services and Community
TOTAL	39	

Social work is a challenging and rewarding profession, one that is dedicated to the greater good in our society and for our clients. Social work is an art, a science, and a profession that helps people solve personal, group, family, and community problems.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Business
September 13 · 🌐

I'm so excited to officially announce our 2024-2025 Ranger Business Club officers!
It's not too late if you would still like to join the club! Email cjseabolt@nwosu.edu or talk to any of the officers above about how to join! #RRR


YOUR 24-25



ZACH WALKER
Get to know him:

- Wellness Center GA
- NWOSU Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Business major & Entrepreneur minor

YOUR 24-25 YOUR 24-25



AZUCENA RIVERA
Get to know her:

- Favorite poem: Invictus by William Ernest Henley
- Loves: Doing community service
- Major: Accounting
- Enjoys: Weightlifting at the welly
- Favorite quote: The secret to achievement is to not let what you're doing get to you before you get to it.



ERICA CODAY
Get to know her:

- Majoring in Accounting, Class Sophomore.
- Working as the secretary at Value Added Products in Alva.
- Favorite holiday is Christmas.
- I have 3 cats.


VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series updated their cover photo.
September 12 · 🌐



THESE WILL BE BANJO
LUCAS ROSS
OKLAHOMA OPRY

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
★ Favorites · September 12 · 🌐



Reading with the Rangers got to hang out with some pretty cool Pre-K and Kindergarteners today! 📖👶
Thanks for having us Kremlin Elementary School!

Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball
September 12 · 🌐



NWOSU Department of Social Work
September 13 · 🌐

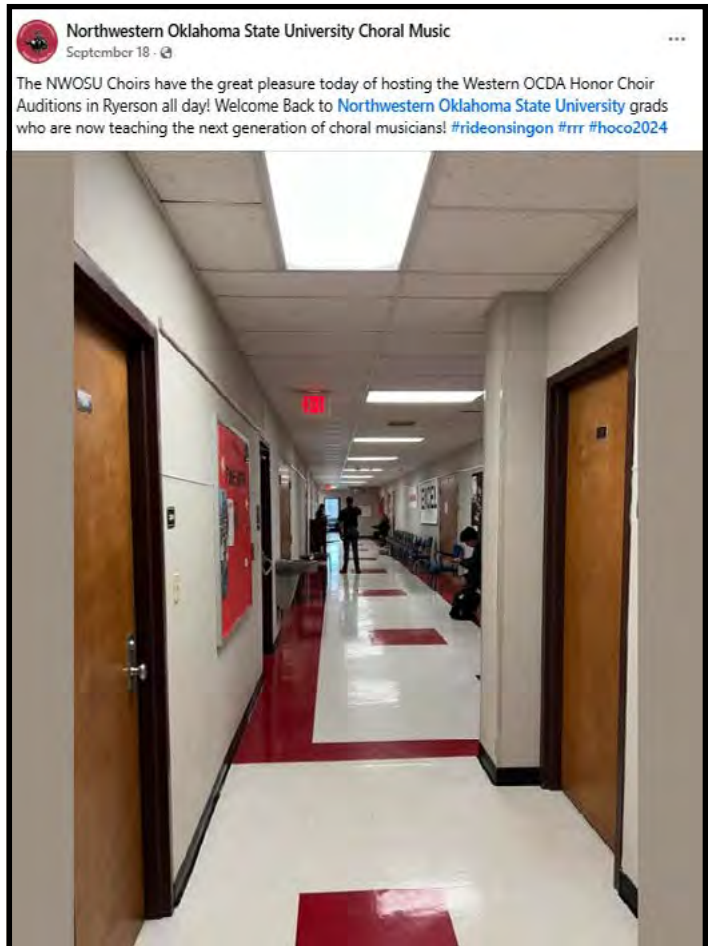
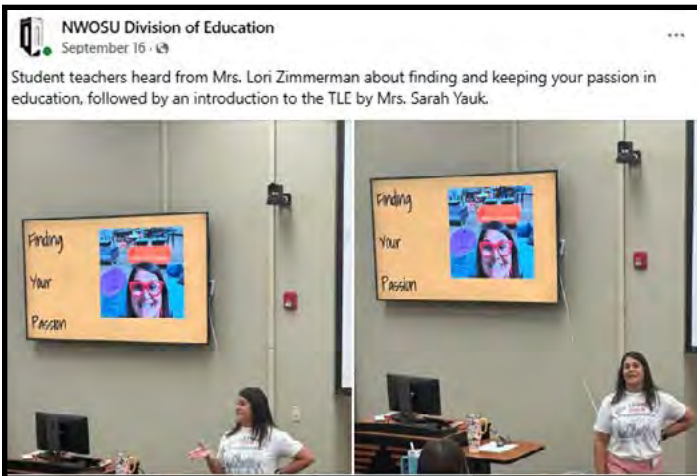
Join us in welcoming back Laney Anderson, as our new secretary to the Department of Social Work as she completes her MSW degree.



NWOSU Division of Education
September 13 · 🌐

Today future educators explored Eric Carle's classic, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". They created headbands inspired by the story.





Schmaltz, Mason speak at Constitution Day

The Northwestern Institute for Citizenship Studies and Department of Social Sciences played host to the annual Constitution Day Observance on Sept. 26 in the Ranger Room on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

This year's topic was titled, "Open Forum: The U.S. Constitution, the Supreme Court, and the Upcoming Presidential Election." The event featured an open forum and dialogue between Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history and department chair, and

Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science.

As its title indicates, this year's observance involved a public discussion and exchange regarding some of the major contemporary legal and political developments related to the U.S. Constitution, the presidential election, and the U.S. Court System.

The facilitators requested open dialogue and questions from the public. This event was open to the public and free of charge. For more information, please contact Mason at mason@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8522.



Dr. Eric Schmaltz and Dr. Aaron Mason lead discussion during the 2024 Constitution Day event on campus.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 ★ Favorites · September 19 · 🌐

It was great having high school counselors from the area on campus today to learn how their graduating seniors can benefit from all the wonderful things at #NWOSU. Our undergraduate students have not had a tuition increase in four years!
 #BeARanger #LowCost #QualityEducation #okhigheredworks

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 ★ Favorites · September 19 · 🌐

More than 95% of #OKHigherEd nursing graduates at all degree levels remain and work in the state one year after graduation, and over 90% still live and work in Oklahoma 5 years after graduation. be a part of #NWOSU's outstanding nursing department! Learn more at <https://bit.ly/NWUSUnursing>. Applications open Oct. 1 for Traditional BSN and the DNP program. RN-to-BSN applications are always open.
 #OKHigherEdWorks

NWOSU Division of Education
 September 20 · 🌐

Ashley Hromas Roach presented today on a Rising Star Educator's Panel at the Regent's Reading Conference!
 We are so proud of you!
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 ★ Favorites · September 19 · 🌐

#freshmanfrenzy took place at Ranger Field tonight. Freshmen took part in fun and games during the event. The Pink Team was dubbed the 'Rowdiest' team and the Camouflage Team was the winner of the talent show. #NWOSU



NWOSU Division of Education
 September 20 · 🌐

Watching one of our student teachers, Regan Hacker teach this week was a treat! She is student teaching in Mrs. Spidell's class and Dr. Kiser and Dr. Braten-Hall are her university supervisors. We are so excited for Regan!

Micro-credential in infant, early childhood mental health established

Northwestern now offers social service professionals and other students two ways to increase their training in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health after establishing a micro-credential program, which joins a minor in this field that began in Fall 2023.

The Department of Social Work developed this micro-credential program with input from Oklahoma Human Services and Western Plains Youth and Family Services. This credential emphasizes the importance of supporting the developing parent-infant relationship and promoting secure attachments.

The micro-credential program consists of completing one, three-credit-hour course at Northwestern in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and six clock hours of approved infant and early childhood mental health training.

A limited number of scholarships, funded through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) Workforce Micro-Credentials and Rapid Re-Employment Initiative grant program, are available to eligible students.

“Responsive and trusted relationships are fundamental to infant mental health, and having professionals trained in this field can support caregivers in helping babies learn how to experience, manage and express their emotions, establishing a foundation for lifelong health and well-being,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair, said. “This program allows our social service professionals an opportunity to improve early intervention, enhance family support, provide holistic case management, and create targeted interventions that mitigate the impact

of adverse experiences on a child's development.”

Coursework and training can be taken in person or via distance education, allowing flexibility to accommodate students' needs.

“This program is part of a continuing effort by Northwestern to provide educational opportunities for those employed in, or pursuing careers in, critical needs occupations in Oklahoma,” Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs, said. “We are grateful for OSRHE grant funds that have allowed us to help meet the need for certified educators, corrections officers, and now social service professionals.”

As for the established minor in infant and early childhood mental health, it consists of 20 credit hours in the fields of education, psychology and social work and also will be administered through the Department of Social Work. The minor is de-

signed for students in a helping profession with an interest in integrating knowledge of infant and childhood mental health into their professional practice. The coursework guides professionals in understanding the complexities of infant and early childhood mental health for practical application in their major disciplines.

For more information regarding the micro-credential program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work> and click on the gray tab named “Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Micro-Credential.” Questions can also be directed to Bell at jlbell@nwosu.edu or Rehder at kdrehder@nwosu.edu.

More information about the minor and the courses required can be found online at www.nwosu.edu/undergraduate-catalog and by searching the publication for the title.



(right) Carol Stocking MSW, LCSW, RPT, and Western Plains Youth and Family Services Infant and Early Childhood Program Director who also serves as a social work adjunct instructor at Northwestern visits with Cammi Rogge, Alva senior majoring in social work, at the WPYFS facility in Woodward.

Family Day events held on campus Sept. 28

Family Day at Northwestern was Saturday, Sept. 28. The annual event, organized by students in the Northwestern Scholar Ambassador (NSA) leadership group, brings families to campus where they can take tours, purchase Ranger gear, shop for tuition scholarships, attend a Ranger soccer and football game and more.

Families are invited to visit the Alva merchants to “shop for tuition” to register for a \$500, \$300 or \$200 tuition giveaway for the spring semester of 2025. “Shopping for Tuition” took place on Tuesday, Sept. 24, through Saturday, Sept. 28. Families can register once per merchant location. The winning individuals were presented with their awards during half-time of Saturday’s football game.

Current students whose parent(s) are Northwestern alumni were invited to attend a lunch at noon with their families in the Student Center Ranger Room, courtesy of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association. Participants should register by Sep

Family Day registration was held on Saturday beginning at noon in the Northwestern Student Center commons area. Families received free tickets to the football game and a chance to win additional prizes. The bookstore was open to purchase Northwestern merchandise. And, the Ranger Market was open for families to buy Starbucks drinks and snacks.

At noon on Saturday was a women’s soccer game against Oklahoma Baptist University.

On Saturday, a new activity

took place – A Family Cornhole Tournament held just outside the Student Center.

Another fun activity on Saturday was the Alva Mural Scavenger Hunt. Families took selfies with one of the various murals in Alva for one point. Those who gathered 10 points (10 photos) received 10% off in the NWOSU Bookstore. Those who gathered 20 points (20 photos) received 20% off in the NWOSU Bookstore. All photos had to be shown to those attending the registration table in the Student Center on Saturday.

Families were also invited to the free Tailgate Party starting on

page.

Saturday’s pre-game events wrapped up at 6 p.m. when the Northwestern Ranger football team took on Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

“Family Day is a time for students to showcase their university to their families,” Ethan Sacket, student success coordinator and Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors’ sponsor, said. “NSA is a great group of students who have worked hard to create a fun-filled day for all ages.”

For more information, please contact Sacket at egsacket@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8606.



Celebrating Family day with a lunch at Ranger Field, left, and registering at the Student Center.



Enrollment increases

Northwestern officials announced an increase in enrollment for the fall 2024 semester. Currently, there are 2,081 students enrolled as Rangers, which is nearly an 8 percent increase. Credit hours have increased more than 4 percent.

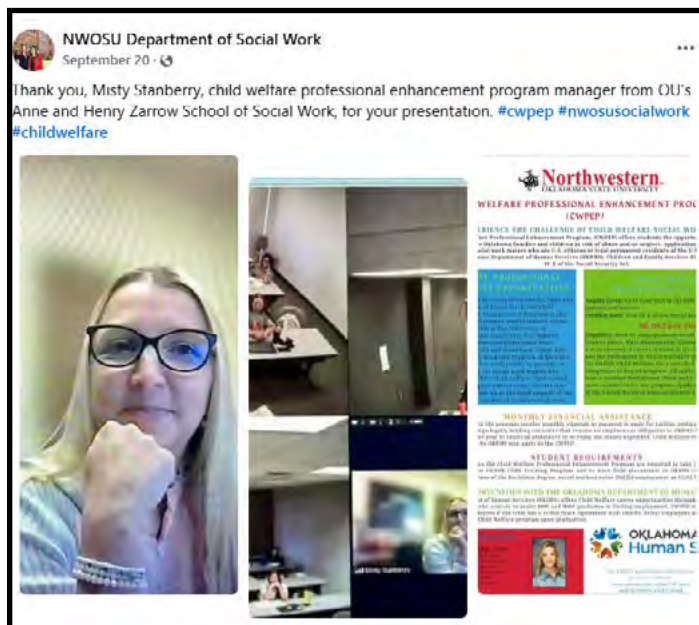
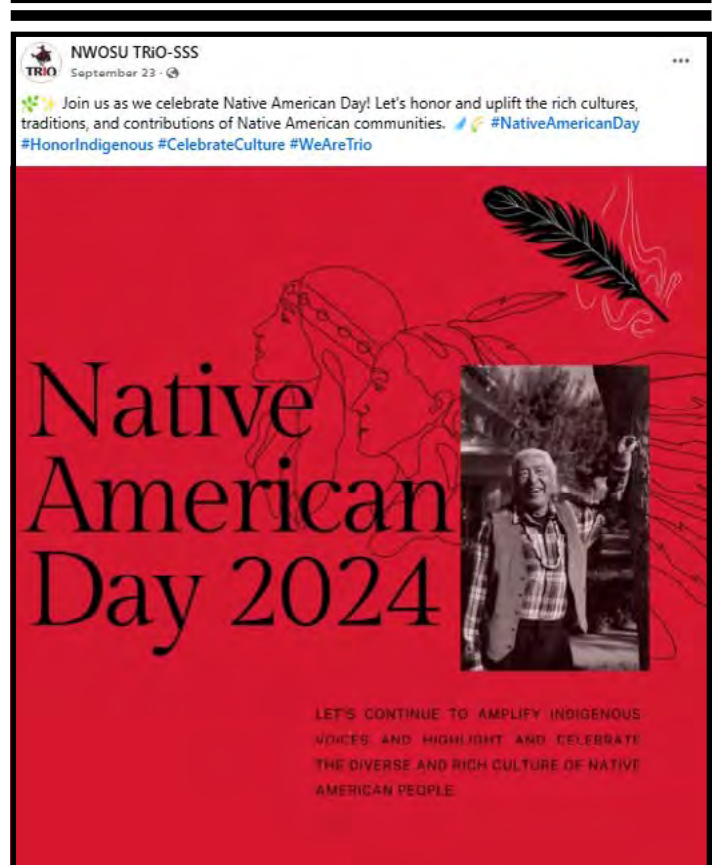
Almost every category of enrollment has seen an increase.

- First-time freshman at Northwestern increased by over 2 percent.
- The Northwestern-Enid campus increased enrollment by 7 percent.
- The Northwestern-Woodward campus saw a 42 percent increase in first-time freshmen.
- Total undergraduate enrollment increased by over 2 percent.
- Graduate enrollment increased by nearly 48 percent.
- Concurrent enrollment increased by 15 percent in head count and 22 percent in credit hours.

“The increased enrollment is always a positive sign for Northwestern,” Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, said. “Having this increase shows a great dedication of not only our faculty and staff, but especially the recruitment team. We are proud of the efforts campus-wide and are happy to see these new Rangers on campus.”

Tuition did not increase for the fourth year in a row and about 50 percent of undergraduates are debt-free.

To become a Ranger, email recruit@nwosu.edu.



NWOSU Department of Social Work
September 23



THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AT NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY INVITES SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE TO HEAR RESEARCH AND A PROPOSAL REGARDING THE BACHELOR LEVEL LICENSURE TITLE.

MEETING INVITATION



**FRIDAY @ 10:00 AM
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**

PLEASE COME ON TIME!

LOCATION:
Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office

**ADDRESS: 921 NE 23RD STREET
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105**



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
September 26

Our Traditional BSN students and some RN-to-BSN students are attending the ONA conference and Student Bootcamp to learn more about how nurses can innovate and advocate!

#ONA



NWOSU Academic Success Center
September 24

Before making a tutoring appointment, be sure to check out our tutor availability for the rest of this week and next week. With homecoming next week, we have a lot of events happening! The red X's mean the tutor is not available on that date at all.

Coming VERY soon (as in next week)!! we will have a tutor for Chemistry and Zoology, along with other sciences upon request. Currently, our tutor is primarily Biology focused, with the exception of a couple other sciences. We are excited to expand on our opportunities to assist more students in this area! Look out for the announcement regarding availability for that tutor soon.

WEEKLY PLANNER

SEPTEMBER 24-30

	MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28
Science		X	5:00 PM-6:00 PM 6:30 PM-7:00 PM 7:30 PM-9:00 PM	X	X
Math	12:30 PM-4:00 PM	12:30 PM-4:00 PM		11:30 AM-12:30 PM 1:00 PM-4:00 PM	X
English			1:00 PM-5:00 PM	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Accounting	5:00 PM-9:00 PM No Walk-Ins.	6:00 PM-9:00 PM No Walk-Ins.	5:00 PM-6:00 PM No Walk-Ins.		X

WEEKLY PLANNER

SEPTEMBER 30
OCTOBER 1

	MON 30	TUE 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4
Science	X	X	5:00 PM-9:00 PM	X	X
Math	12:30 PM-4:00 PM	12:30 PM-4:00 PM	X	X	X
English	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	3:00 PM-5:00 PM	X
Accounting	X	5:00 PM-9:00 PM No Walk-Ins.	5:00 PM-9:00 PM No Walk-Ins.	5:00 PM-6:00 PM No Walk-Ins.	X

NWOSU Division of Education
September 26

Mrs. Buckhaults' Math Methods class extended learning beyond the classroom on this picturesque day.



Northwestern partners with Nile University in Nigeria

Northwestern's Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, initiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nile University of Nigeria, located in Abuja, the capitol of Nigeria.

This agreement will allow Nigerian students to receive an American education while staying in their home country. This partnership will also provide increased tuition revenue for Northwestern, as well as an increased international presence.

"The purpose of this partnership is to develop a framework

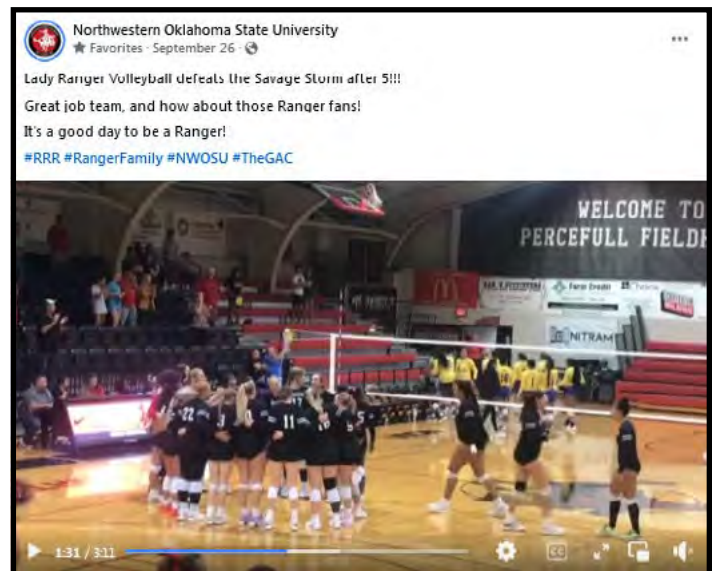
for cooperation between Northwestern and Nile University of Nigeria that will allow Nigerian students to stay in their home country to take college-level, credit-bearing courses from Northwestern that will lead to graduate degrees and marketable skills," Holliday said.

Coursework will be provided to students at Nile University via interactive television, online and hybrid formats.

Nigerian students have the opportunity to enroll in the Master of Arts

in Heritage Tourism and Conservation program, the Master of Education in Adult Education Management and Administration program, the Master of Science in General Psychology program, or in graduate-level English/literature courses, beginning in the spring 2025 semester.

For more information on this partnership, please contact Holliday at (580) 327-8589 or spholliday@nwosu.edu.



Smash Brothers tournament held on Alva campus

Northwestern's Esports team played host to an Oklahoma Scholastic Esports Smash Brothers Tournament on Sept. 30 on Northwestern's Alva campus Student Center Ballroom. Eleven area high schools and middle school were on campus for the tournament.

High schools competing included Blackwell, Buffalo, Cheyenne, Guymon, Hammon, Laverne, Leedey, Ponca City, Watonga, Wynoka and Taloga. Middle schools competing were Blackwell, Cheyenne, Hammon, Taloga and Watonga.

There were preliminary matches in the morning with winners ad-

vancing to final matches in the afternoon. Individual awards were given at the end of the tournament. The top three high school students and top three middle school students advanced to state playoffs.

Anyone interested in Esports at Northwestern can contact Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science, at epvaverka@nwosu.edu or esports@nwosu.edu. Scholar-

ships are available.

More about Northwestern's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science is available at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/math-and-computer-science.

NWOSU TRIO-SSS
September 30

The next Mental-Health Monday is brought to you by Salat, one of our peer mentors. Life can be stressful, but it's important to take it easy sometimes. Focus on feeling good by doing a few simple things:

- Pause: Take a moment to breathe.
- Talk: Share your feelings with a trusted person.
- Rest: Take breaks to recharge your mind.
- Be kind to yourself: You're doing your best, and that's enough.

It's okay not to have all the answers. Take care of your mental health just like any other part of your life. You deserve to feel happy and peaceful.

MENTAL HEALTH

TAKING CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR EVERYDAY WELL-BEING

MENTAL HEALTH IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS PHYSICAL HEALTH. IT AFFECTS HOW WE THINK, FEEL, AND ACT. TAKING CARE OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL FOR OVERALL WELL-BEING. HERE ARE SOME PRACTICAL TIPS TO HELP YOU MAINTAIN GOOD MENTAL HEALTH.

PRACTICE SELF-CARE. TAKE TIME TO DO THINGS THAT YOU ENJOY, SUCH AS READING A BOOK, TAKING A WALK, OR HAVING A RELAXING BATH. PRIORITIZING SELF-CARE CAN HELP REDUCE STRESS AND IMPROVE MOOD.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Favorites · September 27 · Alva

Introducing the 2024 Ranger Royalty Finalists and Freshman Queen!

2024 Freshman Queen: Brenda Lezama
King Finalists: Jalen Ghee, Marshal Howard, Chris Perez
Queen Finalists: Kate Foster, Diamond Hilton, Tara Owen

Thank you to everyone who participated! Full bios are available here: <https://bit.ly/3N4FkVA>

The second and final round of voting for Ranger King and Queen will take place Monday, Sept. 30, and Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The Ranger King and Ranger Queen Coronation ceremony will take place during halftime of the homecoming football game against Arkansas Tech University on Saturday, Oct. 5. The game starts at 3 PM!

For more information about homecoming events, visit www.nwosu.edu/homecoming.

Ranger King 2024 Finalists:

Chris Perez, Marshal Howard, Jalen Ghee

Ranger Queen 2024 Finalists:

Crown Bearer: Braxton Lauderdale, Flower Girl: Justice Jones

Freshman Queen 2024: Brenda Lezama, Tara Owen, Diamond Hilton, Kate Foster

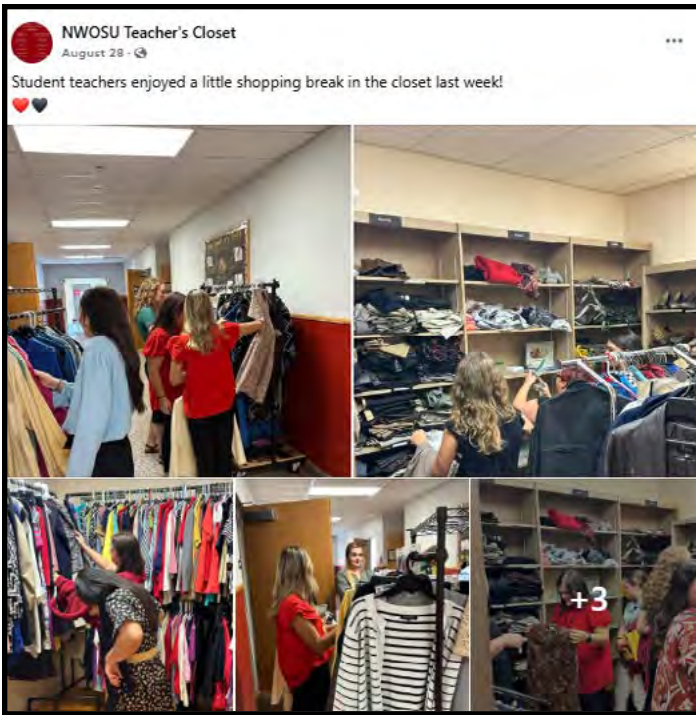
NWTV is with Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics. October 2

Learn more about one of NWOSU's top student athletes, Christian Franklin. #RRR #NWOSU #crosscountry

TRACK & FIELD

One word to describe Christian Franklin, resilient. This is a

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NWTV7 NEWS



NWOSU Teacher's Closet
August 28 · 🌐

Student teachers enjoyed a little shopping break in the closet last week!

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

STARCREEK ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Star Party

COME SEE THE STARS WITH US!

ALVA RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
1867 GOLDBUG BLVD, ALVA, OK 73717

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

DRESS FOR CHILLY WEATHER **7:30-10:00** WEAR CLOSED TOE SHOES

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is in Enid.
★ Favorites · October 1 · 🌐

The #NWOSU Department of Social Sciences invites you to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus for a free seminar offered by Teaching American History.

The seminar is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 124. Lunch will be provided for attendees, courtesy of Teaching American History.

To register for this free event, visit: <http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/.../cold-war-on-...>
Read More on our University News Page: <https://bit.ly/3N6vM10>

LUNCH PROVIDED COURTESY OF TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

Cold War on the Home Front: 1945-1954

FREE EVENT

Register Today!

Guest Speaker

Eric Pullin
Associate Professor of History and Asian Studies at Carthage College

October 7, 2024
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

NWOSU Enid Campus, Room 124 | www.nwosu.edu

NWTV
October 2 · 🌐

NWTV's, Tara Owen, has a new podcast episode. This week she visits with NWOSU SGA Vice President, Chloe Bradt. Check it out by clicking the link in the comments.

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Northwestern News (NWOSU)
October 3 · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/parade-marshals-/>

NORTHWESTERNNEWS.RANGERPULSE.COM

Parade marshals: NWOSU gave excellent education - Northwestern News

Kenneth and Sue Eilers will serve as the Northwestern 2024 Homecoming parade marshals.

Northwestern celebrates Family Day, presents prizes, scholarships

The Doug Moss Family traveled 1,300 miles from Irvine, California, to Ranger Field to claim the award for traveling the furthest distance to the Northwestern Family Day events this past weekend. They are the family of Beck Moss, a senior health and sports science education major.



Alva freshman health and sports science education major Bo Stewart (left) accepts his \$500 tuition prize with his parents, Chris Stewart (center) and Tisha Stewart (right).

Students and their families were able to “Shop for Tuition” all week by visiting several Alva merchants to register for a \$500,



Lisa Cal (left) and Dennis Cal (right) accept a \$300 scholarship prize on behalf of their son Wilson Cal during halftime of the Family Day Football game against Southeastern Oklahoma State University on Sept. 28.

\$300 or \$200 tuition giveaway from the Northwestern Foundation.

Winners of those tuition scholarships recognized at half-time of the football game included Bo Stewart, a freshman health and sports science education major and member of the Ranger Baseball team from Alva, who won the \$500 tuition giveaway; Wilson Cal, a graduate student studying adult education management and administration and member of the Ranger Football team from Fullerton, California, the winner of the \$300 tuition prize; and Johnathon Snyder, a junior instrumental music major and member of the Ranger Band from Oklahoma City, the \$200 tuition prize winner.

Families registered in the Student Center Saturday to receive tickets that would allow them free entry into the Ranger football game that day. Families were also able to shop in the Northwestern Bookstore and buy products in the Ranger Market. Several family groups also participated in a corn hole tournament during the afternoon while others captured photos of the murals around Alva for an opportunity to receive a percent off from the Northwestern Bookstore. Families also were able



Johnathon Snyder, a junior instrumental music major from Oklahoma City and member of the Ranger Band, waves to the crowd after accepting his \$200 tuition prize from the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni.

to attend a Lady Ranger soccer game.

The Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association staff also played host to a free lunch for Northwestern alumni and their children who currently are attending the university. Thirty-five people from 12 alumni family groups attended the

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Family Day...

luncheon in the Ranger Room.

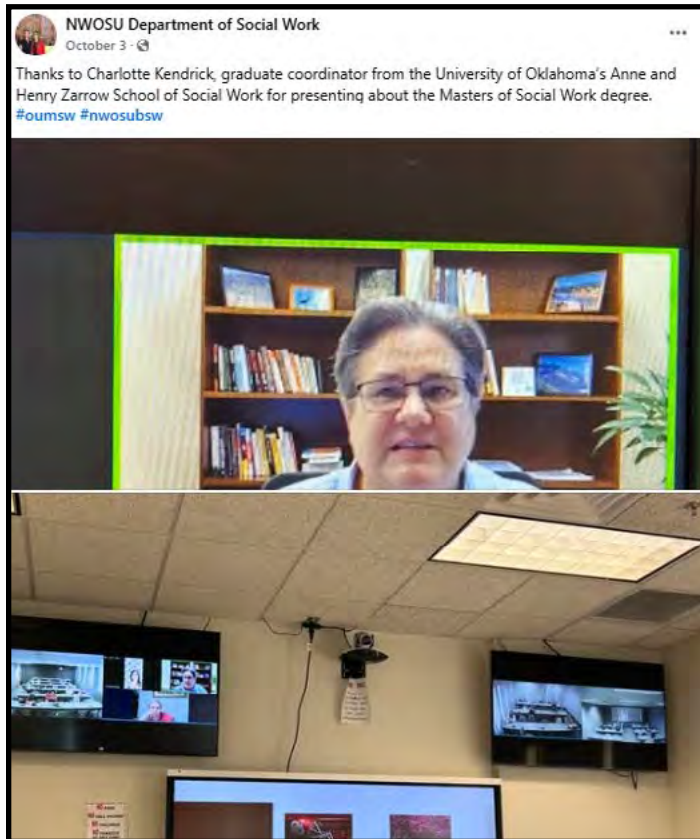
“We always enjoy bringing our alumni together to catch up and to make new friends,” said John Allen, director of alumni relations. “This alumni event grows every year, and we are grateful for the time to share the excitement of Northwestern’s Family Day.”

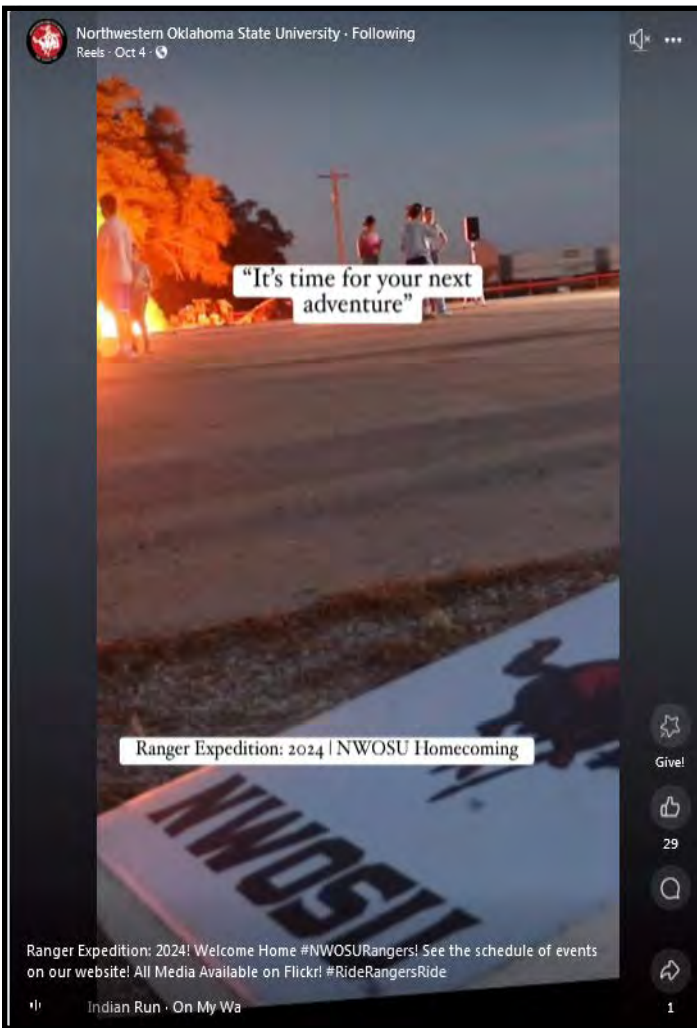
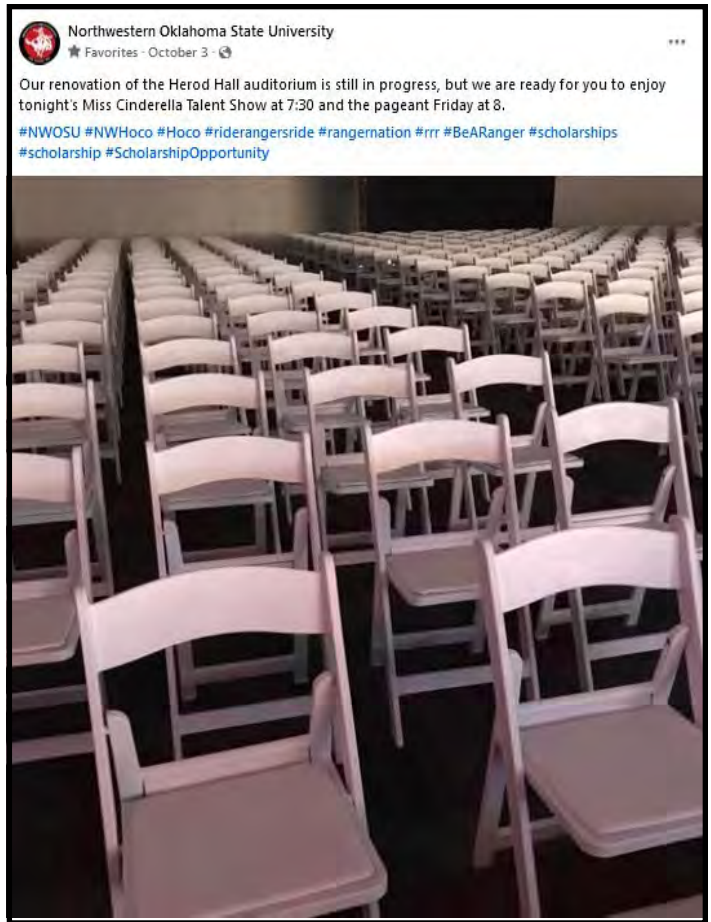
Rounding out the day’s events was a free tailgate meal at Ranger Field before the kickoff of the football game. The hamburgers and hot dogs were sponsored by Alva Health & Wellness; Edward Jones; The Eye Site; Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma; G & G Home Furnishings; Hometown Dentist; Holder Drug; Ignite Physical Therapy; K & S Tire; Primerica; Rialto Cinema;

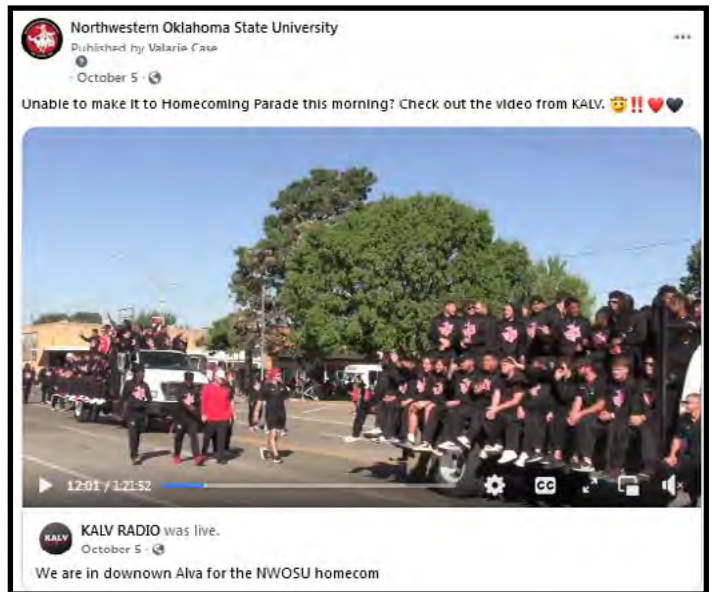
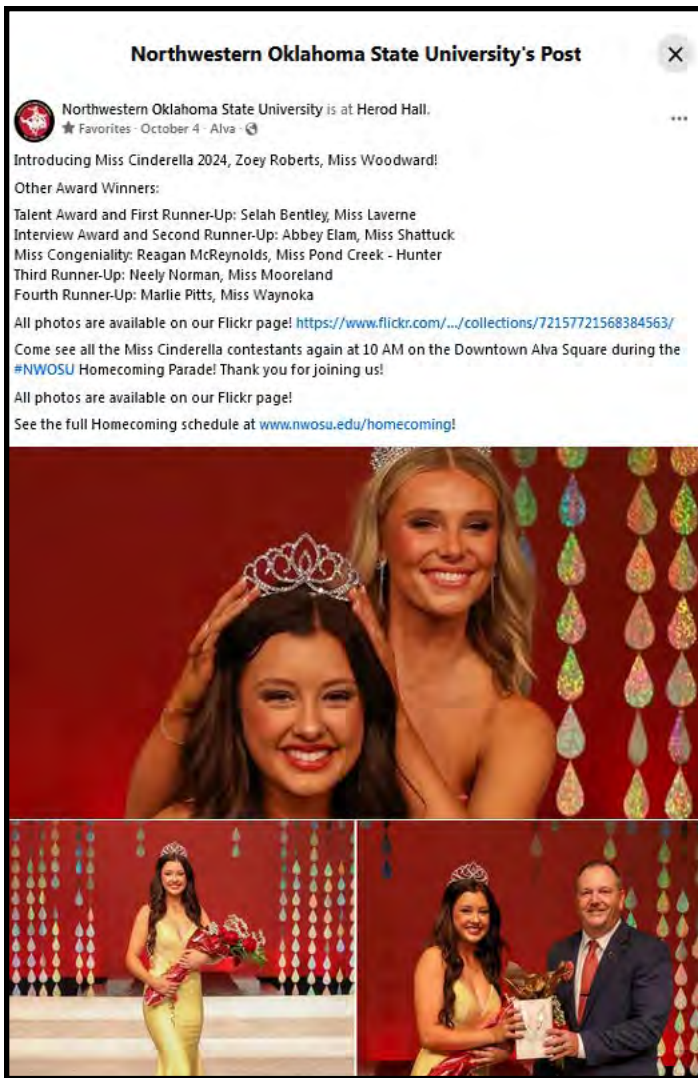
Shirley Farms; Showtime Nutrition; Western Equipment; Windy Ford; and the Woods County Farm Bureau.

For more information about Family Day or Northwestern visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/family-day> or please contact Ethan Sacket, Student Success Coordinator, at egsacket@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8606, or Calleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Af-

fairs and Enrollment Management, at cnmosburg@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8415.







Ledbetter shares knowledge of reptiles, amphibians

As part of the Cherokee Main Street's October Stroll on Oct. 12, Dr. Nicholus Ledbetter, assistant professor of biology at Northwestern, gave a talk on common snakes of northwest Oklahoma in the Cherokee Public Library.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. visitors were able to meet live snakes and other reptiles/amphibians like a spotted salamander, a bull snake and more.

"Living with snakes is something that every person in northwest Oklahoma has to deal with," Ledbetter said. "This talk

will give insight on how to identify which snakes are dangerous and what to do if you encounter one."

This event was in collaboration with the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge.

For more information contact Ledbetter at nmledbetter@nwsu.edu or (479) 466-0013 or with the Refuge's Melissa Robell at (580) 596-6454.

For more information on Northwestern's Department of Natural Science, visit <https://www.nwsu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science>.



Nicholus Ledbetter

Social Sciences presents Teaching American History Cold War seminar

The Northwestern Department of Social Sciences invited the public to the Enid Campus for a free seminar offered by Teaching American History.

The rise of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union is a story that has often been told. How did these developments abroad affect life in the United States? “Cold War on the Home Front: 1945 – 1954” was a one-day seminar led by Eric Pullin, associate professor of history and Asian studies at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Pullin earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Rockford College, a Master of Arts in history from Northern Illinois University, a Master of Arts in Labor and Industrial Relations from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“This was a great professional development opportunity for our teacher candidates and area teachers,” said Jana Brown Pittman, instructor of history at Northwestern and organizer of the event. “Even if you are not a history teacher, the discussion was very informative and interesting.”

The seminar focused on postwar anti-communism, culminating in the McCarthy Era, but also focused on changes in home and family life, as well as popular culture and religion in the postwar period.

This program was conducted as a discussion, utilizing primary source documents as the only readings, with Pullin facilitating the conversation instead of lecturing or presenting. Primary sources were made available to those who register. Registrants

were highly 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.

“We especially encouraged registration by teachers who have not participated in a previous Teaching American History seminar,” said Cristi Putman, teacher programs administrator for Teaching American History. “Thank you for all you do to educate young citizens.”

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



New practicum partnership announced with correctional center

The Northwestern Department of Social Work is thrilled to announce an innovative new practicum partnership with the Bill Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC) in Alva.

This new paid partnership is designed to provide social work students with hands-on experience in a correctional setting, offering a unique opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a practical environment.

This collaboration aims to enhance the educational experience of social work students while making a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals within the correctional system, bridging the gap between academic theory and real-world practice.

BJCC will serve as an ideal setting for students to engage with diverse and complex cases. The practicum will allow students to work closely with correctional staff and inmates, gaining insights into the challenges and opportunities within the criminal justice system.

“The Social Work Field Education Program and Northwestern Community Service Provider at BJCC are essential partners, combining systemic understanding with individualized care,” said Trent Spade, treatment director at BJCC. “Their collaboration ensures comprehensive support, boosts mental health, and fortifies community resilience by addressing both widespread and personal challenges.”

Jenna Maier, a junior social work major from Alva and current practicum student, said, “The partnership between the Northwestern Department of Social Work and BJCC has provided me with a unique practicum opportunity. The experience I’m gaining from my work and colleagues is setting me apart from my peers.”

Maier added that she has already seen the difference this program makes in the lives of inmates.

“I was nervous at first to work in a prison,” Maier said, “but, the substance abuse treatment program at BJCC is set up to highlight the strengths of the inmates while teaching them skills to maintain a sober lifestyle once they get out.”

Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the Northwestern Department of Social Work and professor of social work, said this new practicum partnership represents a milestone achievement and underscores the department’s commitment to preparing students for the challenges and rewards of social work practice in all its forms.

“We are incredibly excited about this new collaboration with the BJCC,” Rehder said. “The Northwestern Department of Social Work continues to

expand its efforts to provide students with diverse and impactful learning opportunities. This partnership represents a significant leap in our efforts to provide students with comprehensive, real-world experience. Working in a correctional setting will challenge our students to think critically, adapt quickly, and develop innovative solutions to complex issues.”

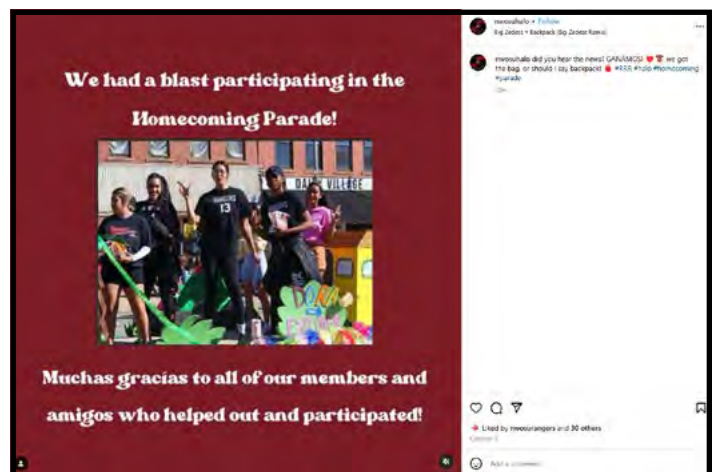
For more information about the Northwestern Department of Social Work, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work> or contact Rehder at kdreher@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135.



Jenna Maier (left), a junior social work major from Alva, is enrolled in the new social work practicum partnership with Bill Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC). Trent Spade (right) is the treatment director at BJCC.



Several students enjoyed making tie dyed t-shirts during Homecoming festivities on the Woodward campus.



Rehder speaks at state Social Workers board meeting

Northwestern social work students attended an Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers (OSBLSW) board meeting held at the Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office in Oklahoma City.

During the board meeting, Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work and professor of social work, presented research

and proposed to change the bachelor's level social work licensure title from a Licensed Social Work Associate (LSWA) to Licensed Bachelor's Social Worker (LBSW).

The motion passed and a committee was tasked with drafting language for the creation of a bill to revise the Oklahoma Social Work Practice Act.

The practice of social work in the state of Oklahoma is declared a professional practice and is subject to regulation by the OSBLSW under the Oklahoma Social Work Practice Act (O.S. Title 59). The purpose of Oklahoma's Social Work Practice Act serves to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of social work and the licensure of



Social Work students from Northwestern attending the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers Board meeting in September are Hunter McMillin, Alyssa Arambula, Makenzie Hoskins, Yasmin Vargas, Harlie Altland, Tori (Mahawa) Tyler, Amanda Houldsworth, Kimberly Ruf and Samuel Felton.



Dr. Kylene Rehder presents research and a proposal to the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers to change the Licensed Social Work Associate licensure title to Licensed Bachelor's Social Worker.



Social Work Students from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Oral Roberts University, and the University of Oklahoma attend the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers Board meeting in September.

social workers.

"Since social workers at the bachelor's level can obtain a professional license to practice it is imperative students understand the standards of the profession and high levels of accountability associated with it," Rehder said. "I am grateful to executive director James Marks and the board members for their willingness to welcome students, provide them with the rules and regulations of the profession and offer insights into the board's role and functions."

The OSBLSW board consists of Beverly Coon, board chair; Angela Workman Dickson, vice chair; Clark Grothe, secretary; and board members April Courouleau, Melanie McKinley, and David Spencer.

For more information on the OSBLSW visit <https://oklahoma.gov/socialworkers.html>.

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

NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
October 9 · Alva · 🌟

🎤 Bring a friend and come showcase your singing talents at Karaoke Night!
THIS THURSDAY NIGHT! 🎶

#castleplayersclub #nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #théâtre #theatrelife 🎭 #karaoke #karaokeinight #livetheatre

WHEN?
OCTOBER 10TH, 2024
6:30PM TO 9:30PM

WHERE?
STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

COME SHARE YOUR TALENT AND HAVE FUN WITH PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO MAKE ART
BRING DRINKS AND SNACKS!

Castle Players presents
FINE ARTS KARAOKE NIGHT

We had a blast participating in the Homecoming Parade!

Muchas gracias to all of our members and amigos who helped out and participated!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valerie Case
October 10 · 🌟

Students and faculty were treated to an artist talk, a sculpture viewing, and a drawing lesson on Thursday from visiting artist Christyn Overstake, a sculptor and interdisciplinary artist from East Central University. Overstake's sculptures and drawings will be in the Art Gallery space in Jesse Dunn through next week.

For more info on the #NWOSU Visual Arts major, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/visualarts>.

NWOSU Department of Social Work
October 10 · 🌟

The NAMI HelpLine is here for you:

📞 Call 1-800-950-NAMI (6264)

💬 Text "HelpLine" to 62640

Talk to us!
Find resources from NAMI's Teen & Young Adult HelpLine:
Call 1-800-950-6264
Text "Friend" to 62640
Chat with us online at nami.org/help

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE
988 is the national number to connect to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
If you're in a crisis, call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org
Immediate crisis intervention and support, available from trained crisis counselors 24/7

NAMI
October 10 · 🌟

No matter what you're going through, #WorldMentalHealthDay is a great reminder that you are not alone and resources are available to support you on your journey.

NWOSU Division of Education
October 12 · 🌟

Dr. Braten Hall, Madelyn Atchley, McKenzie Mashak, and Bailey Humphries are having a great time at the OAEA Fall Conference today!

James elected to state AI Impact Committee

Dr. Roxie James, chair of Northwestern's English, Foreign Language and Humanities department, was voted the co-chair of the statewide AI Im-

pact Committee. She was one of three nominees and received more than 60% of the vote.

Congratulations to Dr. James!



Roxie James

Dr. James has brought attention to the university's AI Impact Committee through her leadership and innovative projects, such as the NWOSU AI Committee Day of Play and the survey of faculty AI use last spring.



NWOSU Academic Success Center
October 14

For the last day of Meet the Academic Success Center, we have our coordinator, Aleyssa Rose! Her e-mail is amrose@nwosu.edu, and office phone number is (580) 327-8149. Visit her in the Industrial Education building, room 113, call, or e-mail for any questions you may have about the ASC!

MEET THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

Aleyssa Rose

- COORDINATOR OF THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER & ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT AT NWOSU
- 3 FUN FACTS ABOUT MRS. ROSE:
 1. SHE IS A NWOSU ALUMNI WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & MASTER'S DEGREE IN READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION.
 2. SHE RECENTLY GOT MARRIED IN MAY.
 3. ALL OF HER FAMILY HAS ATTENDED NWOSU!
- FAVORITE THING ABOUT NWOSU?
 - SHE LOVES HOW IT FEELS JUST AS MUCH LIKE HOME AS IT DID WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT, AND HOW DEEP THE RANGER FAMILY LOVE RUNS!



NWSU Department of Social Work
October 15 · 🌐

Bridges Out of Poverty

BRIDGES AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL

- November 4, 2024
- 1pm-4pm
- 1801 S 11th St. Alva, OK 73717

This training workshop offers a myth-shattering framework for understanding poverty. This training is a unique and powerful tool designed to help participants more effectively serve their clients who live or have lived in poverty. It gives a deeper understanding of their challenges, strengths and barriers to change.

To register scan QR code

Northwest Family Services
Nonprofit organization

Send message

Northwest Family Services
October 15 · 🌐

Need Information for ALCA? Contact:
***Kaylyn Hansen* for Assesment, Ext. 8150**
***Shawn Holliday* for Faculty Portfolios, Ext. 8589**



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
October 16 · 🌐

Thank you for coming out to our Enid Campus!

Vance Air Force Base
October 15 · 🌐

Team Vance demonstrating our innovative techniques for training world-class pilots at Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid. #VanceProud #WeFlyTogether

NWOSU Division of Education
October 16

Dr. Oswald and Professor Buckhaults are completing some research on teacher support and celebration. If you are a current educator, will you please take a few minutes to complete our survey? It is completely anonymous and does not ask for school or teacher information. We hope to be able to share some awesome ideas with everyone soon!

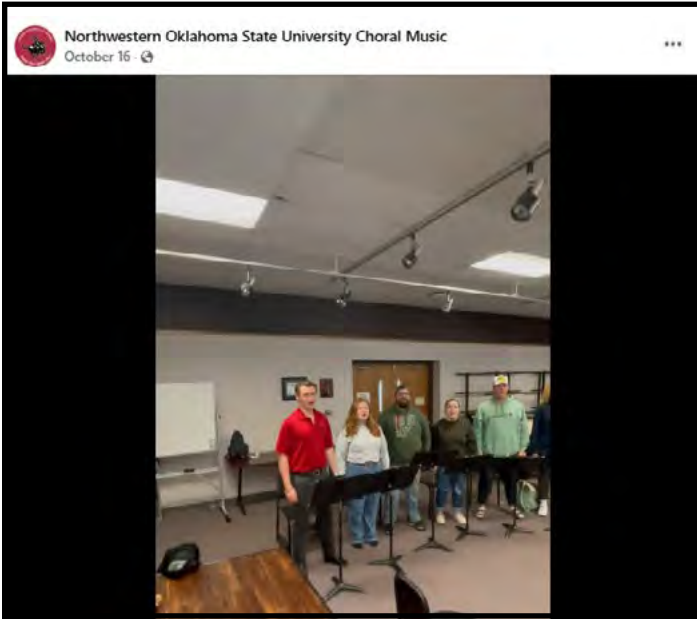
Informed Consent:
Purpose: The purpose of this survey is to gather information about the support and celebration teachers receive at your school.
Participation: Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. You may decline to participate or withdraw from the survey at any time without penalty.
Confidentiality: This survey does not ask for any identifying information. You will not be asked to provide your name, contact information, or school information.
Risks and Benefits: There are no known risks associated with participating in this survey. However, your responses may contribute to positive changes in the support and celebration of teachers.
Questions: If you have any questions about this survey or your participation, please feel free to contact Jen Oswald at jdoswald@nwosu.edu 580-327-8451 or Yesenia Buckhaults at ybuckhaults@nwosu.edu 580-327-8459
 By completing this survey, you indicate your consent to participate and acknowledge that you have read and understood the information provided above.
 Survey link:
 FORMS.OFFICE.COM
 forms.office.com

Link not available

Facebook post from [nwosugatech](#) dated October 16. The post is for a Halloween Costume Baile event. The poster includes the following details:

- Event: Halloween Costume Baile
- Date: Thursday, October 31st
- Location: NWOSU Ballroom
- Time: 7-10pm
- Tickets: \$3 for 1, \$5 for 2
- Theme: Wear your best Halloween Costume, Join us for the Baile, and a frighteningly good time!!!
- Extras: Raffle Ticket free with purchase!!! Extras available for sale \$3 a ticket

 The post also includes a comment from [nwosugatech](#) and a share button.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valerie Case
October 17

Dr. Jesse Schroeder, Tara Owen, Karolina Juresiute & Piper Gallagher from the NWOSU Mass Comm program recently learned valuable information from industry professionals at the annual OETA/OBEA Student Day. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3BK0CFr> #NWOSU

A photograph of four people (three women and one man) standing in front of a backdrop for OETA/OBEA Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association. The backdrop features the OETA and OBEA logos. The people are dressed in professional attire.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
October 16

Today's the day-- stop by and see us between 10-2 for your flu shot!

Two promotional posters for a Flu Vaccine Clinic. The left poster is in English and says "SKIP THE FLU, NOT THE FUN Flu Vaccine Clinic October 16 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. NWOSU Wellness Center". The right poster is in Spanish and says "EMITE LA GRIPE, NO LA DIVERCION Clinica de Vacunas Contra la Gripe 16 de Octubre 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. NWOSU Wellness Center".

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at J.R. Holder Wellness Center.
October 11 - Alva

The **Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing** Student Nurses Association is partnering with **Woods County Health Department** to set up a flu shot clinic at the **J.R. Holder Wellness Center** on Oct. 16 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

This clinic is open to the **#NWOSU** community as well as the public. There will be no charge for those with insurance.

For more information, contact the Woods County Health Department at 580-327-3192.

A photograph of a person painting a large, colorful Native American headdress on a black t-shirt. The text "SPANISH CLUB" is visible on the t-shirt. The person is using a brush and paint to create the design.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Business
October 21

Spring 2025 enrollment opens tomorrow! Reach out to your advisor to schedule an appointment now! #RRR

NWOSU DIVISION OF BUSINESS STUDENTS

**SPRING 2024 ENROLLMENT
OPEN TUESDAY**

**EMAIL YOUR ADVISOR
TODAY TO SCHEDULE
AN APPOINTMENT
TO ENROLL IN
COURSES OR EMAIL**

Cjseabolt@nwosu.edu

NWOSU Department of Social Work
October 21

Isabella Burden & Professor Harding attending the Child Abuse Medical Examiners Training. #nwosusocialwork

Sexually Transmitted Infections in Children & Adolescents

HARUV USA
at OU - Tulsa

2024 Child Abuse Medical Examiners Training

Monday, October 21, 8:30am-5:00pm

OU-Tulsa Learning Center, Room 231 (4502 E 41st Street, Tulsa, OK 74135)

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Morning refreshments and check in
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Child Maltreatment 101

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 21

Planning to attend our competition on Sunday? Be sure to bring a copy of your favorite recipe with you for our cookbook! 🍴👩🍳 We will have a recipe drop-off box at the ticket booth. 🥰

Recipe Information Needed:

- Required ingredients
- Step-by-step instructions
- Your name
- Current (or past) position(s) at Northwestern
- Year(s) of graduation from Northwestern, along with degree(s) earned as a Ranger
- For students, please list current classification at Northwestern (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Grad Student)

Miss Northwestern
IS COOKIN' UP
SOMETHING EXCITING

#1 - LOCATE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE

#2 - SNAP A PHOTO, MAKE A COPY, SCAN, OR TYPE OUT YOUR SELECTED RECIPE

#3 - SUBMIT RECIPES VIA EMAIL TO PLFISCHER@NWOSU.EDU

OR MAIL RECIPES TO:
NWOSU BUSINESS OFFICE
ATTN: PAIGE FISCHER
709 OKLAHOMA BLVD.
ALVA, OK 73717



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.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valarie Case
October 22

Spring semester enrollment is now open at #NWOSU! Visit with your adviser to figure out a schedule, and #GetEnrolled!
#15ToFinish
www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules

Spring Semester Enrollment is Now Open! GET ENROLLED

0:09 / 0:10

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valarie Case
October 22

Thank you [Lucas Ross](#) and the [Oklahoma Opry](#) band for a fun evening at #NWOSU.

Lucas entertained the audience for more than two hours, and yes, there was banjo! He even stayed after and signed autographs and visited with several who attended the show.

President Ron Hannaford even presented Lucas with a Ranger cap.

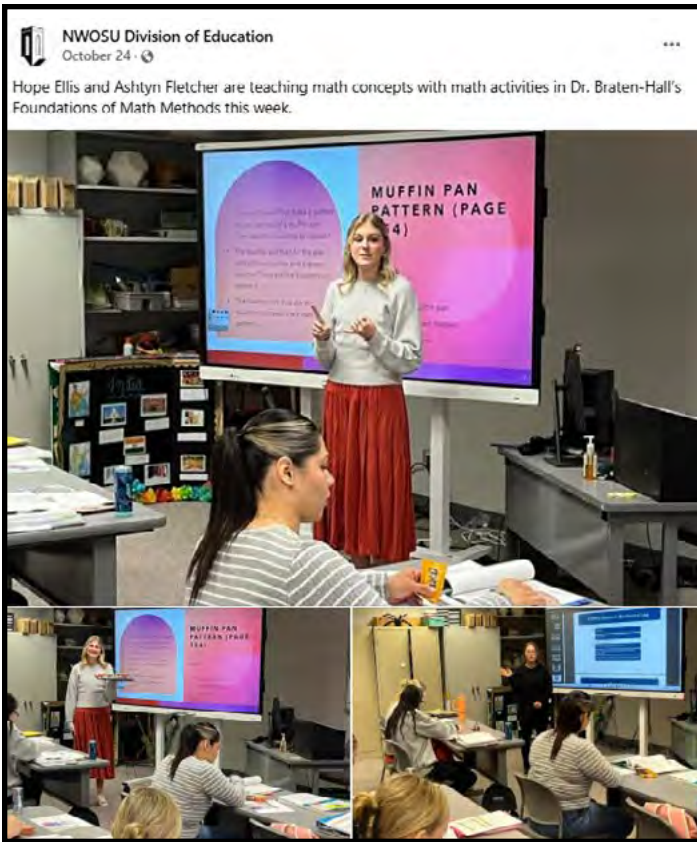
Please stop by Northwestern again anytime.

NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall.
October 23 - Alva

We had an absolute BLAST hosting Lucas Ross and the Oklahoma Opry as guests of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series! 🎉🎶

It was a fantastic evening of entertainment at NWOSU!

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers #herodhallauditorium #fellersfamilyauditorium #lucasross #oklahomaopry #theatre #théâtre #theatrelife #thetreeducation #theatrestudies #theatrestudent #livetheatre #banjomusic #theatrearts #theatreartist #theatreproduction #theatre... See more



Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Published by Sean Doherty
 October 24 · Alva ·

Education employers seeking to fill open positions and internships can connect with students and local job-seekers at the fall 2024 Education Career Fair.

The event will take place in the Student Center Ballroom on Monday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendees to the fair should be prepared to provide copies of resumes and cover letters.

More Information: <https://bit.ly/4dZg5jm>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Published by Sean Doherty
 October 24 ·

Attention #NWOSURangers! There is still a week left to receive a \$100 voucher off the cost of the #NWOSU Study Abroad trip to Spain & Portugal!

Come see Gaudi's Sagrada Familia and Parc Güell in Barcelona, travel to Madrid on a high-speed train, experience an evening of Flamenco in Seville, take an optional day trip to Morocco or spend the day at the beach of Costa del Sol, before traveling to Lisbon, Portugal.

To sign up or view more details, visit <http://explorica.com/Leaper-2036>.

Offer only available until Oct. 31!

Have questions? Visit the Study Abroad webpage at <https://www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad> or email Shannon Leaper, seleaper@nwosu.edu. #RideRangersRide

Northwestern first stop for art exhibit ‘Building Belonging’

The second-floor gallery in the Jesse Dunn Building at Northwestern was happy to play host to the exhibition “Building Belonging” in November.

The exhibit began in Alva and traveled across the state.

This exhibition featured the artwork of five transplants to Oklahoma. Each artist brings their own sense of place with them as they engage with and grow alongside the places they now call home.

These artists include Thomas Cornell, an assistant professor of visual art at Northwestern; Robin Baker, a teaching assistant professor of foundations at Oklahoma State University; Leticia R. Bajuyo, an assistant professor in the School of Visual Arts at the University of Oklahoma; Cassidy Frye, assistant professor and studio manager at Tulsa Community College; and Christyn Overstake, assistant professor of art at East Central.

Cornell is a multi-disciplinary artist who works across a variety of media. He currently is helping to develop the new visual arts major at Northwestern and serves as a co-director of the Museum of Natural History in Jesse Dunn.

He originally hails from North Carolina where he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio art and his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in business management from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Cornell later moved to Indiana where he earned his Master of Fine Arts in studio art from the University of Notre Dame. He has taught at the secondary and post-secondary level in Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana and North Carolina.

His practice as an artist is meditative and prominently features themes relating to natural history, institutional display, memory, history and spirituality. Learn more about Cornell at www.tom-cornell.com.

Baker received his Bachelor of

Arts in photojournalism from the University of Kentucky in 2011 and his Master of Fine Arts in sculpture from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in 2014. He is currently a teaching assistant professor of foundations at Oklahoma State University.

As a photographer and a sculptor, Baker’s work explores the disconnect between industrial society and the rest of the planet. Through the juxtaposition of human and natural forms using industrial and natural materials, he strives to reveal this disconnection and add to the conversation about the destruction necessary to sustain the industrial way of life.

Learn more about Baker at www.robinbakerart.com.

From a rural town on the border of Illinois and Kentucky, Bajuyo began creating art in Metropolis, Illinois, long before realizing what she was tinkering with could be called art. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1998 from the University of Notre Dame and her Master of Fine Arts in 2001 from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Learn more about Bajuyo at www.leticiabajuyo.com.

Growing up in a military family, Frye was raised around uniforms and multiple moves without a sense of permanence. This continues to shape her work, by expressing the feeling of never finding a place to call home. Home is not a permanent place that she can return to, it is a place that follows in travels.

Frye received her Master of Fine Arts from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Learn

more about Frye at www.cassidyfrye.com.

Overstake is a multi-disciplinary artist living and working in the United States. Their background as a certified welder and fabricator in manufacturing informs their material and process decisions, as well as their conceptual and philosophical frameworks.

Overstake received a Bachelor of Arts in sculpture from Northern Arizona University, and a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. They serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-South Sculpture Alliance, and their work has been shown and collected in galleries, museums, and public sculpture walks across the United States and internationally. Learn more about Overstake at www.christynoverstake.com.

The gallery is located in JD 218 (on the south side of the building nearest Vinson Hall) and is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additional hours are available by appointment. Please contact Cornell by email at tacornell@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8111.

For more information about the Wisdom Family Foundation Visual Arts Program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/visualarts>.



“Building Belonging” is a group exhibition featuring the artwork of five transplants to Oklahoma. The exhibit is open now through Nov. 21 in Room 218 of the Jesse Dunn Building.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Herod Hall.
Published by Sean Doherty
October 25 · Alva · 🌐

Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music at [#NWOSU](#), will be performing a solo piano recital in Herod Hall's Fellers Family Auditorium in Alva on Oct. 30 at 7 PM.

The program will feature George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue in celebration of its 100th anniversary. "This recital is very special to me," Moreira said. "It is the first time I am playing at least one piece by composers born in the three countries I've lived in: Brazil, France and the United States, in the same concert. It will be an honor for me to share such diversity of musical cultures with the Alva community."

The performance is free and open to the public.
Read More: <https://bit.ly/3NG3dTz>

The Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts presents:

DR. EDUARDO MOREIRA

SOLO PIANO RECITAL

October 30
Wednesday - 7pm
Herod Hall Auditorium
NWOSU - Alva Campus

Featuring George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, in celebration of its 100th year anniversary.

Northwestern
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

NWOSU Department of Social Work
October 29 · 🌐

DID YOU KNOW?

Northwestern
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

OUR SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

- Nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- One of only five BSW accredited social work 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.
- Over 95% of social work students are employed upon graduation.
- Graduates are eligible for Masters of Social Work (MSW) advanced standing programs.
- Distinguished faculty & recipient of the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award.
- Home to NASW-OK Undergraduate Student of the Year recipients & International scholars.
- Virtual Reality Labs and Active Social Work Learning Environments.
- Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) grant awards up to \$24,300 annually to participating students.
- SWAT (Social Workers Association of Tomorrow) is a vibrant student organization who hosts events such as Primp for Prom, an award-winning community action project.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is with Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University at Herod Hall.
Published by Sean Doherty
October 27 · Alva · 🌐

Jessica Davis of Woodward was named **Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2025** during the annual Miss Northwestern competition on Oct. 27 in Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall. Madeline Ryerson of Alva was crowned Miss Northwestern's Teen 2025.
Full Story 📖👉: <https://bit.ly/40iDuYT>

NWOSU Division of Education
October 28 · 🌐

Thank you to our partner schools for coming to our Education Career Fair today!

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
October 28 · 🌐

💖💖💖
Had to bring out the Miss NWOSU glasses one last time to document the village it takes to make it through pageant day!!
SO thankful for these people & their willingness to join in on my crazy ideas.. you guys are the best!
💖💖💖

"Put these on & pose"

TikTok
@megans_reinhart

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
2025

0:02 / 0:11

NWOSU English, Foreign Language, & Humanit @NWOSU_Eng · Oct 29 · ...

Thank you to everyone who read/played Kahoot at the Fall 2024 Banned Book Reading! Y'all made this event a huge success!! #nwosueflh #readbannedbooks #nwosusigmataudelta #nwosuwritersroundtable

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valarie Case
October 29 · 🌐

Lots of young and not as young kids enjoyed the Trunk or Treat event tonight sponsored by NWOSU SGA
#NWOSU.

Trunk or Treat at NWOSU!

Ghouls Night Out
Ethan Schreiber

NWOSU English, Foreign Language, & Humanit @NWOSU_Eng · Oct 30 ...
 Don't forget to enroll for spring! We have quite a few enchanting options.
 #nwosueflh #fearless

**SPRING 2025
COMPOSITION II:
SPECIAL TOPICS**

COMPOSING TAYLOR SWIFT
Professor Cherry
VH211 MWF: 9:00-9:50 **VH211 MWF: 10:00-10:50**
 Students will use Taylor Swift's music as lenses through which they will examine and analyze aspects of American culture and their experiences of it. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking, analysis, argumentation, and conducting research.

DEBUNKING CONSPIRACY THEORIES
Dr. Stephens
VH209 MWF: 10:00-10:50 **VH209 MWF: 11:00-11:50**
VH209 MWF: 12:00-12:50
 In this course, we will examine the fascinating world of conspiracy theories and learn the necessary tools required to hold outrageous claims up to scrutiny.

FAIRY TALES
Dr. James
VH211 MWF: 1:00-1:50 **TBA-2nd CII class**
 This course explores the origins, forms, meanings, and uses of fairy tales as a vehicle for addressing larger cultural issues such as crime, morality, and social behaviors. Additionally, in this course, we will discuss the longevity of fairy tales and how they permeate various aspects of culture.

SHAKESPEARE AT THE MOVIES
Dr. Vaughan
VH211 T/TH: 9:30-10:45 **VH211 T/TH: 11:00-12:15**
 This course will examine one of Shakespeare's plays alongside a modern film adaptation in order to understand how the modern adaptation reimagines Shakespeare's text for contemporary audiences.




TOPICS

- Composing Taylor Swift
- Debunking Conspiracy Theories
- Fairy Tales
- Shakespeare at the Movies

Composition classes using specific topics to teach writing concepts.



NWOSU English, Foreign Language, & Humanit @NWOSU_Eng · Oct 30 ...
 Speak Now, enroll for spring classes! #nwosueflh



**ENGL 1213:
Composition II**

**COMPOSING
TAYLOR SWIFT**

Professor Cherry

This composition II class will use Taylor Swift's music and lyrics as a lens to examine American society and culture



Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University ...
 October 30 · 📷

Hey everyone 🍀👉

I am thrilled to introduce myself as your Miss Northwestern 2025, Jessica Davis!!! Before we spend the next year together, I should probably tell you a little about myself...

- 🍀 I am a freshman here at Northwestern!
- 🍀 I'm currently pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.
- 🍀 I'm from Woodward, OK.
- 🍀 My Community Service Initiative is called EmpowHER: Empowering women through Health, Education, and Resilience.

I am so incredibly excited for this journey to begin! I'm looking forward to a year full of growth, learning, and new experiences.

Ride, Rangers, Ride! ❤️❤️







NWOSU English, Foreign Language, & Humanit @NWOSU_Eng · Oct 30 ...
 View the bard in a new light this spring with Dr. Vaughan! #nwosueflh #shakespeare #english!

ENGL-1213
SHAKESPEARE
AT THE
MOVIES

This course will examine one of Shakespeare's plays alongside a modern film adaptation in order to understand how the modern adaptation reimagines Shakespeare's text for contemporary audiences."



DR. VAUGHAN



NWOSU Division of Education
October 30 · 🌐

Melody Blosser from Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom showcased the program's valuable resources to student teachers.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valerie Case
October 31 · 🌐

Look who was being interviewed on Good Morning Football this morning... the one and only Jerry Glanville, Defensive Coordinator for the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics Football team. #RRR #NWOSU
<https://x.com/gmfb/status/1851989811411988833>

Northwestern News (NWOSU)
October 31 · 🌐

<https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/banned-book.../>

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is with Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team at Woods County Fairgrounds.
Published by Sean Doherty
October 31 · Alva · 🌐

Saddle Up and Ride Down to #RangerRodeo this weekend! Performances start at 7 PM at Woods County Fairgrounds!

Tonight is Student Night w/ FREE Admission for all #NWOSURangers!

Bring the family Friday for Family Night featuring the Calf Scramble and Team Foot Race!

Check out the Match of Champions on Championship Saturday where #NWOSUAlumni take on the winners of this year's rodeo!

Slack Performances will also be going on at 9 AM Friday and Saturday!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Reels · Oct 31 · 🌐

Student Night
FREE Admission for NWOSU Students
Oct. 31

Ranger Rodeo
Oct 31-Nov 2

Saddle Up and Ride Down to #RangerRodeo this weekend! Performances start at 7 PM! Tonight is Student Night w/ FREE Admission for all #NWOSURangers! Bri... See more

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NWOSU Division of Education
October 31 · 🌐

Yesterday the Division of Education delivered tees to our Little Ranger friends at Fowler Early Childhood Center!
Fowler is on our NWOSU Enid campus site and provides a critical partnership for our programs.
Thank you Enid Public Schools and Fowler teachers and administrators for all you do to help us prepare the best educators!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is 🥳 feeling excited.
Published by Valerie Case
November 1 · 🌐

The new chairs for Herod Hall's Fellers Family auditorium have arrived and installation is underway.
#NWOSU #RRR

NWOSU Theatre is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
November 4 · Alva · 🌐

Castle Players Club Meeting Today!
5PM, Ryerson Hall, Studio 327.
See you there! 🎨🎭🎪🎪

#nwosutheatre #castleplayersclub #nwosufinearts #nwosu #nwosurangers #theatre #théâtre #theatrelife #theatreclub #theatrestudent #theatrekid #theatrekids # 🎭 #theatreclass #theatreeducation #theatrearts #theatreartist #theatretch #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #musicaltheatre #theatrelove #theatrefamily #theatremagic #theatreproduction #theatreislife #theatreshow #theatreeducation

NWOSU Department of Social Work
November 5 · 🌐

Check out the Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Micro-Credential.

Reach Higher Oklahoma
October 15 · 🌐

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Bradt recognized with 'Library of the Month'

In her interview, Cara shared some of the important components for her library program at the high school level. "I have discovered that a secondary library requires several components to be effective. Obviously, a stellar collection is important! Beyond the collection, a secondary library needs promotion and advocacy."



"I have found that secondary students who aren't inherently interested in going to the library will not take an active interest in visiting the library unless they are forced to go. Helping secondary students see the library as more than just books requires frequent and friendly communication about library programs and services. Building a healthy library culture starts with active promotion and advocacy," wrote Bradt.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
November 5

Fowler Early Childhood students came over for Trick or Treating.



Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
November 7

Thankful Thursday!! 🍁🍂

Every Thursday of this month I will be sharing something that I am thankful for. For me, practicing daily gratitude is a huge part of leading a healthy lifestyle. Taking time to reflect on all of my blessings shifts my perspective, humbles me, and brings me so much joy.

Today, I am thankful for my amazing support group. All of your prayers, encouraging texts, and loving words mean more than you know.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Enid Campus
November 5

We hosted the Bridge BBQ today at Northern Oklahoma College Enid Campus. We met and talked to many students about our degree programs. We had the best BBQ chicken sliders made by Sweet Serendipity Events.)



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.

NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall.
November 6

We're FLOORED to think these are the last photos of an empty house in Herod Hall Auditorium for the next 60 years! Theatre Production I & II students marked the occasion by literally spelling out the future of Fellers Family Auditorium.

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #castleplayersclub #herodhall #herodhallauditorium #fellersfamilyauditorium #theatre #theâtre #renovation #theatrelife #theatrestudent #theatremajor #theatreeducation #theatrekid #theatrekids #theatrearts #th... See more



Many 'Kindness Day' projects took place

Nearly 40 groups with numerous projects were registered at Northwestern's three campus locations, as well as within the community of Alva for the Day of Kindness in Northwest Oklahoma event on Nov. 15.

This was the fourth year for these Northwestern and Alva community members to work with the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma in Enid to shine a bigger light on kindness, something the Enid organization has been doing since 2015. And, although the Day of Kindness in Northwest Oklahoma was observed on Nov. 15 this year, the international observance of World Kindness Day, which has been in existence since 1998, is always celebrated on Nov. 13.

"We had projects happening at Northwestern from the Agriculture Department handing out bee-friendly seed packets and Delta Zeta members sharing cookie cake in the Student Center to groups placing kind messages on sticky notes all around campus," said Valarie Case, assistant director of university relations and one of the organizers for the local Day of Kindness event. "Our Distance Learning Office collected items from all three campus locations for Creature Concerns in Alva and Furever Friends in Enid, the J.W. Martin Library staff handed out popcorn, and

administrators and academic department chairs again collected a monetary collection to donate to one of the public schools within our campus site cities to help pay off lunch bill balances for various families who need it."



Other Northwestern groups who registered a project included Sadie Bier's and Kaylyn Hansen's Habitudes classes, Karen Koehn's and Julie Lehr's Ranger Connection class, President's Leadership Class

with numerous projects, Pre-Nursing Association, Psychology Club, SAAC and the Enid and Woodward campus locations. Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (O.I.L) members handed out positive sticky notes while attending their annual convention at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Nov. 13.

"Groups within the Alva community also took part in a big way," Case said. "Alva State Bank planned several surprise acts of kindness throughout the day, and BancCentral donated to Alva's Nutrition and Senior Citizen Center."

Other groups in Alva who registered included the BJCC staff, Grow and Share Extension Group, Hope Pregnancy Center, The Little Red Hens, Nam & Pops, Nescatunga Arts and Humanities Council, Northwest Domestic Crisis Services and UpliftAlva. Alva High School

also is had its BALTO Week (Be A Light to Others) all week at the school.

Any individual, club, school class, group, church, civic organization, business, etc., could be involved in this project locally or in the surrounding towns – however big or small. These projects were added to the overall list of those planning acts of kindness and shared with the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma.

"We welcomed all those taking part in projects to post photos on their social media accounts throughout the day using the hashtag #BeKindNWOK," Case said. "Taking photos of each activity from creation to delivery also was encouraged, with photos to be emailed to Case at vcase@nwosu.edu for documentation.

It was also encouraged for anyone on the receiving end of an act of kindness, to post about it using the same hashtag and send photos of this as well.

Monetary donations are always needed for the event, so if any organization or individual would like to be a monetary sponsor of the overall Kindness Day in Northwest Oklahoma to help purchase needed items by various non-profit organizations in northwest Oklahoma, please contact Dan Schiedel, CEO and executive director of United Way of Northwest Oklahoma in Enid, at (580) 237-0821 or dan@unitewayenid.org or Alex Mantz with OG&E at mantzaj@oge.com.

McMillin expresses thanks for help with Bridge BBQ

Many thanks to everyone who came over for the Bridge BBQ today. The food was good and we had a lot of traffic between classes. I was pleased to hear that several students I talked to were either planning on coming to NWOSU already or were considering it.

Special thanks to Georgina for setting it all up and Kristy for her help. And if you see Crystal, thanks her for the sliders!



Pictured are: Front Row, Kristy Davidson, Georgina Herrera, Tasi Hughes, Marian Braten-Hall, Natalie Adams, Ryle Kiser. Back row, Joseph Paul, Jerry Gustafson, Wayne McMillin, Codi Harding, Kelsey Martin, Taylor Randolph, Steve Maier.

Social Work selects 2024-2025 CWPEP recipients

The Department of Social Work named two students as stipend recipients of the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) for the 2024-25 academic year.

The recipients are Kyra Hussey, senior from Okeene and Cammi Rogge, senior from Alva.

CWPEP provides funds for students who plan careers in child welfare services in Oklahoma.

“I am truly grateful for the opportunity to participate in this program,” Hussey said. “It will significantly enhance my education and contribute to my future career as a professional social worker.”

The stipends are awarded to full-time students majoring in social work and provide money toward educational expenses to participating students. Students who receive the stipends complete educational internships in child welfare agencies within the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). Upon graduation, students are assured employment in the participating DHS programs.

“I am both honored and enthusiastic to be accepted into the CWPEP program,” Rogge said. “This opportunity will deepen my understanding of child welfare and enhance my professional skills, equipping me to make a meaningful impact in the field.”

CWPEP is a Title IV-E partnership between the University of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Council. The University of Oklahoma manages the child welfare consortium with Northwestern along with East Central University and Oral Roberts University. Funding for the educational program is provided by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, called the Child Welfare Training Program.

“The social work program is proud to administer the CWPEP program and play an essential role in securing and retaining quality social workers in the public child welfare system,” said Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair,

CWPEP coordinator, and professor of social work. “CWPEP at Northwestern has graduated 24 students, resulting in \$186,200 awarded in educational assistance.”

For more information on Northwestern’s Department of Social Work, contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwosu.edu.



The 2024-2025 Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program recipients are (left to right): Kyra Hussey, Okeene senior; and Cammi Rogge, Alva senior.

Burlington, Arnett advance to regional BEST Robotics contest in Denver

Students from Burlington High School and Arnett High School advanced to the Regional BEST Robotics competition in Denver, Colorado, on Dec. 7-8 after earning top placings in the Heartland BEST 2024 “Low G” contest at Northwest-erny-Alva on Nov. 2.

This year the students’ robots “went to the moon” to complete various tasks.

Burlington earned first in the BEST Award category, the fourth consecutive year for Burlington to win this category. Dr. Tim Maharry, co-director of the Heartland BEST competition and chair of the mathematics and computer science department, noted that the BEST award includes a marketing presentation, spirit and sportsmanship, an engineering notebook, a team exhibit, as well as robot performance. Burlington robotics team also earned the top Robot Game Award.



Robin Coleman, Arnett High School robotics team (left), is awarded Coach of the Year by Heartland BEST co-director Dr. Jenny Sattler (right).



About 125 students, coaches and parents from seven schools in Oklahoma took part in Northwestern’s Heartland BEST Robotics Game Day contest Nov. 2 in Percefull Fieldhouse at Northwest-erny-Alva. The Arnett High School (top two rows) and Burlington High School (bottom two rows) robotics teams moved forward and competed in the regional contest in Denver, Colorado, on Dec. 7-8.

By finishing second in the Robot Award, Arnett also qualified for the regional competition. Maharry noted that since Burlington finished first in both the BEST and Robot Awards, the second place Robot Award team advances.

Students from Arnett and Burlington competed against other teams from Colorado, Kansas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Dakota at the regional competition in December.

Other winners in the BEST overall category were Lawton Academy of Arts and Science, second; Arnett, third; and Alva Robotics, fourth.

Others placing in the Game Award category were Alva, third and Lawton Academy, fourth.

Special awards went to the following:

- BEST Coach of the Year – Robin Coleman of Arnett
- BEST Spirit & Sportsmanship Award – Burlington
- BEST T-shirt Award – Waynoka High School (as voted by the teams)
- Most Elegant Robot – Arnett
- Most Photogenic Robot – Lawton

Academy

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

Other schools participating included Leedey High School as well as a team from Persimmon Creek Robotics, located near Sharon, joining the competition for the first time this year.

This year marked the 22nd year that Northwestern has held a BEST competition. BEST stands for Boosting Engineering, Science & Technology.

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

Supreme Court attorney, alumna delivers fall commencement address

Northwestern alumna Judith Ridgeway delivered the commencement address at her alma mater during the University's fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 8.

Ridgeway's history with Northwestern began early. Born in Missouri, she moved in with her aunt Aurice Huguley at a young age. Huguley worked at the university for 43 years before retiring as a finance officer in 1983.

"One of my favorite memories is getting to play in the supply room because my aunt was the comptroller," Ridgeway said. "All the paper and pencils in the world were in that supply room. Pads of colored paper had Northwestern Paper Company on it so I thought Northwestern was worldwide."

Ridgeway graduated from Northwestern with two Bachelor of Science degrees in psychology and sociology in 1970. As a student, she sang with the campus singers and enjoyed campus walks with professor of botany Dr. Anna Fisher or learning about Shakespeare and London from passionate professor of English Dr. Julia Sparger.

Upon graduation from Northwestern, Ridgeway earned a Juris Doctorate in Law from the University of Oklahoma in 1975 and began her 40-year career as an attorney. She is licensed in the Oklahoma District Courts, Absentee Shawnee Court, Pottawatomie Court, Western District of Oklahoma Federal Courts and

the United States Supreme Court.

Ridgeway uses her decades of private practice law experience in criminal, bankruptcy, divorces, child custody, and family dispute cases in lectures on how to stay married, children's rights, family disputes, conflict management, open adoption, life after divorce, addiction and the family and personality pro-

and horses. She loves to share her passion for animals with others, teaching alongside Children Living Best Through Horses until 2010.

A pillar of the Little Axe community, Ridgeway's other volunteer work includes being active with 12-step programs for alcohol and substance abuse since 1980 and a board member for the Virtue Center, formerly the Norman Alcohol Information and Recovery Center, for 20 years. She has also served as Norman's local AARP tax aide coordinator since 2020 and initiated the Little Axe Chamber of Commerce and local "trash-off."



Judith Ridgeway

filing. She also taught classes and hosted lectures at the University of Oklahoma from 1993 to 2005.

Ridgeway retired as an attorney in 2011, but did not slow down. She continued in her various roles with the Indian Hills Restaurant and Steakhouse in Norman, where she started as an owner and operator in 1983. She lived in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 2011 until 2016, and keeps busy with her hobbies of chainsawing and raising ducks

NWOSU TRIO-SSS
 TRIO November 7

Happy First Generation College Student Day!

Tomorrow and everyday we celebrate YOU—the trailblazers, the dreamers, the first in your family to attend college. TRIO-SSS is here to cheer you on every step of the way!

Join us tomorrow 11/8/24 for FREE DONUTS starting at 8 AM and we'll keep the celebration going until they're gone!

Whether you're grabbing a sweet treat or just stopping by to say hi, we're here to support YOU! Come celebrate your journey and let's make your day even sweeter!

RH 108 8 AM - until the donuts are gone! #firstgenday #wearetrio

DONUT LET ANYTHING STOP YOU: FIRST GEN EXCELLENCE

SUCCESS OF TRIO STUDENTS
 ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY THE COUNCIL FOR OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION (COE), 17% OF TRIO PARTICIPANTS GO ON TO EARN A GRADUATE DEGREE, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS.

TRIO-SSS
 HAPPY FIRST-GEN DAY!!
 11/8/24

TRIO-SSS PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS, TEND TO HAVE HIGHER GRADUATION RATES COMPARED TO THEIR PEERS. ON AVERAGE, ABOUT 50-60% OF TRIO-SSS STUDENTS EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITHIN SIX YEARS. THIS IS HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS (TYPICALLY AROUND 40-45%).

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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November 7

Join us for the Fall Career & Internship Fair next Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 10 AM to Noon in the Student Center Ballroom!

For more information, contact Taylor Wilson, Counseling and Career Services Director, at tawilson@nwsu.edu.

NWOSU CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Open to students, alumni and all job seekers.

Free event to speak with recruiters about their companies, available positions, and application processes.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12
10:00 AM – NOON
Student Center Ballroom

Questions?
Email Taylor Wilson
tawilson@nwsu.edu

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November 7

Lots of great projects have been registered for the annual Day of Kindness in Northwest Oklahoma event set for Nov. 15 from both #NWOSU groups and areas in the Alva community.

It's not too late to participate in this fun day! You can register a project locally at www.nwsu.edu/day-of-kindness-nw-ok. We'd love to have as many things happening as possible. Area community groups welcome as well to take part!

Learn more about some of the projects at <https://bit.ly/3NWGBhJ>

Photos added to this post include volunteers who came to campus Monday to help unload donations from the United Way of Enid & NW Oklahoma to the Campus Cabinet-NWOSU food pantry.

#BeKindNWOK



NWOSU TRIO-SSS
November 8

Happy First Generation College Student Day! 🎉

Today, we celebrate the incredible journey of our First-Gen Scholars! 🌟 You are the pathfinders, the pioneers, and the ones who pave the way for future generations. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience inspire us all. 🙌

TRIO-SSS is proud to support YOU every step of the way. Whether it's navigating college life, balancing academics, or finding your community, we're here for it all. 🌟

Here's to your success and to making history! 🎓 🙌

Tag a First-Gen student who inspires you and let's celebrate this milestone together. 🌟

#FirstGenStrong #TRIOss #FirstGenDay #ProudToBeFirstGen #TRIOFamily #CollegeJourney #DreamBig #wearetrio

HAPPY FIRST GEN DAY

NOVEMBER 8TH
2024



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NWOSU TRIO-SSS - Following
Reels - Nov 8

#FirstGenRanger



Celebrating First Gen Day at NWOSU!! #firstgen #wearetrio



NWOSU Department of Social Work
November 12 · 🌐

Haruv USA
November 12 · 🌐

Child Abuse Medical Examiners (CAMD) Training 2024! Thank you to Dr. Dexter, Brittany Gassner, and Dr. Stockett for leading this full day training on child maltreatment, Munchausen by Proxy, sexually transmitted diseases in child abuse cases, toxic stress, and MDT and the role of medical providers.

And of course, our most important guest- Albus the Therapy Dog!

#training #CommunityLearning #PublicHealth #ChildSafety #Hope #safefamilies #childwelfare #community #OU #prevention #ChildAdvocacy #child #haruvusa #childabuseawareness #medical

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
November 12 · 🌐

The Woodward Nursing Students are completing a supply drive for the pregnancy center as service to the community. Donations are being accepted on the Woodward NWOSU campus. Check out the picture for items needed.

PREGNANCY CENTER DONATION DRIVE

The pregnancy center needs help!
Specific items in need:
- baby clothes 0-12 months
- Diapers size 3-6

Please reach out to Katie White or Cal Yarela
with any questions!

Shelly Wells · 2nd
Professor Emerita - Nursing Northwest...
1w · 🌐

Honored to be inducted into the American Academy of Nursing last evening. So humbling to be with these nursing leaders.

Professor Emerita Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Valerie Case and 46 others
18 comments

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is in Oklahoma City.
Published by Sean Doherty
November 12 · 🌐

Agriculture students Nathan Hall, Sagelyn Budy and Tate Schwerdtfeger attended the Oklahoma Farm Bureau State Convention this past weekend in Oklahoma City.

They attended trainings, heard from speakers and met with farmers and ranchers from around the state to learn more about Farm Bureau's policy.

Thank you for representing #NWOSU well!

'Wizard of Oz' presented for school children, public

Members of the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts were excited to present this year's annual theatre production for young audiences: "The Wizard of Oz," adapted by Erin Detrick.

A public performance of the play was presented in Herod Hall's Fellers Family Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 23. Area school children attended on Nov. 21-22.

This imaginative adaptation captures the heart of L. Frank Baum's classic tale of Dorothy in the Land of Oz. A funny and fast-paced journey down the yellow brick road, Dorothy and her new friends travel to the fabled Emerald City to meet the Great Oz. When Oz demands a steep price for sending her home to Kansas, a perilous new adventure begins.

Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre and chair of the Department of Fine Arts, was the director and assisted Lillith Ferrero, a senior majoring in speech and theatre from Cordell, with lighting design. Lisa Turner, an Alva senior majoring in speech and theatre, was the stage manager. Bella Anguino, a freshman speech and theatre major from Glenpool, served as the assistant stage manager. Scenic design was completed by Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Fellers Family Auditorium facilities manager. Jaden Matthews, a junior speech and theatre major from Hennessey, designed the costumes with Turner assisting. John Hillman, a sophomore computer science major from Cheyenne, facilitated audio design. The theatre production I and II classes worked as the stage and lighting crews.

Cast members for this production included the following:

Alan Garcia, a senior criminal



justice major from Beaver; Sam Grinder, a senior vocal music major from Sayre; Anastasia Harper, a senior biology major from Alva; Jadyndrickson, a freshman speech and theatre major from San Tan Valley, Arizona; Mae-gan Holson, a senior psychology major from Waynoka; Kevin Jaquez, a sophomore vocal music major from Enid; Aleya Johnson, a freshman nursing major from Auburn, Nebraska; Alex Marshall, a freshman undecided major from Alva; Lily Post, a freshman special educa-

tion major from Ponca City; Kendra Puebla, a freshman biology major from Felt; Jaylee Ross, a freshman mass communication major from Crescent; Riley Shires, a sophomore English major from Waynoka; John Snyder, a junior instrumental music major from Oklahoma City; Bethany Towns, a senior psychology major from Alva; Rosa Vargas, a junior instrumental music major from Lahoma; Lucas Wood, a freshman vocal music major from Enid; and Matthews.

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



Northwestern Oklahoma State University is in Alva.
 Published by Sean Doherty
 November 13

Several members of the **#RangerFamily** attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Alva Arena Authority today.

Members of the **Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team** and coach Cali Griffin joined Athletic Director Brad Franz, President Dr. Bo Hannaford, former President Dr. Janet Cunningham, Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Caleb Mosburg, members of the **NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association** and other **#NWOSU** faculty and staff at the future site of the Alva Arena.

We are excited about the opportunities and experiences this project will provide to our students and community in the coming years! **#RideRangersRide**



Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 November 13

Happy World Kindness Day! 🥰🥰🥰
 Be on the lookout for my sticky notes around campus... 📌 Be sure to spread some kindness and help encourage someone else today!! 💖



PRESENTATION PARTY

Overwatch, Chiquita Banana, and Spanish Literature

Session Day #1

NWOSU OIL is building community one presentation at a time

Thank you to the community event planners who threw a wonderful presentation party after opening joint. We're so excited for the rest of the week!

#Oil #Present #Presentations #Presentations #Presentations #Presentations #Presentations #Presentations #Presentations #Presentations #Presentations

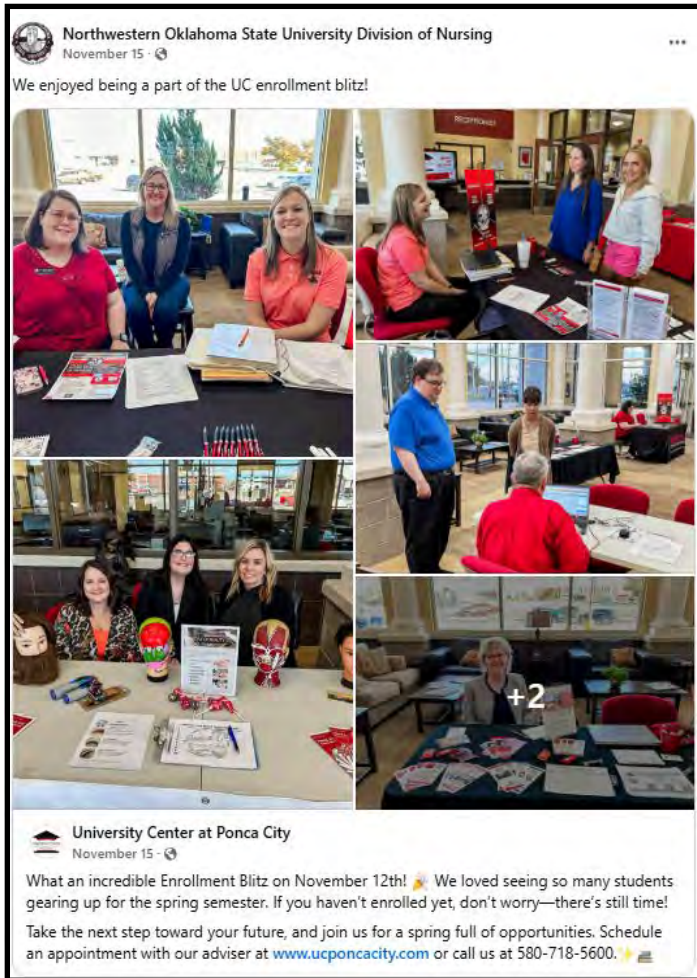
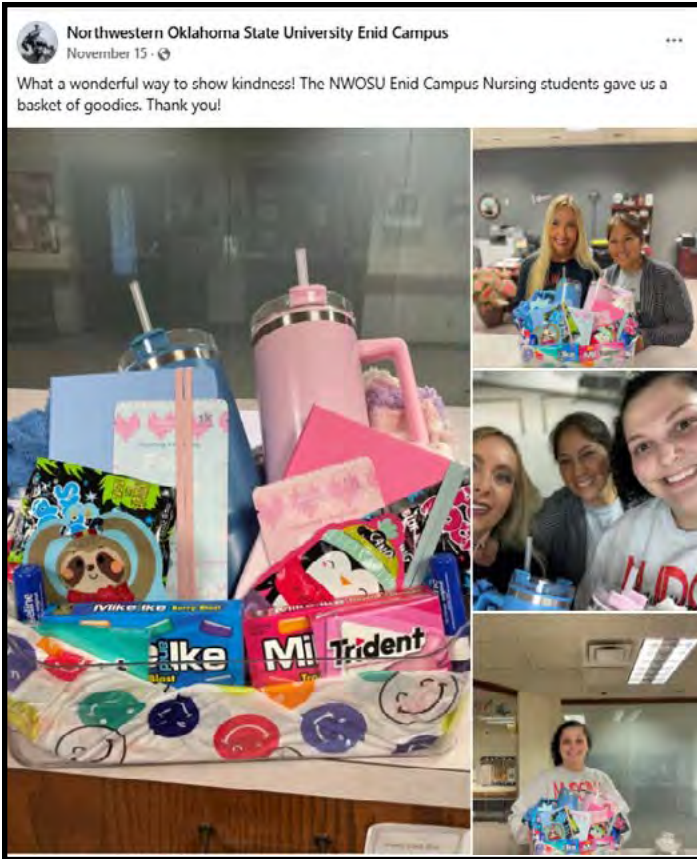
Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choral Music is with **Northwestern Oklahoma State University**.
 November 15

SO INCREDIBLE PROUD AND EXCITED FOR THIS 'QUEEN' OF THE CLASSROOM, EMILY SMITH. She led her 1st and 2nd grade elementary music classes today with confidence, ease, and downright awesomeness. Emily will make one outstanding educator. **#r1deonsingon #graduation**



Thank you to everyone that helped spread kindness today! We hope you enjoyed your chocolate! 🍫

22 Likes
 November 15



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NWOSU Department of Social Work is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. November 15 · Alva

Guest parent panel in Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health course. Thanks Dr. Rehder, Shealynn Coffey, Alyssa Lee & Melanie Oakes for sharing your personal stories with us!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Published by Valarie Case · November 15

Lots of fun, kind things happened on the #NWOSU campus today for Day of Kindness in Northwest Oklahoma. Several photos from this year and year's past can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/.../collections/72157722029805237/> #bekindnwok

NWOSU Division of Education November 16

Professor Buckhaults, Dr. Braten-Hall, and Dr. Oswald presented this week at the Oklahoma Association for Colleges of Teacher Education Fall Conference (OACTE). Our annual conference provides a time for professional development and collaboration with colleagues from across the state.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Reels · Nov 16

RANGER PREVIEW 2024

Thank you future Class of 2029! Ranger Preview 2024 is a wrap! #RideRangersRide

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing November 16

♥ Come see us at Ranger Preview!! ♥

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 Published by Valarie Case
 November 16

WHAT A GREAT DAY IO #BeARanger!
 We all had SO much fun meeting future Rangers today during #RangerPreview!
 Please contact our **Northwestern Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Admissions Office** staff if you have any questions. recruit@nwsu.edu



NWOSU Division of Education
 November 18

Maggie Neufeld, an agriculture teacher from Fairview, spoke to Ag Ed majors about the ag teaching profession at their annual fall social.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
 November 18

The Alva nursing students wanted to celebrate Dean, the most amazing custodian ever, for world kindness day!



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Business
 November 18

The Master's of Business Administration - Management and MBA- Health Care Administration is still available for Spring 2025 enrollment! If you are interested in enrolling please email cjseabolt@nwsu.edu or call 580-327-0615.

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NWOSU Department of Social Work
November 18

Free Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health micro-credential. Designed for professionals & students. Get enrolled today!



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INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH MICRO-CREDENTIAL

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has developed a micro-credential for social service professionals to study in the field of infant and early childhood mental health. This credential emphasizes the importance of supporting the developing parent-infant relationship and promoting secure attachments. Participants will be required to complete one three credit hour college course and 6 clock hours of approved infant & early childhood mental health training to earn the credential.
<https://uskillok.org/micro-credentials/>

SCHOLARSHIPS
A limited number of scholarships, funded through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Workforce Micro-credentials and Rapid Re-employment Initiative grant programs, are available to eligible students.

CURRICULUM
The program is designed to be completed in 1-2 semesters:

- SOCW 4123 Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (3 credit hour course via Zoom from NWOSU - Spring semester Thursdays 5:00PM - 8:00PM)
- 6 clocked hours of Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health training as approved by OKDHS

GET STARTED NOW BY ENROLLING IN SOCW 4123
CLASS STARTS JANUARY 16TH, 2025, VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAYS FROM 5:15-8:00 PM.

- Complete and save to your computer the interest form found at: <https://www.nwosu.edu/academic/degrees/undergraduate/infant-early-childhood-mental-health/micro.pdf>. You will attach this form under "Please provide any additional documentation" on your application below.
- Complete the Northwestern application for admission at: <https://www.nwosu.edu/apply.html>. You will be prompted to create an account as a first step.
- On the application form, select "No Degree Plans" under "Immediate Educational Goal at Northwestern."
- You will be contacted by a Northwestern representative to complete the enrollment process.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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November 18

#NWOSU J.W. Martin Library staff will play host to a workshop titled "The Secrets of APA Style" Nov 20 - 21 at noon.

This workshop will cover in-text citations, common references and how to professionally format a paper. Students will also receive useful resources such as a Microsoft Word template and a visual guide to common reference types.

The workshop will be held in Room 221 of the library annex, or students can register to attend remotely via Zoom by using <https://library.nwosu.edu/workshop-login/form>.

All #NWOSU students and employees are welcome to attend.

THE SECRETS OF APA STYLE

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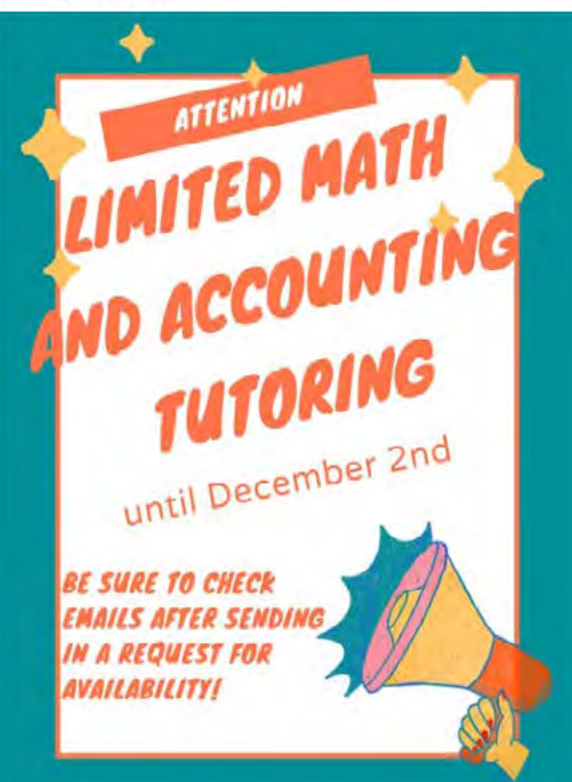
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NWOSU Academic Success Center
November 19

Our math and accounting tutoring will be limited for the next few weeks until finals. Please do not assume your appointment request is promised- be sure to look for our unavailability, confirmation, or rescheduling emails in response to your request! We apologize for the inconvenience, but will help you find help if it affects you!



ATTENTION

LIMITED MATH AND ACCOUNTING TUTORING

until December 2nd

BE SURE TO CHECK EMAILS AFTER SENDING IN A REQUEST FOR AVAILABILITY!


NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall.
November 19 - Alva

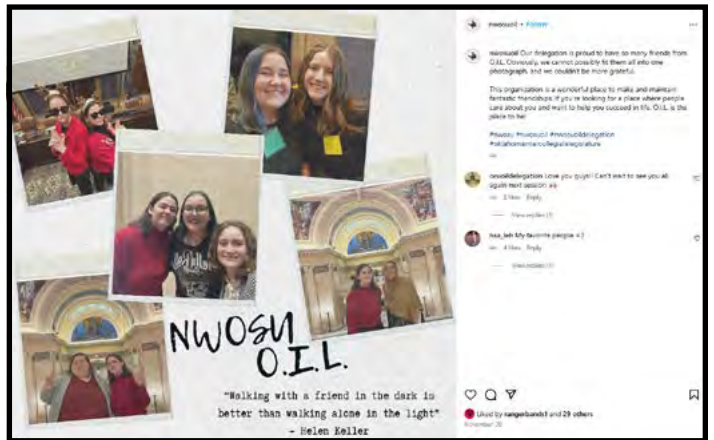
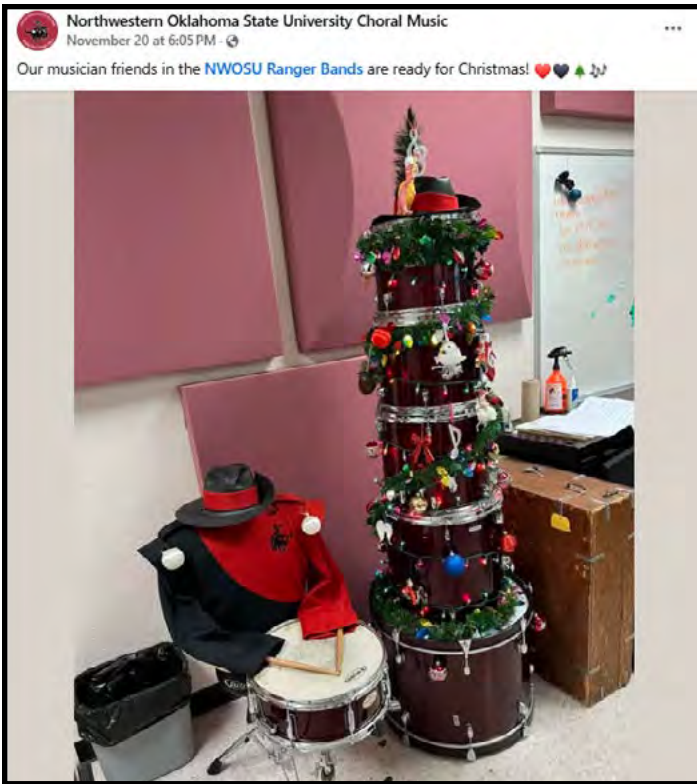
We KNOW about popular... 🎭 🎪 🎨 🎨

Tech week is flying by as the cast moves to the stage to rehearse and put the final touches on The Wizard of Oz!

We are ready to entertain patrons of all ages this week!

#nwosuthatre #nwosuffinearts #castleplayersclub #nwosucting1 #nwosucting1 #nwosu #nwosurangers #thewizardofoz #thewizardofozplay #erindetrick #livetheatre #theatreforyoungaudiences #theatreforyoungpeople #childrensshows #northwesternoklahomastateuniversity #theatre #théâtre... See more





Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 Published by Valarie Case
 November 20
 Public performance of The Wizard of Oz is Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. in the Fellers Family Auditorium in Herold Hall at #NWOSU-Alva. All seats \$2.
 The production will be presented Thursday and Friday for area school children.



NWTV
 November 21 at 3:03 PM
 A message from NWOSU president, Dr. Bo Hannaford.
 "I want to thank the following for their quick response in restoring power to Coronado Hall and Coronado Cafeteria. Many thanks to OG&F, Scott and Darrell Kline, Brian Miller, Devon Cushmanbery, and Adam Grimsley for putting in some long hours and being there for Northwestern. This community is incredible, and we are thankful for your services. Also, thank you to our maintenance department, IT staff, and Chartwells for some hard work in meeting the needs of our students. Ride, Rangers. Ride!"
 - President Bo Hannaford



NWOSU Theatre is at Herod Hall.
 November 21 at 8:59 AM · A/na · 🌟

WE ARE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD!
 The annual Theatre for young audiences production begins school shows today!
 We are excited to introduced young minds and hearts to the magic of theatre! ❤️

#nwosutheatre #nwosufinearts #wizardofoz #theatreforyoungaudiences #castleplayersclub #nwosu #nwosurangers



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
 November 21 at 12:49 PM · 🌐



Beta Delta Chapter-At-Large
 November 19 · 🌐

Fall Induction was AMAZING 🎉🎊 Beta Delta at-Large inducted undergraduates from Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU), Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma City University Kramer School of Nursing, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), University of Central Oklahoma, and The University of Oklahoma College of Nursing, and one Nurse Leader. The guest speaker Dr. Jamie Seikel Kilpatrick, DNP, RN, CENP, had some wonderful Pearls of Wisdom for the Beta Delta at-Large Fall Inductees.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
 November 21 at 10:25 AM · 🌐



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
 November 18 · 🌐

We are getting ready to celebrate 40 years of our Traditional BSN program here at NWOSU Nursing and we need alumni help!

Are you interested in serving on the planning committee? We are hoping to increase our committee membership to around 10-15 people and need alumni feedback. If you are interested please fill out this short survey to help us determine when Zoom meetings need to be held and details of the event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCFGV2X>

Please share!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 Published by Kelsey Cottom Martin
 November 21 at 2:55 PM · 🌐

This past week has been an effort of collaboration to maintain food services for our students and power to a residency hall. Students are having meals in the Student Center Ballroom.

"I want to thank the following for their quick response in restoring power to Coronado Hall and Coronado Cafeteria. Many thanks to OG&E, Scott and Darrell Kline, Brian Miller, Devon Cushenbery, and Adam Grimsley for putting in some long hours and being there for Northwestern. This community is incredible and we are thankful for your services. Also, thank you to our maintenance department, IT staff, and Chartwells for some hard work in meeting the needs of our students. Ride, Rangers, Ride!"

-President Do Iannaforod



Infant, Early Childhood Mental Health Training Academy established

The Department of Social Work has been awarded a \$40,000 grant by the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program Student Payback Fund Grants to establish an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Training Academy.

This academy will financially support university course work, training opportunities for social service professionals and offer a paid practicum experience in IECMH for a senior social work student.

Infant and early childhood mental health focuses on the social-emotional development of children from birth to age 5, highlighting the importance of secure parent-child relationships. Adverse early experiences can weaken babies' brain development exposing them to underdeveloped social and emotional skills leaving them at risk in academics, socialization and relationship building. This academy will focus on developing the essential skills needed to foster long-term positive impacts on child welfare and community health.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work, authored the grant and will serve as the project's

principal investigator and director.

"By strengthening knowledge of IECMH, professionals can play a critical role in shaping healthier developmental trajectories for children, ensuring they receive the support needed for emotional and mental well-being," Rehder said.

Rehder said this grant project will establish a foundation for lifelong emotional, cognitive and social well-being for young Oklahomans. The training academy would provide students and professionals in Oklahoma with knowledge on brain development, emotional regulation, social relationships, cognitive development and prevention.

IECMH Training Academy will serve as a support to an existing partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) child welfare department and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Workforce offering an IECMH micro-credential program.

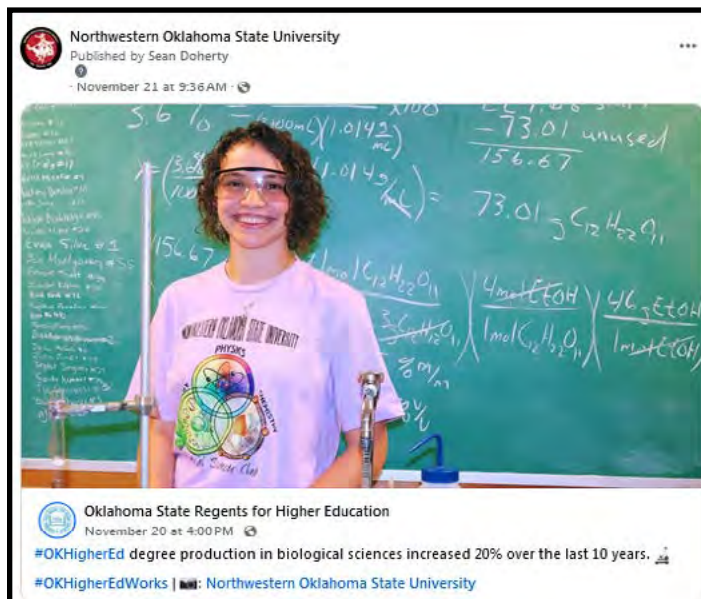
This grant is being administered by the University of Oklahoma on behalf of OKDHS to assist the

department in retaining quality professional social workers in the public child welfare system.

To learn more about Northwestern's Department of Social work programs, the training academy or the new micro-credential, contact Rehder at kdreher@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8135 or visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work>.



Carol Stocking, (left) Instructor of Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health and Dr. Kylene Rehder, (right) chair of the Northwestern Department of Social Work, announce the upcoming Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Training Academy at Northwestern.



Jazz ensemble performs concert Dec. 5

Northwestern's jazz ensemble members presented their free fall semester concert on Dec. 5 in Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall.

The ensemble performed works by the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Henry Mancini, Ray Charles and the Kingsmen under the direction of Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music.

The following students were featured in this concert:

Celeste Alvarado on tenor saxophone, Woodward sophomore majoring in instrumental music;

Jade Campbell on alto saxophone, Woodward junior majoring in instrumental music; Levi Crumpton on drums, Cushing junior majoring in vocal music; Samantha Grimes on bass trombone, Enid freshman majoring in instrumental music; Samuel Grinder on guitar, Sayre senior majoring in vocal music; Willem Johnson on bass guitar, Enid junior majoring in health and sports science education; Johnathon Snyder on trombone, Oklahoma City junior majoring in instrumental music; Bethany Towns on baritone

saxophone, Alva senior majoring in psychology; and Mikayla White on trumpet, Paola, Kan-

sas, senior majoring in health and sports science education.

Other jazz ensemble members include Jeffrey Cher-Aime on trombone, Newkirk graduate student in American Studies; Kacie Penner on alto saxophone, Fairview junior majoring in instrumental music; Chris Perez on trumpet, Laverne junior majoring in instrumental music; Rosa Vargas on tenor saxophone, Lahoma junior majoring in instrumental music; and Hadley Weathers on trumpet, Ringwood freshman majoring in mass communication.

For more information about the instrumental and music education program visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/bands-and-instrumental-music>.



Members of the Jazz Ensemble perform at the fall concert on Dec. 5 in the Fellers Family Auditorium inside Herod Hall.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valerie Case
November 26 at 12:21 PM

More info about the Campus Cabinet and ways to help can be found at www.NWOSU.edu/campus-cabinet.

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A Habit of Helping
BANK It

We appreciate this mini grant so very much! We will put it to great use helping our Campus Cabinet family.

Volunteers Isabella Burden, Alana Shopouch and Angela Case, Campus Cabinet Coordinator, accept the Bank It check from Kelsey Martin, Bank It Board Member.

Campus Cabinet
November 26 at 11:23 AM

Thank You Bank It: a Habit of Helping Foundation! You guys are wonderful and we appreciate your support and help so much!

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Valerie Case
November 26 at 4:59 PM

#NWOSU honored its employees during the annual Employee Recognition Ceremony recently. Dr. Jason Wickham, professor of chemistry, received the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award, and Markangela Kinnett, secretary and the health and safety assistant for the maintenance department, received the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year Award. Several service recognition honors also were announced.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/497rdsK>
Photos available at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu-/albums/72177720322081083>

Dr. Jason Wickham (left) was presented with this year's John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award from the award's namesake, John Barton (right).

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Get a warm boost for the week before finals on Tuesday, December 3rd, and Wednesday, December 4th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM both days in the ASJ! We will have a hot cocoa bar with whipped cream, mini chocolate chips, caramel, chocolate syrup, and marshmallows for you. We also have a Tips for Finals handout to help you prepare and study! Come see us for a pick-me-up after your Thanksgiving break!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Mug-nificent
hot cocoa bar & finals tips!

Grab a cup of hot cocoa and add various toppings to boost your finals week prep!

DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET/PT)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Nursing
November 22 at 11:15 AM

Congratulations to the 2023-2024 SNA for receiving the perSERVering Ranger Award! This award was given to the Student Nurses Association because of all the service to their communities and time spent organizing events. The perSERVering Ranger Award is designed to recognize an outstanding Northwestern Oklahoma State University club or organization, serving within the Northwestern communities and campuses.

Criteria:
As a whole, the club or organization should demonstrate the... See more

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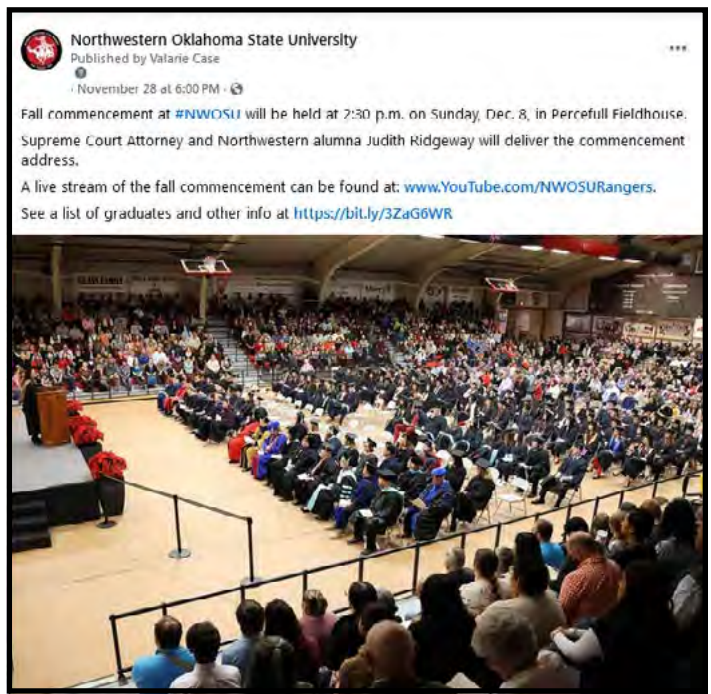
NWOSU Department of Social Work
November 25 at 4:10 PM

Way to go Professor Harding! Congratulations on your outstanding diversity engagement.

Piano Delivery Day!

Thanks to a generous gift from Bill & Billie Buckles -- a Steinway piano -- for use in the Fellers Family Auditorium inside Herod Hall. The piano was delivered on Nov. 25. Dr. Eduardo Moreira oversaw the delivery and tested the new piano out.





Choirs, bands team up for annual holiday gala

The Northwestern chorale, University Singers and bands gathered for the annual Holiday Gala in the Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The choirs and bands played and sang holiday favorites. The choirs were under the direction of Derrick Bready, director of choral studies and instructor of music, and the band was under the direction of Cara Bradt, adjunct instructor of instrumental music.

Immediately following the concert, guests were invited to gather on the lawn of Herod Hall where a decorated Christmas tree lighted for the Northwestern holiday season.

For more information about the Holiday Gala or music programs, contact Bready at (580) 327-8692 or by email at debready@nwosu.edu or visit the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts online at www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts.



Kimberly Weast, chair of the department of Fine Arts, welcomed the audience to the Holiday Gala. She then took time to publicly thank the Fellers Family for its gift to help renovate the auditorium. The auditorium has been named for the Fellers Family. Weast also thanked Bill and Billie Buckles for their gift of a new Steinway piano. The piano was first used in the night's concert.



Cara Bradt, adjunct instructor of music, leads the university band during the holiday gala.



Dr. Derrick Bready leads the university's choir accompanied by guest string musicians.



At the close of the concert, the university choir headed outside to sing when the campus Christmas tree was lit.



Calleb Mosburg, left, and his best assistant provide apple cider and hot chocolate to those who attended the Holiday Gala.

NWOSU Department of Social Work
December 1 at 8:52 PM · 🌐

The New Social Worker Magazine
December 1 at 9:02 AM · 🌐

If you're a student intern moving into professional social work, you might have many questions about what to expect, where to find mentors, and how to find the right job. This guide offers you practical advice for your new career.



SOCIALWORKER.COM

From Student Intern to Professional: Transition Smoothly Into Social Work Practice

Steven Thompson
December 2 at 2:30 PM · 🌐

Blue Thumb Training

Do you love science and being outdoors? Help protect Oklahoma streams by becoming a certified Blue Thumb stream monitor!

📅 **Saturday, Feb. 15 - Sunday, Feb. 16**

8:30 am-4:30 pm
Northwestern Oklahoma State University - Alva, OK



SIGN UP NOW!



More Information
bluethumbok.com

Oklahoma Conservation Commission
December 2 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

Come join us for a hands-on Blue Thumb Training event in Alva! This in-person training will take place at the Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Get ready to learn all about water quality monitoring, stream ecology, and how to protect our local water resources.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Woodward Campus
December 3 at 4:26 PM · 🌐

Today is Giving Tuesday!!!! 🙌
And we would like to recognize some of the incredible givers in our community!

Firstly, a big shoutout to the Stock Exchange Bank for their continued support of all of the students and staff here at the NWOSU Woodward Campus! 🙌🙌🙌

We are also so incredibly thankful for our partnership with Western Plains Youth and Family Services! So many of our Social Work students benefit from the mentorship of the amazing staff there! ❤️❤️❤️

And Last (but certainly Not Least!!!) we are so proud of our NWOSU Administration for donating to help cancel student cafeteria debts right here at home in the Woodward Public School District! 🙌🙌🙌

#gratefulhearts #RRR #NWOSU #givingtuesday



Poindexter champions creative integration of Arts, STEM

Northwestern associate professor of visual arts David Poindexter presented at the Oklahoma Art Educators Association (OAEA) Fall Conference.

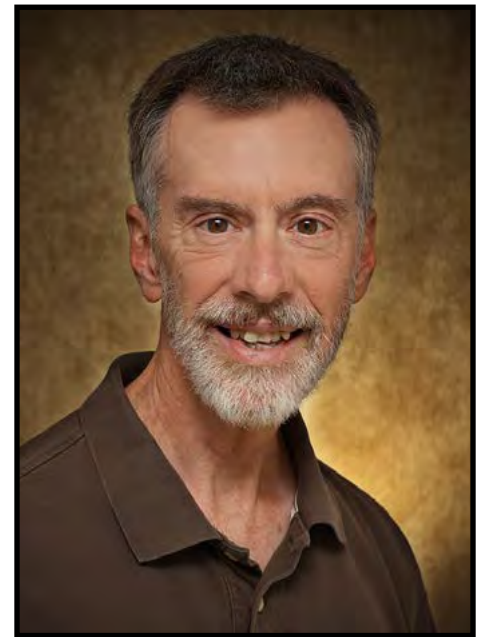
The lecture titled “STEAM: Connecting the Arts with STEM Disciplines for Improved Outcomes for All” highlighted how incorporating artistic skills like creative thinking and design can enhance STEM courses. Poindexter emphasized the benefits of hands-on education and collaboration, promoting creativity and curiosity at the core.

The OAEA Fall Conference is an annual event that brings together art educators from across the state. It provides a platform for sharing ideas, learning new techniques and

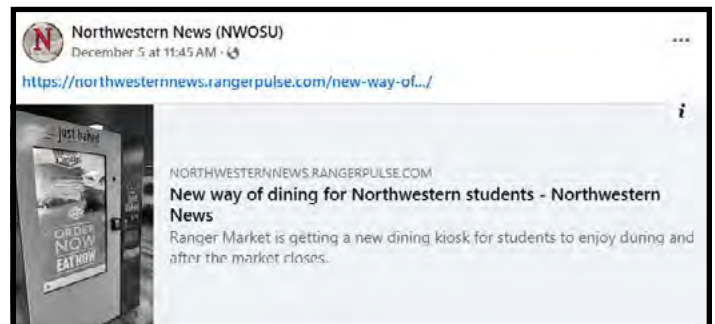
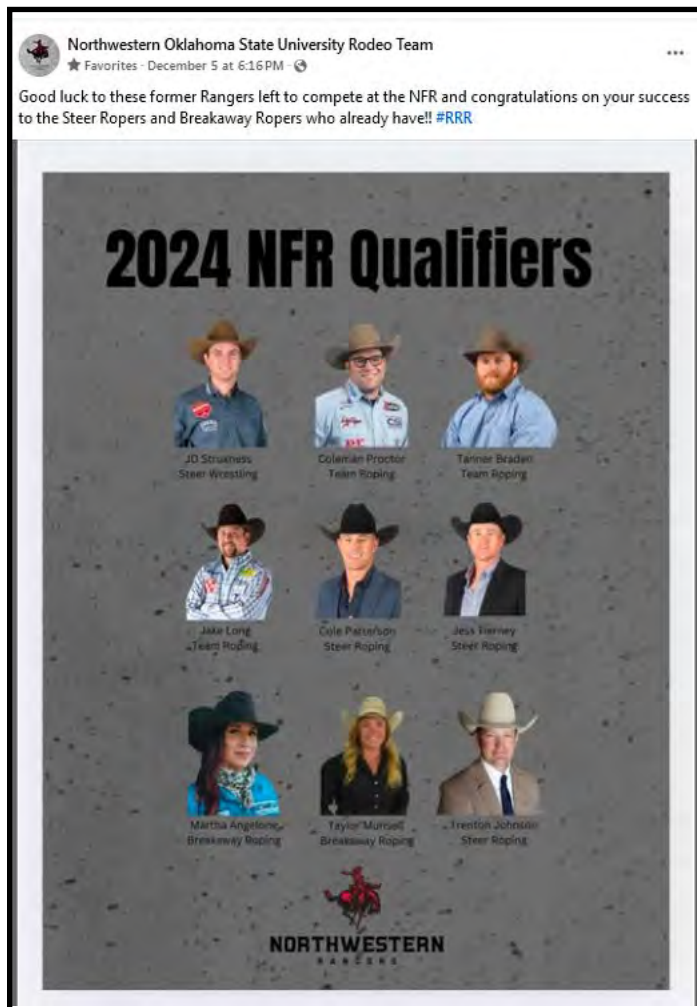
networking with peers. The conference includes workshops, presentations and discussions led by experienced educators and artists, covering a wide range of topics in art education. Attendees gain valuable professional development opportunities, fresh inspiration and practical strategies to enhance their teaching practices and foster creativity in the classroom.

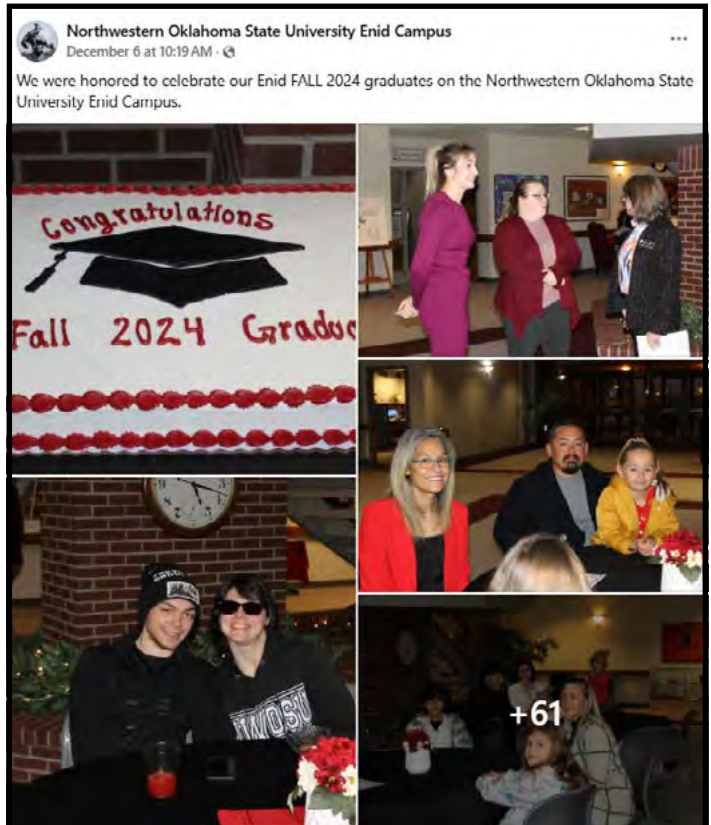
For more information about the OAEA, visit www.oaea-ok.org.

For more information about the Visual Arts program at Northwestern, visit www.nwosu.edu/visualarts or contact Poindexter at dapoinde@nwosu.edu or call (580) 327-8108.



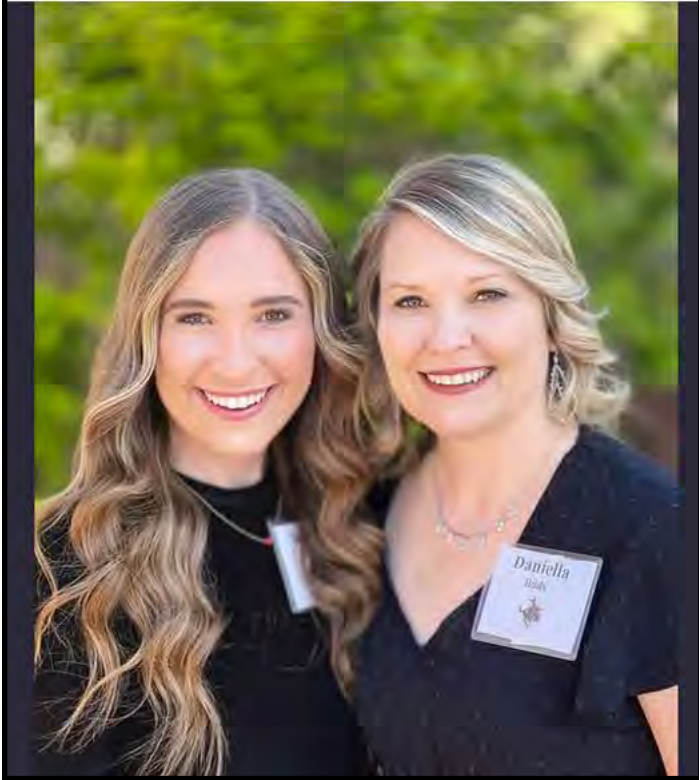
David Poindexter





NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
December 6 at 3:54 PM

Ranger education 🏡 Budy Family. This Sunday at the 2024 Fall commencement, Danielle Budy and her daughter, Sagelyn, will both be walking across the stage. Sagelyn will graduate with a bachelor of science in agriculture and a minor in mass communication. She plans to continue her education toward a master's degree, and eventually work for an agriculture media source producing educational and encouraging ag reports. Danielle will graduate with a master's degree in Adult Education Management and Administration with an emphasis in Mathematics. She plans to continue in her current position as instructor of mathematics at Northwestern. Danielle earned her undergraduate degree in 2000. These two aren't the first in their family to graduate from Northwestern. Sagelyn's two older brothers, both parents, three grandparents and one great-grandparent are all proud Northwestern alumni.



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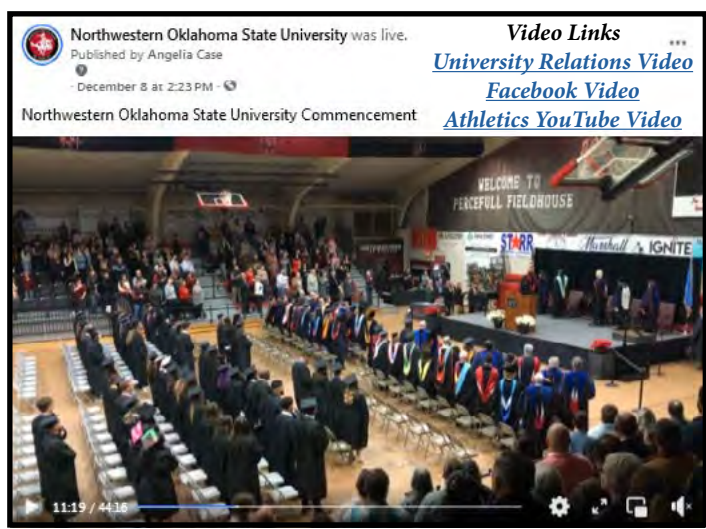
#NWOSU President's Tree Trimming Brunch saw several university employees decorate the tree with ornaments from past years, as well as new ones.
#HappyHolidays



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December 6 at 9:14 AM

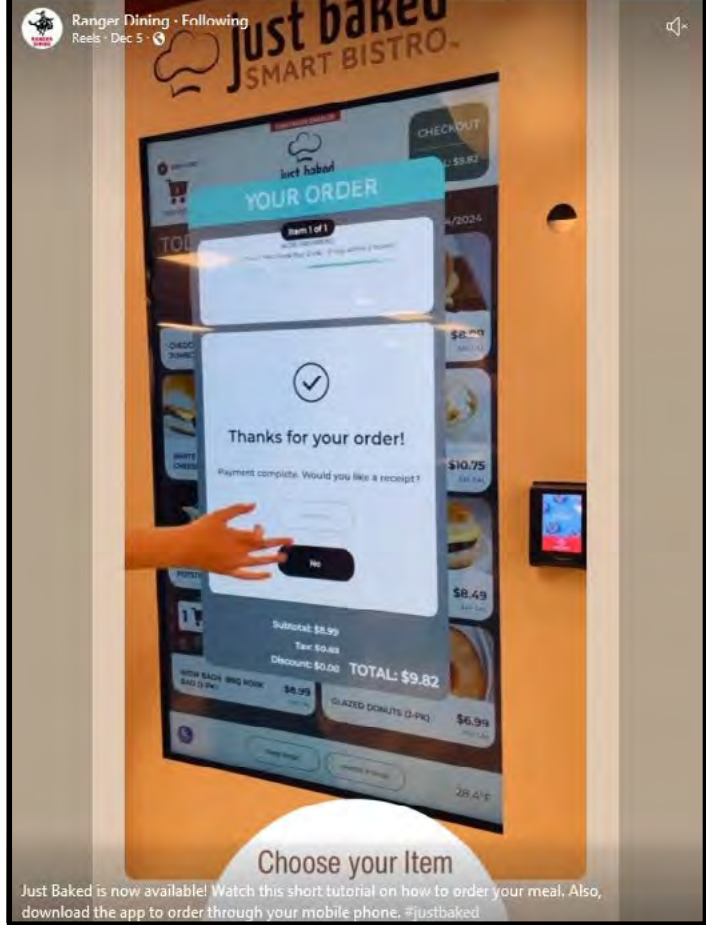
Northwestern Alum and former head football coach, Tim Albin '89, is named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year. Way to go, coach Albin!

OHIOBOBCATS.COM
Albin Named MAC Coach of the Year, Nine Bobcats Earn All-MAC Accolades - Ohio University
Highlighted by fourth-year head coach Tim Albin's second Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year nod, the Ohio football program was recognized 11 times in the 2024 All-MAC and Specialty Awards.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published by Sean Doherty
December 6 at 8:12 AM

Wow! Try out the new JustBaked machine in the Student Center! Follow [Ranger Dining!](#)





Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
December 9 at 2:02 PM · Alva · 🌐

RECIPE DEADLINE EXTENDED! 🎉

We are extending the submission deadline for recipes for the Northwestern cookbook through December 31st, 2024! 🎄

As a friendly reminder, we accept all types of recipes (beverages, appetizers, entrees, snacks, desserts, and holiday specialties). We would appreciate any submission you can make for the cookbook. 📖

You are welcome to email links to recipes, copied recipes, photos of recipes, typed recipes, handwritten recipes, etc. – find your favorites and submit them however is easiest for you! Our goal is for this cookbook to be a collection of Northwestern's favorite recipes.

Submissions may be emailed to Paige (plfischer@nwosu.edu) or mailed to the address below:
NWOSU Business Office
ATTN: Paige Fischer
709 Oklahoma Blvd.
Alva, OK 73717



NWOSU TRIO-SSS
December 10 at 9:00 AM

Study & Chill with TRIO-SSS!

Take a break from the grind and join us for a Study and Movie Night!

Location: Jesse Dunn 124
Time: 4-7 PM
What's Poppin'? Free Rialto popcorn to snack on!


Come for the cozy vibes, stay for the fun. We can't wait to see you there!

#TRIOSSS #StudyBreak #MovieNight #FreePopcorn #wearTRIO

STUDY AND MOVIE BREAK

TRIO-SSS Presents

NEED HELP ON STUDYING FOR YOUR FINALS?



Join TRIO-SSS for a study and movie break. You can move between the two locations to study for your final or take a break and watch a movie.

Location: Jesse Dunn 124
Date: 12/10/2024
Time: 4-7PM
WE WILL HAVE RIALTO POPCORN!!

NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
December 10 at 9:59 AM

Add a touch of holiday magic to your home! This year's ornament makes the perfect gift or keepsake to cherish for years to come. The ornament celebrates the Fellers Family Auditorium. To purchase the ornament go to the "Ranger Gear" tab on our website <https://ournorthwestern.org>

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Ranger Christmas Ornament

\$12 each for pickup at our office

\$20 each for shipping and handling



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For students and employees in need.


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We're here if you need us.

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December 10 at 12:00 PM

Congrats #NWOSU Fall Graduates!

Photos from the 2024 Fall Education Pinning and Commencement are available on Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu/72157721573883191> #RideRangersRide



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Congrats NWOSU Fall 2024 Grads 🌟🌟

Congrats #NWOSU Fall Graduates! Photos from the 2024 Fall Education Pinning and Commencement are available on Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwosu/> See more

McBride to present at New Zealand conference

Associate professor of business Dr. Theresa McBride will be presenting at the third annual Management and Organizational Behavior Teaching Society (MOBTS) Oceania conference Jan. 29 - 31, 2025, at the University of Auckland in Auckland, New Zealand.

McBride will present with colleagues from Norwich University and the U.S. Coast Guard. She is being sponsored by the Holli-Anderson Faculty Development Award and the Northwestern Division of Business.

MOBTS was founded in 1974 and incorporated in 1981 as the Organizational Behavior Teaching Society (OBTS). The organization updated its name to MOBTS in July 2017.

MOBTS is dedicated to promoting excellence in the teaching of management and organizational behavior. The mission of MOBTS is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and materials

among its members, and to promote the improvement of teaching and research in the field of management and organizational behavior.

MOBTS offers opportunities for members to collaborate on teaching and research projects and to participate in professional development workshops and training sessions. The society publishes two journals, the Journal of Management Education (JME) and Management Teaching Review (MTR), which provide a platform for the publication of original research on teaching and learning in management and organizational behavior, as well as teaching techniques. For more information, visit mobts.org/.

For more information about the Northwestern Division of Business, visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/business

or contact Dr. Garret Lahr, division chair and assistant professor of business, at galahr@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8510.



Theresa McBride



NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association
December 12 at 11:41 AM

The 2024 GivingTuesday campaign has come to an end, and we are happy to announce over \$93,000 were raised. These dollars will make a large impact on Northwestern students through the significant support from scholarships. Thank you to all of our donors!

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#GIVINGTUESDAY

\$93,231.47 raised
114 donors
16 new donors




Northwestern Oklahoma State University is in Alva.
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December 12 at 10:27 AM

#NWOSU Spring 2025 Enrollment is open! Talk to your adviser today!
New and returning students are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible to ensure course availability. Interim classes begin Jan. 2 and the regular spring semester begins Jan. 13! #15toFinish
Spring 2025 Course Schedule: <https://www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules> #RideRangersRide



Ride, Rangers, Ride!

Take the next step in your education!

NWOSU SPRING ENROLLMENT

ENROLL TODAY!
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More Information www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules

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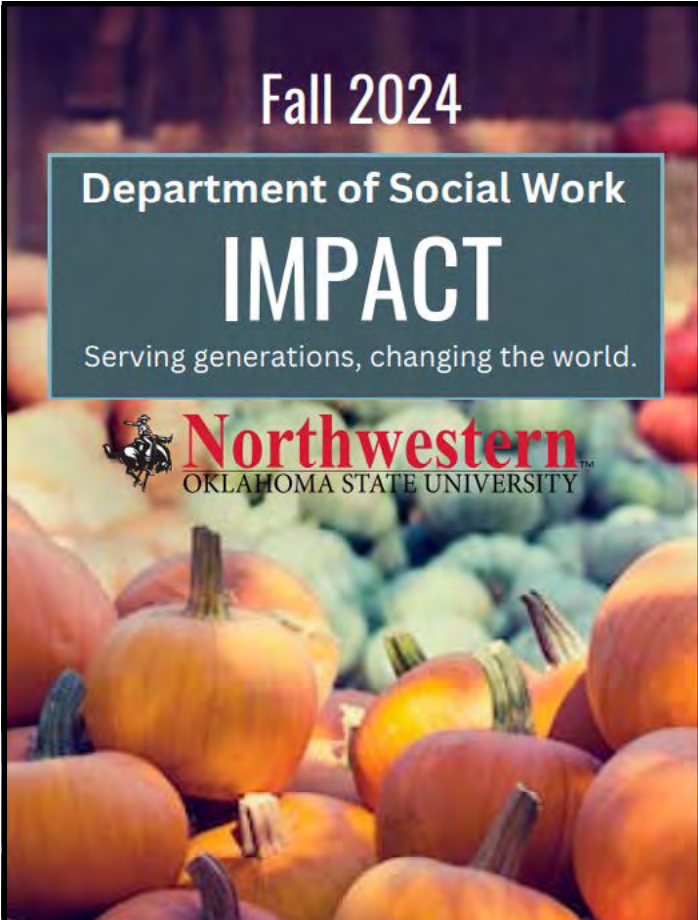
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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this publication, including University Relations staff members Kelsey Martín, Valarie Case and Sean Doherty who write stories, take photos and provide social media posts that clearly document our semesters. 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.nwsu.edu/forms/submit-news-to-spotlight> or email arcase@nwsu.edu or sjmaier@nwsu.edu

To find photos from this school year and past years, follow this link:

<https://www.nwsu.edu/university-relations/nwsu-photos>



Northwestern Oklahoma State University Woodward Campus
December 13 at 2:57 PM · 🌐

Earlier this week we held a reception for our Fall 2024 graduates and their families. This particular class has left a lasting impression on the Woodward Campus and we will miss them dearly! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

The night was full of fun anecdotes and encouraging testimonies. Enjoy the pics below, and be sure to congratulate these hard-working Rangers! #RRR #woodwardcampus #NWOSU #fall2024grads #graduation #allismerryandbright

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletics
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McDowell Earns GAC Offensive Player of the Week
#RRR

CAMRON MCDOWELL

63
POINTS

54.5%
FG PCT.

41.1%
3FG PCT.

GAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

NWOSU Division of Education
December 13 at 3:34 PM · 🌐

NWOSU's Children's Literature class led by Summer Foster recently celebrated with community partners! 20 future teachers volunteered three hours at Headstart and Alva public library, engaging children in literacy activities. A Christmas book exchange capped off the successful collaboration with Andrea Corr and Haley Fowler (Headstart) and Amy Ryerson (Alva, Public library). #NWOSUEducation

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is with **NWOSU Division of Education** and **NWOSU Visual Arts** at **Northwestern Oklahoma State University**.
Published by **NWOSU University Relations**
December 13 at 4:36 PM · Alva · 🌐

Students from the **NWOSU Visual Arts Painting 1** class teamed up with **NWOSU Division of Education** to create a new original mural in the Education Center! #RideRangersRide

Bell, Maier visit University Center at Ponca City



Dr. James Bell, vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Steve Maier, dean of faculty, visited the University Center in Ponca City in December. Tim Williams, University Center director, and Sarah Martin, nursing instructor, gave the pair a tour and brainstormed for ways the institutions can work together to benefit students.



Above: Steve Maier gets a little drone video of the facility while Sarah Martin and James Bell watch.



Right: Sarah Martin, James Bell, Steve Maier and Tim Williams get together at the University Center in Ponca City.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
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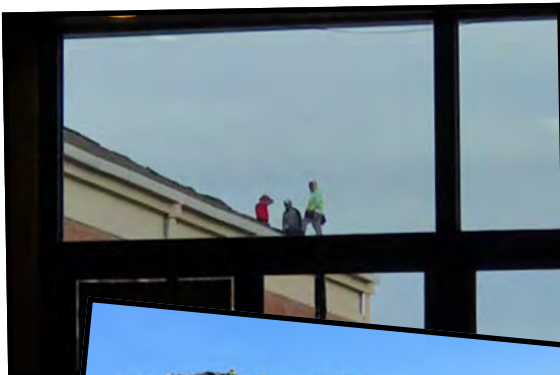
A few of the campus improvements made during the fall semester



Sod was laid in different locations on campus. This is near Herod Hall.



Tree removals and trimming happened across campus. Work done near Herod Hall and Science are pictured.

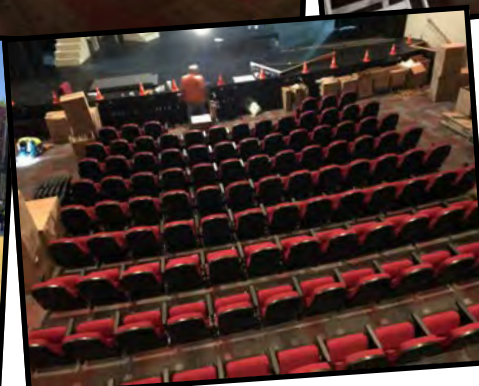
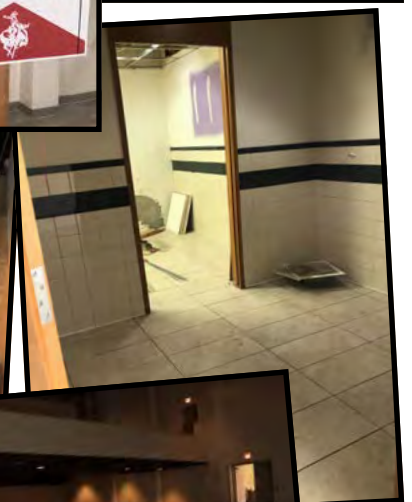
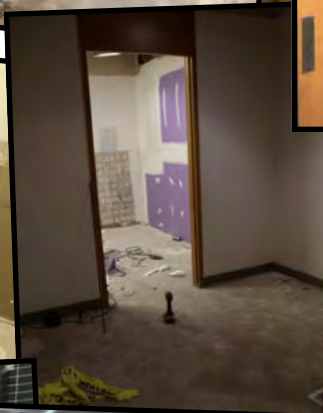


Utilizing part of the university's one-time deferred maintenance funds from the state of Oklahoma, Northwestern started a series of roof replacements. Beginning Nov. 20, work began on the V-shaped roof on Vinson Hall. Other roofs slated for replacement include the Science Building, Health and Sports Science Building, Wellness Center (flat roof) and Coronado Cafeteria.



Herod Hall Updates

Renovation continued in Herod Hall through the fall semester. The construction crew and Northwestern maintenance workers made things happen. A few of the big changes are pictured here.



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The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Sports Hall of Fame Luncheon is February 8. Register now to celebrate our four inductees; Tom McDaniel, Shannon Frascht, Fred Slaughter and Selina Lamar-White. <https://ournorthwestern.org/.../event.../sports-hall-of-fame>

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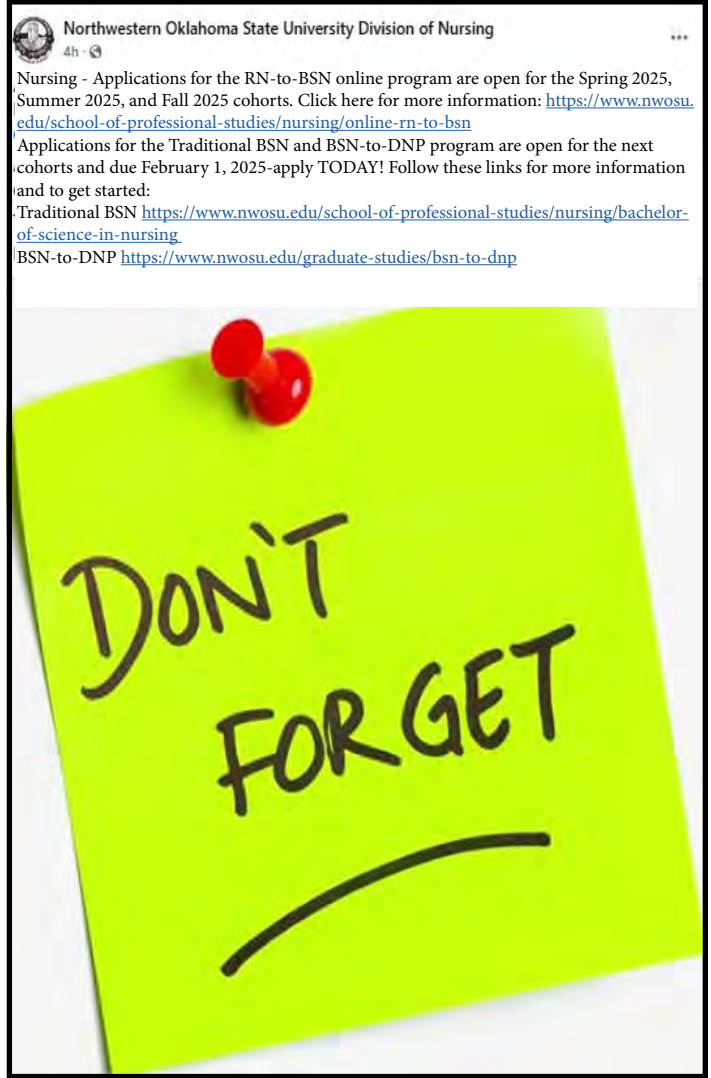
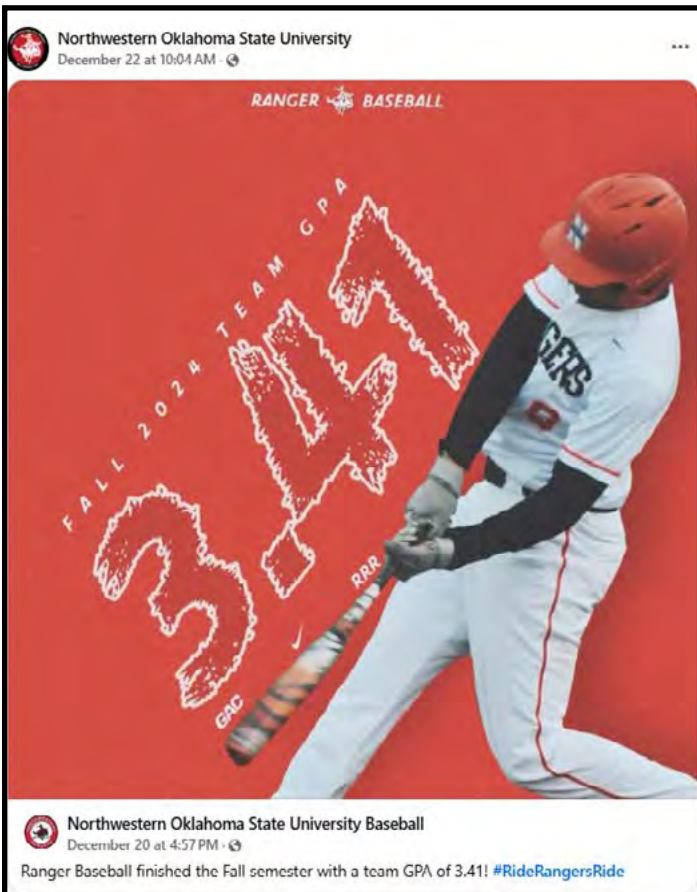
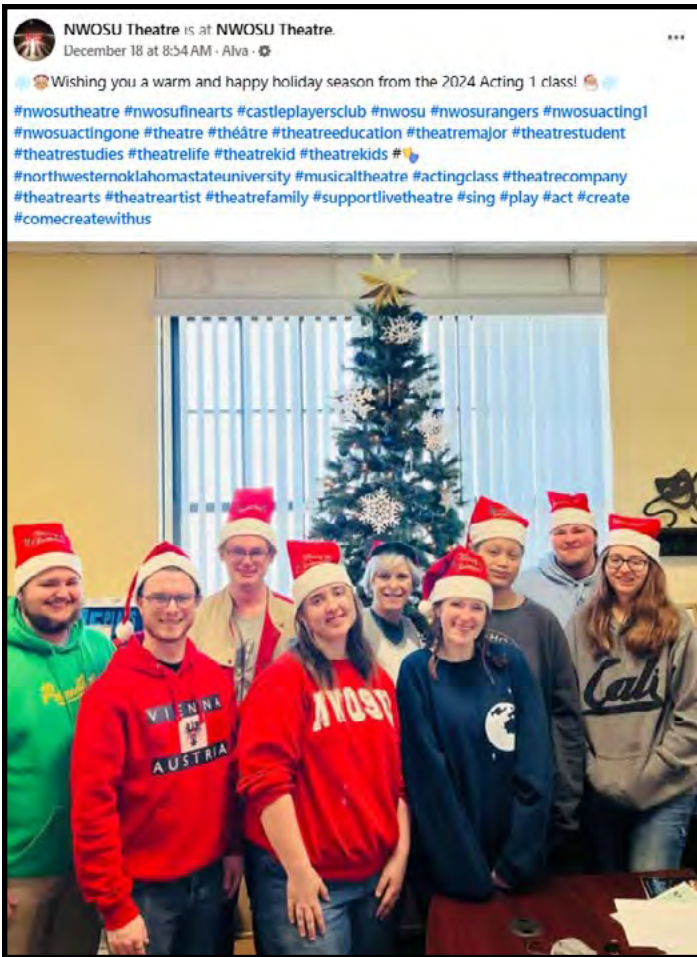
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Hardaway featured in Emmy-nominated documentary

The Department of Social Sciences now has the distinction of having a faculty member tied to an Emmy-nominated program.

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history, appears in the six-part documentary series “Frontier,” which was nominated for Outstanding Educational and Information Program, one of five nominees.

In 2022, London-based Dash Pictures approached Hardaway for an interview, filming him in Wichita, Kansas, sharing his expertise as one of the foremost scholars on African American cowboys in the late 19th century.

“I mentioned that the Lewis and Clark Expedition was my favorite lecture in my American West class at Northwestern,” Hardaway said. “They asked if I knew enough about Lewis and Clark for them to interview me about that subject, too.”

The crew got the cameras rolling, and Hardaway discussed the Lewis and Clark Expedition for another hour. Hardaway’s interviews appear multiple times in the series.

The full series is available on Paramount Plus, and the first episode, the episode where Hardaway discusses Lewis and Clark, is available on the National Geographic YouTube Channel, titled “America’s Wild West: Discovery of a Land | What Really Happened.” The episode may be found at youtu.be/4jpXt-Y-Nm4?si=so-kV-FrVneKO1k5P.

Although the film did not win, Hardaway said that being nominated indicates the quality of the production and the significance of the project.

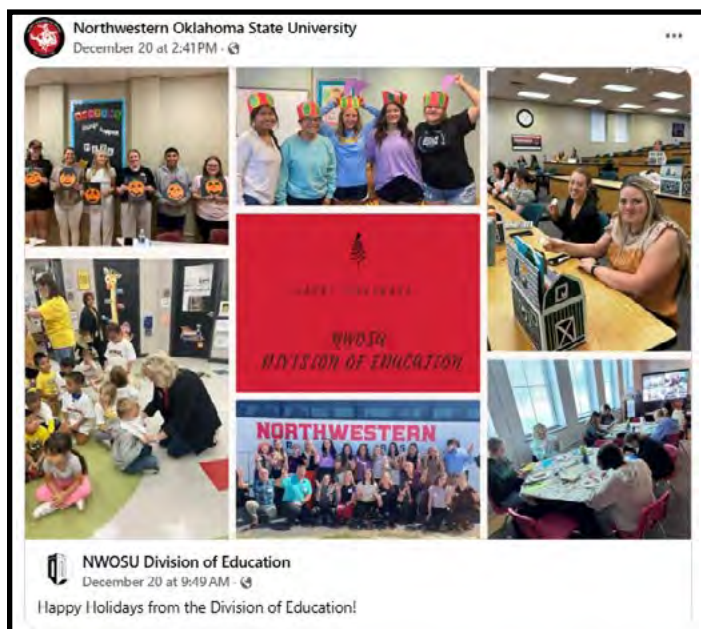
“It is truly an honor to be in the film,” Hardaway said. “It is one of the highlights of my career as a historian.”

For more

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



Dr. Roger Hardaway, Northwestern Oklahoma State University professor of history, makes multiple appearances in the Emmy-nominated docuseries “Frontier.” (Courtesy of the National Geographic YouTube Channel)



Four professors earn doctoral degrees

Four Northwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members earned their doctoral degrees this past year.

They are: Sarah Fry, assistant professor of criminal justice and sociology; Shane Hansen, chair of the Health and Sports Science Department and instructor of health and sports science; Shannon Leaper, library services director of the J.W. Martin Library and assistant professor of library and information science; and Keenan Meeker, assistant professor of mathematics.



Dr. Sarah Fry

Fry graduated with her Doctor of Sociology from Pennsylvania State University in 2023. Her dissertation is titled “Patterns of Force: A Comparison of Data Sources on Officer-Involved Homicide Rates.” She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Sociology from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, in 2012. She received her Master of Arts in Criminology from Penn State in 2015.

Hansen earned his Doctor of Education from Walden University in December 2024. A Northwestern alumnus, Hansen earned his Bachelor of Science in Education in health and sports science education in 2008 and his Master of Education in adult education management and administration in 2010.

His dissertation is titled “Faculty Perceptions of Academic Advising”

Hansen’s study was a mixed methods study.

“I administered the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) Academic Advising Topical Module to faculty,” Hansen said. “Then, I used a participant self-selection process to

identify faculty academic advisers to interview.”

Hansen believes this study could be a resource for his fellow academic advisers.

“I advise a large number of students,” Hansen said. “The process of researching the topic, gathering data, analyzing data and reaching conclusions on

the data will help me be a better faculty member.”

Hansen said he is grateful for the opportunities Northwestern has provided for him and his wife, Kaylyn Hansen, director of assessment and institutional effectiveness and academic support.

“I want to continue to serve our university to the best of my ability,” Hansen said.

Leaper earned her Doctor of Higher Education from Texas Tech University in September 2024.

Her dissertation is titled “Academic Libraries and Co-Located Academic Support Services: A Collective Case Study of Students’ Perceptions.”

The study looked at the evolution of academic libraries at higher education institutions, their purposes in supporting student-centered experimental and collaborative learning and their relationships with academic support services, particularly when those services are co-located within the library. The study was conducted with focus groups of undergraduate students enrolled at three similarly sized and geographically located higher education institutions.

“This co-located model often provides seamless support to students by offering one-stop shop services for students seeking assistance from both knowledgeable librarians and academic support services staff,” Leaper said. “Knowing why students gravitate towards certain spaces and how students utilize the resources in those spaces may assist institutional admin-



Dr. Shane Hansen

istrators with strategic planning and setting goals that include a student-centered focus on facilities and space design, resource allocation and program planning.”

Leaper earned her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist

University in 2004. She graduated with a Master of Library and Information

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Science from Valdosta State University in 2012 and earned a Master of Adult Education Management and Administration from Northwestern in 2017.

Leaper started at Northwestern in 2012 as the research and instructional services librarian and became the director in 2018.

"I've worked with students at all stages of their educational journey and recognize that the resources made available to them, whether physical resources, online resources, services, and even physical environment, contribute greatly to their overall educational experiences," Leaper said.

Leaper grew interested in user experience (UX), student-centered facilities and space design after researching for her dissertation, and may explore that more in the future.

"I see myself as a lifelong learner so I don't feel the doctorate is the end of my educational journey," Leaper said. "I plan to continue to learn and grow in my current field of librarianship, but I'm also happy to explore other areas of interest as they arise."

She plans to travel more now that her weekends are free from writing.

"I'm leading the Northwestern Study Abroad trip to Spain and Portugal in May 2025, and I'm also planning several trips for next year with a goal of seeing more of Oklahoma and Texas," Leaper said. "My husband is hoping we can spend a couple of weekends at

home, so I may try that as well."

Meeker earned his Doctor of Education with an emphasis in Educational Technology from Oklahoma State University in December 2023.



Dr. Shannon Leaper

His dissertation is titled "Instructors' Use of Technology for Learning in Developmental Mathematics Classes."

Meeker explained this study used a convergent mixed-methods to assess how well behavioral beliefs, normative beliefs, and control beliefs predict the

use of technology within developmental mathematics courses.

"The Theory of Planned Behavior provided the theoretical framework for this study," Meeker said. "The sample consisted of developmental mathematics instructors from across the United States of America. This study found that the instructor's attitude, produced from behavioral beliefs, towards technology integration, was the most significant predictor of technology usage in developmental mathematics courses."

Meeker believes these findings will

assist the administration, mathematics departments, and other stakeholders with ways to support the developmental mathematics instructors' use of technology within their courses.

Meeker's research was published in volume 67 of the research journal *TechTrends* in September 2023. The article is available online at link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11528-023-00887-1.

"I am currently working on getting a few more journal articles out of my dissertation," Meeker said. "I would like to continue to research the area of the use of technology in introductory mathematics courses and apply what I discover to my courses here at Northwestern."

Meeker completed his Bachelor of Arts in pure mathematics in 2008 from The Master's University in Santa Clarita, California. He completed his Master of Education in adult education and management with an emphasis in mathematics in 2015 from Northwestern, which included coursework from Pittsburg State University.



Dr. Keenan Meeker with wife, Tiffany.


In the past, Meeker primarily taught introductory mathematics courses at Northwestern including beginning algebra, contemporary mathematics, and college algebra. This semester he has expanded to include college geometry and teaching for secondary mathematics.

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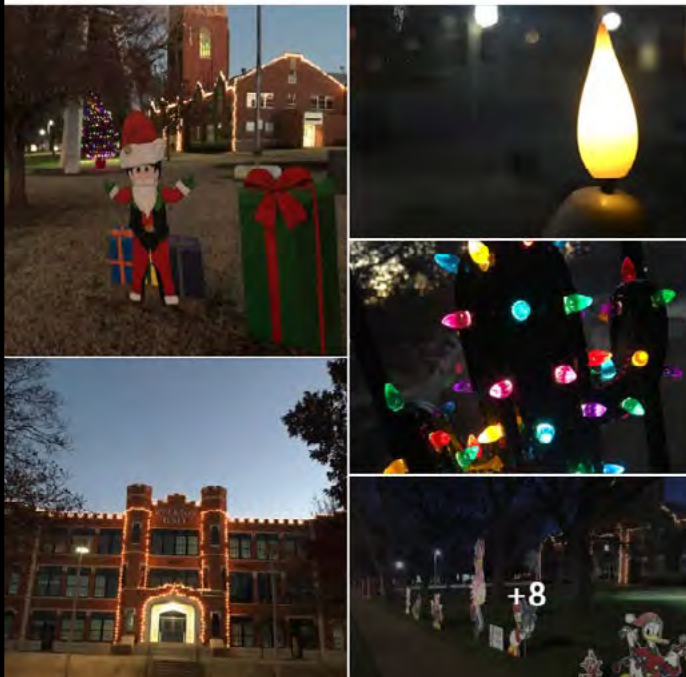
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