

There is much to be Proud of as a Ranger!

Each and every year, institutions have much to celebrate regarding their accomplishments, growth, goals achieved, events, etc. Accolades in these domains and others are pertinent not only to the institution as a whole, they are relevant and prevalent also among its students, divisions/departments, and faculty & staff.

tions, and ceremonies at our campus locations; personal accounts of engagement and community among students, faculty, staff, administrators, and stakeholders; and the list goes on!

In particular for this past academic year, and most definitely attributed to forms of engagement such as those mentioned above, we have our most

> recent successful HLC accreditation visit to be proud of! Working on NWOSU's Assurance Argument and preparing for the HLC accreditation team visit was no small task. Several sub-committees were established well in advance to take on addressing five separate Criteria and multiple Core Components within each Criterion. From collecting relevant and

current artifacts to finding new ways to demonstrate meeting elements of various criteria, many documents, phone calls, meetings, and emails ensued on multiple fronts in order to pull together a very comprehensive report. In short, updating, revising, and adding to this document required substantial work from multiple entities—and everyone's contributions were critical to the overall

success of the process.

Once sub-committee contributions were aggregated, there were regular and sustained meetings multiple times per week by a final editing team until the final submission of the document. The result: the determination by the visiting HLC accreditation team that NWOSU met all five criteria without conditions, resulting in continuation of accreditation. While there were no conditions, administration was very keen to listen to and genuinely hear the HLC accreditation team's comments while they were on site. As evidence of this, work has already begun to track elements identified we would benefit to expand upon and/ or areas that can benefit from further growth/development.

To close, I will state that I am quite thankful to be a part of an institution where there is so much to celebrate! For certain, there exist challenges and there remains work to be done. To that (and remaining within my thankfulness) I will add that I am grateful to be a part of a collaborative membership of colleagues where the atmosphere is conducive to meeting challenges and completing essential work.

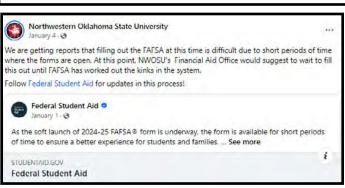
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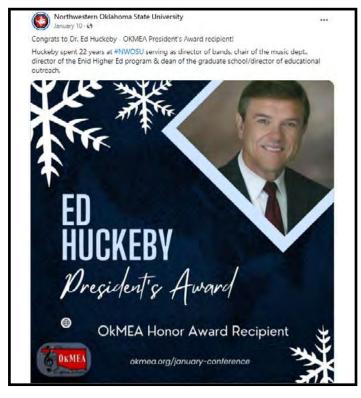


HLC Final Assurance Argument Review Team - Dr. Steve Maier, Dr. James Bell, Mrs. Kaylyn Hansen and Dr. Shawn Holliday.

The accounts shared in this Spotlight Newsletter showcase how this is most definitely true of NWOSU in the spring of 2024! In this issue, you'll see a snapshot of: student and professional performances on campus; recognition of students, faculty & staff, and alumni in the workforce; new faculty leading the charge with campus events; academic camps, competitions, presenta-













Evans' expertise highlighted in WalletHub.com article

Northwestern associate professor of business Dr. Barry Evans was featured in WalletHub.

com's 2024 Economic Index article.

Evans is featured in the "Ask the Experts" section of the article where he shares his advice for individuals asking themselves, "With the ongoing uncertainties in this economy, what steps can individuals take to protect their personal finances?"

Evans recommends three steps. "The first and most important step is to simply spend less than you make, every month and every year," Evans told WalletHub. "I have seen people with six-figure salaries who still live

paycheck to paycheck due to multiple car payments, high mortgage payments, and an ex-

> lifepensive style."

Evans recommends setting a goal to invest 10% of monthly income; and be wise on what and where money is spent.

"The

ference is staggering between people who start investing for retirement at 22 versus those who wait until 40," Evans said. "At age 65 the difference can be over a half million dollars, depending on assumptions and the markets."

> "Also, SO many young people entering the workforce

enter a 'gig economy' without employer retirement matching," Evans added. "So, it is more important than ever for people to take planning for retirement as a personal responsibility instead of relying on companies to provide retirement plans."

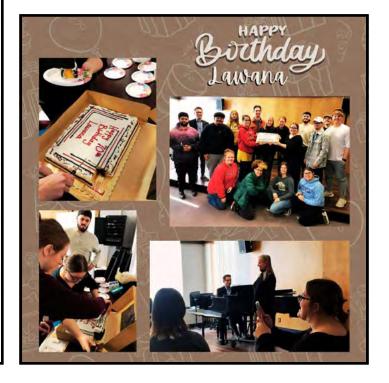
For Evans' full comments, see WalletHub's entire article at https://wallethub.com/edu/wallethub-economic-index/91926.

Evans began teaching at Northwestern in fall 2023. His teaching competencies include business communication, employment law, leadership, strategic management, macroeconomics, business and accounting ethics, organizational theory and organizational change.

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







Shelby Eicher and the Tulsa Travelers entertain

Shelby Eicher and the Tulsa Travelers performed in Herod Hall Auditorium on Jan. 16 as part of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series.

Eicher has had the opportunity to record, gig and make TV appearances with many legends including Roy Clark, Hank Thompson, J. J. Cale, Leon McAuliffe, The Tractors and many more. Being band leader for the Tulsa Travelers is a high spot in his career.

Eicher has been inducted into two Western Swing Halls of Fame and is a contemporary of the jazz violin scene.

Members of the Tulsa Travelers are a band of seasoned Western Swing musicians that epitomize the genre. They have worked with Johnnie Lee Wills, Hank Thompson, Leon McAuliffe, Leon Rausch, Tommy Alsup and others.

For more information on Eicher visit http://www.shelbyeicher.com.

Anyone interested in buying a contributor package or tickets can contact Kimberly Weast, chair of the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, at kkweast@nwosu.edu

or (580) 327-8462.

The reserved seating section at each concert will be held until five before minutes the performance.

Stay to-date with NWOCS by lik-Faceing the book page www.facebook. com/NorthwestOkCS/. Keep an eye out for the hashtag #NWOCS.

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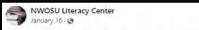
Concert Series is supported by Northwestern, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust.



Shelby Eicher and the Tulsa Travelers







Now accepting applications for virtual literacy and reading tutoring for grades 1-5!

If you're interested, tutoring sessions will begin on the week of January 31 and will conclude on the week of April 3. The majority of our available slots are on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:40 PM.

To access the application, simply scan the QR code or click the link provided below. If you have any inquiries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Stovall via email at wrcotton@nwosu.edu.

Application Link: https://forms.gle/H6q6RKy61DbpDATK9





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You are going to be OK." Six words saved Chan Hellman's life when he was 13 years old.

Hellman is a 1989 graduate of #NWOSU earning a bachelor's degree in psychology. While at Northwestern, he was an SGA Senator. He now is the director of the Hope Research Center at OU-Tulsa and one of the leading voices in the field of hope science and travels throughout the country and the world.

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A goote from an article written in November 2019 announcing that he would be the graduation speaker for the December commencement, he recalled a class he had and how Northwestern helped him:

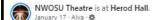
During my time at Northwestern I really wanted to take scuba diving," Hellman said. "I coordinated my courses around this opportunity which would potentially put me behind on the graduation limeline. Doc Mathews was the instructor and taught a really challenging course that included the requirement to pass a written test on the kineslology and chemistry associated with diving (especially what happens to the body during giving accidents)

Scuba diving was an amazing experience that I would not have pursued had it not been for this class. On the optional final exam, Doc Matthews invited us to show up and dive. I put on an air tank and swam to the deep end bottom and used the whole tank just staring at the surface reflecting on how Northwestern was offering a pathway of experiences that would change my life forever.

The aift of hope is powerful.



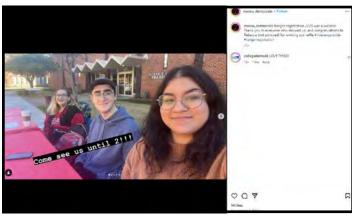
How the timely gift of hope saved Chan Hellman's life | Faces of Hope A drug-dealer's son who eventually found himself homeless at 13, Hellman had reached a poi..

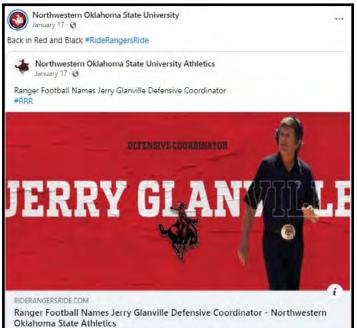


Calling the cues, doing what we do best, Making live theatre happen! Shown here, freshman Speech/Theatre major Gail Schroeder acts as stage manager for an event in Herod Hall Auditorium.

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Schmaltz has 25 years of research cited in book

The 25 years of published academic research on Russian-Germans completed by Dr. Eric J. Schmaltz, chair of Northwestern's Department of Social Sciences, coexecutive director of the endowed Institute for Citizenship Studies and professor of history, is cited within the first pages and a few other of the chapters of the recent book "Russian-Germans on Four Continents: Histories of a Global Diaspora."

Schmaltz joins ten scholars across three continents contributing to this volume edited by contributors Dr. Anna Flack, Dr. Jan Musekamp, Dr. Jannis Panagiotidis and Dr. Hans-Christian Petersen and published by international academic publisher Lexington Books in December 2023. Petersen visited Schmaltz and the Northwestern campus in September 2022 during his own research for the book.

"It is truly an international collaborative effort," said Schmaltz. "The editors and contributing authors come not only from a wide range of disciplines, but also from various countries in Europe and North and South America."

Schmaltz also authored a chapter in the book titled, "The Transnational Exchange of Ideas: The Russian-German Dissident and Emigration Movement's Impact on Soviet Domestic and Foreign Policy (1972-1987)," incorporating primary and secondary sources from the English, German and Russian languages in his research.

Schmaltz seeks to emphasize this significant Russian-German diaspora group's international reach amid the simultaneous growth of nationalism, national self-determination,

or identity politics and accelerating integration and globalization during the final stages of the Cold War.

"This nationality group by 1989 had represented the 15th largest out of more than 120 recognized ethnic categories in the Soviet Union,"

Schmaltz said. "In the 'Age of Extremes' of the past century, including two world wars, several political revolutions, and a series of international mass migrations, the contemporary paradox of ethnic particularism and globalization feeding off of each other has made

itself more manifest. Most people today don't fully comprehend the dizzying array of interrelated developments."

Many of Schmaltz's publications in the fields of migration, ethnic and nationality studies concern ethnic German communities in Russia, the former Soviet Union and their many descendants dispersed worldwide. A number of these descendants immigrated to Colorado, Kansas, the Texas Panhandle, and here in northwest Oklahoma at the turn of the 19th century. Schmaltz's work also has overlapped with Holocaust and comparative genocide studies. In pursuit of his research, Schmaltz has visited émigré communities in Germany, former ethnic German villages in Ukraine, and current German from Russia communities in Argentina.

"A good deal of my research findings originated in my master's and doctoral graduate days in the late 1990s and early 2000s," Schmaltz said. "Over time, I have been able to gain additional perspectives and even branch out on certain key topics, building on my previous work."

Schmaltz also has received a handful of invitations to speak on

these topics in 2024.

"In more recent years, about 80 to 90 percent of my speaking commitments come by invitation," he said. "Typically, I give anywhere from two to four talks per year, having become a little more selective in the number that I pursue now. Sometimes pub-



Eric Schmaltz

lication and other project opportunities will arise from such gatherings in collaboration with scholars. As I get older, I try to balance time and energy both at home and at work with some of my anticipated longer-term editing and publishing projects."

Schmaltz's first speaking engagement will be the 54th annual international conference for the Oklahoma City and North Texas Chapters of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) in Oklahoma City in early August 2024. He will provide an overview of German from Russia settlement patterns in both Oklahoma and Texas from the 1880s to the 1920s, along with brief observations on more recent group developments on the Southern Plains.

The Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies based at the University of Wisconsin in Madi-

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Schmaltz has 25 years....

son has invited Schmaltz to speak at their proposed "German-Speakers from Russia Transnationalism and Diaspora Symposium" around mid-September 2024. He is planning to summarize his recent article on the international efforts of ethnic Germans in Europe, Central Asia, and North America and others to advance autonomy and emigration rights in the USSR during the 1970s and 1980s.

Third, arrangements are underway to host Schmaltz at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, as its featured speaker around late October 2024. The Menno Simons Lecture Series Committee at Bethel College will be hosting its annual

event that promotes the work of scholars and church leaders relating to Anabaptist-Mennonite history, thought, and culture.

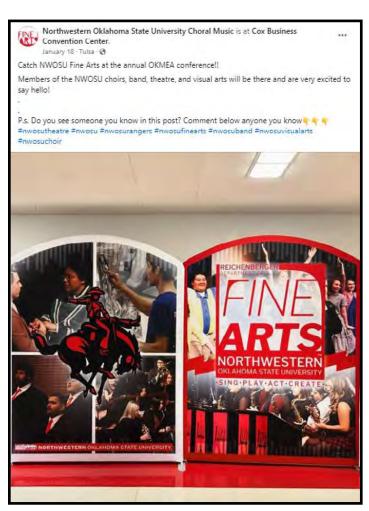
Established in 1950 by the John P. and Carolina Schrag Kaufman family, the Menno Simons Lecture Series is the oldest and most distinguished lecture series on the Bethel College campus. Bethel College also stands as the oldest Mennonite institution of higher learning in North America. Three presentations are planned for this traditional gathering, though what topics will be included for the two public presentations and the one campus undergraduate

engagement are still in progress.

It is likely, though, that Schmaltz will discuss the legacy of Mennonite migrations to Russia in the 18th and 19th centuries, and their subsequent migrations from Russia and the Soviet Union to North and South America in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Questions about Schmaltz's research and upcoming talks may be directed to him at ejschmaltz@nwosu.edu.

For more information on the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences.









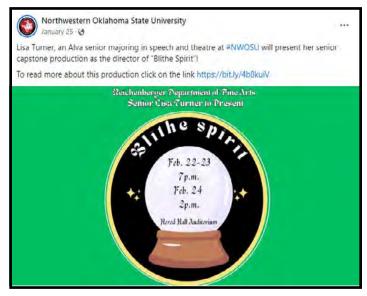


Violinist Jasper Wood and pianist David Riley will perform for the last concert series of the season

The public is welcome to attend the concert with a ticket that may be purchased online at

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in #NWOSU's Herod Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6



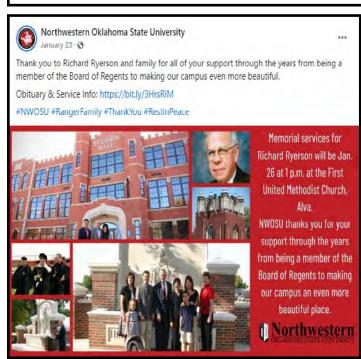


available in your community.





On Jan. 24, workers lifted a new air conditioning unit into place for use in the Education Center.

















Three of the four finalists in the college category of the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful End Litter Video

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Fine Arts Faculty perform recital in January

Campus and community members had the opportunity to listen to the faculty of the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts perform in a recital on Jan. 30 in Herod Hall Auditorium.

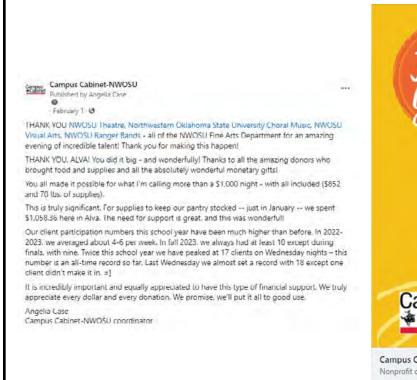
Fine Arts faculty members taking part in the recital were Thomas Cornell, assistant professor of visual arts; Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre; Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral studies, Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music; Victoria Moreira, adjunct instructor of music; Lawana Newell, instructor of music; and Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor of music.

"The reason behind this faculty recital was to give the students the opportunity to observe their professors performing in a professional setting," Eduardo Moreira said. "We want them to understand that we are not only professors but qualified professionals in our individual areas of expertise."

The recital included Cornell on piano with "4'33" by John Cage; Jordan, was assisted by the Theatre Production I Class, with the poem "Alva, oh my Alva" by Jaston Williams and Joe Sears; Longhurst with "A Winter Come (six songs) by Morten Lauridsen and "Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schon (Magic Flute)" by Wolfgang A. Mozart; Eduardo Moreira on piano with "Mily Balakirev" by Islamey; Victoria Moreira on flute, accompanied by Ridgway on guitar, with "Histoire du Tango" and "Bordel 1900" by Astor Piazzola, "Entr'acte" by Jacques Ibert, as well as on piccolo, accompanied by Eduardo Moreira on piano, with "Sonata" by Amanda Harberg; Newell singing "Und gestern hat er mir Rosen / Waldseligkeit" by Joseph Marx.

"I am looking forward to an evening of performances presented by our talented Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts faculty," Jordan said. "Talent comes in a variety of forms, and that's what I think I enjoy most about working with everyone in the fine arts. We each bring something unique to the experience."

For more information about the concert, contact Eduardo Moreira at (580) 327-8192 or emoreira@nwosu.edu. For more information about the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts, contact Weast at (580) 327-8462 or kkweast@nwosu.edu.





Long-time employees step into new campus roles

Three long-time Northwestern staff and Alva High School graduates stepped into new roles this past year: Monty Herren, physical plant director; Ken Knabe Jr., assistant

plant director; and Darcie Obermeier, custodial supervisor.

"It's never boring; nothing is ever the same," Herren said.

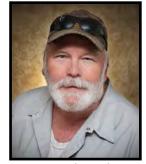
Herren, who notched 20 years working for Northwestern in July, is

grateful for the trade skills he's acquired over the decades. His favorite spot on campus is the green space, which is a project he helped prepare and install, but it holds a fonder memory—finding a young Western Screech Owl during construction and raising it to adulthood.

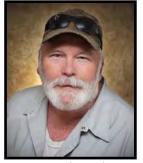
Knabe couldn't bring himself to pick a specific spot on campus as his favorite, but he didn't hesitate when recalling his favorite memory across his 32 years as a Northwestern employee.

"Watching my daughter get her degree from Northwestern," Knabe said.

Knabe's daughter, Kayla Gilchrist, is currently working on her master's degree from Northwestern and is







Darcie Obermeier

planning to graduate in May 2024.

Obermeier started her almost 22year career with Northwestern in the

Student Center, and it remains her favorite spot to this day.

Monty Herren

"I love seeing all the students and all the events," Obermeier said. "I love the hustle and bustle."

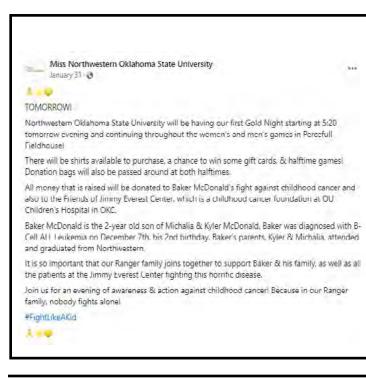
Although Herren, Knabe and Obermeier recognize the challenges and extra responsibilities that come with their new positions, they are determined to keep Northwestern

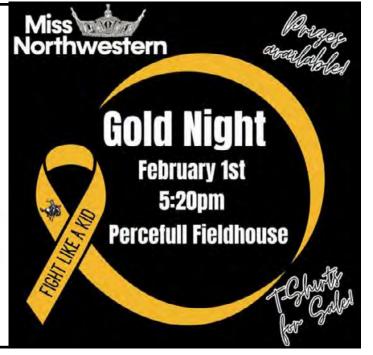
> running and a better place to live and work every day.

> "Our main priority is to keep Northwestern wellmaintained, clean comfortable for our students," Obermeier said.

For more information about employment opportunities at Northwestern, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/employment.







20 student teachers receive assignments

In their final semester at Northwestern, 20 senior education students were placed amd completed their student teaching assignments gaining hands-on experience.

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

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

Agriculture Education – Emily Cusack of Meno at Garber High School; Nathan Lang of Canton at Seiling High School; Cooper Sneary

of Alva at Drummond High School.

Early Childhood Education – Victoria Caywood of Enid at Alva Longfellow Elementary; Abigail Gregory of Tupelo at Enid Prairie View Elementary; Michaela Lammas of Ponca City at Newkirk Elementary.

Elementary Education – Rebecca Anderson of Enid at Sperry Elementary School; Sandy Close of Enid at Chisholm Elementary in Enid; Karen Marquez of Enid at Ringwood Elementary; Nahi Ramirez of Enid at Enid McKinley Elementary; Calista Rogers of Enid at Aline-Cleo Elementary; Jessica Weber of Enid at Enid Adams Elementary.

Health and Sports Science Education – Jarrod Barnett of Alva at Waynoka Elementary School; Beau Foster of Dodge City (Kansas) at Kiowa (Kansas) Elementary; Hunter Halderman of Vici at Cherokee Elementary School; Chase McCurley of Seiling at Seiling Middle/High School; Kylee Weve of Cherokee at Medford Elementary.

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Northwestern continues fight against opioids

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is continuing its mission to fight against opioid addiction and other stimulant abuse with the installation of a Harm Reduction Vending Machine that administers free Naloxone and Fentanyl Test Strips. The vending machine is located near the west entrance to the Student Center on the Alva campus in the vending area.

Northwestern is the fourth university in Oklahoma



A Harm Reduction Vending Machine that administers free Naloxone and Fentanyl Test Strips was recently installed in the Northwestern Student Center. On-hand for its installation are (from left to right) Ozge Yavuz, Kocaeli, Turkey, junior majoring in psychology; Rosalee Hamill, Prevention Programs Field Representative at Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention Services; Jadyn Chancey, Mooreland freshman majoring in psychology who will be in charge of restocking the vending machine; and Taylor Wilson, licensed professional counselor and director of counseling and career serves at Northwestern.

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Student teachers...

Mathematics Education – Lily Anderson of Little Elm, Texas, at Alva High School; Kassidy Williamson of Tonkawa at Blackwell High School.

Special Education – Amanda Cremers of Ponca City at Ponca City West Middle School.

For more information on Northwestern's teacher education program, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-education/education or contact Dr. Jennifer Oswald, chair of the Division of Education and associate professor of education, at (580) 327-8451 or jdo-swald@nwosu.edu.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is conto install a vending machine on its campus and is the using its mission to fight against opioid addiction 37th machine in the state.

Taylor Wilson, a licensed professional counselor and director of counseling and career services at Northwestern, has been instrumental in getting this vending machine on campus from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS).

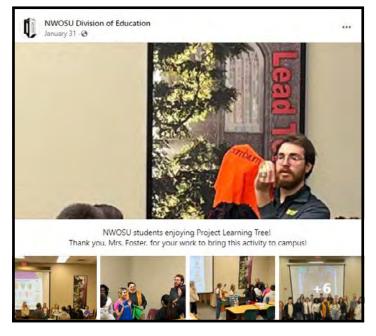
Wilson and Northwestern wanted to have these items available to the campus community as well as the public to help save lives.

"While some may perceive the Fentanyl Strips as supporting substance abuse, it essentially offers individuals a chance to recover as opposed to enduring fatal repercussions," Wilson said.

Wilson explained that anyone may use the vending machine for free. All an individual has to do is utilize the touch screen to determine what product is dispensed and enter a zip code to receive the free items. She noted that instructions are provided on the packaging of the products as well as online at www. okimready.org.

Naloxone is an over-the-counter opioid overdose reversal medication that has been pivotal in saving lives amidst the opioid epidemic. In an emergency, the affected person cannot use Naloxone on themselves; however, a bystander, friend or family member can administer the medication to save a person's life. The type of Naloxone in the vending machine is the intra-

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nasal spray, Narcan.

Fentanyl test strips are small strips of paper that can detect the presence of fentanyl in all different kinds of drugs and drug forms (pills, powder and injectables). Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the United States.

These items are recommended for anyone who may have opioids in their home like oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine and methadone, which can be prescribed to help reduce pain.

A full list of vending machine locations and instructions on how to use Naloxone can be found at www.okimready.org. Naloxone and Fentanyl Strips also are available to order online at https://okimready.org/overdose.

Community leaders interested

in installing a free vending machine in their areas can contact ODMH-SAS at (405) 248-9200.

Although the installation of the vending machine is not a part of the various grants Northwestern has been awarded from the ODM-HSAS and Mental Health Services Administration since fiscal year 2020, it does go along with the university's opioid prevention outreach.

Wilson noted that funds from the grants have provided a couple of other products that are available to the campus community and public. These items include Medication Lock Boxes and the Deterra Drug Deactivation Pouches Disposal System.

The lock boxes help to prevent medication from getting into the wrong hands by locking it up and storing it out of the sight and reach of visitors. The deactivation pouches are a safe medication disposal

> pouch that can be used at home to dispose of

unwanted, expired and unused medications.

To request free lock boxes and deactivation pouches, contact Wilson at tawilson@nwosu.edu. These items also are available on resource tables in Ryerson Hall 209 on the Alva campus, as well as at the Woodward and Enid campus locations. The lock boxes also are available in the J.R. Holder Wellness Center.

To locate year-round medication disposal drop-off locations in many areas within and outside of Northwestern's various campus locations, visit https://okimready.org/vending-machines-and-safedrop-off-locations.

Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, praised Wilson's hard work with the vending machines and various grants she helps to facilitate for the campus community.

"I am impressed and grateful with the work that Ms. Wilson has done. She is helping provide resources that could save a life one day."





Educators hold first Future Educator's Day

Northwestern's Division of Education was excited to hold its first Future Educator's Day on the Alva campus.

Nearly 100 high school students and sponsors attended to discuss the education profession, preparation and information about Northwestern's education program.

"We were happy to welcome these students to campus and introduce them to the teaching profession," Dr. Jen Oswald, chair of the Division of Education, said.

Guest speakers included Dr. Dudley Darrow, Enid Public Schools Superintendent who graduated from Northwestern with a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education in 2002; Dr. Melissa Brevetti, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Oklahoma Teacher Connection;

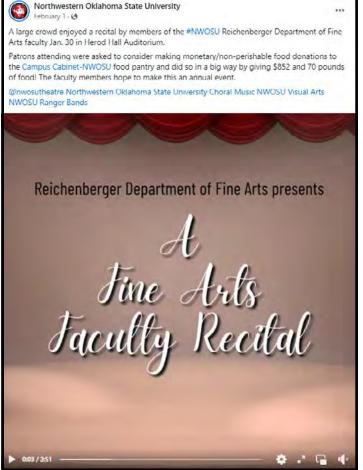
and Jess Tucker, Oklahoma coordinator for the Inspired to Teach scholarship.

Questions should be directed to Oswald at jdoswald@nwosu.

(580) 327-8451. Additional information about Northwestern's education program may be found at https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education.









Deadline to apply for Foundation/Departmental Scholarships within a specified department is Feb. 15. Each department has its own online form available under the heading Departmental Scholarships for Continuing Students on the Scholarships web page at ttps://www.nwosu.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships.









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





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Amy Zweiger, #NWOSU HR Payroll Clerk, is this week's #RangertoKnow!

Amy is a proud to be a #NWOSUAlumni along with her mom, Linda Olson, her brother, Danny Olson, close friend Mindi Cornforth and her daughters Mia and Irys. She hopes her grandchildren follow in her footsteps to be future Rangers!

We appreciate all Amy does for our #NWOSURangers every day!

#RangerFamily show some love in the comments!

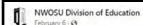
Find more interesting facts about Amy by following us on Instagram. X. or Snapchat!

#BeARanger | #RangerNation | #RideRangersRide









Foundations of Education, teacher candidates ROCK South OKC schools today with Dr. Mackie



Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University

inger Gold Night was a successful night to say the least!!!

e raised over \$1,700 towards helping kiddos with their fight with childhood cancer. I am so oud and honored to be a part of such a supportive community that gives back.

ere are so many thank yous to give for making this night such a success.

IANK YOU to those who donated gift cards for our raffle : McDonald's

The Bull Smokehouse & Saloon The Vanilla Bean

Daisy Village Holder's Drug

Cancun Mexican Restaurant

Northwest Nutrition

IANK YOU to @nwosuathletics for being so willing to help me with my vision and making all of is possible.

ANK YOU to anyone and everyone who supported the fight against childhood cancer whether be by donation, buying a shirt or even just mentioning Gold Night and what it entails. Special output to @nwosu_cheer for going gold by incorporating gold pom poms and bows!

IANK YOU to Speedy's T's for donating 100 shirts for the women's & men's shooting tops and eirest were sold to raise money for childhood cancer.

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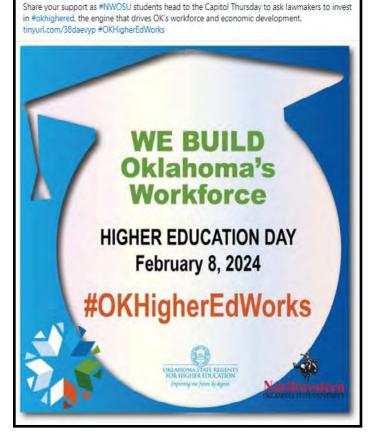
IANK YOU to my Ladybugs for coming and spending their evening supporting the Rangers. yself, and our biggest fan. Luke. They wore our childhood cancer awareness shooting shirts and are the best cheerleaders for Luke.

stly. THANK YOU to Paige, my parents, and my sweet Lukie Pookie. None of this would have en possible without you & I can't thank you enough for your constant support through all of y endeavors.

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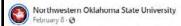


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Students at Higher Education Day at the Capitol had a great time speaking with our legislators

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In case you didn't know, the science department uses our service learning requirement to host a regional science fair every year. Today, about 60 students (grades 7 -12) came from 6 of the surrounding schools to present 41 projects. Our students then spoke to each group about their project and gave them feedback on how they did and could improve in the future. This helps instill a love of science and learning in our 7 - 12th grade students and give sour NWOSU students the opportunity to help our community! If you want to check it out, the projects are open for the community to walk through today 3 - 4 PM and the awards ceremony starts today at

















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* Fine Arts (band, choir, theatre, visual arts)

* Agriculture * Business * Education

* Enid Campus

Departmental scholarships available for continuing students in

* English, Foreign Language & Humanities (English, Spanish)



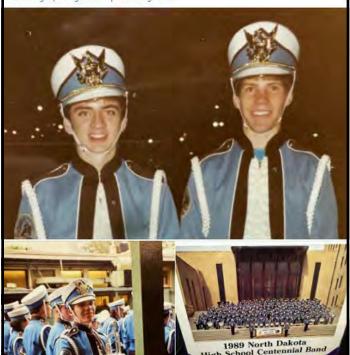
Dr. Timothy Maharry, #NWOSU Mathematics and Computer Science Department Chair, is this

Dr. Maharry played in the trumpet section in the North Dakota Honor Centennial Band as a senior in high school. The band included 200 members from across North Dakota. He toured the state with the band in the summer of 1989 as part of the state's centennial celebration, marched with the band in the Rose Bowl Parade, the Holiday Bowl Parade, and performed for President George H. W. Rush at the North Dakota State Capital.

We appreciate all Dr. Maharry does for our #NWOSURangers every day! #RangerFamily show some love in the comments!

Find more interesting facts about Dr. Maharry by following us on Instagram, X, or Snapchat!

#BeARanger | #RangerNation | #RideRangersRide











Nine social work seniors get work experience

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

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

"Each student in their field education is assigned to a field instructor who volunteers their time to assist in the education of students, as well as reinforce social work ideas, behaviors and competencies," Codi Harding, director of field experience and assistant professor of social work, said. "We appreciate all of our past and present field instructors."

Listed below are the students who worked in their field practicums during the spring, hometowns, and their practicum agency placements:

Laney Anderson of Stratford, Northwest Family Services in Alva; Allysa Donaldson of Elk City, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Beckham County; Maci Howell of Attica, Kansas, Horizons Mental Health Center in Hutchinson, Kansas; Ashley Garner of Perkins, Stillwater Public Schools in Stillwater; Rebecca Faubion of Covington, healthcare corporation; Bailey Pelland of Pratt, Kansas, Kansas Department for Children and Families in Hutchinson, Kansas; Giselle Minjares of Woodward, Western Plains Youth and Family Services in Woodward; Mickenzie Turner of

Enid, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Enid; and Melanie Yager of Woodward, Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Woodward.

For more information about Northwestern's Department of Social Work, contact Dr. Kylene Rehder, department chair and professor of so-

cial work, at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwosu.edu, or Harding at (580) 213-3148 or clharding@nwosu.edu.





60 students present projects at regional science fair

Sixty students from six different schools presented 41 projects during the Northwest Oklahoma Regional Science Fair held at Northwestern on Feb. 8.

Since 1957, Northwestern has played host to this science fair that services the northwest counties of Oklahoma and is a feeder fair for the Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair (OSSEF). State qualifers were to the OSSEF March 8-9 in Stillwater at Oklahoma State University (OSU).

Participants were divided into two categories: Division I, grades 10 -12, and Division II, grades 7-9. Award winners, their schools and their projects are listed below.

Overall Winners:

Division I - Grand Champion: Ethan Todd from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), "Trametes Versicolor vs. Waste Tires;" Reserve Champion: Eli Harrel from Vici Public Schools, "The Right Mix: Which Soil Do Radishes Grow?"

Division II - Grand Champion: Rowdy Menefee and Rhielan Jackson from Vici Public Schools "Fletchins, Fletchins, Fletchins;" Reserve Champion: Ross Menefee and Chancey Nix from Vici Public Schools, "Don't Choke"

Category Winners and OSSEF Qualifiers:

Animal Science, Division I - 1st: Kaylee Rose, Alyssa Hamm and Emily Resendiz from Ringwood Public Schools, "Chicken Little;" 2nd: Addie Pray from Burlington Public Schools, "Cats and Colors;" 3rd: Carla Vicente and Haley Gutierrez from Arnett Public Schools, "What Kind of Food do Prairie Dogs Prefer?"

Animal Science, Division II - 1st: Satara Horton and Jessa Johnson from Vici Public Schools, "Cryobiosis Sur-

Behavioral and Social Sciences,

Division I – 1st: Abigail Poulson from Vici Public Schools, "Memory Matters" (OSSEF qualifier); 2nd: Lincoln Coleman, Dodger Sloan and Nicolas Sant'Anna from Arnett Public Schools, "Do Video Games Affect Skills?" Real-life (OSSEF qualifier); 3rd: Coriella Parry and Kimberly Hathaway from Vici Public Schools, "Social Media Rotting Your Brain;" Honorable Mention: Katie Girton and Eli Coykendall from Arnett Public Schools, "How Does Music Affect Concentration?"

Behavioral and Social Sciences, Division II - 1st: Owen Bellamy from Burlington Public Schools, "Conventional vs. Hunt and Peck Typing"

Biomedical and Health Sciences, Division I – 1st: Haven Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, "Can You Hear Me Now?" (OSSEF qualifier); 2nd: John Campbell and Canon Hardin from Arnett Public Schools, "ROM (Range of Motion);" 3rd: Alyssa Smith from Arnett Pubic Schools, "No Calcium Means Bendy Bones"

Biomedical and Health Sciences, Division II - 1st: Hayden Nebhut and Cale Tapia from Vici Public Schools, "No Good Injuries!"

Chemistry, Division I – 1st: Colton Pedersen from Burlington Public Schools, "Motorcycle Burn Prevention;" 2nd: Raquel Todd from Vici Public Schools, "Fighting Fire with Fire;" 3rd: Joely Zuniga Ortiz and Romina Gonzalez from Ringwood Public Schools, "Mastering the Art of Fruitlet Pigmentation"

Chemistry, Division II - 1st: Wyatt Morgan from Burlington Public Schools, "Ice Cream Melt Off"

Earth & Environmental Sciences, Division I - 1st: Ethan Todd from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), "Trametes Versicolor vs. Waste Tires" (OSSEF qualifier); 2nd: Kashton Moss and Graham Heidlebaugh from Vici Public Schools, "Dirty Water, No More!"

Earth & Environmental Sciences, Division II - 1st: Phog German from Burlington Public Schools, "Dashboard Soil Science"

Engineering Technology, Division I - 1st: Rebecka Carlson from Burlington Public Schools, "Wind Turbine Efficiency" (OSSEF qualifier); 2nd: Ruben Salazar Estala from Woodward Public Schools, "The Propulsion of Tomorrow: Test of Propeller and Ionic Drive Propulsion Noise Levels" (OSSEF quali-

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60 students present...

fier); 3rd: Troy Burton and Randall Burton from Arnett Public Schools, "FFAL Parachute;" Honorable Mention: Trenten Haney, Martin Sanchez and Monty Wilson from Arnett Public Schools, "Infinity Mirror"

Engineering Technology, Division II – 1st: Vance Stewart from Burlington Public Schools, "Electric Motor Mechanics"

Mathematics & Computer Science, Division I – 1st: Paige Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, "Man vs. Machine"

Physics and Astronomy, Division I – 1st: Trevor Hankey from Burlington Public Schools, "Testing Strengths of Different Brands of Super Glue;" 2nd: Bristen Robertson from Arnett Public Schools, "What is Tensegrity?"; 3rd: Alexander Harmon from Burlington Public Schools, "Pickup Man"

Physics and Astronomy, Division II – 1st: Rowdy Menefee and Rhielan Jackson from Vici Public Schools, "Fletchins, Fletchins, Fletchins" (OS-SEF qualifier); 2nd: Ross Menefee and Chancey Nix from Vici Public Schools, "Don't Choke!" (OSSEF qualifier); 3rd: Maddox Morgan from Burlington Public Schools, "Pellet Penetration"

Plant Sciences, Division I – 1st: Eli Harrel from Vici Public Schools, "The Right Mix: Which Soil Do Radishes Grow?" (OSSEF qualifier); 2nd: Kenslie Jantzen and Tori Greb from Ringwood Public Schools, "Wet & Wild Wheat: Soil Impact" (OSSEF qualifier); 3rd: Allie Tune and Breclyn Suthers from Arnett Public Schools, "Best Fertilizer for Indoor Vegetables;" Honorable Mention: Ava Wall and Iree Davidson from Ringwood Public Schools, "Let it Grow"

Special Award Winners:

American Psychological Association Award – Abigail Poulson from Vici Public Schools, "Memory Matters"

Association for Women Geosci-

entists Award – Rebecka Carlson from Burlington Public Schools, "Wind Turbine Efficiency"

NASA Earth System Science Award – Zanston Clark and Dayson West from Arnett Public Schools, "Does Fertilizer Affect the Growth of Algae?"

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Pulse of the Planet Award – Ruben Salazar Estala from Woodward Public Schools, "The Propulsion of Tomorrow: Test of Propellor and Ionic Drive Propulsion Noise Levels"

Northwestern Senior Scholarship Recipients – \$1,500 Scholarship: Ethan Todd from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), "Trametes Versicolor vs. Waste Tires;" \$1,000 Scholarship: Trevor Hankey, from Burlington Public Schools, "Testing Strengths of Different Brands of Super Glue;" \$500 Scholarship: Canon Hardin from Arnett Public Schools, "ROM (Range of Motion)"

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Navy/U.S. Marine Corps Award - Division I: Eli Harrel from Vici Public Schools, "The Right Mix: Which Soil Do Radishes Grow?"; Ethan Todd from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), "Trametes Versicolor vs. Waste Tires;" Division II: Phog German from Burlington Public Schools, "Dashboard Soil Science;" Maddox Morgan from Burlington Public Schools, "Pellet Penetration"

Ricoh USA Award – Ethan Todd from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), "Trametes Versicolor vs. Waste Tires"

Regeneron Biomedical Award – Haven Stoner from Burlington Public Schools, "Can You Hear Me Now?"

Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge – Rhielan Jackson and Rowdy Menefee from Vici Public Schools, "Fletchins, Fletchins"

U.S. Air Force Award – Rebecka Carlson from Burlington Public Schools, "Wind Turbine Efficiency;" Eli Harrel from Vici Public Schools, "The Right Mix: Which Soil Do Radishes Grow?"; Abigail Poulson from Vici Public Schools, "Memory Matters;" Ethan Todd from Northwest Technology Center (Fairview), "Trametes Versicolor vs. Waste Tires"

US Metric Association Award – Eli Harrel from Vici Public Schools, "The Right Mix: Which Soil Do Radishes Grow?"

Yale Science and Engineering Association Award – Rebecka Carlson from Burlington Public Schools, "Wind Turbine Efficiency"



Cast, crew prep for 'Blithe Spirit' production

Students from the Northwestern Reichenberger Fine Arts Department's theatre program prepared and presented the comedy "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward in Herod Hall Auditorium Feb. 22-23.

Lisa Turner, Alva senior majoring in speech and theatre, directed the production. This project served as her senior capstone project that fulfilled the requirements for her degree.

"Hundreds of man hours go into technically presenting a play," Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts, department chair and producer of the production, said.

"A set has to be safely built with functioning doors, windows, etc. The set has to be decorated with period-appropriate properties and furniture. Lights must be hung, focused, gelled, and then designed on the light board. Time period-appropriate costumes must be made, purchased, or found. Lastly, audio for the production to be played before, during, and after the play must be chosen and designed. Also, sound effects within the production must all be programmed into a computer and then processed through the audio board. This all must happen before we get into technical and dress rehearsal week."

Turner also served as the lighting, scenic, audio and costume designer for this production in addition to her director duties.

"The production class and I worked diligently creating, finding, and restoring set pieces and props to create the set of a Kent English Country Manor set in 1941 England," Turner said.

Cast members for this production included Archer Bohlen, Ring-

wood senior majoring in computer science; Jade Campbell, Woodward sophomore majoring in instrumental music; Alan Garcia, Beaver junior majoring in biology-health science; Kylee Harzman, Alva postgraduate; Maegan Holson, Waynoka junior majoring in psychology; Jaden Matthews, Hennessey sophomore majoring in speech and theatre; Gail Schroeder, Okeene freshman majoring in speech and theatre.

The understudy list included Samuel Grinder, Sayre senior majoring in vocal music; Kyanne Randolph, Ringwood freshman majoring in elementary education; John Snyder, Oklahoma City sophomore majoring in instrumental music; Rosa Vargas, Lahoma sophomore majoring in instrumental music.

Crew members for this production were Riley Shires, Waynoka freshman majoring in English, stage manager; Lilith Ferrero, Cordell junior majoring in speech and theatre, lighting operator; and Artemis Hillman, Cheyenne freshman majoring in general studies, audio operator. Serving as the stage crew are Rosa Vargas, Lahoma freshman majoring in instrumental music; Gabriel Bussinger, Woodward sophomore majoring in speech and theatre; Temberlenn Hall, Magnolia, Texas, junior majoring in speech and theatre; and Jaylee Ross, Crescent freshman majoring in mass communication.

Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre and Herod Hall facilities manager, assisted Turner with properties duties.

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.



Student Director Lisa Turner (seated) directs (left to right) Nora Campbell, Archer Bohlen and Alan Garcia during a recent rehearsal for the upcoming comedy "Blithe Spirit" at Northwestern Feb. 22-24.

Entrepreneur seminar series spotlights social media

The annual Northwestern Entrepreneur Seminar Series spotlighted northwest Oklahoma entrepreneurs utilizing social media March 7-8 on the Northwestern-Enid campus.

Northwestern students could enroll in this seminar titled "The Entrepreneur & Social Media" for three semester credit hours. Students from Alva, Woodward and Ponca City were able to attend remotely. Seminar sessions were free to the public, and community members were encouraged to come and go at their convenience.

The Entrepreneur Seminar Series was organized by Dr. Jerry Gustafson, professor of business, and Dr. Wayne McMillin, dean of the Northwestern-Enid campus, in collaboration with Heather Palmer, marketing consultant. Chris Tucker, social media expert and owner of EnidBuzz.com, was this year's keynote speaker.

"It takes great courage to be an entrepreneur," Gustafson told the Enid News & Eagle. "You're on your own and you'll meet others in business who share experiences at the seminar."

Speakers were scheduled to present in Room 218 on the Enid campus beginning Thursday, March 7 and finishing up on Friday.

Seminar speakers were:

Thursday, March 7: Tony Woodlief, executive vice president for State Policy Network; David and Jennifer Lawrence of Dense Mechanical; Stella Jantzen, executive director of Park

Avenue Thrift; Brady Sidwell, financial broker for Sidwell Strategies; and Debbie Maxey, Northwest Oklahoma Association of Realtors agent. Tucker provided the keynote presentation at 6 p.m. in the commons area of the university.

Friday, March : Woodlief;

Tucker; Aaron Fuksa, owner of Unique Addresses & Headlight Restoration; Northwestern faculty panel; Emma Frazier, owner of Emma Shining Jewels; Palmer; and Gustafson concluded the afternoon.

For more information, contact Gustafson at jjgustafson@nwosu. edu or (580) 213-3184. To learn more about the Northwestern Division of Business visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/business.







Free Summer STEM Camp at Northwestern May 27-31

Oklahoma students in grades 9-12 in fall 2024 were welcomed to register to attend a free summer STEM camp at Northwestern-Alva May 27-31. Registration for "Renewable Energy – The Future is Here – Exploring and Learning Today: A Summer STEM Camp" was limited to 25 students.

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

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

and computer science, said.

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

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

Students built and assembled a wind turbine, and learned about

solar power and hydroelectric power.

The camp

also included field trips to Alabaster Caverns State Park, High Plains Technology Center in Woodward, and to the OG&E solar plant near Covington.

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

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









Formal Budget Hearings are held each spring in all areas on campus following Pre-Budget meetings to make requests for funding for the next fiscal year. In this photo, the department



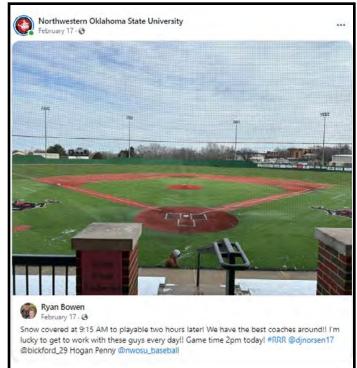
chairs for the School of Arts and Sciences Division are in attendance as Dr. Steve Maier, dean of faculty, presents the requests to administrators. The public is welcome to attend.















Visual Arts program welcomes OU Artists

The Visual Arts program played host to representatives from the University of Oklahoma art program on March 6 during an artist's talk and demonstration.

The demonstration of a glass slumping technique took place in Jesse Dunn Annex 325 during the Fundamentals of 3D & Sculpture class.

Leading the artist talk will be Leticia Bajuyo, an assistant professor of sculpture in the School of Visual Arts at OU, and Emma Moorman, who is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Art in Sculpture at the university.

Bajuyo is a Filipinx-Ameri-

can interdisciplinary artist and object maker based in Oklahoma. She creates drawings, sculptures, and installations that highlight the impact of desire. Her interest in unpacking value perceptions finds their roots in her autobiography growing up bi-racial in a small town named Metropolis on the border of Illinois and Kentucky. The time and space of quiet landscapes outside and the multi-national dialogues inside her family's home influenced the development of her critiques of consumer capitalism, fickle her studio practice, Bajuyo seeks community and welcomes collaboration by participating in

artist collectives including the Filipinx Artists of Houston, Land Report Collective and Project Vortex.

Moorman is originally from Fort Worth, Texas. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Visualization with a focus in 3D animation and graphic design from Texas A&M University. She became interested sculpture during an undergraduate sculpture class

Texas A&M where she learned how to weld and began fabricating large steel sculptures. So far during her time at OU, she has had the opportunity to reconnect to her love of materials and is beginning to explore themes of memory and identity through her work.

More about these artists may be found at www.bajuyo.com and emman.com.

In conjunction with the artist talk and demonstration, an exhibition of work from the OU artists was displayed from March 5 - April 5 in a new gallery space for the visual arts program. The location is in Jesse Dunn in the area formerly known as the formal dining room that sits adjacent to the kitchen. The room number is 218. A reception was held outside the gallery space.

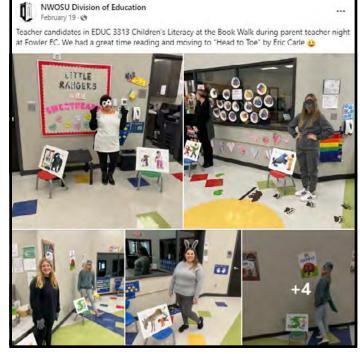
Thomas Cornell, assistant professor of visual arts, explained that the work in this exhibition was primarily sculptural and was curated by Bajuyo. It will included artwork from a mixture of faculty, graduate students and recent alumni of the OU program.

"With this exhibition, we hoped to establish a sense of fraternity between two institutions dedicated to the intellectual and creative growth of students across Oklahoma," Cornell said.

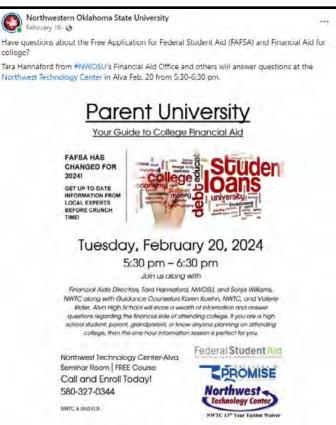
To learn more about North-western's visual arts program and major, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts/visual-arts.











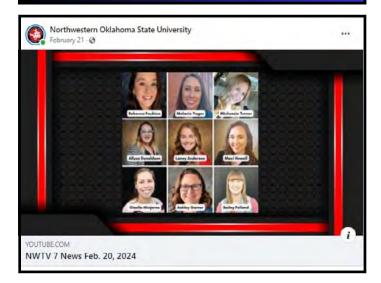


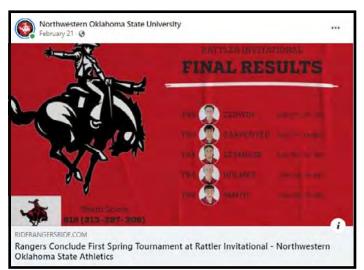
We would like to congratulate our February Service Excellence Experience recipients. 🔉

This award is given to those recognized by name by a patient or a patient's family member for the care they provided. Each month, we are fortunate to celebrate many of our staff members for the high-quality and compassionate care they provide to our patients.

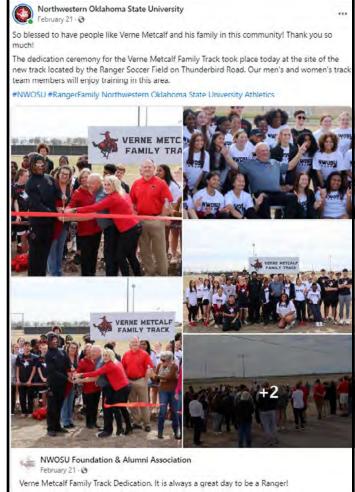
Congrats to Doris Campbell, Perla Roman, George Curtis, Patty Elmore, Brad Nichols, Elizabeth Harlow, Mary Varela, Gina Cahoon, Lorac Yerian, Cecil Nelson, Samantha Montz, Shay Collins, Adriana Velazquez, Mackenzie Nichols, Sherry Cates, Rachel Mount, Haeley Stute, Emily Myers, Joni Welch, Sandi George, Peggy Patoka, Angie Hughes, Staci Winder, Ashley Hansen, Adrianna Lopez, Kylee Loustaunau, Laura Daniels, Kelley Hayes and Kamber Peterson.











Floyd completes DNP degree

Debra Floyd, assistant professor of nursing, has completed requirement for her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Executive Leadership, Nursing degree.



Dr. Debra Floyd

Floyd studied Oklaat homa City University Kramer School of Nursing and ished on July 26.

The title of her doctoral dissertation was "Implementaton of Simulation for Critical Thinking Development.

Meeker finishes doctoral work

Keenan Meeker, assistant professor of mathematics, successfully defended his dissertation on Nov. 15, 2023, at Oklahoma State University where he graduated in December with a Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Educational Technology.



Dr. Keenan Meeker

His dissertation focused on "Instructors' Use Of Technology For Learning In Developmental Mathematics Classes."

Last September, Meeker also had a paper published from his research in the research journal Tech-Trends.

Meeker, K., Thompson, P. The Evolution of Technology for the Mathematics Classroom. Tech-

Trends 67, 843–850 (2023). https://doi. org/10.1007/s11528-023-00887-1

Fry completes studies

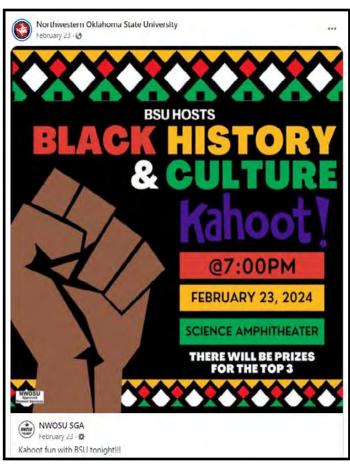
Sarah Fry, assistant professor of criminal justice/sociology, successfully defended her dissertation on Feb. 19.

She graduated with her terminal degree, a Ph.D. in sociology, from Penn State University at the end of the spring 2023 semester.

Congratulations, Dr. Fry!



Dr. Sarah Fry







Presidential lecture series event featured on syndicated radio show

The Northwestern annual Presidential Lecture Series held on Tuesday, March 5, was centered on Thomas Jefferson and the American West. It was recorded and then featured on a nationally syndicated radio broadcast.

The annual program is sponsored by the North-

western Department of Social Sciences and Endowed Institute for Citizenship Studies in collaboration with the Department of Mass Communication.

The syndicated radio broadcast "Listening to America" is hosted by noted national humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson.

The audience was also treated to a private conversation between President Jefferson, portrayed by Jenkinson, with the program's host posing various questions.

For more information, please contact Dr. Aaron Mason, co-executive director of the Institute and professor of political science, at mason@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8522.









Northwestern Oklahoma State University is with Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball and Northwestern Oklahoma State University Undergraduate Admissions at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. February 23 - Alva - 3

Kinsey Neiderer, Assistant Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball Coach, is this week's

Coach Neiderer graduated from #NWOSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 2022 while also playing basketball for the Lady Rangers.

She is currently working on her Master's Degree in adult education, administration, & management with plans to graduate this Spring,

We appreciate all Coach Neiderer does for our #NWOSURangers every day!

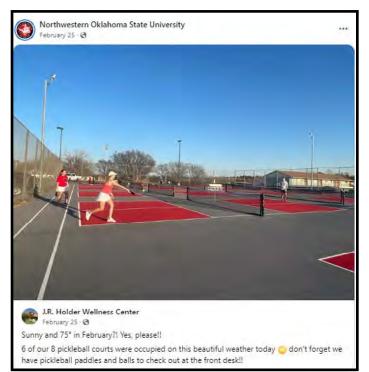
#RangerFamily show some love in the comments!

Find more interesting facts about Coach Neiderer by following us on Instagram, X, or Snapchat! #RangerNation | #RideRangersRide









Reflections on SWAT Dignity Drive

Students from the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter completed their "Compassion in Action" dignity drive during the 2023 fall semester.

"Once again, the drive was successful," Codi Harding, Northwestern director of social work field education, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said. "Every year, this event allows SWAT members to help provide basic needs to community members in their

local and surrounding communities."

SWAT is a student-run organization that seeks to enhance the social work learning experience. One of SWAT's purposes is to employ community service projects while supporting community partners and their consumers. The dignity drive is one of the community service projects SWAT students host to give back to the community.

This year SWAT was able to gather donations for The Day

Center located in The Hope Center in Woodward, filling some of their personal hygiene needs. product Donations included toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo and conditioner. deodorant, detergent, feminine hygiene products and more.

"Collecting hygiene products for the Dignity Drive is not just about giving out necessities; it's about restoring dignity and empowering individuals to live healthy lives," Melanie Yager, a Woodward senior social work major and Northwestern-Woodward SWAT vice president, said. "I'm honored to be part of an organization that can recognize these needs in the community and take action."

Northwestern's SWAT members and social work majors, with their hometowns, classification and SWAT involvement include:

Officers: Ashley Garner, Stillwater senior, president; Laney Anderson, Stratford senior, vice president (Alva Chapter); Yager, vice president (Woodward Chapter).

Members: Holly Andres, Alva sophomore; Harlie Atland, Alva junior; McKenzie Cramer, Ashland, Kansas, junior; Allysa Donaldson, Elk City senior; Rebecca Faubion, Covington senior; Sam Felton, Alva junior; Macy Howell, Attica, Kansas, senior; Kyra Hussey, Okeene junior; Jenna Maier, Alva junior; Hunter McMillin, Alva junior; Giselle Minijares, Woodward senior; Bailey Pelland, Pratt, Kansas, senior; Krystan Pierce, Woodward junior; Mickenzie Turner, Enid senior; Mahawa Tyler, Alva junior.

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

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



Melanie Yager (left) and Codi Harding (right) pose with the supplies donated to the 2023 'Compassion in Action' Dignity Drive sponsored by the Northwestern Department of Social Work Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter.



Codi Harding (left), Northwestern Department of Social Work director of social work field education, assistant professor of social work and SWAT sponsor, and Melanie Yager (right), SWAT vice president of the Woodward Chapter, donated the supplies from the SWAT 'Compassion in Action' Dignity Drive to Shanna Gonser and Teresa McBroom (center) of the Hope Center in Woodward.

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.



Volunteers from the NWOSU Campus Cabinet Food Pantry, Lorraine Case, Mary Riegel, Jenny Sattler and Valarie Case, work to prepare the table for the fundraising "Goodie Giveaway" held on Feb. 24 in conjunction with Ranger Athletics and Windy Ford.





Tonight, at 7:00 pm, we are performing a wonderful program of Wind Ensemble literature. Please join us!

We will present: "On Wings of Eagles", a delightful concert march written by Ed Huckeby, Emeritus Professor of Music at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and 2024 Oklahoma Music Educators Association President's Award recipient.

This will be followed by "Fantasia on Lady of Spain", a very popular and familiar song by Tolchard Evans, and brilliantly arranged by Donald Hunsberger.

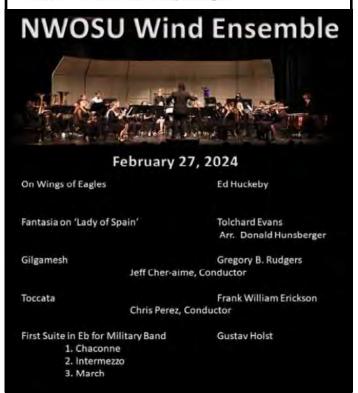
Graduate student Jeff Cher-aime will then conduct "Gilgamesh", a passionate lyrical piece based on themes from Verdi's opera "La Forza del Destino" and written by Gregory Rudgers.

Undergraduate Chris Perez will present "Toccata for Band" by Frank Erickson.

Composed in 1957, this work has enjoyed a long and successful place in the musical heritage of the American concert band.

The grand finale will be the masterpiece "First Suite for Military Band" by Gustav Holst, This work was Holst's first work for band, and helped establish the standard instrumentation for modern concert bands. The three movements of this work are: 1. Chaconne: 2. Intermezzo, and 3. March: and are meant to be played without a pause (we will do our best).

The NWOSU Wind Ensemble is directed by Eric Burger.



NWOSU Art Society art show held March 4-29

The 21st annual Northwestern Art Society Art Show was held March 4-29 in the J.W. Martin Library.

Nearly 120 items were entered into this year's art show with 27 students entering artwork and about 10 non-students, which includes alumni and current/retired employees, entering 27 pieces.

"This was one of the more exciting events for me," said Thomas Cornell, assistant professor of visual arts, who is one of the two new professors in the visual arts program. "With the new visual arts major, we had the chance to work with students in the program, but with this show we really got to see the creative spirit that is embodied within the Northwestern community all in one place."

Prize ribbons were awarded to all students and non-students placing first through third in all categories, along with Student Best of Show won by Elayna Warrington; Non-Student Best of Show went to Victoriano Muniz-Mendoza and People's Choice was won by Emma Curry by a vote by those viewing the show. A \$50 cash prize was awarded to the student winning Best of Show, and the students placing first place in each category earned \$10. Everyone entered in the show was eligible to receive the People's Choice cash prize of \$25.

"We want to thank the Student Government Association for co-sponsoring our show again this year and providing us with help funding the show," Archer Bohlen, art society president, said.

All artwork that earned an award in this show was eligible for the Winners' Show, which was held on April 5 at the Runnymede in downtown Alva during its regular First Friday Artwalk events.

For additional information about the art show or the art society, visit the NAS website at www.nwosu.edu/art, join the club's Facebook group or fan page, or contact Cornell at tacornell@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8111. Photos from past shows are available for viewing at https://bit.ly/art-society-photos.

For more information on classes within the visual arts program, please contact Cornell or David Poindexter, associate professor of visual arts, at dapoind-exter@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8108.





Thomas Cornell, one of two new art faculty members at Northwestern, prepares entries for display in the 21st annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show that took place March 4-29 in the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus.











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Nearly 300 attend Red Carpet Honor Band

Northwestern played host to the 2024 Red Carpet Honor Band March 8-9 where nearly 300 middle and high school musicians were on the Alva campus. This event was postponed from its original date of Jan. 12-13 because of weather.

Following several rehearsals, these students from across northwest Oklahoma performed in a free concert on Saturday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium.

Students performed in ensembles that include percussion, woodwinds, brass and concert band. The students will rehearsed all day Friday and on Saturday morning before the concert. The students demonstrated what they learned over two days in their performance.

Schools with participants in-

cluded Alva High and Middle Schools, Balko High and Middle Schools, Blackwell, Cashion, Chisholm Middle School, Covington-Douglas, Drummond, Lawton Eisenhower, Hennessey, Kremlin, Medford. Mooreland, Okarche, Okeene. Pioneer-Pleasant Vale. Pond Creek-Hunter, Ringwood, Seiling, Tonkawa, Vici, Watonga and Waukomis.

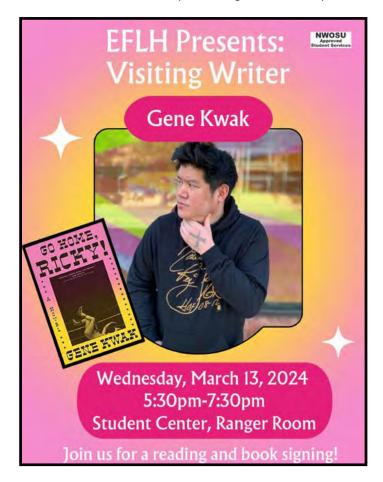
Kwak comes to campus as Visiting Writer

The English, Foreign Language and Humanities department played host to author Gene Kwak for the annual Visiting Writer Series on March 13 in the Student Center Ranger Room on the Northwestern-Alva campus.

"The series is our way of bring-

ing writers with a tie to Oklahoma to our region every spring to discuss writing, the publishing industry and to share their work with all interested parties," Dr. Matthew Lambert, assistant professor of English, said.

Kwak teaches at Oklahoma State University. He read selections from his critically acclaimed debut novel titled "Go Home, Ricky!" about a semi-professional wrestler who undergoes an identity crisis after he is severely injured in the ring. He was available to answer audience questions. A Northwestern bookstore employee was present to sell the novel.







with our mass communication students and faculty! * Alongside valuable networking opportunities, our students engaged in workshops covering personal branding, resume building, and interview tips.

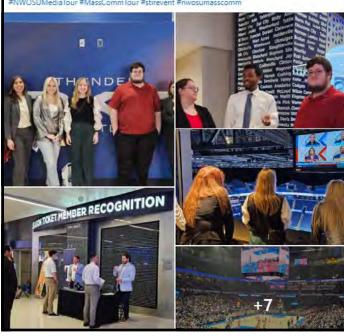
But it wasn't all work and no play! Our group also caught an exciting Oklahoma City Thunder versus Houston Rockets basketball game at the Paycom Center.

Organized by the NWOSU Communication Department, the two-day trip also included a visit to High Five Media, an award-winning digital marketing and advertising agency in OKC.

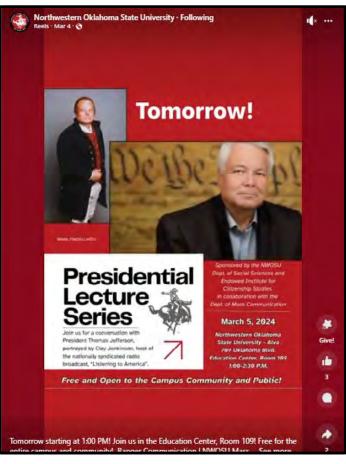
During the tour guided by Jess Crist, we learned about their services and exciting new projects in Al. @Earle Haggard, one of the partners, shared the agency's story and offered valuable advice to

Swipe through the photos to see some of the highlights!

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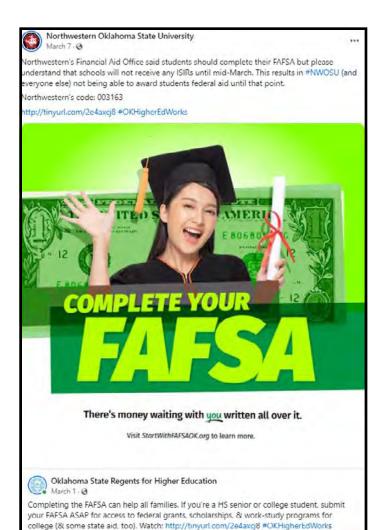
Our NWOSU music students are awesome leaders! After being gone for an entire week until the day before contest, we prepared for this and everything was ready. They managed an incredible contest even with a few surprises!

Yesterday, we hosted over 450 solos/ensembles, 12 choirs, and 7 judges while managing 31 student workers and ME!

Special thanks to these spectacular upper class music majors, Addyson Noyes from Beaver, Emily Smith from Holdenville, Sam Grinder from Sayre, Jameson Hale from Elk City, Draven Hidalgo from Hooker, and the rest of our Choral Leadership Team and Singers in Chorale! Proud to be a Ranger!

Ride On, Sing On!









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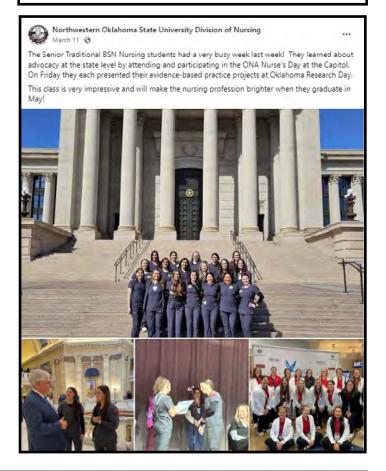








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'Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella' held April 18-20

The Reichenberger Fine Arts Department is prepared and presented "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" the musical on April 18-20. This Tony Award-winning production from the creators of "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music" took place April 18-19 in Herod Hall Auditorium on the Alva campus.

"The NWOSU Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts was ecstatic to collaborate with students and community members to present this musical theatre production," said Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre who served this production as technical director and working with choreography.

For those unfamiliar with Rodgers and Hammerstein's enchanting adaptation of the timeless fairytale, "Cinderella" was their only musical originally composed for television. When the television program, starring Julie Andrews in the title role, first aired in 1957, it was the most widely viewed program in the history of the medium at that time. Since then, Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical has continued to charm audiences in productions on stage and on television.

Based upon the classic fairy tale, and particularly the French version "Cendrillon ou la Petite Pantoufle de Verre," Rodgers and Hammerstein's adaptation brings new life to the story of a young woman forced into servitude who dreams of – and achieves – a better life.

"Cinderella" also features some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible," and "Ten Minutes Ago."

This version of "Cinderella" is based upon Douglas Carter Beane's adaptation of this well-loved classic that invites us to build a better, kinder world together. When Ella meets a dragon-slaying young prince, who is just assuming control of his government, she helps to spark transformation and empower the disenfranchised in their kingdom. With the help of her fairy godmother, a pumpkin and a little magic and humor, Ella, Prince Topher and their generous friends will inspire and delight the whole family. This version introduces several new characters and a sympathetic stepsister.

"The beautiful score composed by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II was just magnificent and left audiences humming tunes long after the final curtain," Iordan said.

The musical's lead characters included Emily Smith, Harrah senior majoring in vocal music, as Ella; Jameson Hale, Elk City senior majoring in vocal music, as Topher; Sam Grinder, Sayre senior majoring in vocal music, as Lord Pinkleton; Alan Garcia, Beaver junior majoring in biology-health science, as Sebastian; Alexander Marshall, Alva freshman undecided major, as Jean-Michael; Brooklyn Parker, Weath-

erford freshman majoring in vocal music, as Gabrielle; and Charlotte was played by Rylee Ott, Forgan freshman majoring in vocal music.

Alva community members in leading roles included Raye Lyn Bird as Marie and

JoDe Bradt as Madame.

Others in the cast included Archer Bohlen, Ringwood senior majoring in computer science, as Footman 2; Gabe Bussinger, Woodward sophomore majoring in speech and theater, as Footman 1; and Darian Smith, Alva senior majoring in music, as the Giant.

Alva community members also in the cast were Quinn Goss, Audree Leon and Sadie Longhurst as mice; and Josh Longhurst as the fox. Lisiate Ofiu of Burlington was a racoon.

Northwestern students in understudy roles included Kylee Harzman, Alva post-graduate as Charlotte; Jaden Matthews of Hennessey, sophomore speech and theater major, as Gabrielle; John Snyder, Oklahoma City junior majoring in instrumental music, as Sebastian; and Noah Voth of Enid, senior natural science major as Topher.

Alva community members in understudy roles included Kathy Jenlink as Madame; Amy Ryerson as Marie and Madeline Ryerson as Ella

Ensemble members included Lena Aguilar, Chanute, Kansas, sophomore majoring in vocal mu-Continued to page 45



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sic; Kevin Jaquez, Enid sophomore majoring in vocal music; Aleya Johnson, Auburn, Nebraska, freshman majoring in vocal music; Jack Mahoney, Enid sophomore majoring in vocal music; Addyson Noyes, Woodward senior majoring in vocal music; Wilalei Faith Tommy, Enid sophomore majoring in sports science; and Bethany Towns, Alva senior majoring in psychology.

Northwestern employees in the production included Danielle Budy, Academic Success Center coordinator and assessment assistant; Alica Hall, coordinator of printing services; and Amy Zweiger, payroll clerk.

Alva community members in the ensemble included Fern Allen, Joplin Bradt, Aiden Brinkley, Asher Brinkley, Ashley Brinkley, Avaleigh Brinkley, Erin Davis, Chloe Jordan, Maci Lehr, Jordan Penner, Brian Thomas, Maureen Thomas and Jackson Wooton. Isi Ofiu and Savelina Ofiu of Burlington were also in the ensemble.

Other members of the production team included Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts chair, director and producer;

Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral studies. music director: and Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music, accompanist. Davis also served as the head choreographer, and Wilson Patrick of Alva was the stage manager.

For more information on theatre performances and courses

in the Department of Fine Arts at Northwestern, contact Weast at (580) 327-8462 or kkweast@nwosu.edu or see more info at www.nwosu.edu/fine-arts.







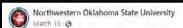


20 Schools will be seeking employees at the upcoming #NWOSU Education Career Fair Monday, March 25, in the Student Center Ranger Room from 1 - 3 PM.

#NWOSURangers and Community Members seeking employment in the field of education are encouraged to attend! #OKHigherEdWorks

More info: https://bit.ly/480FulZ





January and February proved to be great months for the Campus Cabinet-NWOSU Food Pantry with more than 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food donated and more than \$4,000 in monetary donations given.

"These funds and food donations come at a great time as we have seen a definite increase in client usage of the pantry this school year," said Angelia Case, coordinator of the campus pantry as well as academic projects assistant/media specialist. "In January alone, we spent more than \$1,000 to stock the shelves for our clients.

"Last school year we averaged four to six clients a week submitting food request forms, but now we are averaging approximately 10 a week. Our highest number this spring semester has been 18 requests in one week. With these numbers, it doesn't take long to deplete the food and funds needed to help our Ranger family."

More into: https://bit.iy/3/xpFag









Happy #PiDay! The #NWOSU Department of Mathematics and Computer Science are celebrating in Shockley Hall. Room 126, today from 4-5 PM! Swing by and grab a piece of →!

NWOSU Department of Mathematics and Computer Science Invites you to join us in celebrating

PI-DAY 2024!



Thursday March 14, 2024 Shockley Hall 126 4-5 pm

All are welcome to join us for a celebration of π and pie as we also get set to enjoy Spring Break!

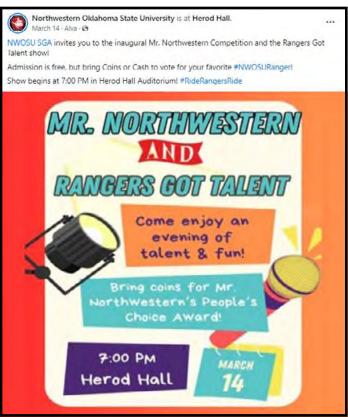


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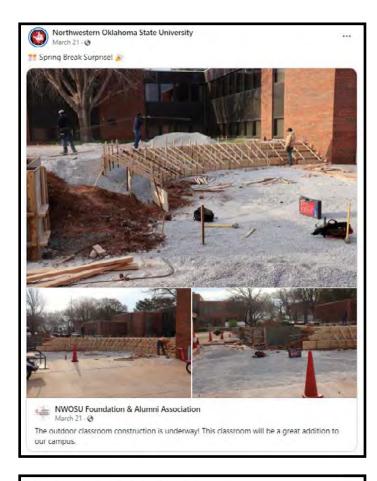
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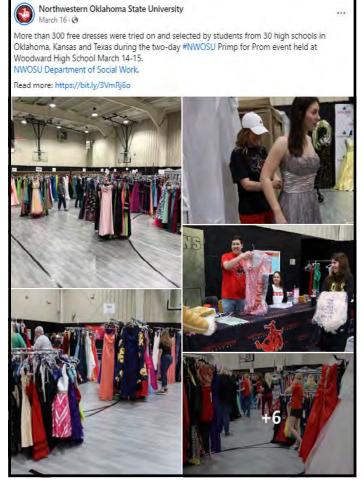






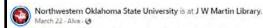












#NWOSU Study Abroad is headed to Spain and Portugal in May 2025!

Not a student? Not a problem! Faculty, staff and community members (18+) are invited to join Study Abroad trips!

The next study abroad interest meetings are March 26 and March 27 at 5:30 PM in the J.W. Martin Library, Room 221, or via Zoom (contact Shannon Leaper, seleaper@nwosu.edu, Study Abroad group leader, for the link.)

For more information, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/study-abroadl

The travel company is planning a price increase on April 18, so if you are interested in going, lock in the current price by April 17!

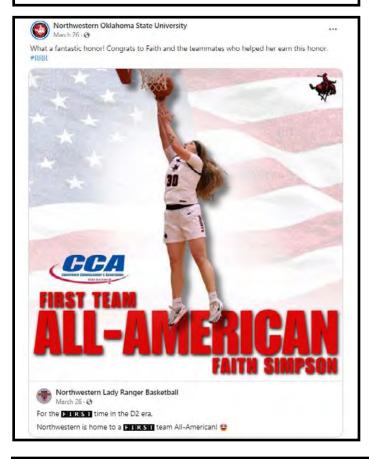


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OMRF holds 77th anniversary celebration on campus

Northwestern played host to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF) as members celebrated their 77th anniversary of the organization on Jan. 30 in the Student Center Ranger Room.

"Over this anniversary year, we're going to touch all 77 Oklahoma counties to say 'thank you' to Oklahomans for daring to dream in 1946 and for supporting that dream ever since," OMRF President Andrew Weyrich, Ph.D. said.

The foundation's stop in Alva is a part of its "77 for 77" campaign that harkens back to the organization's roots. On Aug. 28, 1946, the Oklahoma Secretary of State granted OMRF's charter. Shortly thereafter, the new foundation launched its initial campaign with a mission that holds true 77 years later: "That more may live longer." Organizers divided the state into 25 districts to raise awareness and funds. Through this effort, more than 7,500 Oklahomans raised \$2 million in gifts and pledges, enough to begin building and staffing OMRF's headquarters. Today, adjusted for inflation, that initial fund drive would be worth more than \$25 million.

"To the best of our knowledge, OMRF is the only one of the more than 80 independent research institutes across the U.S. created from a statewide campaign," Weyrich said.

Today, OMRF employs nearly 500 staff members who study cancer, heart disease, autoimmune disorders and diseases of aging. Their discoveries have yielded diagnostic tests and three life-saving drugs available in hospitals and clinics worldwide. In the foundation's Rheumatology and Multiple Sclerosis centers, clinicians care for more than 3,000 patients from across

the state with autoimmune conditions such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and MS.

The 1940s campaign to launch OMRF is a blueprint for 77 for 77, which kicked off on Aug. 28, 2023, at the foundation's Oklahoma City headquarters. As in the 1940s, OMRF has divided the state into districts with local

chairs. District chairs for the Alva area are Jodie Bradford-Stevison, executive director of the Alva Chamber of Commerce, and Todd Holder, co-owner of Holder Drug in Alva and vice president of Alva State Bank & Trust.

Around 30 local patrons, doctors, first responders, Northwestern administration, faculty and staff were all in attendance for the catered luncheon provided by Northwestern dining services.

Bradford-Stevison welcomed everyone before a presentation by Weyrich, followed by Chrissy Ledesma, OMRF Senior Accountant and Alva native, who offered her testimonial about her Multiple Sclerosis (MS) care from Dr. Gabriel Pardo in the OMRF Multiple Sclerosis Center for Excellence.

"I'm working shoulder-to-shoulder with people making progress on the very disease I have," Ledesma said. "It gives me a real sense of ownership to be so involved."

Bob Axtell, Ph.D., associate professor in OMRF Arthritis & Clini-



Northwestern President Dr. Bo Hannaford (left) and Shane Hansen, chair of Northwestern's Health and Sports Science Department, stop for a photo before joining their colleagues at the OMRF luncheon on the Northwestern-Alva Campus Jan. 30.

cal Immunology Research, finished the presentations discussing his work alongside Pardo in OMRF's ongoing MS research.

Holder offered closing remarks.

"My mother introduced me to OMRF when I was a kid," Holder said. "Whenever someone would die, she would fill out a donation card to OMRF and include a check as a memorial to that person. It wasn't until much later that I understood the significance of contributions like my mom's and the role they play in advancing medical knowledge and treatment right here in Oklahoma."

Bradford-Stevison, who represents northwest Oklahoma on the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Executives, said it's meaningful to know that medical breakthroughs are occurring in her home state and not simply on the East and West coasts.

"OMRF's founders understood that, too, and I want to do my part to ensure that OMRF continues to thrive," she said.

OMRF has deep connections in *Continued to page 51*

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Alva and the surrounding communities. Two local residents have served on OMRF's Board of Directors, most recently R. Deane Wymer of Fairview, who served for 12 years until his death in 2018. Additionally, six local students served summer internships through OMRF's Fleming Scholars Program. In 1957, Cherokee High School began collecting donations for OMRF at halftime of its football games. Three years later, Alva High School did likewise.

Statewide chairs for the 77 for 77 campaign are former First Ladies Kim Henry and Cathy Keating and former Governors Brad Henry and Frank Keating.

Kim Henry, a former teacher who served on OMRF's Board for 19 years and joined its National Advisory Council in 2022, is shepherding a component of 77 for 77 designed to introduce younger Oklahomans to OMRF. Underwritten by Sarkeys Foundation, the foundation created a hands-on science experiment kit for seventh-grade science classes. OMRF piloted the program in Marlow Public Schools and Putnam City Schools last fall. It is now expanding to schools in 25 focus cities.

"This is a win-win for Oklahoma students," Kim Henry

Northwestern Oklahoma State University NWOSU Foundation & Alumni Association 10am vs. 3pml Progress is being made on the outdoor classroom. Be sure to follow our page to see more updates as they come

said. "We'll inject critical support into our schools and open new avenues of learning for thousands of Oklahoma students."

Cathy Keating served on OMRF's Board for two years and joined its National Advisory Council in 2011.

"OMRF is one of Oklahoma's crown jewels, and every Oklahoman should take pride in the work done here," she said. "I hope that over the next year, thousands more Oklahomans will recognize the world-class medical research taking place right here in their home state.

For information about OMRF's 77 for 77 campaign, visit omrf.org/77.



Local businessman Todd Holder addresses the crowd in his capacity as OMRF local co-chair.



Vocal music program presents Masterworks Concert

Northwestern's vocal music program prepared and presented a Masterworks concert at the First United Methodist Church in Alva in April. The concert featured the NWOSU Chorale, the University Singers and a special guest, the Alva High School Concert Choir.

The event was free to the public, but donations to the university groups helped fund their international tour to Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic during the summer.

The choirs performed "The Requiem" by John Rutter, a 37-minute work with seven movements. The piece featured soloists and a hired small instrumental ensemble consisting of flute, oboe, timpani, glockenspiel, harp, cello and organ. Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies and assistant professor of music, directed this masterwork.

The Alva High School Concert Choir, directed by Naicee Sutter, also performed at the concert, as well as collaborated with the NWOSU Chorale on a song. The groups came

together to rehearse on the day of by the groups included the following: the performance.

"Naicee and I are always looking for ways to collaborate and as often as we can," Longhurst said. "This was an incredible opportunity to celebrate the singing going on in Alva and to support each other and our community."

The Northwestern choirs also performed additional songs to round out the evening's program including works by famous modern American composers and work by the Spanish Renaissance composer Tomas Luis Victoria.

A list of songs to be performed

NWOSU Chorale -- "I Believe This Is Jesus" by Undine Smith Moore; "Kyrie Eleison" by Houston Bright; "A Jubilant Song" by Norman Dello Joio; and "Requiem."

NWOSU Singers - "Motet" by Richard Felciano and "O vos omnes" by Tomas Luis de Victoria.

Alva High School Choir – "God is Our Refuge" by Allen Pote and "Hands Are Knockin" by Kyle Pedersen.

For more information Northwestern's Reichenberger Fine Arts Department, visit https://www. nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/fine-arts.



Northwestern's vocal music program presented its Masterworks concert inside the First United Methodist Church in April. All Northwestern choirs performed plus special guest, the Alva High School Choir (top photo).

Social Work partners with Haruv USA for training

The Department of Social Work proudly partnered with Haruv USA to provide an exclusive training opportunity in Woodward.

"Exploring the Intersection between Infant Mental Health and Clinical Maltreatment" was presented on April 22 at the Woodward Convention Center.

"We are excited to announce our partnership with Haruv USA and offer a training that highlights our support for our new infant and early childhood mental health minor at Northwestern," Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work, social work program director and professor of social work, said before the training. Students and helping professionals from all disciplines were encouraged to attend the event for an exciting afternoon of learning and networking.

This three-hour session was tailored for both students and professionals seeking a deeper understanding of the relationship between child maltreatment and infant mental health. Learners could expect to explore key concepts related to trauma and attachment, relevant research findings, and acquire practical tools to positively contribute to the well-being of vulnerable children and families. This training was ideal for teachers, social workers, child welfare specialists, counselors, and those in the medical field.

The training was provided by Ashleigh Kraft, LPC-S, who is the owner of Balanced Perspectives LLC., where she provides consultation and training in the areas of infant mental health, non-profit leadership, and trauma informed care.

The major areas of focus in her professional experiences have in-

cluded working with survivors of domestic violence, child maltreatment, and interpersonal trauma. She is trained to provide Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) and Circle of Security and Reflective Supervision. She is a state-wide trainer for CPP in Oklahoma and is endorsed through Zero to Three as a provisionally certified state trainer for DC:0-5.

Kraft is passionate about the power of relationships, supporting the professional growth of therapists, and the importance of early relationships.

Haruv USA is an international training institute that provides interprofessional education and training for professionals and students from a wide variety of settings in the

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

Registration for the training was free, and CEUs were available for social work and LPC professionals. For more information on the training, contact Rehder at kdre-

hder@nwosu.edu or DeJon Knapp, LCSW, Haruv USA Director at the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work OU-Tulsa, at dejon@ou.edu.



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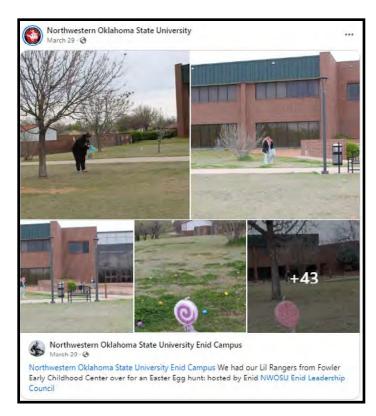






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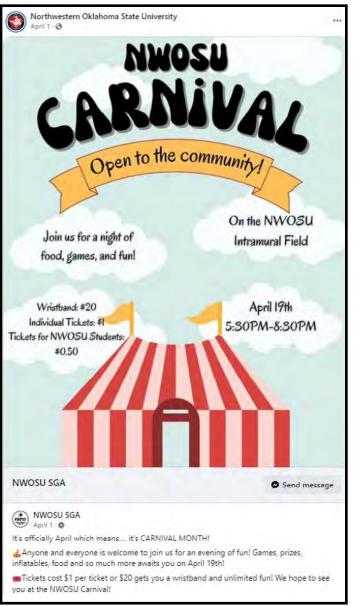












Budy wins statewide End Litter video contest

Mass communication minor Sagelyn Budy is the winner in the higher education division of the statewide Keep Oklahoma Beautiful End Litter Video Contest.

The Alva senior was presented with a check for \$1,200 from Jon Logan, Oklahoma Department of Transportation District 6 engineer from Woodward, and Evelyn Schaefer, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful executive director from Oklahoma City. Budy also will be honored at a banquet in Oklahoma City in November.

Her video titled "Make a Difference" explains how one piece of trash can harm many areas. This video may be viewed on KOB social media channels and also on their website at https://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com/what-we-do/litter-educations-end-litter-video-contest.html.

The length of the videos sub-

mitted for the contest was to be between 25 and 45 seconds. Budy said the process for creating this short video turned out to be fairly time-consuming by the time she planned what she was going to do, shot the photos and video, wrote the script and then went into the editing room.

"Every shot takes multiple takes because even if you think you got a good shot the first time, when you get in the editing room, you don't want to stop to get more video because something doesn't look right," Budy said. "This often happens anyway, but if you can prevent it by taking multiple videos while you are there, it is worth it. When you get in the editing room, the time often boils down to how picky you are, which I would have to say, I am definitely too picky at times."

Dr. Jesse Schroeder, assistant professor of mass communica-

tion, is the faculty adviser to the campus television station NWTV and the instructor who assigned this video project to his students in the audio and video production class this past fall.

"I have been very impressed with Sagelyn's ability to create some really dynamic projects," Schroeder said. "She can develop ideas and create projects that would compete with those working in professional video production."

Schroeder said the top three finalists in the higher education category were his students, including Derrick Galindo, Alva sophomore majoring in mass communication, and Karoline Juresiute, Pratt, Kansas, junior majoring in mass communication.

"They all have tremendous talent, and I am proud of all of them," Schroeder said.

Budy, an agriculture major, has plans to work for an agriculture publication through either writing or producing ag stories upon graduating in December, so she paired her major with a mass comm minor to gain the additional guidance she needed.

"I have learned so much from the mass comm program," she said. "The faculty members have given me much guidance and allowed me to grow my knowledge and skills through hands-on experiences."

She also praises the agriculture department faculty for helping her to further her communication skills.

"Not only has the faculty given me an abundance of knowledge, they have endured many interviews and photo sessions and have been willing to accommodate my requests with their busy schedules. These two departments working together have allowed me to take on one of my biggest goals, to have the tools and skills to educate consumers

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Sagelyn Budy accepts a \$1,200 prize check from Jon Logan and Evelyn Schaefer for winning the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful End Litter Video Contest.

Red and Black Scroll Honor Society welcomes 16 new members

Northwestern inducted 16 new members into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society.

The students received their certificates via email.

Red and Black Scroll recognizes outstanding scholarship and service among students at Northwestern. Requirements for membership include completion of 40-59 hours of college credit, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, participation in two or more campus organizations or activities, attendance at Northwestern for at least two semesters and non-failure of a college course.

Sponsors are Dr. Sheila Brint-

nall, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Dena Walker, associate professor of mathematics.

This year's sophomore inductees include:

Hadley Bohlen of Ringwood, accounting major; Isabella Bouse of Woodward, psychology major; Katelyn Cooper of Enid, nursing major; Derrick Galindo of Alva, mass communication major; Jake LaSpisa of Bartlesville, health and sports science education major; Colten Hunter Lormand of Goltry, junior psychology major; McKenzie Mashak of Cimarron, Kansas, elementary education major; Sofia McElroy of Flower Mound,

Texas, business administration major; Kacie Penner of Fairview, instrumental music major; Jamie Rocha-Lopez of Woodward, computer science major; Maria Sosa of Laverne, biology major; Megan Spray of Sharon, business administration major;

This year's junior inductees include:

Ko Brooks of Alva, biology major; Addie Hoeme of Preston, Kansas, agriculture business major; Christopher Perez of Laverne, instrumental music major; Mikayla White of Paola, Kansas, health and sports science education major.

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about the value and importance of agriculture."

Budy is using the skills she learned from both academic areas by producing her own radio show on local station KALV owned by Benny Buckland, a Northwestern graduate. Since July 1, 2022, "The Farm Girl" has been airing every weekday at 7 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. on 1430 AM and 99.5 FM.

"It has been an adventure, and I have learned a lot," Budy said. "I like to do interviews with local people about current events and how it affects them. I also advertise future activities and give informational reports. Keeping up with two jobs and school can sometimes be a lot, but the experiences I have gained will be invaluable for my future."

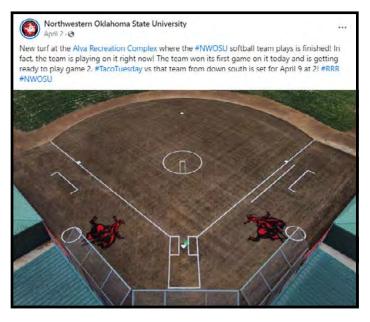
Schroeder said that Budy continues to show she can intertwine her agriculture background with the skills she has learned in the mass communication program.

"You can tell she has a true appreciation for the agriculture in-

dustry, and this comes through in her ability to tell great stories through the projects she creates in mass communication," he said.

Schroeder also believes his students' successes help show that Northwestern's program is helping to prepare students to enter the work force.

To learn more about North-western's mass communication program, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/communication/mass-communication.



Solar eclipse viewed by many on campus

The last solar eclipse of the sun visible in the United States until 2044 happened on April 8, and the natural sciences department played host to a viewing event for students, employees and the general public in the Greenspace area on the Alva campus.

Dr. Jenny Sattler, chair of the Department of Natural Sciences and associate professor of physics, said the peak occultation, or sun coverage, occured between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m., and the eclipse started to be seen at around 12:30 p.m. and was close to completion

by 3 p.m. Sattler said that northwest Oklahoma did not be experience 100 percent totality of the moon blocking the light from the sun, but those in this area saw approximately 90 percent blockage.

Those who attended took turns viewing the phenomenon safely through a telescope set up with proper filters for viewing at higher magnification and taking pictures through the eyepiece.

Sattler warned that the only safe way to look directly at the sun was

through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses" or hand-held solar viewers. Homemade filters or sunglasses, even with dark lenses, are not safe for the human eye to look at the sun during the eclipse. The department had about 700 pairs of eclipse glasses to give away to those attending so theyview the eclipse safely.

A group photo of those at the Greenspace was taken about 1 p.m. To look back at posts to Northwestern's social media accounts, use the hashtags: #SolarEclipse2024, #NWOSUScience and #NWOSU.

Sattler and Dr. Mary Riegel, professor of mathematics, were available to answer questions from those attending about the eclipse or astronomy in general.

A similar event took place in the Greenspace in August 2017.

For more information on the solar eclipse event contact Sattler at (580) 327-8568 or jasattler@nwosu.edu.



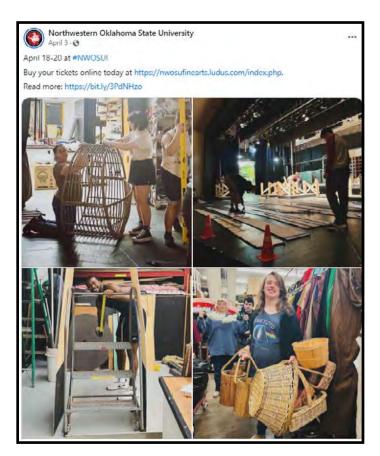
Left: Dr. Jenny Sattler, front left, and Dr. Mary Riegel, front right, assist Carli Seabolt while she views the solar eclipse on campus.

Below left: Students have fun experiencing the solar eclipse.



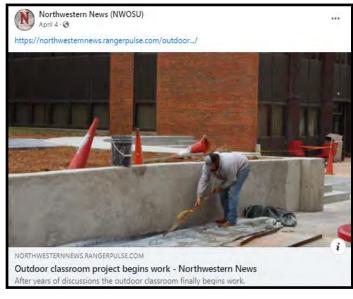
Many of the people who came to safely view the solar eclipse gathered together for a group photo. Look closely at

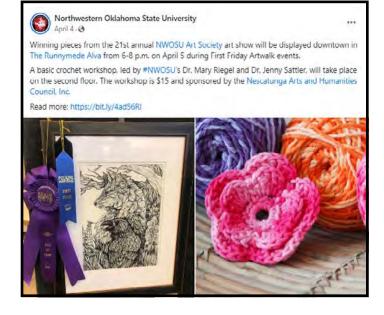
the shadow of the tree's leaves and you'll see another result happening from the eclipse.













Who do you talk to about tutoring?

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



Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Dr. Jennifer Sattler, chair of the Natural Science Department and Associate Professor of Physics is this week's #RangertoKnow!

Since making the move from Minot, ND, to teach at #NWOSU, Dr. Sattler picked up crochet as a hobby.

"It is a huge stress reliever for me and I even crochet while my students are taking tests."

Dr. Sattler donates crochet blankets to veterans and organized a crochet night where the Medical Sciences Club crocheted soap sacks and sent them to homeless shelters

#RangerFamily show some love in the comments!

Find more interesting facts about Dr. Sattler by following us on Instagram, X, or Snapchat! #RangerNation | #RideRangersRide

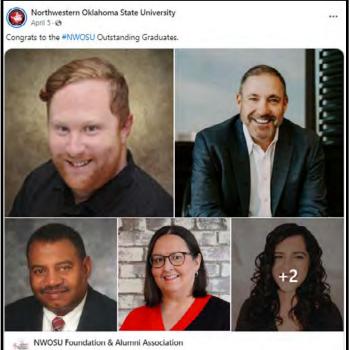




As a Top Oklahoma Workplace for seven consecutive years, it is no secret that St. Mary's Regional Medical Center has outstanding employees. We would like to congratulate and spotlight our April Employee of the Month, Joni Welch, who is the Nurse Manager of the PCCU.

Joni is solution-oriented, hardworking and a wonderful team player, She is always doing her best to assist in situations where help is needed, and she is greatly appreciated by her staff and coworkers.

We are very thankful that Joni chose St. Mary's as her healthcare team. Thank you, Joni, for your dedication to the health and wellness of our community and NW Oklahoma.



Our 2024 Northwestern Outstanding Graduates! They will be recognized at the Spring Alumni Reunion on April 27, 2024. For more information on the Outstanding Graduates - https://ournorthwestern.org/news/2024-outstanding-graduates

Davidson presents 'The Secrets of APA Style'

J.W. Martin Library staff played host to a workshop titled "The Secrets of APA Style" in April.

This workshop taught students to cite sources correctly and build an APA template for their upcoming term papers.

All Northwestern students and

employees were welcome to attend.

"We've spoken to several professors who've indicated that some students were concerned about being able to cite their sources correctly in APA style," Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science, said.

> "This workshop covered citations

but also gave some time-saving tips that would enable students to format their papers correctly and use Microsoft Word more efficiently."

He said attending the workshop helped students save time and produce better papers.

For more information contact Davidson at (580) 327-8572 or dgdavidson@nwosu.edu

'Alabaster Echoes' new magazine for Northwestern campus clubs

The inaugural issue of ALABASTER ECHOES is a collaborative literary magazine between the Writers Roundtable and NWOSU Art Society clubs. This brand new art and literary magazine showcases the creativity of Rangers by publishing original poetry, paintings, prose, and photography.

Within the pages you'll find artists that are undergraduates, graduates, and concurrent students across many majors: English, Biology, General Studies, Computer Science, Education, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Business Administration, Nursing, Mass Communication, Speech Theater, and Sociology.

Limited print copies were available at Creativity Fest.

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Lead actors discuss bringing roles to life

As the anticipation built for the production of "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" musical presented by the Northwestern Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts in April, two talented seniors majoring in vocal music readied themselves to bring the lead roles to life.

Set to captivate audiences with their remarkable talent and chemistry, Emily Smith and Jameson Hale stood poised to deliver unforgettable performances in this highly anticipated musical.

Smith of Harrah stepped into the glass slippers of Ella.

Before the production, Smith said, "Cinderella rehearsals have been in full swing! It's been a blast to see the storyline come together while working with such a talented cast. From most evenings to Sunday afternoons, you can be sure to find the Cinderella cast working on choreography, working scenes, or memorizing lines."

Jameson Hale of Elk City embodied the character of Prince Topher after many successful rehearsals with the talented cast.

"I've enjoyed every step of this journey," Hale said. "Our cast was phenomenal. We had cast members from elementary school to retired. It's enlightening to work with some new faces and to carry on with my best friends from past shows. I believe this was one of the most impactful musicals northwest Oklahoma has seen in a long time. The Rodgers and Hammerstein version of 'Cinderella' hits right at home, and

the music indeed tugged on the heartstrings of the audience. The cast connected with this show in ways they never thought was possible."

Smith, who may be best known for holding the Miss Northwestern 2023 title and winning a Rookie Talent Award in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant, has been participating in theatre at North-

western for three years.

"Music Man was my first production ever, and I instantlv fell in love with theatre!" she said. "What hooked me was the pure dedication and grit that goes into creating a character and getting to play on stage while creating a story. It's really something unique and fun."

In June, Smith turned her attention to

competing for a second time at Miss Oklahoma after winning the title of Miss Tulsa County.

"I graduate in December, so depending on where life takes me, it will determine if I choose to compete again," Smith said. "The leadership skills, confidence, and scholarships that I've gained from competing at Miss Oklahoma, though, are hard to say no to as they have been a huge blessing to

my life."

Hale, who is no stranger to being cast as a lead prince, has been involved in theater for 10 years, beginning when he auditioned for the Elk City High School production of "Beauty and the Beast" where he would take on the role of Gaston.

"I love theatre, and I love what it can offer to me, the cast, and



Joining Emily Smith, who was cast in the title role of "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" musical April 18-20 in Northwestern's Herod Hall Auditorium, are (clockwise from left) Audree Leon, Joshua Longhurst, Lisiate Ofiu, Sadie Longhurst, Quinn Goss and Breaker Bradt in one of many rehearsals for the cast of the production.

anyone who comes to watch," he said. "Theatre brings all aspects of music and acting into a collaborative story-telling experience that an audience can't get anywhere else."

As for what Smith looked forward to with this production, she said she was excited for the audiences to watch this production as it has a deeper storyline than

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Lead actors discuss...

what people would first assume.

"The more we dove deeper into the dialogue and music for this production, there were many times that the cast members found themselves deeply relating to each character's story and situation, and I was so excited for the Alva community to experience this as well," she said. "Most of all, I was excited for the unity of community that this musical brought. The 'Cinderella' cast encompassed ages beginning from 8 years old to senior adults. It is so cool to see the connections made between individuals who would've probably never known each other if it wasn't for this production. This musical is a beautiful story of love, unity, and possibility, with some great laughs included."

Hale said he was looking forward to spreading the beautiful message of love, acceptance, and having a voice in this world no matter the financial status. He added he believes everyone deserves inclusion and the opportunity to cooperate harmoniously in this world.

He was also excited that the

production once again brought in a live orchestra.

"I couldn't wait to bring this show to life," he said. "It's so much more than just

a musical; it's a message that will resonate with anyone who attends."

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Jenkinson podcast recorded at Northwestern goes live

Dr. Aaron Mason and Dr. Eric Schmaltz are pleased to announce that humanities scholar Dr. Clay Jenkinson has just released his most recent weekly radio podcast of the "Listening to America" program.

The podcast features Northwestern's Annual Presidential Lecture Series event recorded during the spring on the Alva campus of Northwestern. The topic was Thomas Jefferson and the West.

Jenkinson resides in Bismarck, North Dakota, these days. North Dakota also happens to be Schmaltz's home state, and it turns out that both know many of the same academic folks there. Schmaltz said he received an email from a podcast listener in Kansas with German from Russia roots originally from North Dakota about the show becoming available online. He alerted Mason about this breaking news, and then found the link, which is provided here:

<u>WEEKLY PODCAST - Listening To America (lta-merica.org)</u>

This show opens with some of Jenkinson's brief impressions of his visit to Oklahoma, followed by excerpts of the actual program discussion between Mason and himself.

Mason and Schmaltz want to express their appreciation to Dr. Jesse Schroeder and his team in the mass communication program at Northwestern for assisting them in making this quality program recording possible.

Schmaltz also thanked Mason for inviting Jenkinson to Oklahoma for his second public event at Northwestern. Much effort was behind making the travel and other

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arrangements and developing the various discussion questions.

It was possible that Jenkinson might make another brief stop in Alva during the summer as he continued to tour parts of the United States in the run up to the 250th anniversary of American independence in 2026.



Dr. Clay Jenkinson, center, speaks to audience members at the Presidential Lecture Series held on campus in March. Dr. Aaron Mason, back right, leads the conversational discussion as audience members listen and mass communication personnel record the session for the Listening to America podcast (ltamercica.org).



Wilson wins theme contest, Fellars family to lead parade

The Northwestern homecoming committee is excited to welcome current, former and future Rangers on a "Ranger Expedition: 2024" for this year's homecoming events, Oct. 3-5.

"The committee had a large number of suggestions to consider this year," Dr. David Pecha, Northwestern executive vice president and general chairman of the homecoming committee, said, "A huge thank you to everyone for their participation."

This year's theme was submitted by former Northwestern speech and theatre major Patrick Wilson, originally from Aubrey, Texas.

"My favorite part of homecoming as a student was interpreting the theme and designing the floats," Wilson said. "I wanted something broad enough the students could have fun with."

Wilson received \$25 worth of Alva Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks" as a prize for his winning submission.

Student and community groups

are encouraged to create floats that incorporate this theme for Homecoming. The committee looks forward to following up the recordbreaking participation in the 2023 Homecoming parade.

Leading the parade will be parade marshals and proud Northwestern alumni Kenneth and Sue Fellers. Kenneth graduated with a math and physics degree in 1963, and Sue graduated with a music degree in 1964.

Kenneth briefly worked as a math teacher for Northwestern and now farms near Burlington. Sue taught music before staying home to raise the couple's two children, although she continued to teach private lessons and stayed active in the music at her church.

The Fellers family has been giving back to their alma mater for decades, establishing scholarship endowments for Northwestern students and sponsoring upcoming renovations for the Herod Hall auditorium.

"We are proud to be alumni of Northwestern and are grateful for the excellent education we received," Sue said. "We appreciate this fine honor and the privilege it is to celebrate Homecoming with all of you! Ride, Rangers, Ride!"

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



Dr. David Pecha (left) presents \$25 of Alva Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks" to homecoming theme contest winner Patrick Wilson.





Community members take on big roles in 'Cinderella'

A vibrant group of individuals came together to bring a timeless tale to life on stage. Among them were two community members who took center stage in the theatre production of "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" musical presented by the Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts in April.

These two community members just happen to be sisters living in Alva – Raye Lyn Bird and JoDe Bradt.

Bird stepped into the role of Marie. "I have enjoyed learning the music," Bird said. "The music is fabulous. Music is my thing. I play piano and lead worship every Sunday at my church. Learning my lines was a little more of a challenge for me, but it came together. I loved working with Dr. (Karsten) Longhurst and Professor (Kimberly) Weast."

Bradt stepped into the role of Madame.

"Rehearsals were good!" Bradt said.
"One Monday was so much fun when
Professor Weast pulled in her friend
Greg White to work specifically with
choreography on the solos, duets, and
smaller groups. We had a lot to accomplish before opening night, but when it
all came together, it was really good. Everyone worked so hard."

Both sisters, originally from Waynoka, are no strangers to Northwestern.

Bird attended Northwestern for two years double-majoring in instrumental and vocal music. She and her now husband Skeeter left Alva in 1985 after Skeeter graduated from Northwestern. She later earned a business management degree from Kansas State. The couple returned to Alva in 2005 after Skeeter spent 20 years in the Army. He currently is the chief executive officer of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association.

Bradt, who works with her husband Jerad (2005 graduate) at Bradt's Menagerie petting zoo west of Alva and serves as the Wesley House director, earned a speech/theatre degree from Northwestern in 2001 under Dr. Linda Stewart. She said that being in this production takes her back to her college days in the Northwestern theatre.

"My favorite musical back then was '1940s Radio Hour' when my husband and I started dating," Bradt said. "I love that it comes full circle, as he is running

the sound for the musical. Aside from the nostalgia, I love getting to know the college students and other community members in the production better."

Bird said that she chose to participate in "Cinderella" after being in the past musical, "The Music Man."

"It was so fun!" Bird said. "I made new connections with other community members and loved getting to know the students and forming relationships with them. Last time I didn't actually audition. This time, I auditioned on a whim as a way to challenge myself after my youngest daughter graduated from NWOSU last year and got married this past fall. I never dreamed I would be cast in a primary role, but it has been very rewarding."

Both sisters' lives extend beyond rehearsals and their performances onstage.

"I am a high school teacher in Burlington, so I go home tired every day," Bird said. "But, the rehearsals energize me. The only problem is going home at 9 p.m. after rehearsal and singing the songs in my head all night long."

Bird also said that as a teacher she

wants her students to challenge themselves to get out of their comfort zones and do something new.

"Being a part of this production has made me realize that sometimes as adults we need to do the same thing to increase our experience, education, emotional connection with others, and enjoyment in doing something new."

As for Bradt, she said that rehearsals and memorizing lines for the musical

added a lot more to her day, but she is making it work.

"We all have the same 24 hours in a day," Bradt said. "We can choose what we put into it. I knew what I was getting into when I signed up."

As for what Bradt looked forward to with this production, she said it was the great comical one-liners from her char-

acter Madame and her daughters (the step-sisters).

"Singing with Emily (Smith), Rylee (Ott), and Brooklyn (Parker) in 'A Lovely Night' was my favorite moment of the musical," Bradt said.

Bird said she looked forward to seeing everything come together in terms of the music, story line, costumes, choreography and the orchestra.

"Everyone thinks they know the story of Cinderella, but the storyline to this particular production was so great," Bird said. "It had humor, challenges, drama, empowerment and excitement."

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JoDe Bradt and Raye Lyn Bird

SWAT participates in the Wooden Children Project

Members of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) participated in the Wooden Children Project sponsored by The Care Campus.

The Care Campus, previously known as the Garfield County Child Advocacy Council, has conducted the Wooden Children Program annually for more than a decade.

The Wooden Children Project is designed to bring awareness to the number of child abuse and neglect cases that are reported each year. In 2023, 271 confirmed cases of child abuse were reported in Garfield County, an increase from the previous year.

"This initiative aims to increase awareness of the prevalence of child abuse and neglect within our communities," Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said. "SWAT hopes this project will remind the community that we have a responsibility in safeguarding children."

Each wooden figurine is approximately two to three feet high and was cut out by volunteers from the Garfield County community. Volunteers also painted on the faces and hair.

Organizations, businesses, groups and individuals were asked to "foster" a wooden child for \$35. The group sponsoring the child dressed and displayed them. On April 5, the Wooden Children were taken to the Garfield County Courthouse lawn to be displayed for all of April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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SWAT would also like to remind the public that they are mandated reporters in the state of Oklahoma.

To volunteer with The Care Campus or become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) call (580) 242-1153.

To learn more about Northwestern's Department of Social Work, visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work or contact Harding at cl-harding@nwosu.edu or (580) 213-3148.



The Northwestern Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter sponsored two "Wooden Children" for The Care Campus's annual Wooden Children Project.



12,000-specimen donation triples inventory at Northwestern's museum

The items may not be sizable, but their quantity certainly makes up for it. A recent donation of about 12,000 specimens to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Museum of Natural History from the owners of the Gypsum Hills Nature Museum in Hardtner, Kansas, has tripled the inventory of Oklahoma's second-oldest museum.

The portion of the collection the museum received from Bill and Janet Smith, who recently closed their museum to move to Alaska, deals largely with rocks, beetles, butterflies and moths from Woods County specifically and Oklahoma more broadly.

"This donation is massive and beautifully preserved," said Dr. Nicholus Ledbetter, assistant professor of biology and co-director of the campus museum. "We will likely have one of the bigger insect collections in the state, potentially top five."

Thomas Cornell, assistant professor of visual arts and museum co-director, said that the moths and butterflies have already been used in his visual arts courses including and the professional practices and gallery administration class. These students have put together a display to show a few of the species donated and may be viewed in the museum on the second floor of Jesse Dunn from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Megan Valdez, Alva junior majoring in general studies, said the class members have been learning how museums and galleries set up their exhibits, what measurements are needed for the space and deciding what objects or species will be shown.

Ledbetter found out about the possibility of this donation during an MTG or Magic the Gathering Commander Club night at the Cherokee Strip Museum where he and Cornell play the trading card game every second Friday.

He said that not only did the museum obtain a myriad of cool insect specimens, it also received all of the equipment needed for the staff to make its own specimens, which he is excited to use in his zoology class.

Cornell said the agriculture department also plans to use the dona-

tion in its classes as it was given pinning boards for the collection of moths and butterflies.

"As we accession and inventory the collection, we plan on sharing the generosity that was shown to us by sharing what is redundant to our



Moths, butterflies and other insects are among the 12,000 specimens recently donated to the Northwestern Museum of Natural History from the Gypsum Hills Nature Museum in Hardtner, Kansas.

collection or resources that might

act better as part of the university's

teaching collections to the relevant

departments," Cornell said.

Ledbetter also noted that this expanded collection could also be helpful with the efforts he and Cornell have been making this past year to acquire outside funding for museum improvements.

Northwestern's Museum of Natural History was established in 1902 by G.W. Stevens, head of the biology department at that time. According to the museum's web page, in 1908, Stevens and former student assistant and protégé, T.C. Carter, traveled to Alaska where they spent seven months collecting hundreds of specimens of mammals, birds and bird eggs to bring back to the campus museum. These materials were added to the already extensive collection of specimens native to the

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The Northwestern Museum of Natural History now has some nice signage to help show visitors where it is located using the west doors into Jesse Dunn.

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Cornell noted that because a large portion of the current museum's collection came from that trip to Alaska, it seemed fitting to accept the donation of a moose head from the Hardtner museum collection so that it might continue to be displayed and shared with

those who visit the campus museum.

"Their museum was a real treasure that consisted of multiple sub-collections," Cornell said. "The majority of the larger taxidermy animals went to the Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva, and I look forward to seeing them on display there."

For more information about the museum, contact Ledbetter at (580) 327-8673 or nmledbetter@nwosu.edu or Cornell at (580) 327-8111 or tacornell@nwosu.edu or visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science/museum-of-natural-history.

To learn more about the Northwestern Department of Natural Science, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/ school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science, and for more information about the visual arts program, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/ fine-arts/visual-arts.



This moose head is the largest item donated to the Northwestern Museum of Natural History from the Gypsum Hills Nature Museum. Museum directors Thomas Cornell (left) and Dr. Nicholus Ledbetter successfully maneuvered the sidewalks and stairs to get the piece into the museum.



feature the classic sounds of one of the longest performing big bands ever. The band will also perform "Back to the Blues" by Doug Beach, and the modern classic "Spirit of New Orleans" by

The Wind Ensemble will perform a wonderful fanfare by Mark Lortz titled. "Tidewater Fanfare", and the classic "The Girl I Left Behind Me" by Lergy Anderson conducted by graduate student Jeff Cher-Aime. Also presented is the enduring favorite "Second Suite in F" by Gustav Holst, and a beautiful piece composed by NWOSU Professor Emeritus Ed Huckeby "For Thy Courts Above" conducted by Chris Perez – the Ed Huckeby Scholarship recipient this year and last. The band will also performing 2 amazing newer works by Julie Giroux, an award winning composer of wind band, film and video game music, "Mambo Perro Loco" (Crazy Dog Mambo) is an original musical collage of Spanish dance forms including the Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, the Flamenco, the Fandango and various classical and folk dance styles. "Beyond the Gates" is an intense and challenging work that was commissioned by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 6 Band Directors, and dedicated to our students who have stood strong through challenging times and keep music part of their lives.

Refreshments will be available during the short intermission to allow for a stage change.



Andy Classen.

Art students displaying art in new gallery space

Several Northwestern art students displayed their pieces in the new gallery space located in Jesse Dunn room 218.

Feliciti Wall, Alva senior majoring in visual arts, is the first art major to graduate after the minor was expanded into a full major after 36 years of its absence. Wall's senior show was held in April with a closing reception on April 19.

This show displayed some of what she learned from being in the art program and was her graduating assignment.

Wall has found that learning from four different art professors while at Northwestern has been educational.

"I'm getting four different styles and teachings from new and former professors," Wall said.

"My favorite lesson was probably the clocking method. It's when you use two pencils to get proportions right, and it was a game changer for my art."

Wall said it feels like an accomplishment to be the first art major to graduate since the major was reinstated.

"It's definite-ly going to be some-thing my mother will brag about, and I'm happy," Wall said.



happy," Students in Northwestern's natural history drawing class display artwork W $\,$ a $\,$ l $\,$ l $\,$ in the Division of Business second floor hallway.

Three students minoring in visual arts who showed their artwork in the new gallery space included Archer Bohlen, Ringwood senior majoring in computer science; Darian Leon, Alva senior majoring in music; and Rose Negelein, Pawnee junior majoring in biology-natural history. Their artwork was displayed April 24 to May 2 with a reception on April 24.

This exhibition was the final project for the students in the advanced studio class.

"I believe the classes I have enjoyed the most are drawing classes like fundamentals of 2d art and figure drawing," Bohlen said. "My

favorite lessons were about charcoal drawing."

Bohlen also agrees with Wall about learning from four different art instructors during his time at Northwestern. He said he especially liked learning about their preferences in art mediums.

"I think one of my favorite lessons is how to work with my mistakes," Negelein said. "When it comes to art, sometimes what started as a mistake can add a needed effect on the piece. It's all about making mistakes look purposeful."

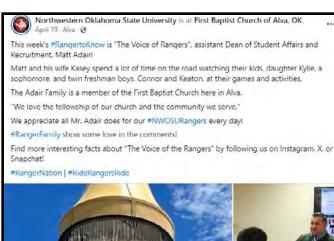
Negelein also said that she has perfectionist tendencies and feels like the lesson was really helpful getting to finish pieces instead of dwelling on details that others wouldn't notice.

Three students also had their artwork displayed in the Division of Business's second-floor hallway in Jesse Dunn. Elayna Warrington, Alva sophomore majoring in biology-natural history; Ray Chavira, Oklahoma City junior majoring in biology-natural history; and Wall displayed their pieces created in the natural history drawing class. The works were done in conjunction with materials made available by the Museum of Natural History in Jesse Dunn.

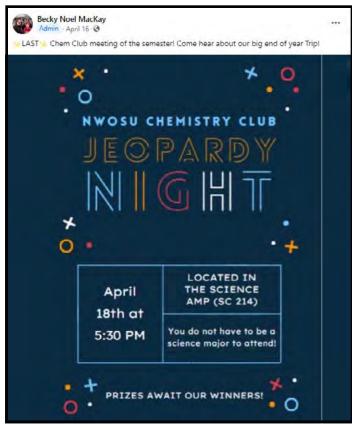
To learn more about Northwestern's Wisdom Family Foundation Visual Arts program and major, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-ofarts-and-sciences/fine-arts/visualarts.



Feliciti Wall's senior art show at Northwestern wa displayed in the new gallery space in Jesse Dunn 218.



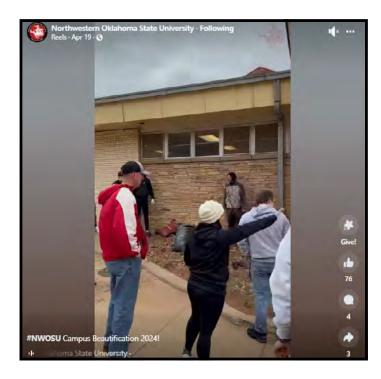












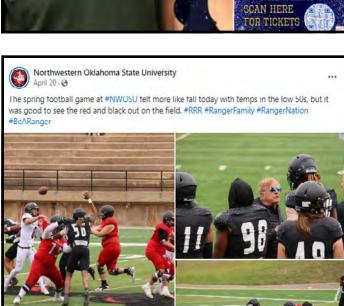






In case you haven't heard, there's a carnival tonight at NWOSU and the Science department will definitely be represented! Our Medical Sciences Club is having a booth where people can play yard pong or play trivia for a chance to pie the Biology Club Co Sponsors, Drs. Ledbetter and MacKay, in the face if you can beat them. There will tons of other booths there too, so it's definitely worth coming out! While your at it, come early then go to watch the theatre department put on Cinderella at 7 in Herod Hall.













Social science students inducted into departmental honor societies

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

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

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

This year's two inductees include history major Pamala Karlson, Tulsa senior; and social science education major James Dodson, North Enid senior.

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

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

This year's two inductees include social science education major Jessica Myers, Enid junior; and social work major Makenzie Hoskins, Arnett senior.

Schmaltz noted there were no political science recipients this academic year.

For more information about the social sciences department visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences or contact Schmaltz at (580) 327-8526 or ejschmaltz@nwosu.edu.

NWOSU alumnus delivers spring commencement address

Northwestern alumnus Mark Brace, president of BancFirst Lawton, delivered the commencement address at his alma mater during the University's spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 4, at Ranger Field.

Brace is a fifth-generation Oklahoman from Vici. He graduated from Northwestern with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance in 1982.

"My favorite memories are those with my wife, Sandra, attending basketball and football games," Brace said. "Sandra is a native of Alva, and I first met her on campus 45 years ago. Walking to class and hanging out at the student union for a game of pool are some of my other favorites."

Brace graduated with honors from the American Bankers Association's Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware in 1992.

Since graduation, Brace has navigated through various industry roles, amassing a wealth of experience that has led him to his current role as president of BancFirst Lawton and regional executive for the company. BancFirst is a publicly held company with assets exceeding \$12 billion and a service network spanning over 100 locations in 60 communities across Oklahoma, including an expansion into Texas. Brace dedicated 25 years to his banking career and civic commitment in Woodward before moving to Lawton.

Brace's influence extends into the realm of technological innovation for defense as the chairman of the Fires Integration Science and Technology Accelerator Trust Author-

(FISTA) of Lawton. FISTA, under Brace's guidance, is committed fostering a culture of innovation, research, and collaboration, working develop and promote



Mark Brace

advanced technology solutions that support the modern warfighter. This pioneering program has earned recognition as a stakeholder in the National Institute of Science and Technology AI consortium.

Brace has made significant contributions to various civic and professional organizations. He is a past president of the Greater Lawton Rotary Club, is a founding board member of the Lawton Rotary Leadership Institute, and has served as past chairman and continues on the board of the Oklahoma Bankers Association Commercial Lending School Regents.

Brace has served on the Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of

Commerce Board of Directors, where he has held roles such as vice chair for government affairs, chairman of the board of directors and treasurer. He is also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, Class 33.

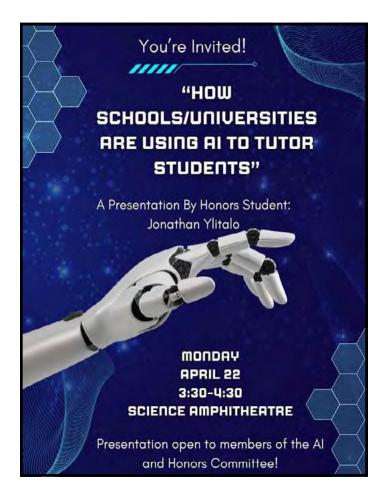
Brace is a founding board

member and treasurer of the Oklahoma Defense Industry Association (ODIA). was also honored to be recognized with his selection to attend the Army's National Security Symposium at the United States Army War College in 2021. His commitment to the community is further demonstrated by his

past service on the boards of the Christian Family Counseling Center of Lawton, Southwestern Medical Center and the Lawton Economic Development Corporation. He also serves as treasurer and board member for Lawton First Assembly.

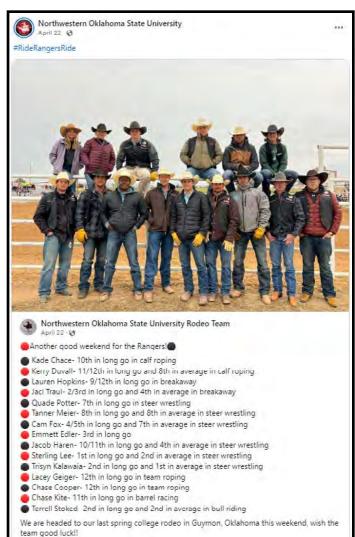
"I am still in the workforce and hopefully will be for some time," Brace said. "I stay very busy with work and civic commitments."

Brace is an avid golfer, although he is humble about his skills. He enjoys a weekly golf game with good friends in Lawton, where he resides with his wife. Brace and his wife have two children and five grandchildren, who live in Norman and Tulsa.











Soundscapes VII



Members of the Northwestern Chorale and Singers were in concert for their eighth annual spring semester performance in the Alva Bus Barn (230 Choctaw Street) Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. This concert was dubbed the European Tour – Bon Voyage Concert as the group was going to tour in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic June 25-July 3.







Ashley Garner earns deSERVING Ranger award

Ashley Garner, senior social work major at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, was honored with this year's deSERVING Ranger

Award from the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (SL/CE) program.

Kaylyn Hansen, director of assessment and institutional effectiveness who also leads the servicelearning and civic engagement program, said each

spring the award recognizes an outstanding Northwestern student who demonstrates the following:

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

The Perkins native has completed more than 100 service hours in volunteer opportunities including the Compassion in Action Dignity Drive, Primp for Prom, Campus Cabinet Food Drive, Kindness Day, Garfield County Child Advocacy Center Wooden Children Project and the Northwestern Baseball and Apple Pie event.

"Ashley embodies 'service' and helps above her self-interest on a daily basis," Dr. Kylene Rehder, professor of social work and chair of the department of social work, said. "She is an excellent role model and exemplifies servant leadership."

Garner has served as the president of Northwestern's Social Work-

ers of Tomorrow (SWAT) chapter since the 2022 fall semester, and serves on the Social Work Advisory Board.



hort at Northwestern that believes, as I do, and mentors in our department who guided me greatly along this journey."

Codi Harding, SWAT sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said Garner transformed the social work student organization as a member and now as president.

"She is always willing to help fellow students and the community

succeed," Harding said. "She serves as a great role model for servant leader-ship."

Ashlev Garner

Both Harding and Rehder emphasized that Garner served an instrumental role in the success of all their service-learning projects.

"Ashley has demonstrated commitment and leadership to the university through service learning since she

arrived on campus," Rehder said. "She volunteers her time to help anyone in need and has transformed the student organization SWAT."

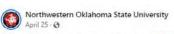
Garner is encouraged to see what the future holds.

"I believe that together, we can continue to make meaningful strides towards a brighter future for all," Garner said. "Thank you for the inspiration to keep striving for positive change."

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

To learn more about Northwestern's Department of Social Work, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-work or contact Harding at clharding@nwosu.edu or (580) 213-3148.





Six individuals who earned their degrees at #NWOSU will be honored for their accomplishments on Saturday, April 27, during the Northwestern Spring Alumni Reunion Banquet. (Schedule of events provided at the end of the article.)

Congratulations!

Read more: https://bit.ly/49RMmGi

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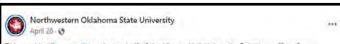




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This week's #RangertoKnow is one half of the Vinson Hall University Relations office. Sean Doherty!

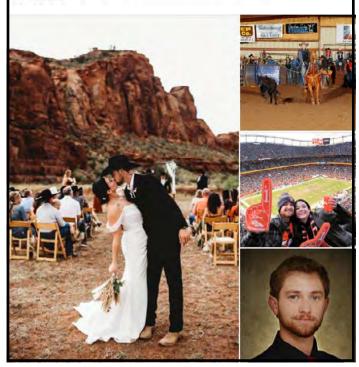
Sean grew up in southeastern Colorado and met his wife Siera, an Alva native, while attending #NWOSU. They have one son named Jameson and are expecting their second child in September.

Sean comes from a fifth-generation ranching family and third-generation rodeo family. He competed in Calt Roping and Jeam Roping for the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team, and worked as a media intern during the 2019 CNITR: College National Finals Rodeo. He also enjoyed getting the opportunity to write several stories for the Northwestern News (NWOSU).

After graduating with a mass communication degree in 2021, Sean and his family moved back to Colorado to help manage his family's ranch. He also worked at the local radio station hosting a variety radio show and as a commentator for local high school sports.

Any free time is spent with his family, strumming a guitar, or watching one of Colorado's professional sports teams.

Sean is glad to be back at his alma mater and hopes he can help grow the #RangerFamily for years to come!







Reach Higher: Reconnect events held in Enid, Woodward

Northwestern continues to reconnect with individuals in northwest Oklahoma, southern Kansas and the Texas panhandle who have already earned some college credit and may be looking to finish their bachelor's degrees.

Special Reach Higher: RECON-NECT Week events at the university's campus locations in Enid and Woodward were held May 1-3.

Northwestern also set up at Enid's First Friday event on May 3 with giveaways and answered questions about finishing a degree.

During this week, individuals were to apply to attend Northwestern, explore their bachelor's degree options, receive advisement on finishing their degree, obtain financial aid counseling and tour the facilities.

The primary goals of Reach Higher: RECONNECT Week are to increase awareness of the adultfriendly bachelor's degree completion options available through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Reach Higher initiative and encourage adults who have earned some college credit to successfully complete their bachelor's degrees face-to-face or online.

For more information or to set up a personal virtual or in-person meetings with a representative in Enid, contact Dr. Jerry Gustafson, professor of business and Northwestern's Reach Higher program coordinator, at (580) 213-3184 or jjgustafson@nwosu.edu.

Wood-In ward, contact Dr. Jonathan Thomason, Woodward campus dean, at (580) 254-2500 or jethomason@ nwosu.edu.

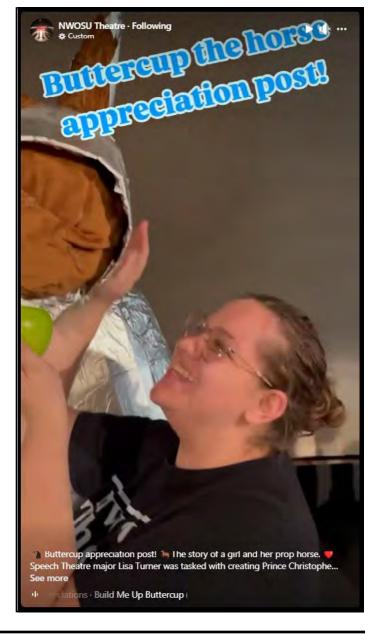
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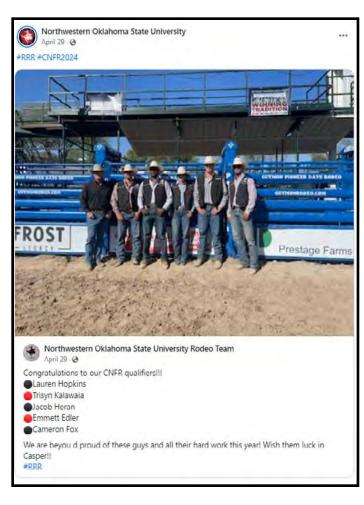
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Additional information about becoming a student at Northwestern-Enid or Northwestern-Woodward may be found at https://www.nwosu. edu/enid or https://www.nwosu.edu/ woodward.

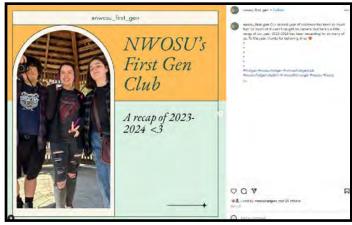
Individuals in Alva or other areas outside Enid and Woodward interested in learning more about the Reach Higher program may contact Dr. Garret Lahr, chair of the division of business, at (580) 327-8510 or galahr@nwosu.edu.













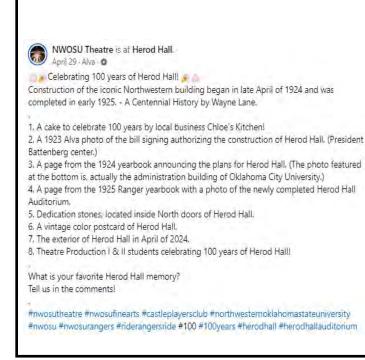


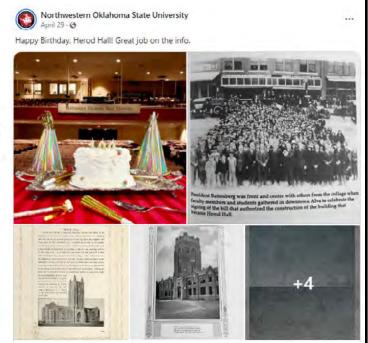


Counseling Services Contact: Taylor Wilson - 327-8547 tawilson@nwosu.edu

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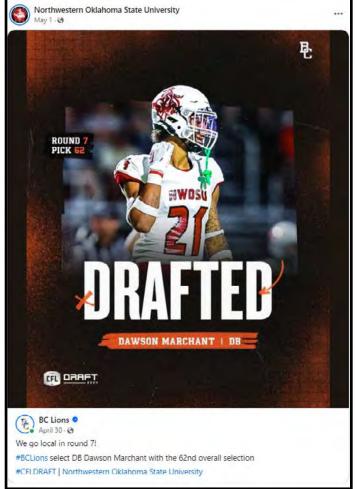








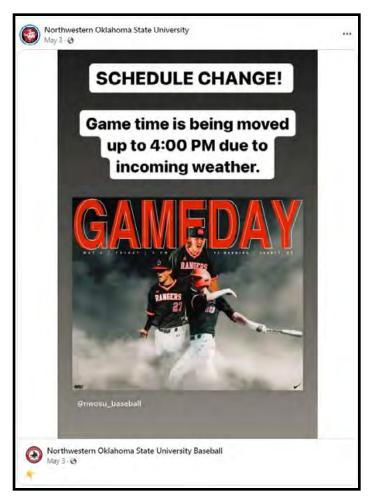














McCamey makes an IMPACT at her school

Teachers leave an impact on all our lives.

Amanda McCamey graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2006. After several years working in the oilfield industry, the Alva native decided to start a new career journey.

"Truly it was my children," Mc-Camey said. "Once my children got older and got in school, we moved out in the country, so, you know, it was just more convenient for me to have a schedule that works with theirs."

McCamey started working as a teacher's aide at the Pre-K level two years ago, which made her eligible for the para-to-teacher pathway alternative certification and the GEER funded IMPACT (Innovation and Meaningful Preparation for Alternatively Certified Teachers) Program.

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).

McCamey currently works as a kindergarten teacher for Washington Early Childhood Center.

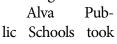
"First years are always stressful, but I feel like it's been going pretty good," McCamey said. "The ladies at Northwestern have been super helpful with me figuring out which classes I need to take and helping me with those classes."

The Division of Education provides classes through the Curriculum and Instruction path of study through the Northwestern Graduate Studies program.

McCamey says her co-workers at Washington are also very supportive.

"All the teachers here have been

very helpful as well," McCamey said. "They make sure I have everything that I need to make sure my students are learning what they need to be learning and are ready to move on to first grade."



notice of McCamey's efforts and bestowed the Rising Star Award to her this spring. The award is given to a teacher with three years or less experience from all the schools in the district.

"I was pretty shocked," McCamey said. "It's an exciting experience to think that they see that I'm working hard and making a difference, an impact in the student's lives."

McCamey plans to further that impact in the future and is grateful for her family's support in doing so.

"I still have a few classes that I have to take to finish my alternative certification, but I've really enjoyed teaching this year, so I just plan to keep on teaching," McCamey said. "I'm just going to finish my certification and continue doing what I'm doing. I always said I was going to be a teacher growing up, and then I went a different route, so, it was a whole new learning experience."

The IMPACT program is designed to meet the needs of those alternatively or emergency certified.

"We are very proud of the work and commitment that we see in Mrs.

McCamey and all our alternative certification candidates," Dr. Jennifer Oswald, chair of the Northwest-



Amanda McCamey assists one of her kindergarten students at Washington Early Childhood Center.

ern Division of Education, said. "I am thrilled for the opportunity to be able to help them complete their certification requirements through the GEER-funded **IMPACT** program. We are grateful for the impact these edu-

cators will continue to make on their students, schools, and communities."

McCamey was also recognized on the Spring 2024 Northwestern President's Honorable Mention List for graduate students by achieving a 4.0 or 3.5 GPA while being enrolled in three to eight semester hours.

"Dr. Oswald and Dr. (Christie) Riley, they've been great with any questions I've had with classes or schedules or anything," McCamey said. "I feel like the program at Northwestern is very helpful for those of us that can't be on campus all the time to still get the education we need."

The total costs of the IMPACT Program are 100 percent financed with Federal money; zero percent of the total costs of the program will be financed by non-governmental sources. \$550,000 of Federal funds are used for this program.

For more information on the Northwestern Division of Education, visit www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/education, or contact Oswald at jdoswald@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8451.

























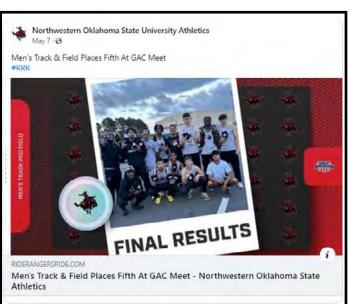


As Craig Ricke watches, a OneNet technician is installing equipment paid for by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) that will give NWOSU a 100Gbps connection to the OneOklahoma Friction Free Network (OFFN). Work continues to make this service posssible on our campus. For more information:

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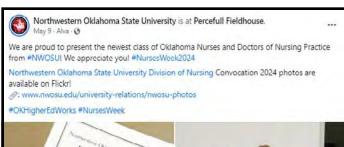


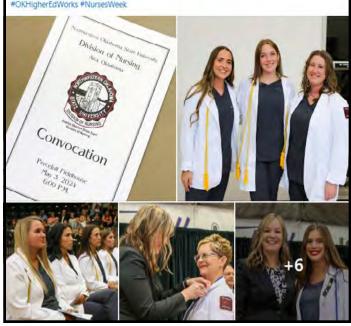


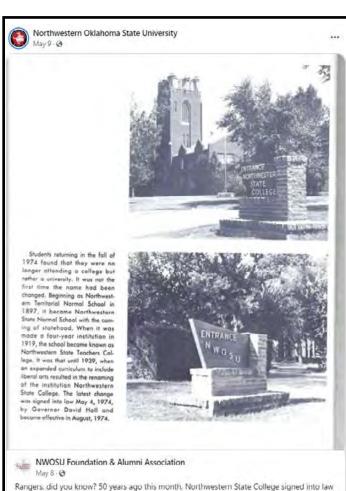




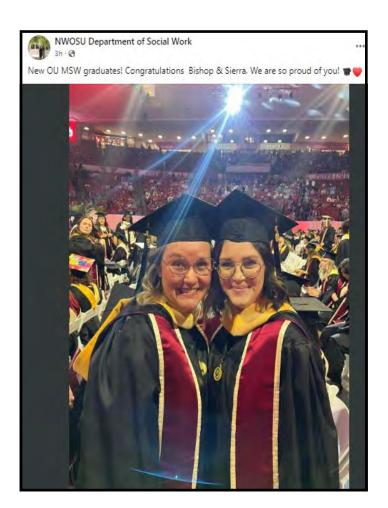








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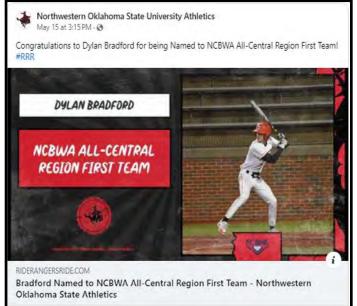












Choral camp held on campus in June

Students who would be in grades second through 12th in Fall 2024 were welcomed to a summer choral camp at Northwestern-Alva in June.

A joint concert in the Library Annex was held on June 20. From 10 to 11:30 a.m., singers in second through sixth grade rehearsed, and then from 1:30 to 3 p.m., singers in seventh through 12th grade rehearsed.

The camp was led again this year by Dr. Karsten Longhurst, assistant professor of music and director of choral studies at Northwestern.

Longhurst said he was excited for these students to make music and learn musical skills at this camp.









A large crowd attended the end of the choral camp concert last summer in the J.W. Martin Library Annex.





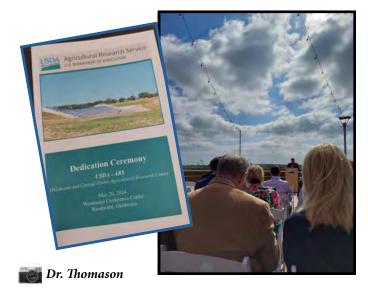
To find photos from this school year and past years, follow this link:

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









Heart of a Social Worker Award (Field Instructor of the Year)- Jennifer Pribble, MSW, LCSW,

Western Plains Youth & Family Services

A dedication ceremony was held on May 20 in Woodward to commemorate the completion of the the modernization of the ARS Experiment Lake Dam. For more information on the project and ceremony, see this article: https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/1045157



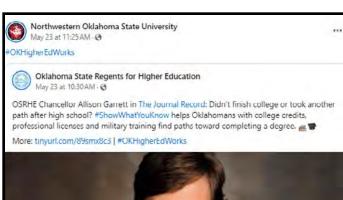
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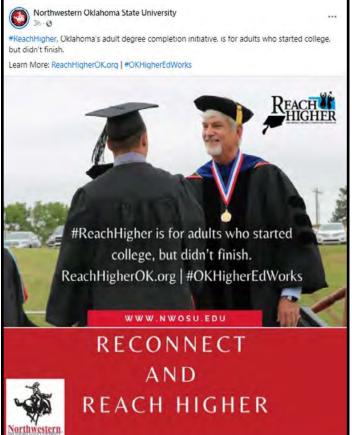




































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Honoring the Extraordinary

Jessica Stephens, R.N., DAISY Award Honoree Presented by Kenna Wilson, Chief Nursing Officer

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Congratulations to Jessica Stephens, a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at INTEGRIS Bass Baptist Health Center, She has been honored as the third quarter DAISY Award winner. The DAISY Award honors and celebrates the skillful and compassionate care nurses provide every day.

Jessica's kindness and knowledge while caring for patients resulted in her assisting a patient whose family member noticed the time and additional effort she gave to them. The patient's daughter noted the following about Jessica: "She constantly asked him if he needed anything, and even if it wasn't time for vitals to be taken, they were checking on him. They made sure he felt comfortable and even made him laugh."

The DAISY Award honors and celebrates the skillful and compassionate care nurses provide every day. Jessica demonstrates the INTEGRIS Health values daily. We are thankful for Jessica's dedication to providing excellent care.



Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at River Spirit Casino Resort. May 30 at 10:00 AM - Tulsa - 3

Cheer on Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University Megan Spray, Miss Northwestern Ieen Christina Jenlink. Northwestern Star Lillian Desai. and Miss Tulsa County (Miss #NWOSU 2023) Emily Smith at the Miss Oklahoma Organization competition in Tulsa at the River Spirit Casino, June 4 - 81

Read More: https://bit.ly/MissNWOSU24











Northwestern Oklahoma State University is at Faith Center Fellowship. May 31 at 8:30 AM . Meno . @

Today, we mourn with the Harding family and celebrate the life of Ranger student Alissa Harding. daughter of Codi Harding, assistant professor of social work.

Alissa had just completed her first year at NWOSU as a pre-nursing student.

Services will begin at 10 AM at Faith Center in Meno.

Full Obituary: https://www.ladusauevans.com/.../Harding-Alissa/index.php





This program lets our new grads to get hands-on training and more in-depth education about the skills they will be using every day. We started off with our new hire orientation and progressed into skill sets which included patient handling, documentation, medications, proper use of equipment, pain assessment, surgical services, hourly rounding, ventilation settings, central lines, wound care and other various roles and responsibilities of nursing.

Education is a huge key to the success of our staff. Keeping them updated and aware of new assessments, procedures and practices is something our education staff takes very seriously, and we want to make sure that our new nurses begin their careers equipped and ready to deliver quality care to our patients.



We were happy to welcome 25 High School students from across the state at our Renewable Energy STEM Camp this week at #NWOSU!

We have several more summer camps coming up! Follow us and visit our website to stay up to



Miss Oklahoma held in Tulsa in June

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2024 Megan Spray, a junior majoring in mass communication from Sharon, Oklahoma, represented the university and northwest Oklahoma in the 2024 Miss Oklahoma competition June 4-8 at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa.

Joining Spray at the competition were Northwestern Star Lillian Desai of Enid, Oklahoma, and Miss Northwestern's

Teen 2024 Christina Jenlink of Saturday, Alva, Oklahoma.

Forty-two from women across the state competed in talent, on-stage question, health and fitness, evening gown and a private interview highlighting the community service initiative they represented through their title, as they competed for the coveted title of Miss Okla-

Spray was contestant No. 10 in the Mu group. Her inter-

> view was held Tuesday, June 4, and her on-stage question/health and fitness and evening gown competition were on Wednesday, June 5. She performed her talent on Thursday, June 6, a drum performance to Me-"Entallica's ter Sandman." Her community service initiative was "Action and Awareness for Childhood Cancer: Fight Like a Kid!" The final comand petition crowning Miss Oklahoma was held at 7:30 p.m. on

June 8.

Ienlink is in the Omega group and completed her interview Thursday,



Megan Spray

June 6; talent on the afternoon of Friday, June 7; health and fitness, on-stage question and evening gown on Friday night during preliminaries. Jenlink's talent is a flute solo to "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin. Her

community service initiative is "Stay Smart, Don't Start: Preventing Teen Alcohol Abuse." The final competition



Christina Jenlink

and crowning of Miss Oklahoma's Teen were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8.

To learn more about the Miss Northwestern competition or Miss Northwestern's Teen competition, contact Paige Fischer, executive director of the com-

petition, at plfischer@ nwosu.edu (580)327-8533. Additional information may be found line at www.



Lillian Desai

nwosu.edu/miss-nwosu.



ASSESSMENT & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS NWOSU NW

This semester the Office of Assessment & Institutional Effectiveness (A & IE) administered a variety of recurring assessments and surveys, including the E-Proficiency Profile, Staff Satisfaction Survey, Administrator Evaluations, Co-Curricular Learning Survey, Alumni Survey, and the Faculty Satisfaction Survey. Each of the tools mentioned is administered either annually or on a 2- to 3-year rotation.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Summer 2024
-June 3: Alumni Survey Begins
-June 10: Summer Course
Evaluations Begin

Fall 2024
-November 4-15: Fall Course
Evaluations

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



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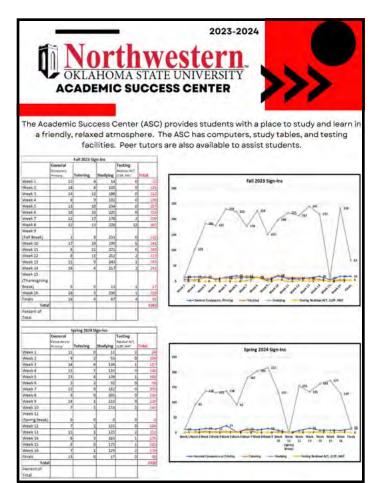
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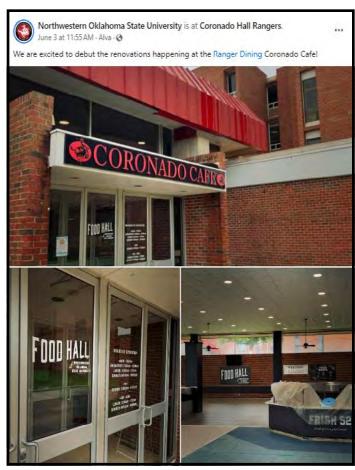
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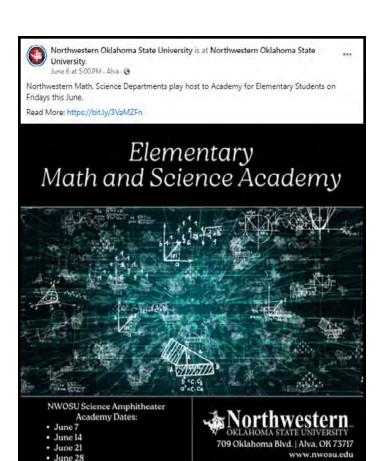
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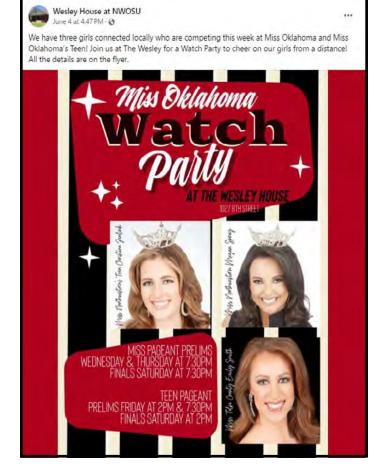
You can also view results of the surveys on the Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness webpage (https://www.nwosu.edu/assessment).













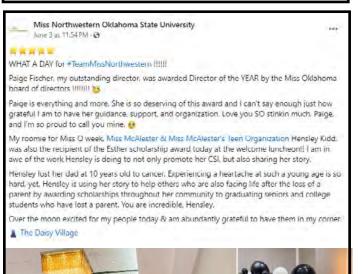




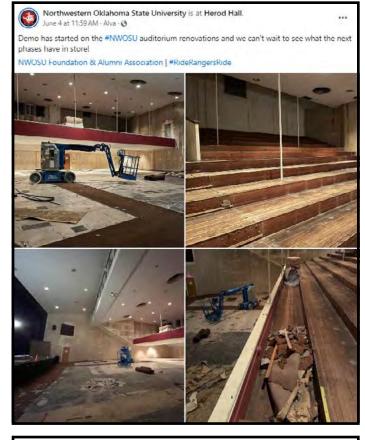
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this publication, including University Relations staff members Kelsey Martin, Valarie Case and Sean Doherty who write stories, take photos and provide

social media posts that clearly document our semesters. Also, thank you to those who submit news, photos and departmental 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 this link to submit stories and photos: https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/submit-newsto-spotlight or email Angelia Case, arcase@nwosu. edu or Dr. Steve Maier at sjmaier@nwosu.edu







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We had a great morning at our first Math and Science Academy this summer!





Northwestern Oklahoma State University officials are excited to share in the \$39,375,000 appropriation from SB1185. This will help all four-year regional universities, along with two-year community colleges.

"I am very excited about the deferred maintenance package approved by the state legislature," Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, said. "This will go a long way in making improvements to our infrastructure and safety of our campus. I want to thank all of the legislative members, but in particular, our local legislators – Sen. Casey Murdock, Sen. Roland Pederson and Rep. Carl Newton. They, as well as. Rep. Mark McBride and House Democratic Leader Cyndi Munson, personally came to our campus to tour our facilities. We thank them all for their work for Northwestern Oklahoma State University."

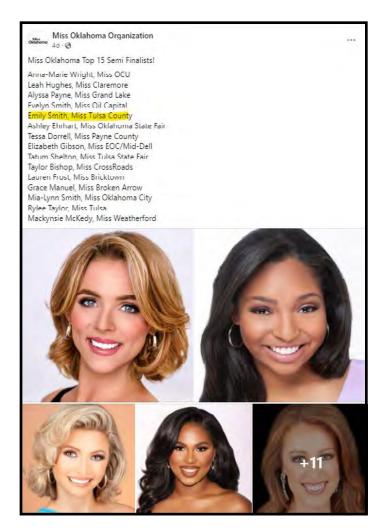
In addition to those mentioned above, the president would also like to thank Sen. Chuck Hall, House Speaker Pro Tem Kyle Hilbert, Rep. Kevin Wallace and Pro Tem Designee Greg McCortney for their work on maintaining Oklahoma's campus infrastructure.

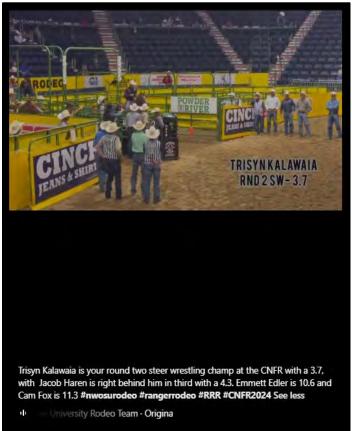
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13 selected as Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors

Thirteen Northwestern students have been selected as members of the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors (NSA) for the 2024-2025 academic year.

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

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

"I am grateful these students have such an eagerness to invest their time and talent to positively impact others," Sacket said. "I am

excited for how each one of the 13 Ambassadors personally will grow in their serleadership vant journey. We have fruitful year ahead with this group! special I am confident our campus and community know they can always contact us with opportunities to lend a helping hand."

Students se-

lected to this year's NSA include: Isabella Bouse, sophomore psychology major from Woodward; Jaxyn Cloud, sophomore mass communication major Enid; Kenzie Doane, senior biology major from Fairview; Cooper Frymire, senior health and sports science major from Thomas; Edna Garcia, junior psychology major from Beaver; Addie Hoeme, senior agriculture major from Preston, Kansas; Willem Johnson, junior health and sports science major from Enid; Teagen Koontz, sophomore chemistry major from Fairmont; Averie Larson, senior chemistry major from Corpus Christi, Texas; Jack McCoy, senior health and sports science major from Hillsdale; Tara Owen, senior mass communication major from Alva; Alaina Pierce, sophomore biology and chemistry major from Alva; and Janie Rempel, sophomore elementary education major from

Forgan.

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

"I'm extremely proud of our Northwestern Scholar Ambassador Program and the outstanding students who represent this organization and our university each year," said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management. "I'm excited for the 2024-2025 NSA class and know that they will continue to carry on a standard of outstanding leadership and service to the university and the community."

NSA had its first meeting on April 23. The students volunteered with the summer Oklahoma Association of Student Councils BASIC leadership workshops in June and July and Camp Ranger Aug. 1-3. The students attended a leadership retreat Aug. 8-10.





2024-2025 Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors

OASC BASIC back on campus for 15th summer

For the 15th summer, Oklahoma Association of Student Councils (OASC) members gathered on Northwestern's Alva campus for BASIC, a leadership workshop, June 9-14.

Two hundred forty four high school students from across Oklahoma are attending this camp, where students engage in major skill development sessions.

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

Junior Counselors, members of OASC who have graduated high school, were assigned to each of the 12 councils. Those students include Sydney Bohanon, Hayden Byrne, Adreana Gaudet, Brynn Grove, Tyler Harbin, Hayden Heckinkemper, Brooklyn Holloway, Harper Houston, Colby Marlow, Emma Mattke, Josh Pablano, Nykolas-E'an Perez, Harry Powers, Mia Riley and Allison Smith.

Students are using various buildings around campus and stay in university housing along with the direc-

tors: Karen Koehn of Northwest Technology Center in Alva, workshop director for junior counselors and state officers; Denise Tomlinson of Bixby High director School, of facilities; Melinda Parks of Westmoore High School, director curriculum and adult staff: and Shawn Freeman of Ada High School, director of registration.

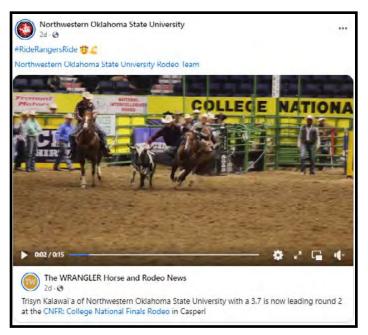
"OASC BASIC, Northwestern and the city of Alva make a fantastic team," Koehn said. "In the 15 summers we've been in Alva, the hospitality provided and enthusiasm shown for OASC should inspire our entire community!"

A second BASIC workshop will take place on Northwestern's campus July 14-19.



High school graduates preparing to be junior counselors attending the June OASC Basic workshop are (left to right) Tyler Harbin, Josh Pablano, Hayden Heckinkemper, Harry Powers, Colby Marlow, Mia Riley, Sydney Bohanon, Emma Mattke, Nykolas-E'an Perez, Hayden Byrne, Harper Houston, Brooklyn Holloway, Brynn Grove, Adreana Gaudet and Allison Smith.







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NWOSU Theatre is at Greece Athens.

6d · Athens, Greece · & Kalimera! (Greek for good morning!)

Did you know that theatre as we experience it today originated from Ancient Greece more than 2500 years ago?l

Recently, Instructor of Technical Theatre Mr. Mickey Jordan visited (and even performed) at some of these historic sites with the NWOSU Travel Abroad program.

"It was remarkable and astonishing to stand at the places where theatre began!" -MJ

- 1. Mr. Jordan at the top of the 14,000 seat Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus.
- 2. The Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, constructed in the 4th Century B.C.
- 3. The Theatre of Dionysus at the Acropolis in Athens Greece, Constructed in the 6th Century B.C. and considered to be the oldest theatre in the world!
- 4. Mr. Jordan at the Theatre of Dionysus where the first plays in theatre history were presented.

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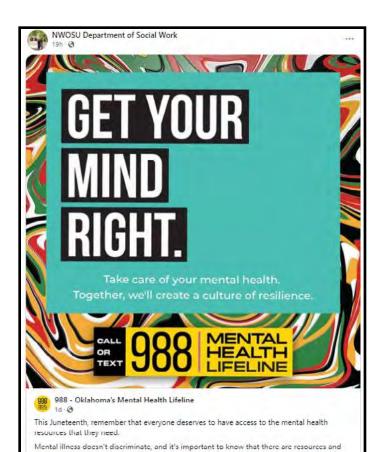












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Hardaway cited as expert in two publications

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history, contributed his knowledge to articles in The Denver Post and the New York based business journal Fast Company.

Hardaway started teaching at Northwestern in 1990, the university's current longest-serving faculty member.

"It's an honor to be considered enough of an expert on the history of the



Roger Hardaway

American West to be quoted in such widely read and highly regarded publications," Hardaway said. "Every time the authors of these articles mention my name, they note that I am a professor at Northwestern – so, hopefully, my being quoted also reflects positively on the university."

The Post article, titled, "A life from the land: Ranchers of color, now and in the past, make marks in Colorado," by Megan Ulu-Lani Boyanton was published on June 18, 2023, and focused on the growing number of non-Caucasian farmers and ranchers in Colorado.

Hardaway discussed the West's minority populations (including Native Americans and Hispanics) who inhabited the Rocky Mountain region before settlers from the United States began moving into the area in the 19th century.

Boyanton's article can be found behind a paywall on The Denver Post's website: www.denverpost.com/2023/06/18/colorado-rancher-of-color/

After publication, Elizabeth Segrana, a reporter for Fast Company, reached out for Hardaway's thoughts on the influence of African Americans in cultural phenomena often

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#NWOSU joins The State of Oklahoma and Oklahoma School Security Institute in launching their brand-new safety app, #ProtectOK!

The ProtectOK App is designed to keep every student, teacher and administrator protected while they are at school.

This free app allows you to anonymously report any suspicious activity you see directly to law enforcement.

Learn more about the app here: https://oklahoma.gov/dps/protect ok app.html

Safeguard Your Community
Report Suspicious Activity With the Free instruction App.

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associated with the American West including the cattle and country music industries.

Segrana's article was published on March 5 and is titled, "From Louis Vuitton to Gap, the Black cowboy is fashion's latest muse," and is available to read online: www.fastcom-pany.com/91043699/from-louis-vuitton-to-gap-the-black-cowboy-is-fashions-latest-muse

"Both of those publications are leaders in their respective fields," Hardaway said. "According to internet sources, the combined print and digital subscribers for the Denver Post is over 400,000, and for Fast Company the number is more than 750,000."

Anyone interested in Hardaway's research interests can contact him at rdhardaway@nwosu.edu or at (580) 327-8520. For more information on the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences, visit https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/social-sciences.







New 'Civitas' available

A new special edition volume of "Civitas" has been printed and is available through the Social Sciences Department in Alva.

The new volume is called "The Memoirs of George D. Coyan – An American Life (1925-1995): Veteran, Educator, and Father."

Coyan, a World War II veteran from Iowa, wrote his memoirs many years ago. Later, his wife, before her passing, made the memoir available for Dr. Eric Schmaltz, chair of the Social Sciences department, along with photos and images. Schmaltz's father had worked with the Coyans at the North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, Iowa, years ago. Mrs. Coyan had donated some old newspapers to the the university institute collection, some of which were used in a collage designed by a graduate student who served as the volume's copy editor.

Soon, printed copies of "Civitas" will be distributed to the university library, graduate office, and a few other areas on campus. A limited number of copies are available in the social sciences department.



No tuition increase for fourth year

Members of the Northwestern administration are proud to announce that for the fourth consecutive year, there will be no increase in tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate students.

Incoming seniors have not experienced any type of tuition or mandatory fee increase during their time as

a Ranger.

"We are excited to continue to make Northwestern a top choice for an accessible and affordable education," Dr. Bo Hannaford, university president, said. "With no increase, we can ensure that all students have the opportunity to pursue their academic goals without the burden of escalating costs for another year.

We are creating Oklahoma's future workforce, and we want to prioritize our students' needs while they're investing in their future."

If interested in becoming a Ranger, call (580) 327-8456 or email <u>recruit@nwosu.edu</u> to start the process of enrolling. Visit <u>www.nwosu.edu</u> for more information.







Northwestern students like (left to right) McKenzie Mashak, Cimarron, Kansas, sophomore; Rock Schomaker, Valley Center, Kansas, freshman; Eric Hunter, Webster, Texas, junior; and Edna Garcia, Beaver sophomore, have a reason to be happy as the university administration has announced there would be no increase in undergraduate tuition at the university for the fourth year in a row.





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13 named to President's Leadership Class

The Northwestern President's Leadership Class (PLC) welcomed 18 new members for the 2024-2025 school year..

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

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

- Sarah Brashears Beaver
- Barrett Brown Bixby
- Coy Bullard Carter
- Maci Flowers Meeker
- Mary Isbell Enid
- Carrington Kline Alva
- Keegan Logsdon Alva
- Kate Mann Drummond
- Veronica Martinez Woodward
- Harlie May Nardin

- Patrick Means Fairview, Texas
- Colton Pulliam Roland
- Morgan Robinette Waukomis
- Carson Schanbacher Cherokee
- Rock Schomaker Valley Center, Kansas
 - Bo Stewart Alva
- Haiden Thompson –Miami,
 Texas
 - Lucas Wood Enid

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

The students will begin their year-long adventure on Aug. 3 with a trip to Dallas, Texas.

"This trip is a great opportunity for the incoming PLC class to, not only learn, but to get to know one another and create relationships before the academic year begins," Hannaford said. "We are excited to welcome the new class to Northwestern and to guide them as leaders through their first year in college."

Activities during the five-day trip include guided tours of The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, the Dallas Holocaust & Human Rights Museum and the home of the Dallas Cowboys, AT&T Stadium. The group will also attend a baseball game at Globe Life Field, home of the World Champion Texas Rangers.

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

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

To learn more about this program, visit <u>www.nwosu.edu/plc</u>.









Members of Dr. Mindi Clark's Lab Management & Project Construction class built and filled raised beds used to grow agricultural crops during the summer. They plan to create educational signage and replace with a winter crop - like wheat!





Summer always brings changes to campus







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renovations

Renovations are happening in Herod Hall's auditorium, plus restrooms and front hallways.



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