

# NEO UPDATE



NEO held a retirement party for Janie Clay, coordinator of the NEO Allied Jobs Program.



## NEO GRADUATES NEARLY 450 STUDENTS DURING 17/18 SCHOOL YEAR

NEO held its 97th commencement exercise on May 10, on Red Robertson Field. Dr. Bill Osborn, president of Osborn Drugs, Inc., delivered the keynote address to a packed stadium. Along with Dr. Osborn, Mr. Rick Davis of the OSU A&M Board of Regents congratulated Dr. Hale and the graduates for making NEO an outstanding institution that is uniquely suited to serve northeastern Oklahoma.

“There are many roads to success, and you need to define your own,” said Osborn during his address. “You’re at a time in your life when people are telling you all the ways that you should be successful. But you also have the power to choose how you measure success. Do you want to be the best community member, best parent, make the most

money, win the most awards? That’s all up to you.”

NEO also honored nine outstanding graduates from the schools of Liberal Arts, Agriculture and Natural Sciences, and Human Environmental Sciences. Chair of the Math and Science Department Dr. Mark Grigsby honored Josie Albertini, an Agriculture Business/Business Administration graduate from St. Paul, Kan.; Hunter Bohn, a Natural Sciences graduate from Columbus, Kan.; Lyndsey Renae Harvey, an Agriculture Business graduate from Claremore, Okla.; and Brianne Nicole Nelsen, an Agriculture Business graduate from Fredonia, Kan.

Chair of the Nursing, Allied Health, and Physical Education Department Mrs. Debbie Morgan honored Jonni Nigro, a Pre-Nursing graduate from Miami, Okla.; Kimberley Ann Barnes, a Business Administration Technology graduate from Baxter Springs, Kan.; Carlos Robert Diaz, a Business Administration graduate from Houston, Texas; and Garrett J. Price, a Business Administration graduate from Quapaw, Okla.

Finally, Chair of the Liberal Arts Department Dr. Jeff Birdsong honored Clinton Howard, a General Studies graduate from Grove, Okla. To see photos of the evening, check [Facebook.com/gogoneo](https://www.facebook.com/gogoneo)

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The NEO Sports Management Program got a behind-the-scenes experience with the Tulsa Oilers as their semester came to a close. A relatively new program, an Associate in Science in Sports Management prepares students to conduct every aspect of sports production, from scheduling to marketing. During their trip to the BOK Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, students met with Mr. Shawn Watring, Vice President of Ticket Sales for the Tulsa Oilers hockey team.

"I was really happy our students got chance to witness what it takes to be involved in a production like this," said Calvin Becker, business and technology instructor. "Even though Mr. Watring was in charge of ticket sales, he showed that everyone in a leadership role has to know every aspect of the production, from marketing, to operations, to sponsorships."

"It was eye-opening to see how much goes into the evening," said Dylan McKenzie, a freshman in the program. "With hockey having such a small reach in this area, they have to create promotions like dollar beer night for adults or ticket packs for six or twelve games to get people in the seats."

"It was more than just hockey," added Demontre Gatewood, another freshman

in the program. "Everything was scripted down to what plays on the screen during a timeout or who plays a game on the ice during an intermission. You have to be well-rounded and understand all aspects of the event."

In addition to valuable experience related to their field, students also came home with an invitation to gain connections and on-the-job skills. Freshman Trace Henry noted that before they left, Watring told them about one-day internships and invited the NEO students to participate.

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As the program continues to grow, Becker intends to take more trips to generate interest in the program and give students hands-on experiences. The A.S. in Sports Management is a 60-hour program that prepares students to enter the workforce in positions such as a facility operator, team marketer, or sporting goods store manager, or to transfer into a four-year sports management program.

## NEO'S PHI BETA LAMBDA QUALIFIES ELEVEN FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

The NEO chapter of the business organization Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) travelled to the Oklahoma Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City in April. At the event, NEO PBL qualified 11 students in 18 different categories for the National Leadership Conference this June in Baltimore, Md.

"I am very proud of our students' accomplishments," said Pat Creech, Business and Technology Department Chair. "NEO continues to produce students who excel in every area."

NEO earned ten first-place finishes, nine second-place finishes, and five third-place finishes. All students who placed in the top three of their events qualified for the National Convention. Along with several individual awards, NEO earned second place for the Local Chapter Annual Business Report and first for having the highest percentage of membership attending the conference.

### Individual Results:

**Brandy Brogdon** – 1st in Computer Applications; 2nd in Personal Finance

**Carlos Diaz** – 1st in Small Business Management Plan (Team); 2nd in Macroeconomics; 2nd in Public Speaking

**Trace Henry** – 1st in Sports Management & Marketing; 2nd in Contemporary Sports Issues

**Jared Kimble** – 2nd in Computer Applications; 2nd in Networking Concepts

**Bryan Mann** – 1st in Help Desk; 1st in Information Management; 1st in Programming Concepts; 3rd in Computer Concepts

**Garrett Price** – 1st in Small Business Management Plan (Team); 1st in Accounting Principles; 1st in Microeconomics; 2nd in Retail Management

**Trueman Satterwhite** – 2nd in Impromptu Speaking

**Shaley Scallorn** – 1st in Business Communication; 3rd in Small Business Management Plan

**Rebecca Scott** – 3rd in Retail Management

**Austyne Stanger** – 3rd in Macroeconomics

**Addison Stelle** – 2nd in Job Interview; 3rd in Microeconomics

## NEO STUDENT INVITED TO N.E.W. LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Jeanette Hughes and the 2018 New Leadership Class

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NEO alumna

NEO alumna Jeanette Hughes recently attended the National Education for Women's (N.E.W) Leadership program at the Carl Albert Center on the University of Oklahoma (OU) campus. Hughes, a recently graduated art major from Fairland, was selected through a competitive application process and spent a five-day session engaging in workshops, collaborative projects, and networking.

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Women make up less than twenty percent of the United States Legislature and Oklahoma ranks second to last in the nation for percentage of women in state legislatures. In order to encourage undergraduate women to get involved in the policymaking process, the award-winning N.E.W Leadership program was established in Oklahoma as part of a national network.

Only about 35 women are selected for the annual institute and Hughes joined the over 500 women from 40 college and universities, and eight tribal nations to become graduates of the program.

"I would recommend any woman with aspirations of leadership to apply and participate in the N.E.W. program," added Hughes. "I was inspired to engage and shape the public agenda and I am very thankful for the opportunity."





**Sonny Booth**

**Jarold Callahan**

**Joe Clapp**



## THREE TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE NEO AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

Officials from the NEO Agriculture Department will make three inductions into the Aggie Hall of Fame during their Fourth NEO Alumni and Friends Reunion. The banquet will include dinner, a live and silent auction, the presentation of the Roger Fent Memorial Agriculture Scholarship, and the induction of the three newest members into the Aggie Hall of Fame. Joe Clapp, C.K. Sonny Booth, and Jarold Callahan have all made significant individual contributions to the agriculture community, both in education and business.

Mr. Joe Clapp attended NEO from 1963 through 1965, he later graduate from OSU in 1967, with a degree in Agriculture Education, later returning to complete his master's degree. While at NEO, Clapp was one the livestock judging team and was named the Outstanding Student for the Agriculture Department in spring 1965. Clapp began teaching vocational agriculture in Wheaton, Mo., and Fairland, Okla., positions he held before becoming the High School Principal in Fairland. In 1986, Clapp began an auction business with his brother. Retiring from Fairland in 1996, Clapp continued to auction until June 9, 2018.

Mr. C.K. Sonny Booth is a graduate of Miami High School, NEO, and OSU, where he was a member of the livestock judging team at all three institutions. For half a century, Booth as auctioned cattle, horses, and real-estate throughout the U.S. and Canada. Along with serving as the president of the North American Limousin Foundation and sitting as a board member

for eight years, Booth has volunteering as an auctioneer for the Ottawa County Auction, Tulsa State Fair Livestock Premium Auctions, and the Miami Arts and Humanities Art Auction. He has been honored with several awards, including the OSU Graduate of Distinction, Oklahoma Limousin Breeders Association Lifetime Achievement Award, and was named as an NEO Outstanding Alumnus for the School of Agriculture and Natural Sciences. Booth and his wife Mary have three daughters and three grandchildren.

Mr. Jarold Callahan graduated from NEO before completing his Bachelors of Animal Science Degree at OSU, where he graduated as one of the top 10 seniors for the College of Agriculture. Following his undergraduate education, Callahan served as an instructor at NEO and received his master's degree from The University of Arkansas. In 1981, he joined the OSU faculty until 1991, when he became the executive vice president of the Oklahoma Cattleman's Association and later joined Express Ranches. He currently serves on the OSU A&M Board of Regents and is the president of Express Ranches. Callahan is active in numerous cattle industry leadership roles including the Oklahoma Beef Council, serving as its Chairman, as well as a board member past president for the American Angus Association. Callahan and his wife, Jennifer, also own and operate their own cattle operation located in Oklahoma and Craig County Counties as well as Xcel Feedyard in Watonga, Okla.



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Kolby Ungeheuer, Head Rodeo Coach

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Joshua Pool, NEO Rodeo Team-Tie-Down Roper

## NEO'S JOSHUA POOL QUALIFIES FOR THE COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

The NEO Rodeo Team is sending Tie-Down Roper Joshua Pool to the College National Finals Rodeo during the second week in June. Pool, a 4.0 GPA sophomore agriculture business major, will compete against 39 of the top riders in the nation at the rodeo. The rodeo is held in Casper, Wyo., each year and Pool's qualification marks the sixth time Coach Kolby Ungeheuer has sent a tie-down roper to the national event.

"It is an absolutely great accomplishment for Josh and for the NEO Rodeo team to qualify for the CNFR," said Ungeheuer. "With no separation from junior college and senior colleges at our regional events, it is so hard each and every year to qualify someone to

this National Event. I think Josh will have a great chance of doing well at the CNFR and hopefully come home with a National Championship!"

A native of Bartlesville, Okla., Pool began roping at sixteen. Roping took Pool to Vinita for his senior year of high school and he eventually moved to Fairland to attend NEO.

"I managed to place at the last four rodeos of the season and that really let me slip in and make the College Finals," said Pool. "I am very excited because doing well in Casper can give a person a chance to earn sponsors."

Pool wants to rodeo as long as his resources will allow before he begins a

career in portfolio or finance management. However, ensuring that he remains injury free is a major factor in his ability to compete.

"During the spring season, I hurt my knee in the short round at the Manhattan, [Kan.,] rodeo," he noted. "I didn't do any good at Fort Scott after that, but was able to get back in form for the last four rodeos."

"Josh might not say it, but he has had a really strong year," added Ungeheuer. "He excelled during our spring season and the region only takes three riders in each event."

Ungeheuer is confident in Pool's chances and hopes that he will be able to bring home a national championship for the rodeo team. Set for June 10-16, the competition is sure to put him to the test.

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Clay Ballenger, Oklahoma American Legion  
Boys State Director



## NEO CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH OKLAHOMA BOYS STATE

For over thirty years, the Oklahoma American Legion Boys State has operated on the campus of NEO. The weeklong camp involves training and activities in leadership, patriotism, and government. This year, over 400 young men selected by their American Legion post gathered on the NEO campus and established a fully functioning government. Along with an updated municipal curriculum, Director Clay Ballenger has focused on improving team building among participants

"This year, we wanted to have more team building and fun earlier on," said Ballenger. "Our core mission remains the same and we have new students each year, but we wanted to make sure that participants had as much hands on experience as they could get."

New to this year's program is the in-depth municipal simulation in partnership with the Oklahoma Municipal League. While Ballenger believed the state and county simulation was airtight, his team wanted to focus on giving each member of Boys State

a role, even if they aren't elected to a county of state office.

"We implemented the new municipal system and are excited to see how we can improve it for next year," added Ballenger. "If the boys in a 'city' can't get a bond passed or fails to fund utilities, they might lose access to one of their showers, which is enforced by 'city' officials, until the ordinance is passed. Real world consequences such as taking a shorter shower or waiting in a line helps illustrate the stakes in real city governments."

Ballenger and his team are also ensuring that the students are familiar with the role that social media plays in modern civics. While introducing inflammatory amendments to sabotage bills is common state in state and national politics, Ballenger has sought to educate the young men about how this practice comes with risk, and they won't always have the opportunity to contextualize their actions.

"There is certainly risk in sabotaging bills, especially as social media has grown," he noted. "We always work to ensure the

students have an accurate simulation, but also take into consideration how their actions reflect on themselves and the program."

Along with the week of activities, Oklahoma Boys State honored Norwegian Legion Marching Band Director Adam Compton with the Outstanding Administrative Staff Award. Each year, Compton works with Boys State participants to form a concert band. Ballenger also awarded Catherine Mattingly and Marsha York from Sodexo with the Director's Award for their continued dedication to the program. As Boys State nears its eightieth year, Director Ballenger notes that NEO is the perfect location.

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## FRANK FLETCHER TOYOTA RECOMMITTS TO \$10,000 GIFT

NEO recently received a \$10,000 gift from the Frank Fletcher Toyota dealership out of Joplin, Mo. Along with joining the NEO President's Partners as a corporate sponsor, the gift will also serve to support NEO homecoming activities and the NEO Distinguished Lecture Series.

The NEO Foundation appreciates this very generous gift from the Frank Fletcher Toyota of Joplin and the Kansas City Toyota Dealers Association," said Jennifer Walker, executive director of the NEO Development Foundation. "The money will be used to fund student scholarships and support student programs and campus initiatives."

As corporate sponsor, Fletcher Toyota, along with Coca-Cola, the Walton Family Foundation, Security Bank, Integris Health, and many others support NEO President's Partners. Since its inception in 2009, the President's Partners have funded more than \$500,000 in projects that improve NEO student experience. These projects include ACT prep courses, the Top Ten Freshmen program, and the NEO Textbook Bank, among others.

**On behalf of the Kansas City Toyota Dealers Association and Frank Fletcher Toyota, we are very honored to work with NEO A&M College and the NEO Development Foundation. We feel that NEO sets the example for affordable educational opportunities in the four-state area and we at Frank Fletcher Toyota in Joplin are thrilled to be part of their commitment to quality education.**

Jim Adams, general manager of Frank Fletcher Toyota



## NEO HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING FOR SOCCER FACILITY DURING NINTH ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY

Officials from NEO and Norse Soccer Athletes broke ground on a new soccer facility during the Ninth Annual Founders' Day on April 27. The Founders' Day event celebrated NEO's 99th year in operation. The new facility will provide modern dressing facilities for athletes, along with direct access to their practice field.

"Our soccer coaches are incredibly humble, but they have built really great programs in the last ten years," said Dr. Hale during the event. "These teams have not only won regional and conference titles, but have produced more All-Tournament and All-Region Players than we have time to count. This facility shows our continued support for these highly successful programs."

"When Representative Mabon and Senator Commons established the Miami School of Mines almost 100 years ago, I don't know if they thought that it would one day become an athletic leader among two-year colleges," added Dale Patterson, NEO athletic director. "I am so proud of all that we have accomplished in the last century and what we will continue to accomplish."

The NEO Soccer Facility will be constructed on the north end of the parking lot of the Health Science Building. As part of the construction of the new housing facility in 2016-17, the outdated buildings housing the NEO Soccer dressing rooms were demolished.

For a full album of the event, visit [Facebook.com/gogoneo](https://www.facebook.com/gogoneo).

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Dale Patterson, NEO athletic director





## GREEN BREEZES TO ALL-STAR GAME WIN

Reporting by Monty Franks - Laverne quarterback Camden Cayot earned offensive most valuable player honors Saturday, June 16, during the 46th annual Oklahoma Eight-Man Football Coaches Association All-Star game while leading the Green team to a 56-8 victory over the White squad at Red Robertson Field.

With the temperature at 89 degrees and a 94-degree heat index at kickoff, a large crowd witnessed the Green team win for the second year in a row. The Green squad has won seven of the last nine post-season classics.

The Green team rushed for 148 yards on 19 carries. Along with Cayot's 59 yards rushing, the Green ground game featured Jordan Anderson from Davenport with 36 yards on three carries and Zac Davis from Pond Creek-Hunter 26 yards on two attempts.

The Green team completed 10 of 18 passes for 178 yards and one interception. Along with Cayot completing 5 of 9 passes for 75 yards, West hit 3 of 5 passes for 54 yards. Joey Najera from Timberlake completed 2 of 4 passes for 49 yards with an interception.





## 12 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT OEMFCA BANQUET

Reporting by Jim Ellis - Twelve scholarships were awarded during an awards banquet that was held Friday, June 15, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Eight Man Football Coaches Association all-star game. For the fourth straight year, a Bluejacket player was one of the recipients. Former Chieftain Gabe Satterwhite received a scholarship from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Utah Bishard of Timberlake also received a scholarship from NEO.

Cody McVey of Pioneer and Braylee Dickerson of Allen were the recipients of scholarships from Touchstone Energy, which has been a major game sponsor since the move to Miami in 2003. Dalton Tomberlin of Ryan and Carson Blackwell of Laverne received scholarships from Oklahoma Farm Bureau. Tanner Wofford of Allen and Tipton's Hunter Elliott picked up the scholarships from Dr. Sean O'Brien and the Oklahoma Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. James McPheters of Regent Prep and Zachary Davis of Pond Creek-Hunter each received a \$1,000 scholarship from longtime eight-man supporter Alert Services.

Randee Taylor of Sasakwa and MacKenzie Golden of Cherokee were awarded \$500 cheerleading scholarships from the Oklahoma Eight Man Football Coaches Association.

Early in the week, players went through drills similar to what players go through at the NFL Combine and at NEO prospect camps. Winners in the combine competition, conducted by the Golden Norse coaching staff, were Owen Linville, Laverne, Braylen Brewer, Maud, and Joshua Garza, Cyril.

# NEO SPOTLIGHT

**Dr. Warner's service at all levels of education and beyond make her an ideal winner of this award**

Emily Reed, director of development



## NEO ALUMNA EARNS CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM OU

NEO Alumna Dr. Linda Sue Warner was recently honored with the Career Achievement Award from the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education at the University of Oklahoma. The Career Achievement Award is presented to alumni or friends of the College who demonstrate continued commitment to service and education. A 1968 graduate of NEO, Dr. Warner earned her Ph.D. from OU in 1989 and has spent more than fifty years working as a common education teacher and administrator, secondary education instructor and administrator, and President of Haskell Indian Nations University. She currently serves as a Special Assistant to Dr. Jeff Hale on Tribal Affairs and is a consultant with Bowman Performance Counseling.

“Dr. Warner’s service at all levels of education and beyond make her an ideal winner of this award,” noted Emily Reed, director of development, in an announcement release.

Along with her impressive career experience in education, Dr. Warner has accrued three decades of policy planning experience and served on the U.S. Department of Interior’s No Child Left Behind implementation program for Indian Country. She sits on nearly a dozen editorial boards, maintains fellowships with the Smithsonian Institution and the Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation, has received over 25 national and regional honors, and has written nearly a dozen books on issues relating to Native American education.

“It has been a privilege and honor to work with Dr. Linda Sue Warner,” said Hannah Berryman, AICE Mentor. “She has always been very helpful to our Native American Student Association and continues to devote her time and resources presenting our Native students with opportunities that will help them be successful in the future. We are very fortunate to have her here on our campus.”



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