

THE RIVERHAWK CENTER FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE



Monthly Newsletter

Looking Back



On March 27th the Tahlequah RCTE hosted its first Pickleball Tournament. The goal of the event was to introduce students to our new Academic Coach on the Tahlequah campus, Dena Pace, and also to give students a space to take a healthy break from coursework and focus on their mental and physical health. Thank you to all of the students, staff, and faculty who attended.



On April 12th, the Broken Arrow RCTE celebrated Yappy Hour! This is a recurring event that happens at least once a semester on both the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses. At these events, students are given the opportunity to chat with RCTE staff about our services, mingle with fellow education majors, and pet some cute therapy dogs! Helping students maintain their mental health is important to our overall mission, and therapy dogs have been shown to reduce blood pressure and improve concentration and motivation.



COMING UP:

Teacher Job Fair | April 5

Teacher Induction Ceremony (BA) | April 11

Teacher Induction Ceremony (TQ) | April 12

Yappy Hour (BA) | April 25

Community Partner Fair | April 27

WHO ARE WE?

The RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence is a new, grant-funded organization whose aim is to recruit and retain P-12 teachers of diverse backgrounds in an effort to address Oklahoma's teacher shortage and put educators in classrooms whose unique identities reflect that of their students. At our centers on both the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses, we offer a multitude of services such as tutoring, counseling, workshops, scholarships, as well as just a place to hang out and study. We have coffee, tea, snacks, and various school supplies donated especially for Education majors like you!



**“
Teachers can make
a profound impact
on our lives and
should be honored
as heroes.
”**

-Rainn Wilson

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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Businesses & Organizations:

Metro Merch, Crumbl Cookies, Love Bottling, Target, Arrow Heights Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Tahlequah, Sunrise Donuts, Countryside Wellness, LLC, The Lift, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Starbucks, Junie's Closet, QuikTrip, Raising Cane's, McKee Foods, Chick-fil-a, McDonalds, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Hideaway Pizza.

Individuals:

Sandy Ross, Dee McAffrey, Lauren Ross, Lori Fogerty, April Bardell, Kelly Callaway, Tobi Thompson, Nichole Sumpter, Kristy Eubanks, Emily Blakley, Niki Kottre

IMPORTANT LINKS



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[RCTE Video](#)



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Let your
light
shine

Join us!

Throughout the month of April, the RCTE in Broken Arrow will be hosting a snack and coffee cart. We will be posted outside of several classrooms on the dates listed below, offering coffee, snacks, swag, and more information about RCTE services.



REMINDER



Please remember to check in every time you visit your respective center using the QR code that applies to you.

Thank you! 😊

This April, the College of Education will be hosting two Teacher Induction Ceremonies, one in Broken Arrow on April 11 at 6 o'clock and another in Tahlequah on April 12 at 6 o'clock. Congratulations to the Fall 2024 teacher inductees!

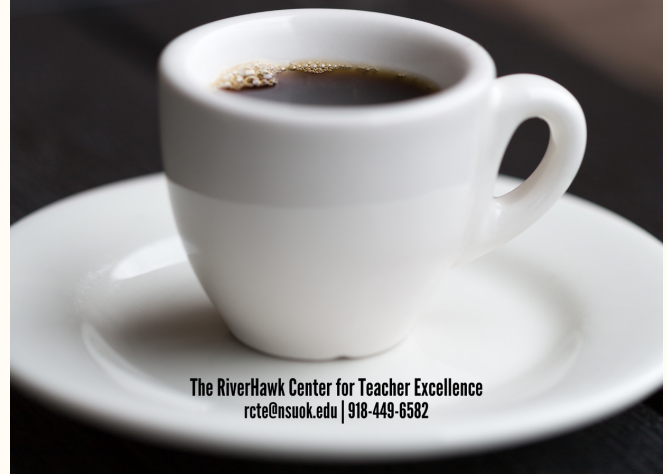
TEACHER INDUCTION CANDIDATES

Bailey, Aubrey	Goins, Abby	McElyea, Madison
Baker, Hannah	Gootee, Josetta	Molt, Hannah
Baker, Shelbie	Gouyd, Kaylynn	Moore, Staci
Baldon, Brooke	Gunneman, Taylor	Morris, Abigail
Berry, Keyarah	Harker, Matthew	Morrow, Kerstin
Blamires, Kelsey	Harris, Rebecca	Nance, Kristie
Bolles, Madison	Harrison, Megan	Nelson, Riley
Brown, Alyssa	Heilman, Faith	Nguyen, Cody
Carney, Audrah	Heineman, Peiton	Ortiz, Allen
Carter, Casey	Henderson, Collin	Pardue, Morgan
Casteel, Kelli	Howell, Cheyenne	Prather, Coby
Clinton, Lexi	Ingram, Latasha	Rhoads, Chloe
Conatzer, Shelby	Johnson, Katherine	Rodrequez, Rachel
Crawford, Emilee	Jones, Jaxon	Rodriguez, Andrus
Darden, Kayla	Keener, Carrie	Russell, Cortney
Darden, Kylee	Kindred, Jaylee	Silcox, Martina
Davis, Caleb	Kirk, Loran	Trost, Melody
Doyle, Summer	Kong, Athena	Walker, Katelyn
Duvall, Morgan	Lane, Jordyn	Walker, Margaret
Easley, Teyona	Long, Cash	Walterbach, Elizabeth
Fairman, Natalie	Mann, Justin	West, Madison
Ferrante, Gina	Martinez, Miriam	Woods, Jaeley
	McClain, Alise	

RCTE Coffee & Snack Cart for Education majors

April 3rd
April 4th
April 25th

Keep an eye out for our cart on these dates. We'll be serving coffee and snacks and telling you about how the RCTE can help you during your time at NSU!



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ACADEMIC COACHES IN ACTION:

Dena Pace (TQ)



NEW

Dena has a background in Psychology and Mental Health, and her passion in life is coaching! Fun fact: She feels most at home in the water or on the tractor.


Niki Kottre (BA)




Dr. Reubin McIntosh (BA)



THE COACHES CORNER

 RCTE-BA.YOUCANBOOK.ME (BA)

 RCTE-TQ.YOUCANBOOK.ME (TQ)

You can now schedule an appointment with an academic coach on your respective campus by using the links listed above OR by scanning the following QR codes:



BROKEN ARROW

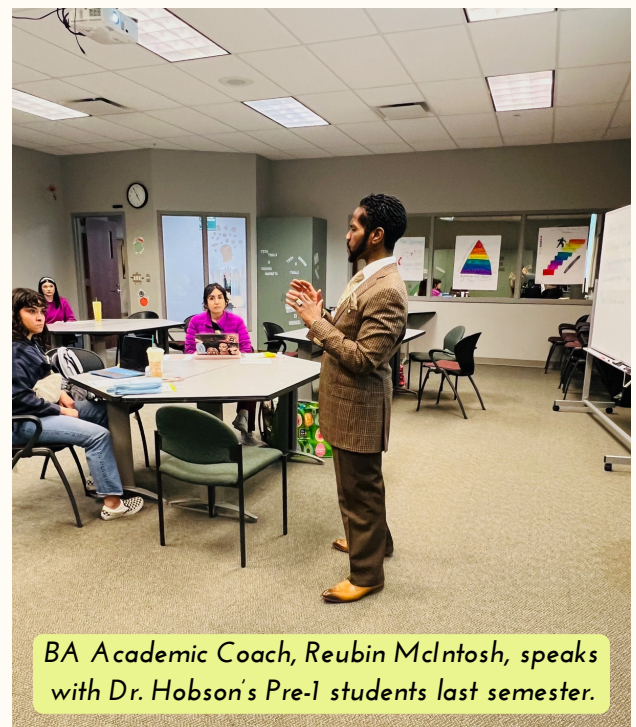


TAHLEQUAH

Academic Coaches are here to help you tackle any issues you may face during your time at NSU and connect you with beneficial resources!



Tahlequah Academic Coach, Dena Pace, chats with students at the Pickleball event in March.



BA Academic Coach, Reubin McIntosh, speaks with Dr. Hobson's Pre-1 students last semester.

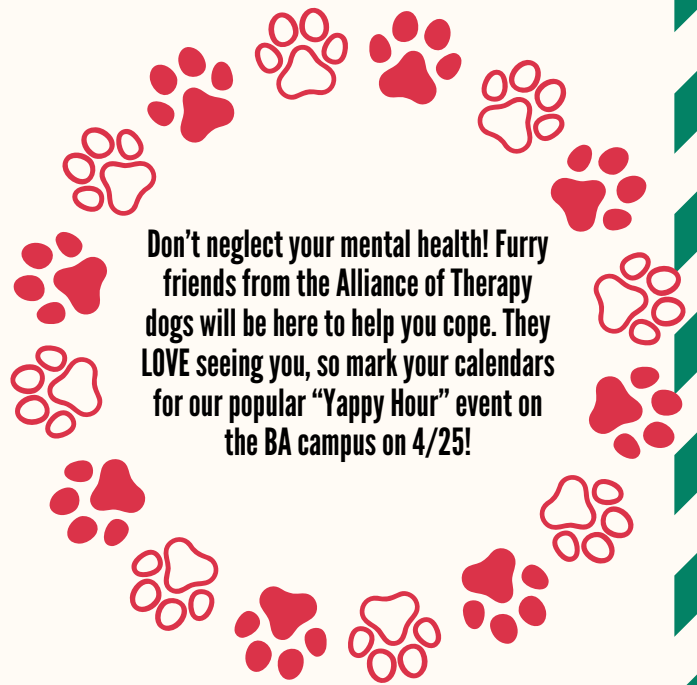
YAPPY HOUR IS BACK

**THURSDAY
APRIL 25
3-4PM**


WHO: all Education majors, RCTE staff, & furry friends

WHAT: Mental Health resources, snacks, & mingling. Did we mention dogs?

WHERE: Broken Arrow campus, BAED 242



Don't neglect your mental health! Furry friends from the Alliance of Therapy dogs will be here to help you cope. They LOVE seeing you, so mark your calendars for our popular "Yappy Hour" event on the BA campus on 4/25!



Teacher Career Fair

On Friday, April 5th, the Career Services department will be hosting a teacher job fair on the Broken Arrow campus from 11:00-1:00pm in the Banquet Hall on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. This event is for ALL education majors and all classifications. This event is FREE for all currently enrolled NSU students, recent graduates, and NSU alumni seeking information for employment or educational opportunities. For more information, [click here](#)

Facing an EMERGENCY?

The RCTE can help!



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Part of the RCTE's mission is to help students who unexpectedly find themselves in difficult financial situations that may prohibit them from completing their degree. If you find yourself in a difficult financial situation, the RCTE Emergency Scholarship is for you.

FREE

COMMUNITY

PARTNER FAIR FOR EDUCATORS

Hear from organizations both local & statewide on how they
can be involved in your classroom! Learn about free
resources, field trips, and more!

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 9AM-2PM

Lunch is provided

**Northeastern State University
1301 E New Orleans St, BA 74014**



REGISTER NOW

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