

# THE RIVERHAWK CENTER FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE



Monthly Newsletter

## COMING UP:

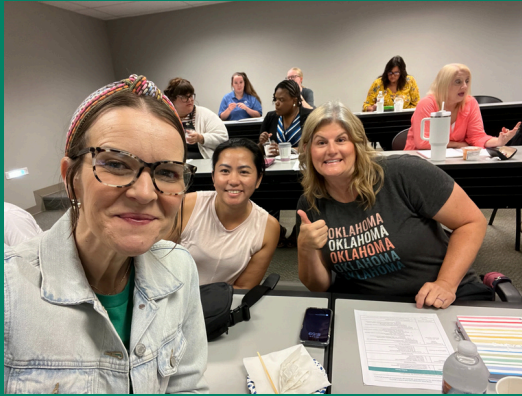
Welcome Back Tables (TO & BA) | 8/19-8/20

Coffee/Snack Cart (BA) | 8/29

In person OSAT review sessions (TO) | 9/6

Convos with the Coaches (BA) | 9/10

## Looking Back



On July 10th the RCTE hosted its first Classroom Management Seminar on the Broken Arrow campus. Teachers from around the state were invited to attend. The seminar featured breakout sessions for different specializations, such as Secondary, Elementary, ECED, and SPED. We would like to thank Broken Arrow Public Schools instructional coaches, Amy Rea and Kerry Weingartner for hosting sessions as well as Dr. Kim Phillips, Dr. Reubin McIntosh, and Ms. Niki Kottre for lending their expertise by hosting breakout sessions. We would also like to extend a huge thank you Imperial Co. and Crumbl for donating breakfast items for our attendees. The RCTE plans to host at least one Classroom Management Seminar per year.

## 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!



**“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.”**

**-MLK, JR.**

# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## 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, Imperial Co.

## 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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# MEET OUR TEAM



Katie Fox  
Director

Katie has a background in Early Childhood Education with 10 years of experience in Broken Arrow and Union Public Schools. Fun fact: she owns an LLC with chickens and had over a hundred hatch this past spring!

Jamie Lindsey  
TQ Coordinator

Jamie has a background in Early Childhood Education with 14 years of experience in Tahlequah Public Schools. Fun fact: she earned a trip to Hawaii with her skincare business!



Bailey Dover  
BA Coordinator

Bailey has a background in Secondary English Education with 6 years of experience in Cushing Public Schools and 1 year in Academic Advisement at UCO. Fun fact: she owns an LLC clothing shop based on books and other fandoms.



REMINDER



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

Thank you! 😊

# Join us!



Did you know that both centers have free snacks and drinks available to all Education majors?



We also have puzzles, books, computers, phone chargers, etc. Stop by for a brain break in between classes, or meet up with your study group in either of our centers!



# MEET OUR ACADEMIC COACHES

Dena Pace  
(TQ)



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)




Niki is currently a teacher with Broken Arrow Public Schools and teaches in a self-contained autism program for grades K-2. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from NSU. She is married & has 3 kids!


Dr. Reubin McIntosh  
(BA)



Reubin is the Lead Principal at the 6th & 7th grade Academy in Muskogee. He has Academic Coaching experience and 6 years of classroom experience. He has a Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degree.

## THE COACHES CORNER

 [RCTE-BA.YOUCANBOOK.ME](https://RCTE-BA.YOUCANBOOK.ME) (BA)

 [RCTE-TQ.YOUCANBOOK.ME](https://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**



Machele Potter  
(TQ)



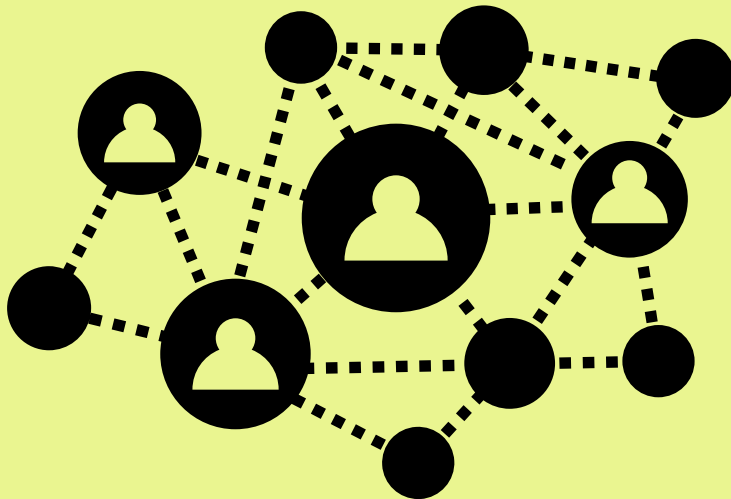
Machele has been serving in education for almost 25 years & is currently the Superintendent at Moseley Public Schools. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from NSU. She is married to her high school sweetheart & has two daughters, as well as a Maltipoo named Maple.

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

# WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!

Keep an eye out for Bailey and Jamie during your first week back to school! On Monday, 8/19, Jamie will have a snack and drink table set up in Bagley Hall to welcome all of you back to campus! Bailey will have a snack and drink table out in the Broken Arrow Education building on Tuesday, 8/20. In addition to food, we will have pertinent information about upcoming events and other helpful "back to school" information. See you then!

## STAY CONNECTED




We know the RCTE is AMAZING, but we also want to make sure you're staying connected to other important resources! For this reason, we will have a Student Resource Fair on both the TQ and BA campuses this fall. Keep an eye out on your email and our social media for more updates! Here are some fun events going on this fall:

**NSU vs. Missouri Western State**  
**DOC WADLEY STADIUM (Tahlequah)**  
**Aug. 29th, 6:00pm**

**SAND VOLLEYBALL**  
**FITNESS CENTER (Tahlequah)**  
**Sept. 4th, 3:00-7:00pm**

**DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**NSU Disc Golf Course (Tahlequah)**  
**Oct. 15th, 3:00-7:00pm**

[Click here to see other events!](#) 

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 TEACHER EXCELLENCE PRESENTS:

# OSAT WORKSHOP

FRIDAY  
**SEPT 6**

NSU FACULTY WILL PROVIDE HELP  
 SESSIONS BASED ON VARIOUS CONTENT  
 AREAS. ATTEND THE SESSIONS YOU NEED!



NSU - TAHLEQUAH  
 BAGLEY HALL  
 \*various times\*

REGISTER HERE



2 HOUR SESSIONS PER SUBJECT

RCTE@NSUOK.EDU | 918-444-3757

# RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence

## Bonnie Giese Scholarship | \$1,000

- ★ Undergraduate
- ★ Full time
- ★ Elementary Education Major
- ★ Age 23 or older
- ★ 1 page essay required



## Noyce Scholars Program | Up to \$18,000

- ★ Full time
- ★ 3.0 GPA
- ★ Declared major in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Math with an education option.
- ★ Commit to teach full time for 2 years in a high need school district for each year the scholarship is received.



## Darrell & Gladys Chaffin Gosnell Memorial Scholarship | Up to \$1,000

- ★ Full time, Elementary or ECED
- ★ 3.0 GPA
- ★ Essay required
- ★ Tahlequah based classes
- ★ Demonstrate financial needs
- ★ Graduated from a HS in Adair, Cherokee, Mayes, Muskogee, Tulsa, or Sequoyah counties



## Teach Grant | Up to \$4,000

- ★ Completed FAFSA
- ★ Undergraduate or Graduate
- ★ Be enrolled in coursework necessary to teach
- ★ Sign Teach Agreement to serve or repay
- ★ Score 75% or higher on admissions test or maintain a 3.25 GPA.



## Dr. Jackie Wilcox Scholarship | \$1,000

- ★ Full time
- ★ 3.0 GPA
- ★ Undergraduate
- ★ Pursuing an Education degree
- ★ Parent with dependents under 18



## RCTE Diversity in the Classroom Scholarship | Up to \$2,000

- ★ 250 word essay
- ★ 2.5 GPA
- ★ Full time
- ★ Declared Education major
- ★ Meet one or more diversity criteria



## RCTE Multilingual Scholarship | Up to \$1,000

- ★ 250 word essay
- ★ 2.5 GPA
- ★ Full time
- ★ Declared Education major
- ★ Speak 2 or more languages fluently



## RCTE Finish Strong Scholarship | Up to \$1,000

- ★ 250 word essay
- ★ 2.5 GPA
- ★ Full time, graduating senior
- ★ Declared Education major
- ★ Meet one or more diversity criteria



## Inspired to Teach | \$1,000 - \$4,000

- ★ Full time
- ★ 2.5 GPA
- ★ Undergraduate
- ★ Declared Education major
- ★ Complete Teacher Education program & commit to teach for 5 years.



## RCTE Emergency Scholarship

- ★ Full time
- ★ 2.75 GPA
- ★ Enrolled in or have taken Pre-1
- ★ Declared Education major
- ★ Meet one or more diversity criteria



## RCTE Certification Testing Scholarship | Up to \$300

- ★ 2.75 GPA
- ★ Meet one or more diversity criteria
- ★ Declared Education major
- ★ Enrolled in or have taken Pre-1



**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 SEPTEMBER 14, 9AM-12PM**

Northeastern State University

Bagley Hall

600 N. Grand Ave.

Tahlequah, OK 74464



**REGISTER NOW**



Sponsored by the Riverhawk Center for  
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## Facing an **EMERGENCY?**

The RCTE can help!



[RCTE@NSUOK.EDU](mailto:RCTE@NSUOK.EDU)

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# STUDENT RESOURCE FAIR

Tuesday, September 24th  
3 PM - 4:30 PM  
BAED 243

### ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS:

HawkReach | BA Neighbors | Office of Scholarships | Student Engagement | Rowdy Pantry | Career Services

The RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence

## Convos with the Coaches

**September 10th**

Come meet and mingle with your Academic Coaches! We'll have two time slots available:

4:00 - 4:30  
BAED 243

6:30 - 7:30  
BAED 243

We'll have more info about Academic Coaching and light refreshments!



# FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

*\*all events will take place in BAED unless otherwise noted*

**8/20**

(various times)

Welcome Back Snack Table

**8/29**

(various times)

Coffee and Snack Cart

**9/10**

(various times)

Convos with the Coaches

♦BAED 243

**9/18**

12 - 12:45pm

Yappy Hour (Dr. Ross & Dr. McCombs Classes)

**9/16-9/30**

(various times)

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations

♦BAED 243

**9/24**

3 - 4:30pm

RCTE Student Resource Fair

♦BAED 243

**10/8**

11:30 - 12:30pm

Brain Break with HawkReach  
(Mental Illness Awareness Week)

♦BAED 243

**11/11-11/15**

(various times)

Native American Heritage Celebrations

♦BAED 243 and other locations on campus

**11/12**

6 - 7:30pm

BA Teacher Induction Ceremony

♦Admin Building Banquet Hall

**12/9**

(various days/times)

Finals Week Snack Table





# FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

*\*all events will take place in Bagley Hall rm 120 unless otherwise noted*

**8/20**

(various times)

Welcome Back Snack Table

**8/21**

(various times)

Gathering with Center for Tribal Services  
📍 University Center

**9/6**

Various Times

OSAT Sessions in person

**9/14**

12 - 12:45pm

Community Partner Fair for Educators

**9/16**

11:00-1:00pm

RCTE Student Resource Fair

**9/18**

6:00-7:00pm

Spanish Club meeting

**10/7**

11:00- 1:00pm

Brain Break with HawkReach  
(Mental Illness Awareness Week)

**10/21**

11:00-1:00pm

Yappy Hour

**11/5**

6-7:30pm

TQ Teacher Induction Ceremony  
📍 University Center Ballroom

**11/6**

3:00-5:00

Basket Weaving  
with Center for Tribal Services

**12/9**

(various days/times)

Finals Week Snack Table

