

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

RCTE Welcomes You Back!

WHO ARE WE?

The RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence (RCTE) is a 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. We have centers on both campuses that provide snacks, drinks, various school supplies, and more! We are located in Bagley Hall, Rm 120 on the Tahlequah Campus and BAED 243 on the Broken Arrow Campus. Please remember to CHECK IN each time you stop by one of the centers!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

8-17 thru 8-20: Welcome Back Snacks-
Both Campuses

9-1: Resource Fair @ 11:30-Broken Arrow,
BAED 243

9-9: Resource Fair @ 11:45-Bagley Hall Rm
120

9-19: Classroom Management/APK
Seminar-Broken Arrow- [Register Here](#)

**FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE OPEN UNTIL AUGUST 28TH!**

APPLY HERE:



NEED SOMETHING PRINTED?

We are here to help! We can print B&W or Color for you! Simply e-mail us at rcte@nsuok.edu with your documents (must be a PDF), quantity needed, and campus location. Please allow 24-48 hours for printing to be completed.

Follow us! 



@nsu_rcte

DID YOU KNOW?

If you need support, a listening ear, help navigating your program, or just have questions, Erin is here to help! Whether you want to talk through a challenge, celebrate a success, or connect with campus resources, you're always welcome.

Schedule a time to meet HERE!

MEET THE TEAM

KATIE FOX
DIRECTOR



Katie has a background in Early Childhood Education with 10 years of experience in Broken Arrow and Union Public Schools.

JESSICA GOODMAN
TQ COORDINATOR



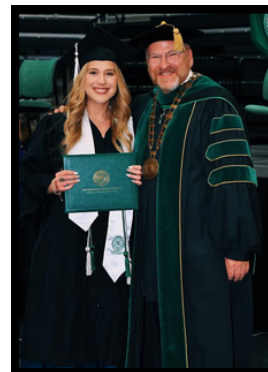
I am an NSU Alumni with my degree in English and a minor in History. I am a certified 5-12th English teacher.
Fun Fact: I love Halloween and am a complete Harry Potter nerd - Always!

ERIN GILMORE
BA COORDINATOR



Erin has over 10 years of teaching experience in the public school system. She is married to her husband Spencer and they have a 4 year old son.

HOLLY GENTRY
GRADUATE STUDENT WORKER



Holly is a recent NSU graduate with a Bachelor's in English Education. Holly is now a graduate student working on her Master's in Instructional Leadership with the English emphasis. She is currently an eighth grade English teacher in Broken Arrow.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

A BIGGER TABLE

A Bigger Table provides opportunities to build relationships, encourage belonging, and strengthen communities through meaningful conversations and shared experiences.

For future educators, creating inclusive and supportive environments starts with understanding the importance of connection, empathy, and community. A Bigger Table offers resources and experiences that encourage us to listen, learn from one another, and recognize the value every individual brings to the table.

Learn more about A Bigger Table and their mission by visiting <https://www.abiggertable.org/>.

AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Ag in the Classroom provides free, standards-aligned lessons, activities, books, and interactive resources that help students explore agriculture, natural resources, nutrition, and the environment through engaging, hands-on learning.

Whether you're planning an elementary science lesson, incorporating literacy into your classroom, or looking for cross-curricular activities, you'll find ready-to-use materials that connect classroom learning to the world around us.

Explore lesson plans, classroom resources, virtual learning opportunities, and more by visiting Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom at <https://www.oklahomaagintheclassroom.org/>.

Want more resources?

Visit our **Community Partner Resource Library** to explore tools from all of our partners!

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RESOURCE FAIR

Come learn about all of the
resources on campus that can
benefit you as an education major!!

Sept. 1st
11:30-12:30

BAED
243

Sept. 9th
11:45-12:45

Bagley-
Rm 120

Decorate your own
cookie!



Riverhawk Center for Teacher Excellence &
Alternative Certification for Educators Present
2 Seminars on One Day

September 19th,
Saturday, 8:30–11:00 AM

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

September 19th,
Saturday, 12:00–2:00 PM

APK SEMINAR

Register here or
email

rcte@nsuok.edu
for the link



Registration is required.

Childcare will be
provided on a limited
basis with a **second
form required.**

Lunch will be provided
for those **attending
both seminars.**

Northeastern State University
3100 New Orleans, Broken Arrow



RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence

FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

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

8/17-21

(various times)

Welcome Back Snack & Coffee Cart

9/1

(11:30am-12:30pm)

Resource Fair

📍 BAED 243

9/19

(8:30am-2pm)

Classroom Management / APK Seminar

10/6

(11:30am-1pm)

Yappy Hour Therapy Dog Visit

📍 Outside; circle drive

NOV.

(all month)

Make & Take Beadwork

📍 BAED 243

11/13

(11am-12:30pm)

Fall Teacher Job Fair

📍 University Center Ballroom- TQ

11/??

6 - 7:30pm

BA Teacher Induction Ceremony

📍 Admin Building Banquet Hall

12/1

11:30am-1pm

Gingerbread STEM building

📍 BAED 243

12/12

(various times)

Commencement Ceremony

📍 Event Center - TQ



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SOCIAL MEDIA



FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

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

8/17-21

(various times)

Welcome Back Snackle Boxes

SEP.

(all month)

Make and Take EL Resources

9/09

(11:45am-12:45pm)

Resource Fair & Cookie Decorating

9/19

(8am-2:30pm)

Classroom Management/APK Seminar

📍 Broken Arrow Campus - BAED

10/5

(10:45am-12:15pm)

Yappy Hour Therapy Dog Visit

📍 The FIT lawn

NOV.

(all month)

Native American Make and Take

11/4

(6pm - 7:30pm)

Teacher Induction Ceremony

📍 University Center Ballroom

11/13

(11am-1pm)

Teacher Job Fair

📍 NSUBA Banquet Hall

12/12

(various times)

Commencement Ceremonies

📍 Event Center



AMERICAN INDIAN

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EDUCATION

CONSORTIUM



AIIRC
American Indian Resource Center, Inc.



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STATE UNIVERSITY

AIPEC GOAL

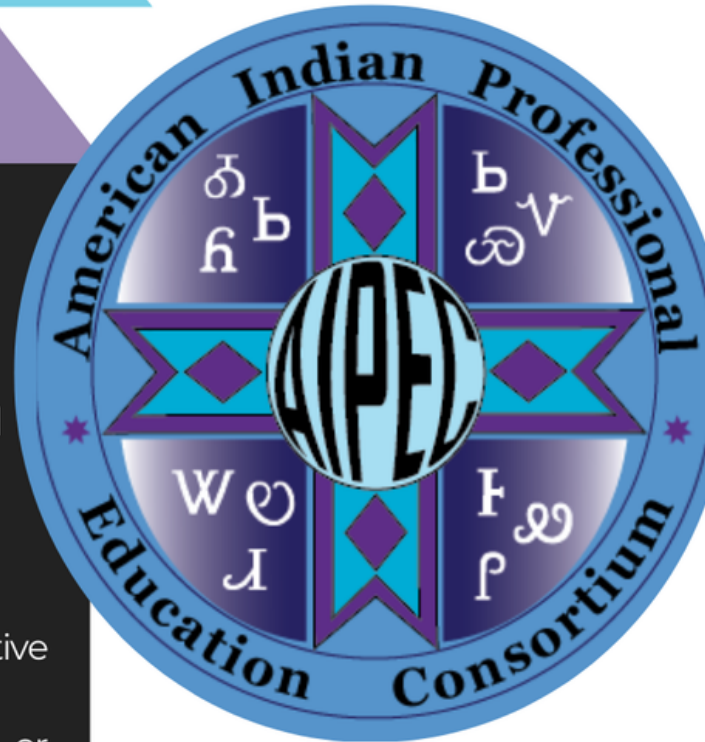
To increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indians, and to provide training to qualified Indian individuals to become teachers.

ELEGIBILITY

- Must be an American Indian or Alaskan Native member of a federal or state recognized tribe.
- Must be admitted into Teacher Education or Alternative Certification in NSU's College of Education.
- Must have a 2.75 GPA or higher.
- Must be willing to remain active in the AIPEC program and participate in all required activities.
- Must be willing to sign a Service Payback Agreement, a contract, in which participants agree to perform work related to the training received which benefits Indian people, or repay all or a prorated part of the assistance received.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Tuition, Fees & Books
- Testing Fees
- Test Prep Class
- Technology Benefit
- Mentoring Program
- Professional Development Seminars
- Immersive Field Experiences



APPLY NOW!



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Nikki Jones

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