

THE RIVERHAWK CENTER FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE



Monthly Newsletter

JANUARY - ISSUE #11

COMING UP:

Community Partner Fair for Educators (BA) | Jan. 11

Scholarship/Financial Aid info session (Virtual) | Jan. 17

PPAT Seminar (BA) | Feb. 8

Student Resource Fair (TO) | Feb. 11

Student Resource Fair (BA) | Feb. 12

Looking AHEAD



Register Now 



Link:

<https://forms.gle/vr7EaCl4cZzg4PK88>



On Saturday, January 11th, the RCTE will host the Community Partner Fair for Educators on the BA campus. This workshop is for all current educators in the state, as well as NSU education majors and students enrolled in the ACE program.

Statewide and local organizations will host breakout sessions, informing you of the resources they have that can benefit you as a classroom teacher. Resources include but are not limited to: field trip opportunities, free activity guides to supplement your instruction, professional development/trainings, etc.

January's focus:

FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS !!!



Are you a first generation college student feeling overwhelmed or underprepared? The RCTE would love to assist you!

This month, both centers will be celebrating the tenacity and dedication of First Generation College Students with informational bulletin boards that showcase some of our faculty & staff who are First Generation, as well as other resources that may be beneficial to this special sector of our student population.

WHO ARE WE?

The RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence 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. 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!



WELCOME BACK!

Financial Aid Scholarships FAFSA Help

A virtual info session for education majors

Pre-Register
For the link!

17 January 2025; 3-4pm



For more information: RCTE@nsuok.edu

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Scholarships and Financial Aid can be overwhelming topics for all college students. There is always a ton of information and dates to remember. The RCTE wants to help you get off on the right foot this semester by offering a virtual information session for all of our education majors. We'll go over FAFSA & general Financial Aid, as well as scholarships that are specific to you and your major!

MEET OUR PART TIME STAFF

Dena Pace
(TQ - Coach)



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.

Machele Potter
(TQ - Coach)



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.

Dr. Reubin McIntosh
(BA - Coach)



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.

Erin Gilmore
(Mentor Teacher)




Erin earned her Bachelor's degree from NSU in 2011 & has over 10 years of teaching experience. She is married to her husband, Spencer, & they have a 2 year old son. Fun Fact: Erin did her Pre-11 internship in Vienna, Austria!


Tobi Kula
(BA - Coach)



Tobi is an elementary principal with Broken Arrow Public Schools & has been in education for 20 years. Tobi earned her B.S. from NSU & her M.S. from OSU. She has 3 children, one dog, & lives in Mounds where she raises chickens & horses.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

 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

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COACH AND A MENTOR?

Academic Coaches are here to help you tackle any issues you may face during your time at NSU whether it's time management, work/life balance, certification test support, classroom management, etc.

Mentor Teachers will only assist students who are in their Pre-1, Pre-2, and Full internships. They can come observe you, offer advice on lesson plans, provide classroom management support, etc.

IMPORTANT LINKS

[@nsu_rcte](#)
[RCTE Video](#)
bit.ly.com/teacher_excellence

Let your Light Shine

REMINDER



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

Thank you! 😊

DON'T FORGET!

LAST DAY TO ENROLL & ADD 1ST 7 WEEK CLASSES
- Tuesday, Jan. 14th

LAST DAY TO ENROLL & ADD 1ST 8 WEEK CLASSES
- Wednesday, Jan. 15th

LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES AND RECEIVE A REFUND FOR 1ST 7 WEEK CLASSES - Thursday, Jan. 16th

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LAST DAY TO ENROLL & ADD 16 WEEK CLASSES - Friday, Jan. 17th

LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES AND RECEIVE A REFUND FOR 1ST 8 WEEK CLASSES - Friday, Jan. 17th

LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES AND RECEIVE A REFUND FOR 16 WEEK CLASSES - Monday, Jan. 27th

THE CONTINUING/RETURNING GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR FALL 2025 - SPRING 2026 IS NOW OPEN!

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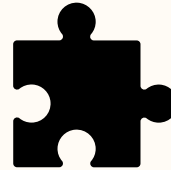
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Individuals:

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

Join us!



Did you know that both centers have free snacks and drinks available to all Education majors? We also have puzzles, test prep 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! The BA center is in BAED 243 & the TQ center is in Bagley Hall 120.

The RCTE presents:

PPAT SEMINAR

**SATURDAY
FEB. 8**

SEASONED EDUCATORS WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE PPAT STEP BY STEP AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE STRATEGIES YOU CAN USE TO DO WELL!



NSU - BROKEN ARROW
EDUCATION BUILDING, RM 119
9AM-12PM

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REGISTER HERE



COMING UP IN FEBRUARY!



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FREE

OSAT/PPAT REVIEW SESSIONS

Spring 2025 dates & times:

TOPIC:	DATE & TIME:
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	1/6, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Constructed Response	1/24, 6:45 - 8:45pm
Elementary Reading Sub-Area 1	2/4, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	2/11, 5:00 - 7:00pm
All OSATs Constructed Response	2/12, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Reading Sub-Area I	2/18, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Early Childhood Competencies, I & II	2/20, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Early Childhood Competencies, III & IV	2/27, 4:00 - 6:00pm
US History	3/3, 4:00 - 6:00pm
US History/Oklahoma History	3/4, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Elementary Constructed Response	3/5, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Government/Economics	3/6, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	3/11, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Math Competencies 5-6	3/12, 4:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Math Competencies 7-8	3/13, 4:00 - 7:00pm
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	4/1, 5:00 - 7:00pm
All OSATs Constructed Response	4/4, 6:45 - 8:45pm
Special Education Mild/Moderate	4/4, 9:00 - 12:00pm
Special Education Mild/Moderate	5/2, 9:00 - 12:00pm

*All sessions are conducted via Zoom.
Scan the QR code or visit the link below
to register & receive the Zoom links!*

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