

# THE RIVERHAWK CENTER FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE



Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER - ISSUE #10

## COMING UP:

Teacher Induction Ceremony (TQ) | 11/5

Basket weaving with CTS (TQ) | 11/6

Teacher Induction Ceremony (BA) | 11/12

Basket weaving with CTS (BA) | 11/12

Thanksgiving Break  
11/27 - 11/29

## Looking Back



In October, the RCTE celebrated Mental Illness Awareness on both campuses by decorating bulletin boards, putting out resources, and hosting events!



## 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!



## Happening this month:

*The RCTE celebrates...*

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Join us for basket weaving with the Center for Tribal Studies.

Wednesday, November 6th from  
3:00pm - 5:00pm on the Tahlequah campus.

Tuesday, November 12th from  
10:00am - 12:30pm on the BA campus.

During November, both centers will be celebrating Native American Heritage Month with informational bulletin boards, student resources, & events! Keep an eye on our Instagram & your NSU email for more info!

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**Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning.**  
”

**-Unknown**

# Congratulations!

The Teacher Induction ceremonies will take place on the Tahlequah campus on November 5th and the BA campus on November 12th at 6:00PM. The RCTE would like to congratulate the following Spring 2025 inductees:

|                               |                            |                             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Albiter, Saabrina</i>      | <i>Fowler, Reagan</i>      | <i>McWilliams, Isabella</i> |
| <i>Alsip, Chelsea</i>         | <i>Frazier, Alyssa</i>     | <i>McWilliams, Jaden</i>    |
| <i>Arundell, Sara</i>         | <i>Gaines, Rayna</i>       | <i>Montoya, Jaquelin</i>    |
| <i>Baldwin, Heather</i>       | <i>Galloway, Paige</i>     | <i>Mullen, Steven</i>       |
| <i>Barton (Wilkie), Josie</i> | <i>Gelvin, Elizabeth</i>   | <i>Nikitina, Anastasiya</i> |
| <i>Berry, Briley</i>          | <i>Goodsell, Dylan</i>     | <i>Paton, Autumn</i>        |
| <i>Biggs, Barrett</i>         | <i>Gragg, Laynie</i>       | <i>Peng, Wangxin</i>        |
| <i>Bird, Jessica</i>          | <i>Griffith, Haley</i>     | <i>Petruska, Kaylie</i>     |
| <i>Bonebright, Emily</i>      | <i>Harp, Marin</i>         | <i>Porter, Natalee</i>      |
| <i>Brewer, Alexzandra</i>     | <i>Hawton, Kaytlyn</i>     | <i>Reed, Joeley</i>         |
| <i>Buford, Mallory</i>        | <i>Hayes, Kasey</i>        | <i>Sellars, Brock</i>       |
| <i>Burks, Kaya</i>            | <i>He, Shanshan</i>        | <i>Smith, Dillon</i>        |
| <i>Burnett, Melanie</i>       | <i>Henry, Allison</i>      | <i>Snyder, Timberlyn</i>    |
| <i>Callaway, Cheyenne</i>     | <i>Hensley, Courtney</i>   | <i>Spunaugle, Leah</i>      |
| <i>Campbell, Lakota</i>       | <i>Jones, Sawyer</i>       | <i>Stanzak, Gregory</i>     |
| <i>Carey, Naomi</i>           | <i>Jordan, Kami</i>        | <i>Strickland, Gavin</i>    |
| <i>Carson, Gracy</i>          | <i>Kilian, Justin</i>      | <i>Sturgeon, HannahJoy</i>  |
| <i>Collins, Cassie</i>        | <i>Kimble, Kelsey</i>      | <i>Taylor, Ashleigh</i>     |
| <i>Cone, Trey</i>             | <i>Kimble, Robert</i>      | <i>Taylor, Hannah</i>       |
| <i>Conner, Lydia</i>          | <i>Lipe, Amilea</i>        | <i>Tevebaugh, Holly</i>     |
| <i>Corn, James</i>            | <i>Looney, Rhett</i>       | <i>Tubbs, Melissa</i>       |
| <i>Craig, Alyssa</i>          | <i>Lor, Angela</i>         | <i>Wagdalt, Janine</i>      |
| <i>Davidson, Hayden</i>       | <i>Mann, Justin</i>        | <i>Walker, Cassie</i>       |
| <i>Dinh, Tam</i>              | <i>McAlpin, Liam</i>       | <i>Wallace, Clayton</i>     |
| <i>Donnell, Hannah</i>        | <i>Martin, Sydnee</i>      | <i>Witham, Briana</i>       |
| <i>Ernst, Demi</i>            | <i>Massey, Natalie</i>     | <i>Ybarra, Draven</i>       |
| <i>Fancher, David</i>         | <i>McClellan, Mattie</i>   | <i>Zarn, Braden</i>         |
| <i>Fisher, Katie</i>          | <i>McCormick, Jennifer</i> | <i>Zhang, Yuchong</i>       |

# 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](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**

## 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](https://bit.ly.com/teacher_excellence)

*Let your Light Shine*

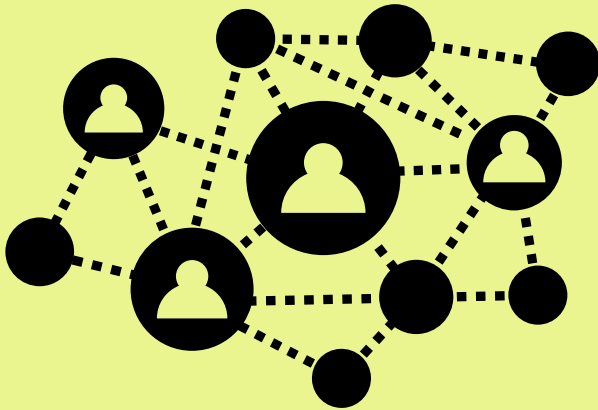
REMINDER



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

Thank you! 😊

## STAY CONNECTED



We know the RCTE is AMAZING, but we also want to make sure you're staying connected to other important resources! Here are some fun events going on around campus during November:

**COED COURT VOLLEYBALL Fitness Center, Court 2 (Tahlequah)**  
Nov. 14, 3:00-7:00pm

**UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT**  
**Center for the Performing Arts (Tahlequah)**  
Nov. 22, 7:00-9:00pm

**ESPORTS TOURNAMENT**  
**RiverHawk Esports Lounge (Tahlequah)**  
Nov. 26, 3:00-7:00pm

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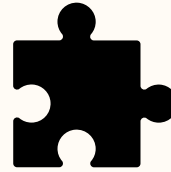
## Businesses & Organizations:

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, 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

# 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! The BA center is in BAED 243 & the TQ center is in Bagley Hall 120.

*November is*

# Native American Heritage Month

*We will have resources available in both centers throughout the month of November. Stay tuned to our Instagram for more info!*