

# 2016-2017 OKLAHOMA NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW

## Ms. Andrea Balay, Northern Oklahoma College



At NOC, I work in the tutor lab providing math support and offering encouragement to the discouraged. Being a witness to the victories that accompany a student's hard work and persistence is priceless! All of my tutoring experiences have helped me to grow in the knowledge and diversity that is needed to become a quality teacher. One of my favorite quotes

comes from Carlos Santana who said, "There is no greater reward than working from your heart, and making a difference in the world."

Volunteering has blessed me with seeing the difference it makes when someone reaches out to help.

Andrea Balay  
Math: Class of 2019  
written 2016

Andrea Balay, a Northern Oklahoma College sophomore mathematics major, shares her passion for learning with students of all ages. Andrea's involvement began in 2013 as a substitute teacher in Ringwood, Oklahoma, and continued as an AmeriCorps volunteer at the elementary school where she helped improve students' reading and math skills, assisting teachers, and conducting summer school for kindergarten-4th grade. Andrea continues offering tutoring services for grade school math, science and reading,

as well as tutoring high school students in algebra and trigonometry. Andrea tutors in the NOC math lab and works for the math division assisting NOC faculty members with math boot camp, a fast-track remedial course. Since 2014, Andrea has compiled over 100 hours of free tutoring by volunteering two days per week at the Community Development Support Association in Enid. At CDSA, Andrea tutors math and physics to low-income, unemployed students enrolled in the Youth-Build program. This busy mother of four

still finds time to support and encourage student success in multiple areas. Andrea provides 24-hour a day math support to NOC students as well as coordinates on- and off-campus study groups. In addition, Andrea is an active volunteer at her church and in her community.

Dr. Cheryl Evans  
President  
Northern Oklahoma College

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## Ms. Molly Danielson, Oklahoma State University

Since I was a child, I have desired to contribute something bigger than myself; since coming to college, I have realized the realistic possibility of doing so. Getting involved in the Service Learning Volunteer Center and Residence Hall Association my freshman year has produced opportunities to grow as an individual and have an influence on other students. Through the Service Learning Volunteer Center, I have logged over 110 service hours. I have participated in both community-wide and individual projects. I have a passion to fight for, provide for, and love those who cannot do so themselves and hope to spark the same mindset to others. Through my position in the Residence Hall Association, I have the ability to promote the success of students on campus; whether that is related to academic, social, or leadership skills. I

work specifically with channeling the residents' voice and concern through RHA and the Oklahoma State Administration. I have a passion to present everyone with opportunities to succeed. As a business management student, I have served as a peer mentor through the Spears Business School. My goal is to inspire freshman business students to dream big and reassure them in their ability to accomplish their goals. My own goal is to become a top-level manager or executive in the business world. These positions are currently disproportionately held by men, and I hope to set an example for other young women to not settle for stereotypes or statistics. I have a passion to empower others to reach their potential. I would be honored to be named a Newman Civic Fellow and the award would invigorate my determination



to follow in the footsteps of great leaders, such as Frank Newman, and leave my own impact on the world.

Molly Danielson  
Business Management: Class of 2018  
written 2016

Molly Danielson is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in Business Management with an option in Sustainability. She currently holds a grade point average of 4.0 and was included on the Presi-

dent's Honor Roll for the Fall 2016 semester. Molly is a leader among her peers in both the Residence Halls Association and the Service Learning Volunteer Center. She is passionate about equality among all races, eth-

nicities and genders and strives to empower others to contribute something to society that is greater than themselves.

Mr. V. Burns Hargis

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## Ms. Anna Hollingshead, Oklahoma Baptist University

My parents instilled, by example, loving and serving others passionately. This passion has directed me to dedicate my life ministering to the medical needs of others. Serving has never been a chore or inconvenience. It gives me a sense of purpose helping others accomplish their dreams and goals and giving them hope. I have been able to minister to the homeless community as well as the elderly in nursing homes playing piano for them. Additionally, I have worked with Operation Christmas Child making and organizing Christmas

boxes for orphans and the impoverished around the world. The most impactful service was at BeLoved Atlanta helping women escape from the sex trafficking industry. The desire to serve others has transcended into my summer plans as I prepare to go to Indonesia to work in a local hospital and minister to the poor.

Anna Hollingshead  
Nursing: Class of 2018  
written 2016



Anna Hollingshead, a second year student at Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU), is a leader in serving people in need. Specifically, her work with the BeLoved Ministry in Atlanta highlights her desire to assist women caught up in sex-trafficking. She worked tirelessly in coordinating a food drive for these women. She helped lead efforts to prepare a house for the rescued women, including repairs, cleaning, and obtaining furniture. Anna is a proven leader as demon-

strated in her service, her church, and her sport. Her enthusiasm is contagious and inspiring. She possesses the knowledge, skills and disposition to generate change in a broken world.

Dr. David W Whitlock  
President  
Oklahoma Baptist University

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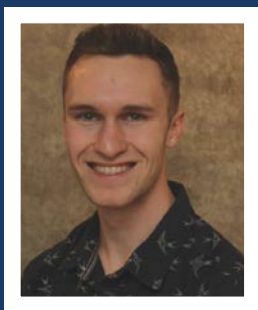
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## Mr. Jordan Evans, Northwestern Oklahoma State University



My passion for service stems from the City of Alva and the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus. The people of this community have adopted

me in and have provided so much to me and my education; giving back is the best way I can repay them. I have worked to become involved in many different aspects of the university and community. My service as the treasurer of the Student Government Association has allowed me to assist in organizing and executing event for student body at the university. Volunteering at the local elementary schools as a tutor and mentor allows me to leave a positive impression on the next generation of this community. Civic engagement has connected me with this small city. Seeing the impact that I make on those

around me has been the greatest pleasure of my college experience. I continue to gain experience on how to better my community through the Leadership Northwestern class, taught by the university's senior administrators. I look forward to continuing my life of civic engagement into the Peace Corps and someday running for public office.

Jordan Evans  
History: Class of 2016  
written 2016

Jordan Evans, a senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, is a very positive influence on campus. He holds an office in the Student Government Association and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Jordan is captain of the men's cross country team

and was named as Academic All-Conference for the Great American Conference. He served as an intern for State Senator Bryce Marlatt and was selected to Attorney General Scott Pruitt's Student Leadership Council. After he graduates, he plans to continue his education

and public service work. Jordan is an individual who not only exhibits leadership, but seeks out opportunities to serve.

Dr. Janet L Cunningham  
President  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

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## Ms. Katelyn Gamble, Rogers State University

Katelyn's commitment to community service and social change began before her arrival at RSU. In the name of helping the less fortunate, she volunteered at a regional food bank, and served in a community outreach program that provided free school supplies, wellness checks, haircuts, and physicals. Through her high school, she volunteered for fundraisers to support local non-profits.

A root cause of many societal difficulties is lack of educational achievement, and Katelyn strives to help her peers be more successful. Since arriving at RSU, Katelyn has volunteered as a tutor for fellow student-athletes and through the Math & Science tutoring lab.

In addition to fostering educational attainment among her peers, Katelyn has invested in the lives and well-being of children and youth. She has volunteered at Rogers County Youth Services which provides care and shelter for kids who have been taken out of their homes due to abuse or neglect. Katelyn has helped lead free softball clinics to help develop the skills and self-confidence of aspiring girls. She has shared with children at Claremont Elementary School about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy, and has also volunteered for a campus art education event entitled Art on the Hill.

Dr. Larry Rice  
President  
Rogers State University

I've always had a passion for helping others in and outside of my community. That same passion followed me to college in the form of tutoring. I believe that education is the backbone and the key to success in our society, therefore I value a great education. To help improve the education of my peers, I became a volunteer tutor for the athletic department. Being a student athlete myself, I know how challenging it is to maintain successful grades during the season. My goal as a tutor is to help improve the educational success of my peers while also encouraging them to think positively about education and their academic careers. I have been able to use the skills that I've acquired from high school and my first semester in college to help improve the academic experience of my peers. I have served as a tutor in the Math & Tutoring Center and currently in the Athletic Department at RSU. I hope to continue to assist students

in their journey towards success academically and in their careers while also using the leadership and communication skills that I have gained for the rest of my time in college and throughout my career.

Katelyn Gamble  
Business Administration  
Class of 2019  
written 2016



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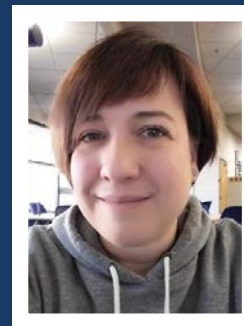
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**Ms. Andrea Haddox, Tulsa Community College**

As the President of the Alpha Zeta Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), I have been able to use our Honors in Action project as a platform for addressing the issue of food deserts in Tulsa. The student advisor for PTK and I decided that our recent entry in a sustainability innovation contest would transfer well into a local campus-based project on the food desert issues that affects many students here at TCC. The methodology for the research was to conduct focus groups with our student body, compile this information for data collection, and then analyze the data. As a result of this research, we came

up with many possible solutions to helping those in food deserts in the Tulsa area including mobile grocery stores, reduced cost or free farmer's markets, and community gardens. More than that, though, I feel that we inspired individuals to take action in their own communities as their unique problem-solving abilities are typically the kind of changes that will ultimately be sustainable. I have spoken at numerous events at TCC and in the community regarding this subject including a recent Sustainability Conference in February and hope to continue doing so in the future.



Andrea Haddox  
Social Work: Class of 2016  
written 2016

Andrea Haddox's values, vision and personal mission make her an excellent candidate to receive the Newman Civic Fellow award. Andrea is passionate about the social issue of food deserts in the Tulsa community, and she is committed to finding solutions. At Tulsa Community College, she conducted research on the food deserts that exist in several large areas of Tulsa County. She successfully led a team of students to undertake research and coordinated campus-based focus

groups, recruited students for each group, and assisted in analyzing data. Andrea presented her research project's outcome at TCC's Second Annual Sustainability Conference in February of this year, and posed the question of "what's next" in tackling this problem. She encouraged students at the conference to think creatively about what they could contribute individually and collectively to the cause. She has inspired other students to act as she launches a follow-up project that

focuses on developing models for addressing the food deserts in Tulsa. Andrea is committed to finding solutions to complex social issues, and I commend the exemplary contributions she has and will continue to make. TCC is proud and honored to have Andrea Haddox represent the college as our 2016 Newman Civic Fellow.

Dr. Leigh B. Goodson PhD  
President and CEO  
Tulsa Community College

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## Ms. Lindsey Johnson, Rose State College

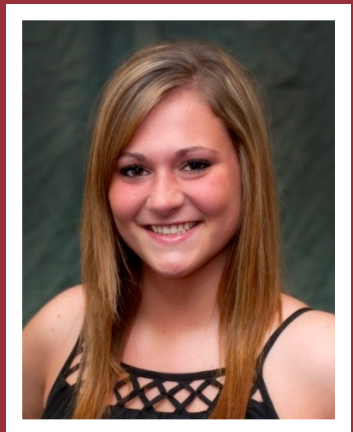
Lindsey Johnson, a second year student at Rose State College, is a member of the President's Leadership Class, student senator, and President of T.E.A.C.H. Club. Lindsey is passionate about children's education and providing opportunities to underprivileged students. Lindsey's dedication, hard work, resilience and determination set her apart from her peers. In the past year, Lindsey has orchestrated several projects serving underprivileged elementary age children in the community. Additionally, she has already shown remarkable ability to network with other students and the community as demonstrated by her efforts in both the Rumble into Reading event and backpack project. Not only is she a leader who finds strength in servanthood, she also has immense potential to enact and inspire change. As a community college student, Lindsey has fully embraced the vision and values of Rose State College to become an educated citizen and give back to the community. Because Lindsey has a heart for students, she believes the power of education can improve their quality of life. This conviction is her driving force to continue her education and work toward a Master's degree in Special Education.

Dr. Jeanie S. Webb  
President  
Rose State College

I am a pre-education major with a passion for teaching and impacting the lives of young children. As a recipient of the President's Leadership Scholarship, an active member in Student Senate, and President of the T.E.A.C.H. Club, I have been provided with many opportunities to change the lives of elementary students in our community. Through T.E.A.C.H. Club I was able to run a book drive for the students at Willow Brook Elementary, as well as a school supply drive that provided 245 students with brand new backpacks and school supplies to start the 2015-2016 school years. Being a member of Student Senate presented me with the opportunity to chair an event that allowed the first graders at Rose State's adopted elementary schools, Telstar and Willow Brook, to venture out from their everyday routine. The students were given the chance to do crafts, meet Rumble the Bison, and select a

book from the Rolling Thunder Book Bus. Each event has taught me the importance of community involvement in the lives of underprivileged children. I am thankful for the opportunities I have been provided and plan to continue my community involvement after college.

Lindsey Johnson  
Pre-Education: Class of May 2016  
written 2016



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## Ms. Emma Leffler, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

As a second-year student pharmacist at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, I aspire to promote self-empowerment,



optimism, and healthy lifestyles in my peers and the people of western Oklahoma. As a second term president of the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Leadership Co-Ed Fraternity, I strive to foster a strong sense of brotherhood and positivity among members. I provide leadership and personal development opportunities via organizing and encouraging participation in interactive workshops, service events (such as the Glow 5K), and regional meetings. As a PhA-ASP chair for both Operation Heart and Operation Over-the-Counter Medication Safety, I provided numerous clinical skills opportunities for my pharmacy peers - in turn, they educate the public about these important

health topics. As a member of the Collegiate Activities Board, I am active in celebratory diversity events. In the summer, I contribute to the empowerment of 8th grade girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) as a camp counselor for Tech Trek at SWOSU. Overall, I strive to lead by example, valuing the importance of self-worth and confidence, and a belief that people should be encouraged to pursue their goals.

Emma Leffler  
Pharmacy: Class of 2018  
written 2016

Emma Leffler, a Pharmacy major at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, exhibits the leadership qualities worthy of the Newman Civic Fellow Award. Emma has served as president of the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Leadership Fraternity and the American Pharmacists'

Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Operation Heart and Over-the-Counter Medication Safety chairs. She was also instrumental in creating a western Oklahoma "glow" run to benefit the American Cancer Society, further evidence of her outgoing nature and

leadership qualities. It is without hesitation that I wholeheartedly endorse her for this award.

Dr. Randy L. Beutler JD  
University President  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

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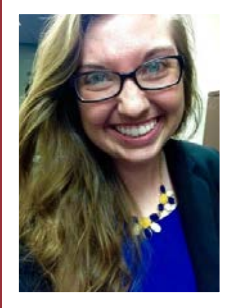


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## Ms. Katie Richard, University of Central Oklahoma



I enjoy being an encouragement to others wherever they are in life. I serve as a sponsor for seventh-twelfth grade students at Community Church and love my service there. In my university community, I serve in multiple executive positions in student organizations which encourage involvement for incoming freshmen/transfer students.

Financial support is a key ingredient in the success of non-profit organizations, but relational support is mutually motivating for both the giver and receiver. The child I sponsor, a 13 year old boy, and I have a true friendship. My commitment to his education and his life is long lasting.

My love for community and global engagement go hand-in-hand. I've had the opportunity to visit 27 states and work at Mañana Gloriosa in San Raymundo, Guatemala (2007, 2009, 2011, 2014) advancing education. I will journey overseas to Saint Monica Girls School in Uganda in May to build a library.

While the aforementioned passions drive me today, my passion to eliminate human-trafficking drives my career goal to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and inspires me to travel the world encouraging children to continue their education in order to escape the cycle of poverty.

Katie Richard  
Forensic Science and Accounting: Class of 2017  
written 2016

Katie Richard embodies the University of Central Oklahoma's core values of community, character and civility. She demonstrates a tangible commitment to improving the lives of others through hands-on service completed in the local community, her academic community and in domestic and international service settings. She has traveled to Guatemala four times since 2007 to build a relationship with a school and specifically a student and his family who are attendees

at the school. Her personal and financial investments in the community in Guatemala are sure to pay off for years to come as her sponsorship has allowed a young man to have access to an education that would have otherwise been out of reach. In addition to her service experiences, Katie has a professional goal of leading efforts and developing systems to comprehensively eradicate human trafficking. Such a bold and audacious goal may seem out of reach for

most, but Katie's vision seems plausible given her passion, commitment, and capabilities. The University of Central Oklahoma is not only proud of what Katie has accomplished to date but also we are proud of the future that Katie is mapping out one experience at a time.

Dr. Don Betz  
President  
University of Central Oklahoma

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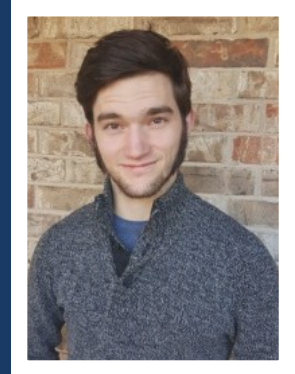
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**Mr. Aron Smith, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology**

I believe that throughout my life I have been selected and groomed as a civic minded leader through numerous opportunities. This has turned me into a service-minded individual who loves to volunteer, and accomplish things that make the community a better place for all. I believe that, through education and development of our youth (and younger generations) we can build a better future. This means that we must work together as a community to better our own

environment and take care of others. I am always on the track to help guide individuals to the path of higher education so that our future may be bigger, better, and brighter.

Aron Smith  
Information Technology Security  
Class of 2017  
written 2016



On behalf of OSU Institute of Technology, it is my great pleasure to nominate Mr. Aron Smith for the Newman Civic Fellows Award. Aron volunteered countless hours in Oklahoma organizations, including the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium. In addition to this service, he works with the Regional Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, served in the Oklahoma Student Government Association, and founded a stress relief program for students. Aron is involved in the student government as a participant and mentor. He has served on

the Student Conduct Board and is a member of Phi Theta kappa. In these organizations, he continues his work to help his fellow students be responsible citizens.

He is guided through his belief that "through education and development of our youth (and younger generations), we can build a better future." He plans to continue to help guide individuals to the path of higher education so that our future may be bigger, better, and brighter. He is dedicated to impacting society on a

local, state, and national level. Through his work with the mentioned programs and his willingness to help out classmates, Mr. Smith is a true representative of OSUIT and the spirit of a global technical education.

Dr. Bill Path, President  
Oklahoma State University Institute of  
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2016 OkCC Newman Civic Fellows recognized at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on April 21, 2016. Seated, front row: Katelyn Gamble (RSU), Andrea Haddox (TCC), Lindsey Johnson (RSC). Standing, back row: Molly Danielson (OSU), Anna Hollingshead (OBU), Emma Leffler (SWOSU), Katie Richard (UCO), Jordan Evans (NWOSU), Aron Smith (OSUIT). Not shown: Andrea Balay (NOC).