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Crossroads showcases NSU diversity

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(Tahlequah, OK) --Area high school students will soon have an opportunity to see first-hand the diversity on the Tahlequah campus of Northeastern State University.

"Crossroads is a recruitment program designed to target multicultural students within Oklahoma high schools," said DeJon Jordan, NSU senior and Crossroads student coordinator.

Previous Crossroads were held during the fall. By changing the date, the recruiting program hopes to catch the attention of students while they college-shop.

"This will be the third Crossroads, but the first one to be held in the spring semester," Jordan said.

High school juniors and seniors from Catoosa, Pawhuska, Locust Grove, Westville and Tahlequah will arrive at NSU at 9:30 a.m. on March 10. The students – numbering almost 200 – will meet and greet faculty, staff and student volunteers and be extended a special welcome by Laura Boren, NSU dean of Student Affairs. After lunch the visiting students will tour the campus in groups.

"While some groups are getting the overall tour, the others will be dividing up further and going to the college of their choice where faculty will be waiting to welcome them," Jordan said.

The program is intended to increase enrollment and enhance the diversity of incoming freshman classes, Jordan said.

"Stressing the diversity at NSU is important because of the history of this institution and its relationship with the communities of Oklahoma," Jordan said. "It is important to reach out to a broad student population because diversity is important to the university atmosphere. The university is a reflection of the world at large, where diversity among people is a binding element of our culture."

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