



OKLAHOMA
Commission on the
Status of Women

Oklahoma Women's Hall Of Fame



Friday, April 28, 2023

Reception 5:30 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Omni Hotel and Resort

100 Oklahoma City Boulevard

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109





OKLAHOMA Commission on the Status of Women

Our Mission

The Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on ways to strengthen, empower and improve the quality of life and economic opportunities for women.

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Program

Opening Reception

Welcome:	Emmalee Barresi, <i>Event Co-chair</i>
Presentation of Colors:	Honoring America's Heroes
Invocation:	Dr. Delores Runnels
National Anthem:	Carol Hefner, <i>Vice Chair and Event Co-chair</i>
Pledge of Allegiance:	Rita Aragon, Major General (retired) USAF
Special Recognitions:	Carol Hefner, <i>Vice Chair and Event Co-chair</i>
History and Vision of the OCSW :	Brenda Jones Barwick, <i>OCSW Chair</i>

~ Dinner ~

Petite Leaves
Beef Short Rib
Grilled Asparagus
Potato Gratin
Cheesecake with Blackberry Basil Jam
Assorted Rolls
Iced Tea and Coffee



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Presentation of Awards and OWHOF Induction Ceremony

2023 Oklahoma Kate Barnard Award Honoree

Beginning in 1998, the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women created the Kate Barnard Award to continue recognition and appreciation of the women who have made a difference in Oklahoma by becoming public servants. These women are elected or appointed salaried public officials in Oklahoma.



President Lana Reynolds

Nominated by Dr. Nyla Khan

Lana Reynolds is President of Seminole State College and has worked in Oklahoma Higher Education for over 30 years. She assumed the role as the institution's first female President on July 1, 2017. She is a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Council of Presidents and serves as Chair-Elect of that Council. She is a past Chair of the Council of Two-Year College Presidents. Reynolds hosted the first "Not Me - Stop Human Trafficking" Community Conversation at Seminole State College to educate college and high school students on recognizing the early signs of human trafficking.

Kate Barnard Award Honorees

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| 2022 | The Honorable Cindy Truong, Oklahoma County District Judge
The Honorable Blayne Arthur, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture |
| 2019 | The Honorable Leslie Osborn, Oklahoma State Commissioner of Labor |
| 2018 | The Honorable Melissa McLawhorn, Oklahoma State Commissioner of Labor |
| 2017 | The Honorable Linda Capps, Vice Chair of the Citizen Potawatomi
The Honorable Willa Johnson, Oklahoma County Commissioner, District One |
| 2016 | The Honorable Chief Glenna Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
The Honorable Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor of Norman |
| 2015 | The Honorable Lee Denney, Oklahoma State House of Representative
Janet Cunningham, President, Northwestern Oklahoma State University |
| 2014 | The Honorable Terri White, Commissioner, Oklahoma State Department of Mental
Health and Substance Abuse Services |
| 2013 | The Honorable Pam Peterson, Oklahoma State House of Representatives |

Kate Barnard Award Honorees Continued

2011	The Honorable Norma Noble, Deputy Secretary of Commerce The Honorable Patrice Douglas, Mayor of Edmond
2012	The Honorable Lisa Billy, Oklahoma State House of Representatives Natalie Shirley, President, OSU-Oklahoma City
2010	The Honorable Sandy Garrett, Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction
2009	The Honorable April Sellers White, Associate District Judge of Creek County
2008	The Honorable Kim Holland, Oklahoma State Insurance Commissioner
2007	The Honorable Mary Fallin, Oklahoma Congresswoman, 5th District The Honorable Jari Askins, Oklahoma State Lieutenant Governor
2006	The Honorable Angela Monson, Oklahoma State House of Representatives
2005	The Honorable Penny Williams, Oklahoma State Senator
1999	The Honorable Vicki Miles-LaGrange, U.S. Western District Court of Oklahoma Judge

2023 Guardian Award Honorees

Created in 2010, the Guardian Award recognizes Oklahoma legislative, executive, and judicial officials who have made significant contributions to guarding, protecting, and preserving the rights of women and families.



Representative Cyndi Munson

Selected by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

Elected in 2015 and re-elected in 2016 to House District 85, Representative Munson, is the first AsianAmerican woman elected to the Oklahoma Legislature. Munson has concentrated on legislative efforts to provide equal pay for equal work, strengthen the rights of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, assist Oklahoma men and women veterans, and help Oklahomans who suffer from Alzheimer's and dementia health issues. Representative Munson has been a strong voice for equal pay and domestic violence survivor rights.



Senator Roger Thompson

Selected by the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

Senator Thompson was first elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 2014. He represents Senate District 8, which includes Okmulgee and McIntosh counties, as well as portions of Okfuskee and Muskogee counties. Currently he is serving his second term as Chairman of Appropriations, where under his leadership, the committee was able to make historic investments in core government services, including Oklahoma schools. In 2022, the committee approved appropriations for the Commission's "Not Me - Stop Human Trafficking" Initiative, the first official statewide effort to educate Oklahoma students and educators at high schools, universities, colleges and career and technology centers on how to recognize the early signs of human trafficking,

Guardian Award Honorees

- 2022** The Honorable Daniel Pae, Representative, District 6
The Honorable Darrell Weaver, Senator, District 24
- 2017** The Honorable Kay Floyd, Oklahoma State Senator, District 42
- 2016** The Honorable Jason Dunnington, Oklahoma House of Representative, District 88
The Honorable Jason Nelson, Oklahoma State House of Representatives, District 87
- 2015** The Honorable AJ Griffin, Oklahoma State Senator, District 20
- 2014** The Honorable David Holt, Oklahoma State Senator, District 30
- 2013** The Honorable Dan Kirby, Oklahoma State House of Representative, District 75
- 2012** The Honorable Kris Steele, Oklahoma State House of Representatives Speaker, District 26
The Honorable Pam Peterson, Oklahoma State House of Representative, District 67
- 2009** The Honorable Ron Peters, Oklahoma State House of Representatives, District 70

2023 Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame Induction Presentation:

Inductees

Mo Anderson
Pat Fennell
Kim Garrett Funk
Ann Felton Gilliland
Donna Grabow
Cathy Keating
Freddie Harper Williams (*posthumously*)

Nominators

Meg Salyer
Estela Hernandez
Tricia Everest
Terry Neese
Ollie Starr
Jane Jayroe Gamble
Jana Lewis Harkins



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Mo Anderson

Her integrity and unending drive are touchstones that have made Mo Anderson, President, and CEO of Keller Williams, one of the most sought-after business leaders in the world. Her local community, charitable organizations, and ministries have been richly blessed by her belief that a higher purpose of business is to give, care, and share. Her recent contributions to the Oklahoma Women's Health Center at Mercy will provide additional rooms for labor and delivery and postpartum services, increasing the capacity for deliveries by 40%.



Pat Fennell

As Founder & Former CEO of the Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA) in Oklahoma City, Fennell has impacted the lives of countless Oklahomans. It began when the United Way saw the need to create an agency to serve the needs of the growing Hispanic population in Oklahoma. Under her leadership, she grew the agency to include 23 programs for the community and an annual budget of close to \$3 million. Among the programs are high quality Pre-K, assistance to women and families experiencing domestic violence with youth programs and health services.



Kim Garrett Funk

Recognizing the need to create a systemic change for services of victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse, bullying and stalking, Funk created Palomar in 2016 through an extensive strategic planning process, bringing together 47 federal, state, county, city and non-profit service agencies. DHS reported prior to Palomar that 90 percent of domestic violence cases led to children being placed in state care to determine the safe parent and after two years of working inside Palomar, the number dropped below 10 percent.



Ann Felton Gilliland

In 2002, Gilliland became Chairman and CEO of Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit ecumenical Christian ministry which provides affordable housing to limited-income families. After 35 years of empowering limited-income families to build brighter futures through affordable homeownership, the fruits of the organization's labor are visible in 18 communities, Habitat volunteers, staff and families have built more than 1,074 homes. Homeowners make their mortgage payments directly to Habitat, and those payments are then recycled to help build more homes for families in need.



Donna Grabow

Lifelong advocate for women, individuals, and families, Grabow inspires through action, and her values include inspiration and determination. Forever the entrepreneur and teacher, in 1990 she opened Safenet Services, a state-of-the-art facility with 35 beds and space for counselors, advocates and visitation that serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Her drive to seek resources has provided services for over 4,000 Oklahomans. Safenet serves women in both Rogers and Mayes counties.



Cathy Keating

A fourth-generation Oklahoman, Keating has focused much of her life in the non-profit community. While serving as First Lady of Oklahoma, she conceived and implemented a ground management program for female inmates to learn a marketable job skill. She is a source of strength for Oklahoma and has a spirit of commitment in being involved with organizations providing social growth and education towards shaping the lives of women, girls, and families in Oklahoma.



Representative Freddye Harper Williams

(Posthumous)

Elected in 1980 to the Oklahoma House of Representatives for District 99, Representative Williams served the people of greater Oklahoma City for five terms. Her most notable legislative accomplishment as author was passage of the state law that granted every Oklahoma woman over the age of 35 the opportunity for no-cost, annual mammogram screening. She also authored a bill allowing women to be recognized as 'head of household' in Oklahoma.



Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame Inductees

The 2023 inductees will add to the current 134 women who have been inducted into the OWHOF since 1983, after being established in 1982 by then Gov. George Nigh.

- 2022: Sue Ann Arnall, Carleen Burger, Janice Dobbs, Wanda Jackson, Dr. Roseline Nsikak, Dr. Kayse Shrum, Betty McElderry (*Posthumous*) Anna Belle Wiedemann
- 2019: Noma Gurich, Judy Love, Ollie Starr, Helen Freudenberger Holmes, (*Posthumous*)
- 2018: Dr. Susan Chambers, Jane Jayroe Gamble, Joan Gilmore, Willa Johnson, Kay Rhoads
- 2017: Linda Cavanaugh, Glenda Love, Pat Potts, Meg Salyer, Rhonda Walters, Edith Kinney Gaylord (*Posthumous*)
- 2015: LaDonna Harris, Mary Mélon, Dr. Marion Paden, Thelma Reese Parks, Patty Roloff, Avis Scaramucci, Dr. Ramona Paul (*Posthumous*)
- 2013: Ida Blackburn, Elaine Dodd, Linda Haneborg, Lou Kerr, Nancy Miller, Terri Watkin
- 2011: Dr. Laura Boyd, Chloe L. Brown, Joy D. Culbreath, Marcia J. Mitchell, Ardina R. Moore, Dr. Cynthia S. Ross, Kathryn L. Taylor, Helen Harrod -Thompson
- 2009: Rita Aragon, Suzanne Edmondson, Edna Miller- Hennessee, Kim Henry, Mirabeau Lamar Cole Looney, Susan Savage, Carolyn Whitener
- 2007: Sherri Coale, Ginny Creveling, Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, Maxine Horner, Dr. Kay Martin, Terry Neese, Claudia Tarrington, Dr. Carolyn Taylor, Della Warrior
- 2005: Wanda L. Bass, Nancy L. Coats, Mary Fallin, Amelia Elizabeth Bessie Simison- McColgin, Jeanine Rhea, Stephanie Kulp- Seymour, Esther Houser, Vicki Miles-LaGrange, Linda Morrissey, Lynn Schusterman, Donna Shirley
- 2001: Jari Askins, Shirley Bellmon, Dorothy Moses DeWitty, Sandy Garrett, Lynn Jones, Yvonne Kauger, Jill Zink Tarbel, Dana Tiger
- 1997: Isabel Keith Baker, Jessie Thatcher Bost, Norma Eagleton, Dr. Kay Goebel, Ruth Hardman, Beverly Horse, Mazola McKerson, Penny Baldwin Williams
- 1996: Betty Boyd, Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, Lela Foreman, Sandy Ingraham, Lorena Males, Bernice Shedrick, Valree Fletcher Wynn
- 1995: Nancy Goodman Feldman, Barbara J. Gardner, Ruth Blalock Jones, Mona Salyer Lambird, Gloria Grace Langdon, Bernice Compton Mitchell, Donna Nigh
- 1993: Marie Cox, Anita Faye Hill, Moscelyne Larkin, Jackie Longacre, Shannon Lucid, Clara Luper, Opaline Deveraux Wadkins, Pat Woodrum
- 1986: Sara Ruth Cohen, Vinita Cravens, Rubye Hibler Hall, Elizabeth Ann McCurdy Holmes, Grace Elizabeth Hudlin, Wilma P. Mankiller, Edna Mae Phelps, Evelyn La Rue Pittman
- 1985: Mae Boren Axton, June Tompkins Benson, Pam Olson, Betty Durham Price, Bertha Frank Teague
- 1984: Angie Debo, Jeane Duane Kirkpatrick, Jewell Russell Mann, Zella J. Patterson
- 1983: Zelia N. Breaux, Kate Frank, Leona Mitchell, Jean Pitts, Juanita Kidd Stout, Alma Wilson
- 1982: Hannah Diggs-Atkins, Kate Barnard, June Brooks, Gloria Stewart Farley, Aloysius Larch-Miller, Susie Peters, Christine Salmon, Edyth Thomas Wallace

Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women Lifetime Achievement Award

The Commission's Lifetime Achievement Award was created to recognize Commissioners or former Commissioners who have done exceptional work promoting the mission and vision of the Commission.



Lou Kerr

As an active community and philanthropic leader in Oklahoma and across the country, Lou Kerr is president and chair of The Kerr Foundation, Inc. She founded the Annual Women's Business Leadership Conference with Oklahoma State University that celebrated its 30th year in bringing strong, forward-thinking women to speak to Oklahoma women. Kerr has been a member of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women for many years, serving as a Commissioner and an Advisory Council member. In 2013, she was inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.

Former Lifetime Achievement Award Honorees

2019 Adeline Yerkes, Oklahoma City
2017 Bernice Mitchell, Stillwater

Closing Song – *Oklahoma!*

Led by Commissioner Marci Bond



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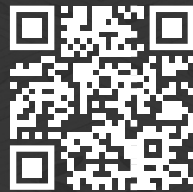
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