OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame recognizes current and former residents, living or deceased, who have performed outstanding service to humanity, to the State of Oklahoma, and to the United States or an individual who is not a resident of Oklahoma but whose work has brought honor or distinction to the heritage of the state.

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame was established in 1927 and the first class of inductees was honored in 1928. As of November 2005, 138 women have been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame representing nearly 23 percent of the 604 total inductees. The largest number of women were inducted during the 1930s when 43 of the 148 (or 29 percent) of the inductees were women. With the exception of the 1970s when 23 percent of the inductees were women, the percentage of women by decade has been between 18-19 percent since the 1960s. Women have become a higher percentage of the work force and their professional contributions have increased, but their representation in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame does not reflect their growing influence in all aspects of life.

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Elizabeth Fulton Hester
Inducted 1928
Muskogee
Civic leader; teacher in Chickasaw and Choctaw schools; nurse for the Confederate Army

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Alice Mary Robertson
Inducted 1929
Muskogee
Second woman to sit in the U.S. House of Representatives; first to represent Oklahoma

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Alice Brown Davis
Inducted 1930
Wewoka
Appointed by President Harding as first woman chief of the Seminole Tribe

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Annette Ross Hume
Inducted 1930
Anadarko
Civic leader active in Presbyterian missionary work and genealogical research

Laura Abigail Clubb
Inducted 1931
Kaw City
Philanthropist and well-known art collector

Madaline Conklin
Inducted 1933
Oklahoma City
Youngest person elected Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star; appointed superintendent of the State Industrial School for Girls under Governor Robert Williams
Eva Shartel Ferguson  
Inducted 1933  
Kingfisher  
Publisher of the *Watonga Republican* newspaper; a First Lady of the Oklahoma Territory

Mrs. Bella Gibbons  
Inducted 1933  
Goodland  
Educator with almost 40 years of continuous service at Goodland Indian orphanage in Choctaw County

Una Lee Roberts  
Inducted 1933  
Oklahoma City  
Civic leader and assistant to Oklahoma Secretary of State R. A. Sneed
Angie Russell
Inducted 1933
Oklahoma City
First matron of the State Industrial School in Pauls Valley; founder of the State Industrial School for Girls in Oklahoma City

Maude Richman Calvert
Inducted 1934
Oklahoma City
Educator; State Supervisor for Home Economics; textbook author; and editor of Oklahoma Parent-Teacher magazine

Emma Hartsell Estill Harbour, Ph.D.
Inducted 1934
Edmond
Professor and chairman of the Social Studies Division at Central State University (now University of Central Oklahoma); state president of the American Association of University Women
Francis F. Threadgill
Inducted 1934
Oklahoma City
Civic leader and president of the Oklahoma Territorial and State Federation of Women's Clubs

Clara C. Waters
Inducted 1934
Pawnee
Warden of the Granite Reformatory for Boys; local and state political activist

Czarina Colbert Conlan
Inducted 1935
Oklahoma City
Cultural and civic leader of Choctaw descent; Served on the Oklahoma Historical Society staff for more than 20 years.
**Etta Dale**  
Inducted 1935  
El Reno  
Educator who taught in the El Reno Schools for fifty years

**Edith Johnson**  
Inducted 1935  
Oklahoma City  
Journalist who wrote for the *Daily Oklahoman* for forty years; civic leader

**Roberta Campbell Lawson**  
Inducted 1935  
Nowata  
Civic and cultural leader who served as the President of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs; popular interpreter of songs of the Delaware tribe
Ida M. McFarlin
Inducted 1935
Tulsa
Philanthropist best known for gifts to churches and the University of Tulsa

Jennie Harris Oliver
Inducted 1935
Fallis
Poet Laureate of Oklahoma and creator of the “Mokey Delano” series popularized in film by Metro Goldwyn Mayer

Winnie M. Sanger, M.D.
Inducted 1935
Oklahoma City
Physician and medical inspector in the public schools
Sister Mary Frances Troy  
Inducted 1935  
Oklahoma City  
Educator; missionary; Roman Catholic sister of Sisters of Mercy

Alice M. David  
Inducted 1936  
Oklahoma City  
Temperance educator and women's suffragist

Rachel Caroline Eaton, Ph.D.  
Inducted 1936  
Claremore  
Cherokee historian; author; educator; elected superintendent of Rogers County schools
Annette Blackburn Ehler
Inducted 1936
Hennessey
Civic leader; newspaper publisher; women’s suffragist; one of the first women elected mayor in Oklahoma

Mary Alice Sitton Miller
Inducted 1936
El Reno
Civic leader and active member of Eastern Star and the Women’s Christian Temperance Union

Mabel Bourne Bassett
Inducted 1937
Sapulpa
Social reformer and six-term elected Commissioner of Charities and Corrections

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Dorothea Bishop Dale
Inducted 1937
Oklahoma City
Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission (now Oklahoma Department of Libraries) from 1919-1950; president of the Oklahoma Library Association

Ida Ferguson
Inducted 1937
El Reno
Charter member of the Oklahoma State Nurses Association and active in all aspects of nursing

Lucia Loomis Ferguson
Inducted 1937
Tulsa
Author of “The Women's View,” a column that ran for more than thirty years with the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain; civic leader who helped organize Planned Parenthood in Tulsa
Lilah D. Lindsey
Inducted 1937
Tulsa
First Creek woman to earn a college degree; school teacher and administrator; civic leader

Margaret McVeans
Inducted 1937
Oklahoma City
One of the earliest women lawyers; her 1902 practice focused on title and corporate law

Jessie Elizabeth Randolph Moore
Inducted 1937
Wayne
Chickasaw Indian appointed Deputy Supreme Court Clerk in 1914 and admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1923; headed the Women’s Division of Emergency Relief in Oklahoma City during the 1930s
Minnie Shockley
Inducted 1937
Alva
Educator and administrator; Dean of Women at Northwestern Oklahoma State College from 1917-1941

Ida Belle Wright
Inducted 1937
Atoka
Educator; civic leader; organizer of the first club for women in the Choctaw Nation

Maimee Lee Robinson (Mrs. Virgil) Browne
Inducted 1938
Oklahoma City
Founder and first president of Planned Parenthood of Oklahoma City

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Carolyn Thomas Foreman
Inducted 1938
Muskogee
Indian and regional historian who, with her husband Grant Foreman, wrote over 20 books and numerous articles on Oklahoma history. Grant Foreman was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1934, making them the first husband and wife to be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Photo courtesy of Thomas Foreman Historic Home, Muskogee, OK

Abbie B. Hillerman
Inducted 1938
Tulsa
Temperance activist known as “the mother of prohibition” and credited with the clause in Oklahoma’s constitution that had it join the Union as a prohibition state.

Jane Gibson Phillips
Inducted 1938
Bartlesville
Philanthropist; civic leader; founder of the Jane Phillips Sorority.
Anna Luella Witteman
Inducted 1938
Oklahoma City
Community leader who worked with unwed mothers in Kansas and Oklahoma for more than 50 years

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Nancy Katherine “Nannie” Daniel Fite
Inducted 1939
Tahlequah
Woman suffragist; Democratic Party activist; and 1940 Democratic National Convention delegate

Lillie Gallup Haskell
Inducted 1939
Muskogee
The first First Lady of the state of Oklahoma and organizer of the Betsy Ross Association of Oklahoma, which made the first Oklahoma flag
Blanch W. Lucas
Inducted 1939
Ponca City
Woman suffragist; Democratic National Convention delegate; Ponca City postmaster

Meta Chestnutt Sager
Inducted 1939
Minco
Educator who established the first school in Silver City and a 21-room school in Minco, where she taught for 30 years

Kathryn Van Leuven
Inducted 1939
Oklahoma City
Probate lawyer and Assistant Attorney General of Oklahoma
Nannie Hutchens Cleveland
Inducted 1940
Darlington
First superintendent of the Cheyenne-Arapahoe government school in Darlington

Letitia P. Ledbetter
Inducted 1940
Ardmore
Civic leader known for her work in educational and club circles

Anna Lewis, Ph.D.
Inducted 1940
Chickasha
First woman to receive a Ph.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma; head of the history department at the Oklahoma College for Women
Alma Jessie Neill, Ph.D.
Inducted 1940
Norman
Professor of Physiology at the University of Oklahoma from 1920-1941

Lutie Hailey Walcott
Inducted 1940
Ardmore
Served as commissioner and secretary of the Pension Department under three Oklahoma governors; president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy

Muriel H. Wright
Inducted 1940
Lehigh
Oklahoma and Choctaw historian; author of twelve books

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Ella Lamb Classen  
Inducted 1941  
Oklahoma City  
Civic leader; land developer; philanthropist

Gladys Anderson Emerson, Ph.D.  
Inducted 1943  
El Reno  
Head of the nutritional sciences department at the University of California; head of the department of animal research at Merck Institute of Animal Research; national president of Iota Sigma Pi, a women’s honorary chemical society

Janie West Robertson Stewart  
Inducted 1943  
Muskogee  
Superintendent of the Oklahoma School for the Blind from 1925-1946
Frances Dinsmore Davis
Inducted 1946
Chickasha
Dean of Fine Arts at Oklahoma College for Women and drama educator

Yvonne Chouteau Terekhov
Inducted 1947
Norman
Native American ballerina who enjoyed an international performing career and built the dance program at the University of Oklahoma

Mattie Watts Kime
Inducted 1948
Enid
Skilled landscape artist who painted the scenes of north central Oklahoma

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Nina Kay Gore
Inducted 1949
Lawton
Wife of blind senator Thomas P. Gore whose skill in identifying people and arranging her household helped compensate for the senator’s handicap

Irene Bowers Sells
Inducted 1949
Oklahoma City
Society editor for 45 years for (successively) the Daily Oklahoman, the Oklahoma City Times, the Oklahoma News, and the Oklahoma City Advertiser

Angie E. Debo, Ph.D.
Inducted 1950
Marshall
Historian; author; and Native American activist who pioneered the field of ethno-history

See also Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State Library
Perle Skirvin Mesta
Inducted 1951
Oklahoma City
Civic leader; international hostess; and women's rights activist

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Pearle Sayre
Inducted 1953
Ardmore
Republican party leader and activist who served on the national executive committee of the Republican Party for 20 years

Nan Sheets
Inducted 1953
Oklahoma City
Painter; museum administrator; and the person most credited with establishing the Art Museum in Oklahoma City
Louise McMahan
Inducted 1954
Lawton
Music teacher; major collector of state archival treasures and historical artifacts

Maud Lorton Myers
Inducted 1954
Tulsa
Civic leader and founding patron of many cultural institutions including the Tulsa Philharmonic, Tulsa Opera, and Philbrook Art Center

Annetta A. Childs
Inducted 1955
Tulsa
Civic leader and philanthropist
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Nora Amaryllis Talbot
Inducted 1956
Stillwater
Dean of the School of Home Economics at Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma State University) for 27 years and early developer of home economics courses for men

Mary Thompson Te Ata Fisher
Inducted 1957
Tishomingo
Chickasaw Indian who gained national and international fame for her beautiful and artistic performance interpretations of Indian culture

Anna Terre Scruggs
Inducted 1957
Enid
Superintendent of the Enid State School (now the Northern Oklahoma Resource Center) and mental health administrator
Alice Lee Marriott  
Inducted 1958  
Oklahoma City  
Author of over twenty books on biography, ethnology, history, and folklore of Oklahoma; first woman selected to the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame (1973)

Lucile Rayburn Page (Mrs. Charles L. Page)  
Inducted 1958  
Sand Springs  
Humanitarian and civic leader who built the Sand Springs Home (for orphans) and the Widow’s Colony; established the industrial area that grew into Sand Springs

Della Duncan Brown  
Inducted 1959  
Oklahoma City  
President of two leading retail stores in Oklahoma City and Tulsa; civic and professional leader
Bess B. Truitt
Inducted 1959
Enid
Poet laureate of Oklahoma

Natalie Overall Warren
Inducted 1959
Tulsa
Civic leader who devoted herself to organizations serving less fortunate women and children

Ruth Wilson Hurley
Inducted 1960
Tulsa
Civic leader who made contributions to social service and arts organizations in Oklahoma, Washington DC, and New Mexico
Anna B. Korn
Inducted 1960
El Reno
Wrote the legislation establishing November 16 as Oklahoma Day; established the Oklahoma Memorial Association and Hall of Fame

Jennie Stucker Dahlgren
Inducted 1962
Oklahoma City
Served in the Secretary of State’s office under 13 governors eventually becoming Assistant Secretary of State

Carol Daube Sutton
Inducted 1963
Ardmore
Civic leader and local philanthropist
Merle Newby Buttram
Inducted 1964
Oklahoma City
Civic leader; violinist who established the string music program in the Oklahoma City public schools; Oklahoma Mother of the Year (1961)

Madame Ramon Vinay (Tessie Mobley)
Inducted 1964
Ardmore
Opera star of Chickasaw heritage known as “Lushanya” or the “sweet singing bird;” Selected to sing at the 1937 coronation of England’s King George VI

Mabelle Kennedy
Inducted 1965
Pawhuska
Public servant; banker; and rancher who served as National Democratic Chairwoman for Oklahoma and was appointed United States assistant treasurer by President Truman in 1951
Anita Bryant Green
Inducted 1966
Tulsa
Actress and U.S.O. entertainer who began her career as Miss Oklahoma (1958) and was first runner-up in the Miss America pageant in the same year.

Leta Mae McFarlin Chapman
Inducted 1967
Tulsa
Civic leader and philanthropist who, with her husband, J.A. Chapman, supported many medical and higher education institutions including the University of Tulsa McFarlin Library. She and her mother, Ida McFarlin (1935), became the first mother and daughter inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

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August I. Carson Metcalfe
Inducted 1968
Durham
Painter known as the “sagebrush artist” and the Grandma Moses of Oklahoma
Grace Steele Woodward
Inducted 1968
Tulsa
Professional writer whose work included The Cherokees (OU Press, 1963), which was required reading for many years in Oklahoma schools.

Mex Rodman Frates
Inducted 1969
Oklahoma City
Civic activist who took leadership roles in a large number of cultural, social, civic and philanthropic organizations.

Dannie Bea James Hightower
Inducted 1969
Oklahoma City
Founder of the Oklahoma Arts and Humanities Council; civic leader.
Edna Hoffman Bowman
Inducted 1970
Kingfisher
Director and Treasurer of the Oklahoma Historical Society, civic leader

Mildred M. Andrews Boggess
Inducted 1971
Norman
Concert organist; distinguished professor of music at the University of Oklahoma

Pauline McFarlin Walter
Inducted 1971
Tulsa
Civic leader; philanthropist. She and her sister Leta McFarlin Chapman (1967) became the first sisters to be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame
Christine W. Hitch
Inducted 1972
Guymon
Civic leader; pioneer of the Oklahoma Panhandle; rancher; and, with her husband Henry C. Hitch, founder of several organizations with a focus on preserving the history of the Panhandle

Maria Tallchief Paschen
Inducted 1972
Fairfax
Osage ballerina of international acclaim who is recognized especially for the roles created for her by legendary choreographer George Balanchine

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Frances Rosser Brown
Inducted 1973
Muskogee
Civic leader; writer; creator of the Five Civilized Tribes Museum
Betty Lee Anthony Zahn
Inducted 1973
Oklahoma City
Civic leader best known for her work with the YWCA; American Mother of the Year (1971)

Kathleen P. Westby
Inducted 1974
Tulsa
Civic leader and promoter of the arts both in Tulsa and across Oklahoma

Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick
Inducted 1975
Oklahoma City
Civic leader; philanthropist; promoter of the arts; and leader in the Oklahoma Arts League, the organization that ultimately went on to found the Oklahoma City Museum of Art

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma.
Lela O'Toole, Ph.D.
Inducted 1975
Stillwater
Dean of the Home Economics Division at Oklahoma State University who was the first to internationalize home economics education

Harriet G. Barclay, Ph.D.
Inducted 1976
Tulsa
Botanist; international field researcher; head of the Botany Department at the University of Tulsa

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Jerrie Cobb
Inducted 1976
Ponca City
Accomplished aviator and test pilot who became the first woman to complete astronaut training and qualify for space flight

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Merle Montgomery, Ph.D.
Inducted 1976
Davidson
Musician; music publisher; and promoter of American music during the U.S. bicentennial

Inez Lunsford Silberg
Inducted 1977
Oklahoma City
Voice teacher, coach and performer; director of Opera Theater at Oklahoma City University

Mary Johnston Head Evans
Inducted 1978
Oklahoma City
Civic leader; university trustee; and corporate board leader including service as Vice-Chairman of the Board of AMTRAK
Mary Eddy Neal Jones
Inducted 1978
Oklahoma City
Business woman; civic leader; philanthropist who, with her husband Fred Jones, Sr., contributed the funds to establish the Fred Jones, Jr. Memorial Art Center at the University of Oklahoma

Christine Holland Anthony Browne
Inducted 1979
Oklahoma City
Civic leader and first among women in Oklahoma in election to a major corporate board (OG&E), the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, and appointment as Branch Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank

Moscelyne Larkin Jasinski
Inducted 1979
Tulsa
Ballerina of Shawnee-Peoria descent who danced with the original Ballet Russe and established the Tulsa Ballet Theater with her husband, dancer Roman Jasinski
Marion Briscoe DeVore
Inducted 1980
Oklahoma City
Arts advocate who became the first woman president of the Festival of the Arts, the Oklahoma City Arts Council, and the Oklahoma Art Center

Patience Latting
Inducted 1980
Oklahoma City
First woman to become mayor of a major city (1971) when elected mayor of Oklahoma City

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Juanita Kidd Stout
Inducted 1981
Wewoka
Jurist and first African-American woman in the United States to be elected to the bench when she became judge of the Common Pleas Court in Philadelphia. Also the first African-American woman to be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame

See also Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame
Jeane Duane Jordan Kirkpatrick, Ph.D.
Inducted 1982
Duncan
American Ambassador to the United Nations; scholar; political writer; historian; and presidential advisor on foreign policy

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame

Roberta Knie
Inducted 1982
Cordell
Opera soprano who has achieved national and international fame as a performer and teacher

Patti Page
Inducted 1983
Claremore
Singer and popular performer who gained national fame with her major pop and country crossover hit “Tennessee Waltz;” pioneer of multiple voice overdubbing technique

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Jacqueline L. Carey
Inducted 1984
Oklahoma City
Civic leader active in the Junior League at the state and national levels, and leader in church, arts, and other civic organizations

Gloria Twine Chisum, Ph.D.
Inducted 1984
Muskogee
Distinguished research psychologist; educator; inventor; consultant to all branches of the military; and recognized authority on visual problems associated with the operation of high-performance aircraft

Vida Chenoweth, Ph.D.
Inducted 1985
Enid
Internationally acclaimed concert marimbist and recording artist who was the first to play the marimba in Carnegie Hall; ethnomusicologist; linguist who helped create the first translation of the New Testament into the Usarufa language of New Guinea
Nancy Frantz Davies
Inducted 1986
Enid
Civic leader and first woman appointed to the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents and the first woman to chair that board

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Marilyn Harris
Inducted 1987
Oklahoma City
Award winning short story writer and novelist whose works include her Eden series of historical novels sold to British television

Jeane Porter Hester, M.D.
Inducted 1987
Chickasha
Physician; research scientist; and consultant who has gained an international reputation for her work in the field of supportive therapy and treatment of acute and chronic leukemia
Patricia June Wilson Wheeler  
Inducted 1988  
Tulsa  
Civic leader; corporate executive

Kay Starr  
Inducted 1988  
Daugherty  
Singer and entertainer who began her professional career at 13 and sang with Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra while recording numerous hits such as “Wheel of Fortune”

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Virginia Thomas Austin  
Inducted 1989  
Oklahoma City  
Civic leader who has served nationally and locally including a two-year term as the President and CEO of the Association of Junior Leagues, Inc., an international organization with over 180,000 members
Marjorie Tallchief Skibine
Inducted 1991
Fairfax
Osage Indian and one of Oklahoma’s five renowned Indian ballerinas; first American ballerina to join the Paris Opera Ballet; and the first American after World War II to dance in the Bolshoi Ballet Theater in Moscow

Helen Robson Walton
Inducted 1992
Claremore
Civic, religious, and philanthropic leader whose work, with her husband Sam Walton, has focused on her adopted state of Arkansas, her alma mater the University of Oklahoma, and the United Presbyterian Church USA, in which she has held offices at all levels in their Women’s Organization

Martha Griffin White
Inducted 1992
Muskogee
Chairman of Griffin Television and Griffin Food Co.; active civic leader who has been the driving force behind many cultural organizations including the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and the Oklahoma Arts Council

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma
Jane Bienfang Harlow
Inducted 1993
Oklahoma City
Civic leader and philanthropist whose work has especially benefited libraries, the arts, and the University of Oklahoma

Wilma Mankiller
Inducted 1994
Tahlequah
First woman elected as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; national advocate for women and Native Americans

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Mary Jane Noble
Inducted 1995
Ardmore
Civic leader and philanthropist with involvement in many educational, humanities, and church organizations
Alma Wilson
Inducted 1996
Oklahoma City
Jurist and first woman to be named Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma (1982) and Chief Justice (1995)

See also Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame

Ann Simmons Alspaugh
Inducted 1997
Oklahoma City
Civic leader; philanthropist recognized for her involvement with the arts, education, and medicine

Wanda L. Bass
Inducted 1998
McAlester
Banker; philanthropist; major supporter of the arts in Oklahoma and cultural projects in McAlester

See also Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame
Reba McEntire
Inducted 1998
Stringtown
One of the most popular female country music artists of all time whose philanthropic and humanitarian work in state and out has been widely recognized

See also Distinguished Women of Oklahoma

Jean G. Gumerson
Inducted 1999
Oklahoma City
Civic leader whose work as president of the Presbyterian Health Foundation funded millions of dollars in grants annually to health organizations in Oklahoma notably the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Hannah D. Atkins
Inducted 2000
Oklahoma City
Public servant and first African-American woman elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives (1968-1980); appointed as a special representative to the United Nations by President Carter; appointed Secretary for Social Services and Secretary of State by Governor Henry Bellmon

See also Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame
Roxana Lorton
Inducted 2001
Tulsa
Civic and cultural leader; philanthropist who has provided leadership to numerous arts organizations

Josie Freede
Inducted 2002
Oklahoma City
Philanthropist; arts leader

Milann Siegfried
Inducted 2003
Tulsa
Civic leader; philanthropist; and first woman to chair the board of several educational and medical organizations
Molly Shi Boren
Inducted 2004
Norman
Civic leader; jurist; and the only woman to have served as first lady of both Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma

Christy Gaylord Everest
Inducted 2004
Oklahoma City
Chairman and CEO of the Oklahoma Publishing Co.; civic leader

Leona Mitchell
Inducted 2004
Enid
Internationally renowned opera lyric soprano who has been a long-time favorite at the Metropolitan Opera where she has performed numerous lead roles including “Aida” which she has performed over 200 times.

See also Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame

Photo provided
Nancy Payne Ellis
Inducted 2005
Oklahoma City

Philanthropist, civic leader; and first woman to chair the Oklahoma State University Foundation.

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State University

DID YOU KNOW?

Alice Mary Robertson, elected to Congress in 1920, was only the second woman to sit in the House of Representatives. (page 110)

Mabel Bassett was elected six times Oklahoma Commissioner of Charities and Corrections. (page 118)

Yvonne Chouteau, Maria Tallchief, Marjorie Tallchief, Moscelyne Larkin, and Rosella Hightower were the Five Indian Ballerinas portrayed in the Capitol rotunda mural. (pages 128, 144, 150, 234, 262)

Madame Ramon Vinay, an opera star of Chickasaw heritage, known as ‘Lushanya’ or ‘Sweet Singing Bird,’ sang at the 1937 coronation of King George VI. (page 136)

Jerrie Cobb was the first woman to complete astronaut training and qualify for space flight. (page 142)

Patience Latting was the first woman elected mayor of a large American city. (page 145)

Jeane Kirkpatrick was Ronald Reagan’s United Nations Ambassador. (page 146)