The Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame, created in 1982, is a project of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. Inductees are women who have lived in Oklahoma for a major portion of their lives or who are easily identified as Oklahomans and are: pioneers in their field or in a project that benefits Oklahoma, have made a significant contribution to the State of Oklahoma, serve or have served as role models to other Oklahoma women, are “unsung heroes” who have made a difference in the lives of Oklahomans or Americans because of their actions, have championed other women, women's issues, or served as public policy advocates for issues important to women. Inductees exemplify the Oklahoma Spirit.

Since 2001, the awards have been presented in odd numbered years during “Women’s History Month” in March. A call for nominations takes place during the late summer of the preceding year.

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1982
Hannah Diggs Atkins
Oklahoma City
State Representative, U.N. Ambassador

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1982

**Kate Barnard***
Oklahoma City
Charities & Corrections Commissioner, Social Reform Advocate

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1982

**June Brooks**
Ardmore
Educator, Oil and Gas Executive

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1982

**Gloria Stewart Farley**
Heavener
Local Historian

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1982
Aloysius Larch-Miller*
Oklahoma City
Woman Suffrage Leader

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1982
Susie Peters
Anadarko
Founder Kiowa Indian School of Art

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1982
Christine Salmon
Stillwater
Educator, Mayor, Community Volunteer

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1982

**Edyth Thomas Wallace**  
Oklahoma City  
Journalist  

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1983

**Zelia N. Breaux***  
Oklahoma City  
Music Educator, Businesswoman  

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1983

**Kate Frank***  
Muskogee  
Educator  

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1983
**Leona Mitchell**
Enid & California
Opera Star

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1983
**Jean Pitts**
Chickasha
Medical Doctor, Researcher

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1983
**Juanita Kidd Stout**
Wewoka & Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Attorney, Judge, Integration Pioneer

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1983
Alma Wilson
Pauls Valley & Oklahoma City
Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice

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1984
Angie Debo
Marshall
Oklahoma Historian

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1984
Jeane Duane Kirkpatrick
Duncan & Washington D.C.
Professor, UN Ambassador

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1984
Jewell Russell Mann
Tulsa
Attorney

1984
Zelia J. Patterson
Langston
Educator, Author

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1985
Mae Boren Axton
Roff & Henderson, Tennessee
Song Writer, Musician

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1985

June Tompkins Benson*
Norman
Mayor, Election Reformer, Environmentalist

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1985

Pam Olson
Midwest City & Washington, D.C.
Broadcast Journalist

1985

Betty Durham Price
Del City
Artist, State Arts Council Executive Director

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1985

**Bertha Frank Teague**
Byng
Basketball Coach

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1986

**Sara Ruth Cohen**
Oklahoma City
Teacher, Arts, Community and Education Service

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1986

**Vinita Cravens**
Oklahoma City
Performance Arts Promoter

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1986
Rubye Hibler Hall
Oklahoma City
Educator, Arts, Civil Rights Leader

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1986
Elizabeth Ann McCurdy Holmes*
Edmond
University Educator, Reading Skills Authority

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1986
Grace Elizabeth Hudlin
Hulbert
Business, Political Leader

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1986
Wilma P. Mankiller
Tahlequah
Chief of the Cherokee Nation

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1986
Edna Mae Phelps
Seminole
Journalist, Equal Rights Leader, University Regent

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1986
Evelyn La Rue Pittman
Oklahoma City
Music Teacher, Composer, Conductor

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1993
Marie Cox
Lawton & Midwest City
Native American Women’s Leader, Educator

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1993
Anita Faye Hill
Boynton & Waltham, Massachusetts
Law Professor, Social Policy Scholar

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1993
Moscelyne Larkin Jasinski
Tulsa
Ballerina, Ballet Theater Co-Founder

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1993
**Jackie Longacre**
Enid & Shawnee
Women & Children’s Health Advocate, Social Worker

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1993
**Shannon Lucid**
Oklahoma City & Houston, Texas
Biochemist, Astronaut

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1993
**Clara Luper**
Oklahoma City
Teacher, Civil Rights Leader

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1993
**Opaline Deveraux Wadkins**
Oklahoma City
Nurse Educator, De-segregation Leader

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1993
**Pat Woodrum**
Tulsa
Library Administrator

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1995
**Nancy Goodman Feldman**
Tulsa
Educator, Civic Leader

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1995
Barbara J. Gardner
Tulsa
Business and Civic Leader

1995
Ruth Blalock Jones
Muskogee
Native American Artist

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1995
Mona Salyer Lambird
Oklahoma City
Bar Association and Civic Leader

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1995
Gloria Grace Langdon
Tonkawa
Newspaper Publisher, Community Activist

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1995
Bernice Compton Mitchell
Stillwater
County Commissioner, Community Leader

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1995
Donna Nigh
Edmond
Mental Retardation Activist

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1996
Betty Boyd
Tulsa
Journalist, Community Leader, State Representative

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1996
Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher
Chickasha & Norman
Civil Rights Pioneer, Professor

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1996
Lela Foreman
Muskogee & Washington D.C.
Union Organizer and Women's Advocate

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1996
**Sandy Ingraham**
McLoud
Child Advocate

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1996
**Lorena Males**
Cheyenne
Piano Teacher, Community Leader

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1996
**Bernice Shedrick**
Stillwater
Teacher, State Senator, Education Advocate, Attorney

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1996
Valree Fletcher Wynn
Lawton
Professor, State Colleges Regent, Desegregation Pioneer

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1997
Isabel Keith Baker
Tahlequah
Professor, University Regent, Education Advocate

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1997
Jessie Thatcher Bost*
Alva & Cleveland
Women Suffrage Advocate, Teacher

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1997
Norma Eagleton
Claremore & Tulsa
Attorney, Corporation Commissioner

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1997
Kay Goebel
Oklahoma City
Psychologist, Arts and Cultural Community Leader

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1997
Ruth Hardman
Tulsa
Philanthropist

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1997
Beverly Horse
Cache & Lawton
Educator, Women's and Human Rights Advocate

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1997
Mazola McKerson
Ardmore
Mayor, Community Leader

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1997
Penny Baldwin Williams
Tulsa
State Senator, Education & Women and Children Advocate

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2001

**Jari Askins**
Duncan
Attorney, Judge, State Representative

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2001

**Shirley Bellmon***
Billings
Environmentalist, Businesswoman, Crafts Supporter

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2001

**Dorothy Moses DeWitty**
Tulsa
Librarian, Teacher, Author

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2001

Sandy Garrett
Muskogee
Teacher, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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2001

Lynn Jones
Tulsa
Police Officer, Police Commander, Community Leader

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2001

Yvonne Kauger
Cordell & Colony
Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Native American Arts Supporter

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2001

**Jill Zink Tarbel**

Tulsa
Community Culture, Charity and Disability Volunteer and Advocate

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2001

**Dana Tiger**

Muskogee & Park Hill
Painter, Community & Women's Rights Activist

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2003

**Esther Houser**

Oklahoma City
State Ombudsman, Office of State Long-Term Care

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2003
**Vicki Miles-LaGrange**
Oklahoma City
U.S. District Judge, U.S. Attorney, State Senator

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2003
**Linda Morrissey**
Tulsa
District Judge, Families in Transition Pioneer, Domestic Violence, Child Support Advocate

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2003
**Lynn Schusterman**
Tulsa
Child Abuse Prevention Advocate, Philanthropist

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2003

Donna Shirley
Norman
Engineering Dean, Manager Mars Exploration Program

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2005

Wanda L. Bass
McAlester
Banker, Philanthropist

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2005

Nancy L. Coats
Oklahoma City
Oklahoma District Judge

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2005
Mary Fallin
Oklahoma City
Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma

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2005
Amelia Elizabeth "Bessie" Simison McColgin*
Reydon (formerly Rankin)
First woman elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives

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2005
Jeanine Rhea
Stillwater
Professor, women's leadership advocate

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2005

Stephanie Kulp Seymour
Tulsa
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

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Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women
Special Recognitions

From time to time the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women presents special awards. These include Woman of the Century, Citizen of the State, Media Pioneer Award, Agri-Business Achievement, the First Lady Donna Nigh Award, the Family-Friendly Corporation Award, the Advocacy Award and the Kate Barnard Award.

Virgie White
Citizen of the State 1984
Kingston
Civic Leader, Goodwill Ambassador, Radio Personality

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Mabel C. Fry
*Woman of the Century 1984*
Yukon

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Mary Jo McCoy
*Agri-Business Achievement 1985*
Enid
Manager of Continental Grain Co.

Wilma P. Mankiller
*First Lady Donna Nigh Award 1985*
Tahlequah
Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

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Betty Boyd
*Media Pioneer Award 1985*
Tulsa
Director of Information Services for Tulsa County Career-Tech

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Ada Hawkins
*Woman of the Century 1985*
Oklahoma City
Former Director of the University of Oklahoma School of Nursing

*Photo courtesy of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Library*

Teubner and Associates
*Family-Friendly Corporation Award 1996*
Stillwater

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Vicki Miles-LaGrange  
*Kate Barnard Award 1999*  
Oklahoma City  
State Senate, U.S. District Judge

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Carolyn Whitener  
*Advocacy Award 2001*  
Stillwater & Oklahoma City  
“Heroine” of Equal Rights for Women

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Penny Baldwin Williams  
*Kate Barnard Award 2005*  
Tulsa  
State Senate, Women and Children's Advocate

*Photo provided*
Kate Barnard got more votes than any state-wide candidate for any office in 1907 when she was elected Commissioner of Charities and Corrections — although no women could vote in that election? (page 7)

Bessie McColgin of Roger Mills County, in 1920, became the first woman elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives? (page 18)

Carolyn Whitener of Stillwater was sole plaintiff in the 1976 Supreme Court case that put the Equal Rights Amendment into the United States Constitution by a U.S. Supreme Court decision? (pages 187 & 264)

General Rita Aragon of Shawnee became the first woman to command a state Air National Guard in 2003? (page 206)

Rue McClanahan of Healdton starred in the situation comedy “The Golden Girls?” (page 245)
OTHER OKLAHOMA HALLS OF FAME

OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB) Hall of Fame was established and began inducting members in 1987. Since that time 43 veteran broadcasters, of which five are women, have been awarded membership in the Hall. The Hall of Fame Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the OAB. Recipients are individuals who have attained a position of national prominence in the industry or its allied fields, or have been a major contributor to the growth and welfare of radio and television in Oklahoma or nationally, and been an exemplary steward of broadcasting. Nominees must have an Oklahoma background by birth, residence, or employment and they must have worked in the broadcast industry or a related field.

Women Inductees:
1989 Saidie Adwon, KTUL-TV Channel 8, Tulsa
1992 Belva Brissett
1997 Patti Page, radio and stage personality, Claremore
2000 Linda Cavanaugh, KFOR-TV Channel 4, Oklahoma City
2003 Helen Alvarez Smith, KOTV-TV Channel 6, Tulsa

Source: http://www.oabok.org/Awards/hall-of-fame-members.html