

OKLAHOMA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

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.

*inducted posthumously



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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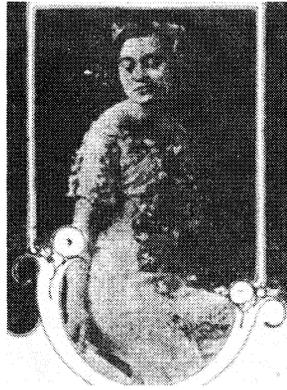
1982

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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160 Notable Women/Women's Hall of Fame



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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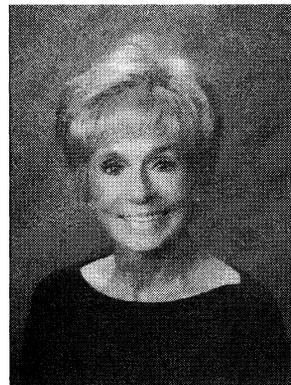
1983
Leona Mitchell
Enid & California
Opera Star

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1983
Jean Pitts
Chickasha
Medical Doctor, Researcher

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1983
Juanita Kidd Stout
Wewoka & Philadelphia, Pennsylvania At-
torney, Judge, Integration Pioneer

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Historical Society





1983

Alma Wilson

Pauls Valley & Oklahoma City

Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Historical Society



1984

Angie Debo

Marshall

Oklahoma Historian

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State University Library



1984

Jeane Duane Kirkpatrick

Duncan & Washington D.C.

Professor, UN Ambassador

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Heritage Association

1984

Jewell Russell Mann

Tulsa

Attorney

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1984

Zella J. Patterson

Langston

Educator, Author

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Historical Society



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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of Oklahoma Libraries*

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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

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Historical Society

1985

Bertha Frank Teague

Byng

Basketball Coach

Photo courtesy of Basketball Hall of Fame



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

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State University Library



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

Photo courtesy of Beverly A. Holmes Smith



1986
**Grace Elizabeth Hudlin
Hulbert**
Business, Political Leader

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Library*

1986
Wilma P. Mankiller
Tahlequah
Chief of the Cherokee Nation

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State University Library



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

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State University Library



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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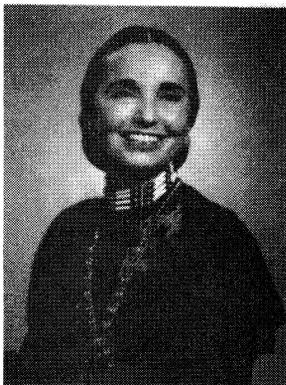
1993

Anita Faye Hill

Boynton & Waltham, Massachusetts

Law Professor, Social Policy Scholar

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma State University Library



1993

Moscelyne Larkin Jasinski

Tulsa

Ballerina, Ballet Theater Co-Founder

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Heritage Association

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

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Historical Society





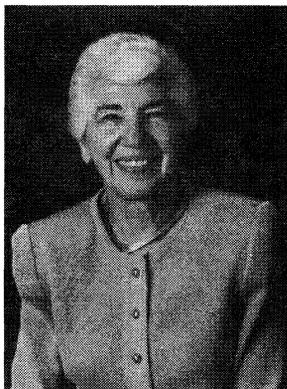
1993
Opaline Deveraux Wadkins
Oklahoma City
Nurse Educator, De-segregation Leader

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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

Ruthe 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

Photo courtesy of Earl Mitchell



1995

Donna Nigh

Edmond

Mental Retardation Activist

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1996

Betty Boyd

Tulsa

Journalist, Community Leader, State Representative

Photo provided



1996

Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher

Chickasha & Norman

Civil Rights Pioneer, Professor

Photo courtesy of Langston University



1996

Lela Foreman

Muskogee & Washington D.C.

Union Organizer and Women's Advocate

Photo courtesy of the Communications Workers of America





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

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Historical Society



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

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1997
Ruth Hardman
Tulsa
Philanthropist

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
Environmentalism, 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

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Historical Society



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



2001

Dana Tiger

Muskogee & Park Hill

Painter, Community & Women's Rights Ac-
tivist

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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, Philan-
thropist

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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

Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Heritage Association



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

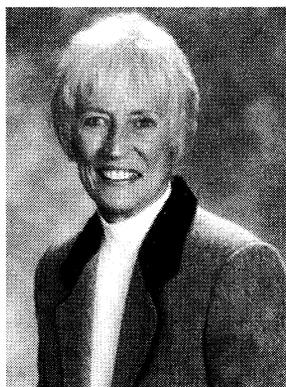
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2005

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

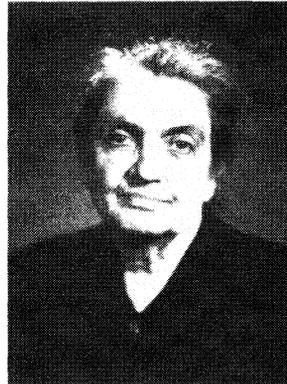
Kingston

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.

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

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Library*





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

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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

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DID YOU KNOW?

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>
