

OKLAHOMA AFRO-AMERICAN HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Afro-American Hall of Fame honors people who have made significant contributions to Black culture in Oklahoma. Nominees must have lived in Oklahoma for at least the last 10 years. Nominees should have local, state or national recognition in categories such as government, business, fine arts, entertainment, sports, education, civil rights, religion, civic service or professional fields. The Oklahoma Afro-American Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Ntu Art Association whose mission is to stimulate interest in African-American arts and culture by providing information, exhibits, and experiences that are educational, entertaining, and enlightening for the community. Portraits of the inductees are housed at the campus.

Women Inductees

1983	The Honorable Hannah Diggs Atkins
1983	Mrs. Rubye M. Hibler-Hall
1983	Dr. Helen Randolph Carter
1983	Mrs. Evelyn LaRue Pittman
1984	Mrs. Jewel Varner
1984	The Honorable Freddy H. Williams
1986	Mrs. Clara Luper
1988	Mrs. Sylvia A. Lewis
1999	The Honorable Vicki Miles-LaGrange
1999	Dr. Ruth W. Faine
1999	Thelma Reece Parks
1999	The Honorable Maxine Horner
2004	Dr. Gloria Griffin
2004	Mrs. Neoneta Barnes
2004	The Honorable Avalon B. Reece
2004	Dr. Cavannah Clark

Source: Mrs. Thelma Parks, President, Ntu Art Association, 2804 NE 18th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111-7107; 405-427-2053 405.427.8611 FAX

OKLAHOMA AVIATION AND SPACE HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame was established in 1978 by the Kirkpatrick Science and Air Space Museum to honor Oklahomans who have contributed to man's exploration of the skies, the advancement of aviation and space science, the development of the aerospace industry, or the use of air power in the defense of their country. Also eligible for induction are any individuals who have made significant contributions to aerospace progress within the state of Oklahoma.

Women Inductees:

- 1982 Mary "Mae/May" Haizlip
- 1982 Eleanor Kirkpatrick
- 1983 Broneta Davis Evans
- 1984 Edna Gardner Whyte
- 1989 Shannon W. Lucid, PhD
- 1990 Jerrie Cobb
- 1991 Jan Mauritson
- 1995 Eula Pearl Carter-Scott
- 1997 Col. Rosemary Hogan
- 1998 Donna Shirley, PhD
- 2000 Lu Hollander
- 2000 Christine A. Lawrence
- 2002 Oklahoma Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs)
- 2004 Mary Fallin

OKLAHOMA CAREER TECH HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Career Tech Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals with exemplary records of achievements, who have provided leadership and service to career and technology education in Oklahoma. This is the highest award given by the Oklahoma Foundation for Career and Technology Education. To date, 41 Oklahomans have been inducted into the Career Tech Hall of Fame since its inception in 1990. Of these, 11 are women.

Women Inductees:

- 1990 Ms. Caroline Hughes, Central Technology Center Board Member
- 1990 Dean Lela O'Toole, Oklahoma State University
- 1991 Dr. Lucille Patton, University of Central Oklahoma
- 1993 Ms. May Rollow, State Dept. of Vo-Tech (now Career Tech)
- 1995 Ms. Edna Crow, State Dept. of Vo-Tech (now Career Tech)
- 1995 Ms. Mary Randall, State Dept. of Vo-Tech (now Career Tech)
- 1997 Dr. Willa Combs, Langston University
- 2001 Ms. Ruth Killough, Mid-Del Technology Center
- 2001 Ms. Jean Robertson, Pryor Jr. High School
- 2003 Ms. DeAnn Pence, Chandler High School
- 2005 Dr. Ann Benson, State Director, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

THE OKLAHOMA EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame (OEHF) was founded in 1984. The first class was inducted in 1985. OEHF was constituted and incorporated as a nonprofit organization to recognize and to honor those professionals who have exemplified a commitment to quality public-supported education while demonstrating exceptional abilities in realizing the ideas of research, service or leadership through their contribution to Oklahoma education.

OEHF is sponsored by ten Oklahoma chapters of Phi Delta Kappa International, an international association of professional educators, and is governed by a Board of Directors. Portraits of the inductees are on display at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. To date, 60 Oklahoma educators have been inducted into the Hall of Fame of which 20 have been women.

Women Inductees

- 1985 Dr. Anna Lewis, Oklahoma College for Women
(now Oklahoma University of Science & Arts)
- 1986 Dorice Allen, Enid Public Schools
- 1986 Edith Force Kassing, Wilson Junior High School, Tulsa
- 1986 Juanita Kidd, Oklahoma Education Association
- 1988 Valerie Colvin, Oklahoma State University
- 1989 Dr. Grace M. Burcham, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- 1990 Lucy Adams, classroom teacher in Garfield County
- 1991 Dr. Anne Bell, reading educator
- 1991 Dr. Betty Williams Metheny, elementary and junior high teacher
- 1992 Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- 1994 Ruth Genevieve Hudson, Sand Springs, Blackwell Public Schools
- 1994 Dr. Mildred Knight Laughlin, University of Oklahoma
- 1994 Nellie Mays, Greasy Public Schools
- 1998 Dr. Nancy O'Brian, superintendent, administrator, teacher
- 1999 Dr. Lois Gean Evans, Moore Public Schools
- 1999 Dr. Betty G. Mason, Oklahoma City Superintendent of Schools
- 2000 Dr. Sandy Garrett, Secretary of Education and State Superintendent
of Public Instruction
- 2000 Dr. Idella Lohman, Tulsa Public Schools and Oklahoma State
University
- 2002 Dr. Yvonne Carmichael-Riley, health and physical education
instructor
- 2003 Dr. Ann Benson, Oklahoma Department of Career Tech

Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education

**OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
HALL OF FAME**

Inductees into the Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women Hall of Fame are recognized based on their activities in local, district and state Federation of Democratic Women's Club and their involvement in Democratic Party activities and civic affairs.

Women Inductees:

- 1994 C. Pat Frank
- 1994 Grace Hudlin
- 1994 Lena Kelly
- 1995 Vinita Vanzant
- 1995 Dr. Isabel Baker
- 1995 Cleo White
- 1996 Loretta Y. Jackson
- 1996 Gladys Walters
- 1997 Lorry Dyson
- 1997 Lola Estep
- 1998 Edna Mae Phelps
- 1998 Debbe Leftwich
- 1999 Wyota Hannan
- 1999 Sweet Pea Abernathy
- 1999 Ruby Lovelady
- 2000 Celeste Looney
- 2000 Sally Ross
- 2000 Ruth Wilson
- 2001 Elizabeth Totten
- 2002 Tina Mae Glory
- 2002 Evelyn L. Davis
- 2002 Bernice Syrus-Davis
- 2003 Anita Norman
- 2003 Ruby Taylor
- 2003 Jewell (Chick) Vaughn

OKLAHOMA HIGHER EDUCATION HALL OF FAME

The Friends of the Oklahoma Museum of Higher Education began the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 1994, to recognize men and women who have devoted their lives to higher education in the state of Oklahoma. Inductees, both living and deceased, are honored for significant contributions to higher education in Oklahoma. To be eligible, an individual must have been employed full-time, for a minimum of ten years, by one or more institutions of higher education—public or private—in the state. Individuals not directly employed by an institution are also eligible for consideration, based on meritorious service to higher education; such service must be above and beyond financial contributions.

Women Inductees

- 1994 Joe Anna Hibler, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- 1994 Lela O'Toole, Oklahoma A&M College/Oklahoma State University
- 1995 Nancy Jane Davies, University of Oklahoma regent
- 1997 Zelma Patchin, Oklahoma A&M College/Oklahoma State University
- 1998 Rubye Maie Hibler Hall, University of Oklahoma; Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- 1999 Mary Jane Noble, University of Oklahoma regent
- 2000 Juanita Granger Millsap, Oklahoma Baptist University School of Nursing
- 2000 P. C. (Peggy) Smith, University of Tulsa
- 2001 Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, University of Oklahoma; Langston University
- 2002 Frances Dinsmore Davis, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
- 2002 Kathryn Kerr Kunc, University of Central Oklahoma
- 2002 Esther A. Winterfeldt, Oklahoma State University
- 2003 Wanda Bass, McAlester
- 2003 Anna Lewis, Oklahoma College for Women (University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma)
- 2003 Lois Salmeron, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City
- 2004 Jo Rowan, Oklahoma City University
- 2004 Valree F. Wynn, Cameron University
- 2005 Francine Ringold, University of Tulsa

Source: Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Association

OKLAHOMA HISTORIANS HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame, inaugurated in 1993 by the Oklahoma Historical Society, recognizes individuals, both professional and amateur, who have made significant contributions to the preservation, collection, interpretation, and dissemination of Oklahoma history. It is not meant to bestow glory. It is not meant to advocate any particular cause or interpretation of history. Instead, the recipients are chosen to recognize and define the highest standards of personal and professional commitment to the cause of history.

The Oklahoma Historical Society recognizes the inductees each year in April during the Annual Awards Banquet. The names of the recipients are placed on a plaque displayed in the OHS Research Division reading room. The bio-bibliographies of the inductees are published in the Notes and Documents section of the Society's quarterly history journal, *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

Women Inductees:

1993	Muriel H. Wright
1994	Angie Debo
1995	Anna Lewis
1996	Emma Estill-Harbour
1999	Rella Watts Looney
2000	Mildred I. Cleghorn
2001	Carolyn Thomas Foreman
2002	Annie H. Abel
2003	Martha Royce Blaine
2004	Alice Marriott
2005	Reba Neighbors Collins

Source: Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, OK (with appreciation to Mary Ann Blochowiak)

OKLAHOMA JAZZ HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame was founded in 1988 and recognized its first class of inductees in 1989. Between 1989 and 2005, 82 individuals and groups have been recognized for their achievement in jazz vocal and instrumental performance as well as expanding understanding and appreciation for this musical genre through their educational endeavors. Of those recognized, 18 (or 22 percent of the inductees) are women.

Women Inductees:

- 1988 Zelia Page Breaux – Educator
- 1989 Jessie Mae Renfro Sapp – Performer of African American sacred music
- 1992 Ruth Brown (Honorary) – National Blues Performer
- 1993 Lee Shaw – Jazz Pianist
- 1994 Dorothy Donegan – Jazz Pianist
- 1995 Mahalia Jackson (Honorary) – National Gospel performer
- 1996 Julia Latimer-Warren – Educator/Gospel Musician
- 1997 Ella Fitzgerald (Honorary) – National Jazz Performer
- 1998 Ernestine Dillard – Gospel musician
- 1999 Maxine Weldon – Jazz Entertainer/Vocalist
- 1999 Patricia Moore – Gospel musician
- 2000 Lee Wiley – Jazz vocalist
- 2000 Kay Starr – Jazz Vocalist
- 2000 Helen Baylor – Gospel Vocalist
- 2001 The Burtons (Charles and Barbara) – Jazz Musician/Vocalist
- 2003 Sara Jordan Powell – Gospel Vocalist
- 2005 Andrea Baker – Jazz Vocalist
- 2005 Madeline Manning Mims – Gospel Vocalist

Source: Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame, 322 N. Greenwood Avenue, Tulsa, OK (with appreciation to Robin Hudson for her research)

OKLAHOMA JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME

Since 1971, the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame has annually recognized Oklahoma journalists who have made outstanding contributions to Oklahoma journalism for at least ten years or to natives of the state who have made outstanding contributions to journalism elsewhere for ten years or more. As many as nine persons are inducted into the Hall of Fame each year. The University of Central Oklahoma Journalism Department is the host and administrator of the Hall. Honorees are selected by a committee composed of members of the working press, Society of Professional Journalists, and the Hall of Fame. Forty-eight of the 316 inductees or 15.2 per cent have been women.

Women Inductees:

- 1973 Alice L. Marriott, author and historian
- 1975 Lea M. Nichols, *Bristow Record*
- 1976 Hattie Mae Lachenmeyer, *Cushing Daily Citizen*
- 1977 Wauhillau Lahay, *The Daily Oklahoman, & Times*
- 1981 Lillian Newby, *Oklahoma City Times*
- 1982 Edyth Thomas Wallace, *The Daily Oklahoman, & Times*
- 1983 Vivian Vahlberg, *The Daily Oklahoman, & Times*
- 1984 Stella M. Roberts, The Associated Press
- 1986 Edith Walker Forbes, *Gotebo Times-Record*
- 1987 Ruth Robinson Greenup, author and photographer
- 1988 Lola Hall, KWTV, Channel 9, Oklahoma City
- 1988 Montez Tjaden, KWTV, Channel 9, Oklahoma City; KRMG-AM radio, Tulsa
- 1989 Freda Ameringer, *Oklahoma City Advertiser*
- 1989 Edith Gaylord Harper, *The Daily Oklahoman, & Times*
- 1990 Louise Beard Moore, University of Oklahoma
- 1990 Malvina Stephenson, *Tulsa World*
- 1990 May Vandament, *Yukon Sun*
- 1991 Ivy M. Coffey, *The Daily Oklahoman, & Times*
- 1991 Wava L. Denson Poindexter, *Gage Record, Ellis County Capital*
- 1992 Mary Katherine "Kay" Dyer, *El Reno Tribune*
- 1992 Mary Goddard, *The Daily Oklahoman, & Times*
- 1992 Mary Jo Nelson, *The Daily Oklahoman, & Times*
- 1993 Ruth Ferris, *Altus Times Democrat, The Daily Oklahoman, KOMA-AM, KWHW-AM radio, Oklahoma City*

OKLAHOMA JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME (CONT'D)

- 1994 Jane Bryant, *Norman Transcript*
1994 Joan Gilmore, *Oklahoma City Journal-Record*,
The Daily Oklahoman, & *Times*
1994 Margaret Taylor, *Davis News*
1995 Klina E. Casady, *Cheyenne Star*, author
1997 Edith Johnson, *The Daily Oklahoman & Times*
1998 Linda Cavanaugh, KFOR-TV Channel 4, Oklahoma City
1998 Reba N. Collins, speaker, book author, Will Rogers scholar
1998 Marie Price, *Oklahoma Legislative Report*,
Oklahoma Journal Record
1999 Lucia Caroline Loomis, *Fort Worth Press*, *Rocky Mountain News*,
Akron Time-Press, *Tulsa Tribune*
2000 Katherine Hatch, international correspondent
2001 Osa Lee Banzett, *Edmond Booster*, *The Edmond Enterprise*
2001 Ida B. Blackburn, KOCO-TV, Channel 5, Oklahoma City
2001 Maebeth "Beth" Ray, *The Yale News*, *Leedey Star*, *Woodward*
County News, *Cyril News*, *Lawton Constitution and Press*, *Vici*
Beacon
2002 Francis "Fran" Morris, KWTW Channel 9 and KFOR-TV
Channel 4, Oklahoma City; *Oklahoma Gazette*
2002 Pam Olson, *Oklahoma Journal*, *Midwest City Monitor*,
KWTW Channel 9, CBS News, CNN, *Tulsa World*
2003 Suzanne Holloway, *Tulsa World*, *The Daily Oklahoman*
2003 Becky Mayo, *The Sequoyah County Times*
2004 Pam Henry, Oklahoma Educational Television Authority;
KOCO-TV, Channel 5; WKY-TV, Channel 4; KTOK radio
2004 Rusty Danenhour Lang, *Tulsa World*, *Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite*
2004 Billie Rodely, Oklahoma Educational Television Authority
documentary journalist, KTOK radio
2005 Sue Hale, *Oklahoma City Times*; *El Reno Tribune*; *Oklahoman*
2005 Bettye Jane Johnston, journalism educator
2005 Terri Watkins, KOCO-TV, Channel 5
2005 *Doris Hedges, 1910-1999, *Eufala Indian Journal*
2005 *Vera Holding, 1884-1984, *Waurika News - Democrat*

*inducted posthumously

Source: http://www.libarts.ucok.edu/journalism/hall_of_fame.htm

OKLAHOMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME

In 1997, Friends of Oklahoma Music was incorporated to serve as producer for the annual Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Concert at the Muskogee Civic Center. Inductees must have a solid connection to the state of Oklahoma, have excelled in a specific musical sphere, have displayed influence in the field of music for an appreciable period of time and have had an inspirational effect on others. Inductees must have recognition within the music industry or among their peers and shall be devoted to others in fostering their musical development. Inductees must also have practiced the highest caliber of professional conduct, enhancing the image of themselves and Oklahoma.

Women Inductees:

- 1997 Patti Page, country and pop
- 2000 Wanda Jackson, country, rockabilly, and gospel vocalist
- 2001 Leona Mitchell, opera soprano
- 2002 Kay Starr, pop, jazz, and country vocalist
- 2003 Lee Wiley, song writer and jazz vocalist

OKLAHOMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Founded in 1986, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame became a part of the Jim Thorpe Association in 1989. Since the first class of 1986, 97 people or groups have been inducted including four women and one women's team. A selection committee annually prepares a ballot of 20 names from the list of nominees. The ballot is mailed to members of the Jim Thorpe Association, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, Hall of Fame nominees and Oklahoma sports journalists. The three top vote winners are inducted. An additional inductee is selected by a veterans committee. The basic criteria for induction are accomplishments in sports and identification with Oklahoma.

Women Inductees:

- 1989 Bertha Teague, basketball coach
- 1991 Susie Maxwell Berning, golf
- 2002 Shannon Miller, gymnastics
- 2003 "Team of Legend" Award – Oklahoma Presbyterian College
Lady Cardinals Basketball Team of 1933
- 2004 Kelli Litsch, basketball

OKLAHOMA WRITERS HALL OF FAME

The Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame was established to honor Oklahoma writers who have made major contributions to American literature while living and writing in Oklahoma. Writers are nominated by the general public and selected by a jury of writers who have already been inducted. The official induction ceremony is held in the fall of odd numbered years and is sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers at Oklahoma State University - Tulsa.

Women Inductees:

1991	C. J. Cherryh
1991	Marilyn Harris
1992	Deborah Camp
1992	Jean Hager
1993	Carolyn G. Hart
1994	Deborah Chester
1994	Connie Feddersen
1994	Bessie Holland Heck
1994	Judith Henry Wall
1995/96	Georgina Gentry
1995/96	Dian Curtis Regan
1997	S. E. Hinton
1999	Billie Letts
2001	Angie Debo
2003	Rilla Askew

**THE NORTH TULSA HERITAGE FOUNDATION
IMAGE BUILDER AWARD HONOR ROLL**

The North Tulsa Heritage Foundation recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions for volunteerism in the community. All of the women who have been honored are African Americans except Maxine Zarrow.

Women Awardees

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| 1992 | Jeanne Goodwin
Elizabeth Chappell |
| 1993 | Jobie Holderness
Myrtle H. Rollerson |
| 1995 | Earnestine Gibbs
Fannie Ezelle Hill |
| 1996 | Augusta Mann |
| 1997 | Corrine Ramsey
Maxine Zarrow |
| 1998 | Paralee Coleman |
| 1999 | Juanita Lewis Hopkins
Thelma Whitlow |
| 2000 | Dorothy DeWitty
Maybelle Wallace
Mildred P. Williams |
| 2001 | Pearl Graves |
| 2002 | Eddie Faye Gates
Mable Rice |
| 2003 | Josie Ruth Vann |
| 2004 | Shirlee Johnson |



DID YOU KNOW?

Carrie Nation lived in Guthrie for four years as part of a successful campaign for prohibition? (page 253)

Clara Ann Fowler got her stage name working as a spokeswoman for the Page Dairy in Tulsa, introducing herself as 'Patti Page'? (page 254)

Twenty of Oklahoma's tribes have had women leaders? (page 271)



Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame Director Teresa Miller (L) visits with Jamie Rabb (C), senior vice president at Warner Books, and 1999 Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame inductee Billie Letts (R).

Photo courtesy Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers