



great graduates

BROKEN ARROW HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



2017 HONOREES



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HISTORY OF THE GREAT GRADUATE HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

The Broken Arrow High School Alumni Association honors a select group of “Great Graduates” who have exhibited – throughout their adult lives – strong leadership and good citizenship, which the Broken Arrow Schools helped develop during their formative years of schooling. The recipients are individuals who exhibit through a variety of activities a purposeful drive that helps them remain dedicated to service within their community and compassionate towards others. Each one has proven to have personal integrity, courage and has achieved in both his or her personal and professional life. As they continue to soar and live a commitment to excellence, they serve as role models to all of us. Nominations are solicited throughout the community of Broken Arrow and in the media for alumnae who have modeled a selfless life of achievement and service to others for at least 20 years. The Broken Arrow High School Alumni Association was revived in 1999, starting the tradition of the Great Graduates. The very first Great Graduates class was formally honored as part of the Broken Arrow Public Schools Foundation Banquet festivities in the spring of 1999. In 2001, the Alumni Association began to host their own event, specifically honoring the Great Graduates and their guests. This tradition continues to the present.

Great Graduates 1999

Jim Brewer, Class of 1956
John Hudson, Class of 1966
Virginia Watts Johnson, Class of 1948
Dr. Alan Keller, Class of 1965
Millie Marshall, Class of 1955

Great Graduates 2000

Ed Cobb Jr., Class of 1943
Howard Fisher, Class of 1935
Carl Martin, Class of 1943
Max E. Smith, Class of 1950
Roy Sturgeon, Class of 1959

Great Graduates 2001

Robert Eskridge, Class of 1944
Herb Karner, Class of 1934
Doug Lanier, Class of 1968
Frances McNeely Leonard, Class of 1953
Dr. Jeff Lester, Class of 1964

Great Graduates 2002

Brad Gahm, Class of 1977
Richard Gilliland, Class of 1956
Letha Phillips Nichols, Class of 1931
Floy C. Pepper, Class of 1934
Bill Perry, Class of 1948

Great Graduates 2003

Max Brissey, Class of 1948
Larry Deonier, Class of 1964
Luke Garrett, Class of 1977
Dr. Gary Gerber, Class of 1968

Janice Worthington Lisko, Class of 1975

Rick Medlin, Class of 1963

Great Graduates 2004

William C. Chapman, Class of 1938
Arnold Kunze, Class of 1946
William H. (Hank) Miesner, Jr., Class of 1957
Rowdy Williams, Class of 1958
Johnnie Parks, Class of 1965

Great Graduates 2005

Dr. Jack L. Griffin, Class of 1940
Maxine Layton Dark, Class of 1944
Bob Henry, Class of 1948
H. Delbert Frieze, Esq., Class of 1961

Great Graduates 2006

Paul Hayes, Class of 1940
Onis Lemon, Class of 1956
Mitchell Wilson, Class of 1970
Rebecca Righter Bluestone, Class of 1972
Russ McKinnon, Class of 1977

Great Graduates 2008

Bert Kennard, Class of 1940
Nile Clark, Class of 1955
Elmo Johnston, Class of 1943

Great Graduates 2012

Kristin Chenoweth, Class of 1986
Ivan Brown, Class of 1919
Nick Aston, Class of 1963
Dr. Amy Sturgis, Class of 1990
Dennis Sagely, Class of 1992

Great Graduates 2013

William T. Autry, Class of 1925
Dr. Robert A. Rosser, Jr., Class of 1959
Dr. Jill Edwards Steeley, Class of 1968
Tim Lynn, Class of 1984
Dr. Denise E. Dutton, Class of 1990

Great Graduates 2014

Archie Pennington, Class of 1922
Ina Lynn Dilldine, Class of 1956
Joseph Lester, Class of 1963
Philip Tucker, Class of 1975
John Lindsay, Class of 1979

Great Graduates 2015

Rev. William L. Couch Jr., Class of 1956
Jeff Roberts, Class of 1980
Amy Waller Ford, Class of 1982
John C. Wolfkill, Class of 1993
Dave Alexander, Class of 1974

Great Graduates 2016

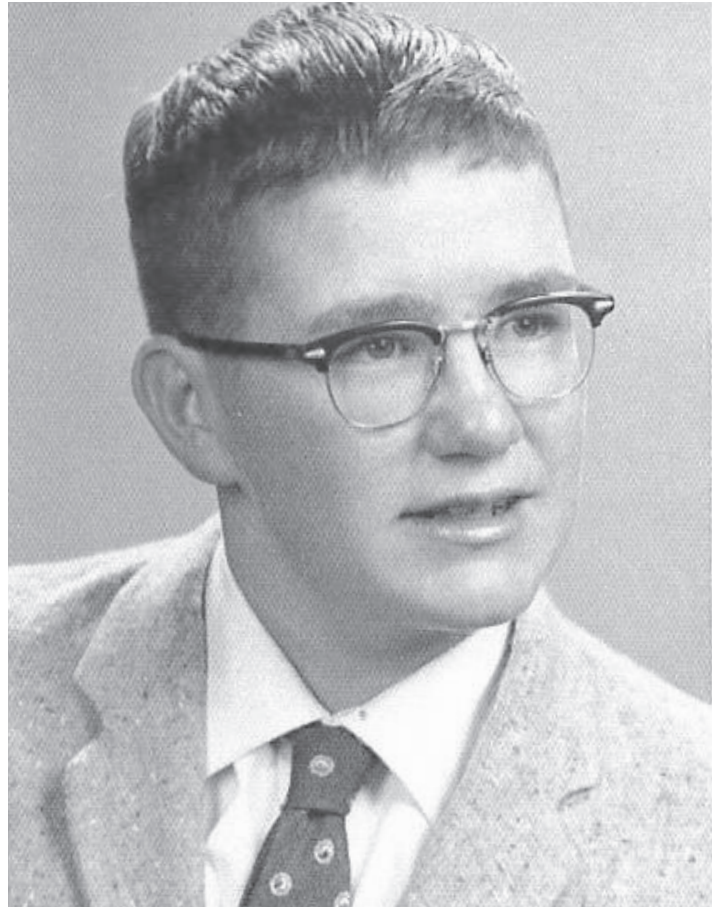
Kelley Kimbrough Rash, Class of 1974
Michelle Sutton, Class of 1989
Charles Gann, Class of 1955
Larry Pennington, Class of 1963

Jerry ROSSER

Class of 1960



After departing BAHS, Jerry Rosser enrolled in the ROTC program at Oklahoma State University and had no way of knowing that decision would shape the rest of his life. Following military service, the late Jerald G. “Jerry” Rosser became a renowned rocket scientist whose contributions to his country may never be fully known because many of his discoveries remain “classified data.” Enough is known, however, to make it clear he was a giant in his field. Only a giant could qualify for all the honors he received, highlighted in 1989 by one of the nation’s most coveted awards, the U.S. Navy’s Reliability, Maintainability and Quality Assurance Motivation commendation. Better known as the “Salty Dog” award, it came with a statue and certificates from officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force - the three military branches that benefited most from his leadership in revising missile related manufacturing procedures.



Marcella GILES

Class of 1961



Since her days at BAHS, Marcella Giles has distinguished herself in the demanding professions of public education and law while never losing sight of her hometown roots. Marcella Burgess Giles was born on her grandmother's land three miles south of Main Street. While raising three sons, she taught school for 19 years before enrolling in the Georgetown University Law Center, graduating in 1989. For nearly three decades, she has earned national recognition for her legal expertise in representation of Native American tribes across the county and then the national Indian population as a whole through the Department of Interior. She continues to serve as a strong advocate in representing the interests of Native American children and families.



Lee SCHOEFFLER

Class of 1962



Lee Earl Schoeffler, M.D. began his professional career as a chemist in Sunray DX Oil Co.'s Research and Development lab. It was an important job and one he was good at, but the call of the medical profession was too strong to be ignored. Leaving the corporate world behind, Schoeffler graduated from the University of Oklahoma (OU) School of Medicine and completed post-graduate training at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. He completed his residency in Neurology and then Ophthalmology at OU. In 1975, he opened Tulsa Eye Clinic. His commitment to the medical profession includes service as Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the OU School of Medicine as well as holding down responsibilities as Vice Chair of Education for the school. His many contributions to the state medical association and Oklahoma Academy of Ophthalmology are considered legendary by his colleagues.



Jennifer ROBERTSON

Class of 1977



With an award-filled career in the communications industry and now a 15-years-and-counting role as a realtor, Jennifer Mann Robertson has earned more than her share of professional awards. But her son, Brock, said this lofty level of professional success “pales in comparison to the superhero-like career she has had as a mother and now grandmother.” Robertson was just beginning to taste the sweet nectar of professional success in the telecommunications industry when, at the age of 26, she gave birth to twin girls born eight weeks premature. Both had intracranial brain bleeds and doctors gave them almost no chance of surviving. Thirty-one years later, daughter Ashley is still very much a part of the family. Although she has cerebral palsy and is mentally and physically challenged, she has defied the odds and is able to talk, walk and, her brother says, is a friend to everyone she meets. She even graduated from high school, thanks in large part to the love and care provided by her dedicated mom. Today, Robertson is a realtor in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and she continues to be recognized as one of the top agents in the state by the business media and her associates.





Broken Arrow High School
Alumni Association
GREAT GRADUATES OF 2017
Recognition Ceremony and Reception

Varsity Club, Broken Arrow High School
Friday, October 13, 2017

Master of Ceremonies

Derek Blackburn
Broken Arrow Public Schools
Class of 1990

Dinner

Welcome

Dr. Janet Dunlop
Superintendent of Schools

**Greetings from the Broken Arrow High School
Alumni Association**

Charles Gann
Class of 1955

Invocation

Max Smith
Class of 1950

**Recognition of Former Great Graduates
School Board Members and Special Guests**

**Introduction of Great Graduates
Class of 2017**

Marcella Giles, Class of 1961

Presented by Sharon Summers and Barbara Aldridge Dobson

Jennifer Man Robertson, Class of 1977

Presented by Sandra McWilliams

Jerald Rosser, Class of 1960*

Presented by Dr. Robert Rosser

Dr. Lee Schoeffler, Class of 1962

Presented by Dr. Clarence Oliver
Broken Arrow Superintendent 1974-92

Closing Remarks

Charlie Gann
Class of 1955

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Great Graduates Escorts
Broken Arrow High School Air Force JROTC Cadets

GREAT GRADUATES COMMITTEE

Derek Blackburn, Class of 1990
Gwynta Blissit Buchanan, Class of 1970
Carla Dobbins Crow, Class of 1970
Carolyn Vaughan Hodges, Class of 1970
Steve Schwab, Class of 1982
Max Smith, Class of 1950
Rowdy Williams, Class of 1958
Glenne Wimpee, Class of 1990
Tammy Barton Strickland, Class of 1994

* Denotes recipient being honored posthumously.

