

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.

