

CHERYL EVANS

EXECUTIVE PARTNER



Cheryl Evans, Ed.D., an accomplished leader in the field of higher education for over 30 years is President Emeritus of Northern Oklahoma College. Under her leadership, NOC was recognized as being in the top 10% of community colleges in the nation four times by the Aspen Institute in Washington, DC. They also received recognition from WalletHub and Smart Assets and were named a top associate degree producer by the Diverse Issues in Higher Education publication. With Cheryl's leadership, NOC grew in terms of funding and physical expansion. She was also pivotal in the growth of the NOC Foundation, which led to significantly more scholarship funds for students.

Cheryl earned her doctorate in higher education at Oklahoma State University. She has completed Harvard University's Middle Management Program, the American Council on Education's Institute for New Presidents, Oklahoma's Educators' Leadership Academy, Leadership Oklahoma, and three community leadership programs. Cheryl believes that her early career in teaching helped her lead more effectively. Cheryl and her husband of 45 years, Tom, enjoy traveling, serving their local church, spending time with family, enjoying wildlife on their rural land in Alfalfa County and their two grandchildren in Tulsa. They are proud of their two adult daughters and their accomplishments.

Current Roles:

- Executive Director – Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (Nonprofit supporting higher education)
- Executive Partner – Magellan Executive Partners
- Board member of the Security National Bank in Enid and Advisor to Encompass Financial Services Inc.
- Trustee Northern Oklahoma College Foundation
- Board member of the Oklahoma Historical Society, the Oklahoma Academy, Standing Bear Museum, and Autry's LeadHER Network
- Member Leadership Oklahoma's Executive Committee

Leadership History:

- President of Northern Oklahoma College from 2011 to 2021, served as the institution's first female President
- Dean of NWOSU Enid Campus, Academic Administrator, and Mass Communications
- Peer Evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission
- Chair of the OSRHE Council of Presidents and Chair of the Oklahoma Community College Presidents
- Chair Enid Chamber of Commerce, Chair Enid Community Development Support Agency, Chair NW Oklahoma United Way Fundraising Campaign, and Chair Youth Leadership Oklahoma Program
- Board Member OETA, Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Integris Bass Hospital Enid
- Independent Director for Hiland Partners Board, a publicly traded energy company, 2006 – 2009

Honors:

- 2026 Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2024 Oklahoma Community College Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2023 Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame Inductee
- Journal Record's Woman of the Year "50 Making a Difference" honorees three times
- The Enid "YWCA Woman of the Year" in 2021
- Enid "Pillar of the Plains" award in 2015
- Awarded Best College Professor in NW Oklahoma 2006
- Leadership Oklahoma Class XXI, Leadership Enid, Leadership Ponca City, and Leadership Tonkawa
- Lisa John Faculty Fellowship from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters
- John Barton Distinguished Service Award, 2004 and NWOSU John Sheffield Teacher of the Year, 2000
- Top Graduate Presentation of Dissertation at OSU, 2000
- National Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Research Award, 2000

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