

CHERYL EVANS

Magellan Executive Partners – EXECUTIVE PARTNER



Cheryl Evans is an accomplished leader in the field of higher education, most recently serving as President 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, and Oklahoma's Educators' Leadership Academy. Cheryl strongly believes that her career in teaching helped her lead more effectively. Cheryl and her husband of more than 40 years, Tom, enjoy traveling, serving their local church, spending time with family, photographing wildlife on their rural land in Alfalfa County, and enjoying their two grandchildren in Tulsa. They have two adult daughters.

Current Roles:

- Executive Partner - Magellan Executive Partners
- Board member of the Security National Bank in Enid, Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Oklahoma Historical Society, Standing Bear Museum, and Leadership Oklahoma's Executive Committee
- Member of the Oklahoma Academy and Autry LeadHER Network
- Advisor to Encompass Financial Services Inc.

Leadership History:

- President of Northern Oklahoma College 2011 to 2021, becoming 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
- Chair of the Oklahoma Community College Presidents, Enid Chamber of Commerce, Enid Community Development Support Agency, NW Oklahoma United Way Fundraising Campaign, and Youth Leadership Oklahoma
- Independent Director for Hiland Partners Board, a publicly traded energy company, 2006 - 2009

Honors:

- 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
- NWOSU John Sheffield Teacher of the Year
- NWOSU John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award
- 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
- NWOSU John Sheffield Teacher of the Year, 2000
- John Barton Distinguished Service Award, 2004
- Top Graduate Presentation of Dissertation at OSU, 2000
- National Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Research Award

About Magellan Executive Partners:

Magellan's mission is to grow executives worth following and build businesses that thrive. Working with CEOs, business owners, leaders and companies around the country each year, Magellan is known for its expertise in corporate growth strategies and executive development.



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