

# OCCJ's 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER HONOREES



## NANCY McDONALD

For over 45 years, Nancy has served students, families and educators within the Tulsa Public Schools district. She worked as the Volunteer Coordinator for TPS, as well as the Director of Business Community Resources and Adopt a School initiatives for the district. Nancy was instrumental in the integration of Tulsa Public Schools. She was an active member of the League of Women Voters Task Force on Integration and chaired the committee to desegregate Booker T. Washington High School. Tulsa Public Schools then employed her as Director of Magnet School Recruitment and Placement.

Nancy volunteered for the Girl Scouts' Magic Empire Council for over 15 years, and led the Council as President of the Board for five years. She founded the Tulsa chapter of PFLAG and served on the National Board of Directors. Other organizations that benefitted from Nancy's involvement include the Tulsa Boys' Home, the YMCA, the Community Service Council, Tulsa Community College Foundation, Tulsa CARES, Gay and Lesbian Fund of Tulsa, and the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice where she was the driving force behind the Different and the Same program and other school-based programs. She has testified in Congress and helped pass legislation in Oklahoma to prevent discrimination and protect Oklahoma students against bullying.

## DENNIS NEILL

Since January 2012, Dennis has served as a Senior Program Officer for the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, with a focus on the Foundation's educational and Tulsa-based investments. From 1981 until 2012, he held various executive positions with Samson Investment Company, last as Senior Vice President - Technology and Administrative Services. From 1977 until 1981, he was an associate at the law firm of Conner and Winters.

Currently, Dennis serves on the Boards of the Tulsa Regional Chamber, Tulsa Area United Way, Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice, KIPP: Tulsa College Preparatory, Oklahoma Public School Resource Center, Reading Partners - Tulsa and the Tulsa Community Foundation, to name a few. He is on the Executive Committee of the Stem Funders Network consisting of more than 20 national foundations and corporations collaborating in STEM education and career space (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). He has also been a board member and/or officer with several other non-profits, including Youth Services of Tulsa, ACLU of OK, Oklahomans for Equality (co-founder and first president), Tulsa Human Rights Commission, and the Tulsa Economic Development Corporation.



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