



## Earlene Gathright



A scholarship was created to honor the life and career of Earlene Gathright by the Atkins-Pritchard Foundation. The Foundation's support and honor reflects their commitment to the honoree and the community.

Tulsa is a wonderful city full of opportunities for volunteering and developing professionally. Earlene Gathright enjoyed both through organizations such as the Tulsa Town Hall, Junior League of Tulsa, Arts & Humanities Council, Philbrook Museum and the

American Red Cross. Professionally, she was a mathematics teacher for ten years and for twenty plus years she was an administrator in Tulsa Public Schools.

"Ms. G", as her students called her, was born in Wichita, Kansas. She attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with degrees in Elementary Education and Administration.

She began her career teaching 6th grade in Oklahoma City. Her classroom had 42 students with 27 boys! After the family moved to Tulsa, Ms. G taught an additional five years and then moved into administration for 20 years. That wasn't the end of her career. She continued by volunteering at Council Oak Elementary school where her grandchildren attended. Ten years after retirement, she took a half-day job teaching children whose first language wasn't English. Along the way, she tutored numerous students struggling with math.

"It's difficult to know the impact you have on children in the classroom and school. One good measure is having them return to schools to visit, seeing them on the news, or reading about yourself in a book authored by a former student. If you can build a quality education system, it will reflect on the quality of our community," stated Ms. G.

Earlene Gathright's resume contains the following highlights:

### **Professional Experience**

Council Oak Elementary School (2022-2024) - ESL teacher  
Tulsa Public Schools (2011-2012) - AVID grant manager  
Nimitz Middle School (2000-2011) - Principal  
Eliot Elementary School (1995-1999) - Principal  
Lindsey Elementary School (1994-1995) - Principal  
Wilson Middle School (1992-1994) - Assistant Principal  
Foster Middle School (1991-1992) - Assistant Principal  
Nimitz Middle School (1989-1991) - Assistant Principal, Math Teacher, Team Leader, Testing Coordinator  
Gilcrease Middle School - Team Teacher  
Charles Faudress, Inc. (1981-1985) - Sales and bookkeeper  
Webster Junior High, OKC (1965-1969) - Mathematics teacher  
Hawthorne Elementary, OKC (1965) - 6th grade teacher

### **Additional Experience**

Junior League of Tulsa, Inc., Chairman of Mayfest, St. John's Episopal Church, President of First National Bank (OKC) Officer's Wives, Reviewed mathematics books for State Textbook Committee, Various leadership positions for Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity including state chairman, Philbrook Junior Gallery volunteer, Vice Chairman of the Board of Operation Aware.

### **Education**

BS degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University, Minor in mathematics.  
MS degree in Education Administration from Oklahoma State University