

Distinguished Alumnus 2005
William "Bill" Doenges
Class of 1925

After graduating from University Preparatory School, Bill Doenges attended Oklahoma City University where he received the Brous Athletic Award. He was inducted into the OCU Athletic Hall of Fame, was elected a lifetime trustee of OCU and was awarded an honorary doctorate of law degree.

Married to Elizabeth Shannon, Mr. Doenges was campaign manager for Oklahoma Governor Johnston Murray and himself ran twice for Governor of Oklahoma. He was a Democratic National Committeeman and served as an elector.

Among the first Oklahoma supporters of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he was the longest continuous sponsor of American Legion Baseball in the United States and actively supported numerous youth organizations. The Bartlesville baseball field bears his name.

Mr. Doenges served as president of the National Automobile Dealers Association, of the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce and of the Bartlesville Rotary Club. He was a director of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and a 32nd degree Mason. He died in 1991.