

Distinguished Alumna 2007
Dr. Kathryn Jones
Class of 1968

Kathryn Wilson led the Student Body, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Presidential Council while attending Northern. Married to alumnus Ralph Jones in 1983, she completed her Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education at Oklahoma State University in 1991. Their son Layne attended NOC from 1991-93.

She joined the Northern faculty in 1979 as Director of Speech, Radio and Theatre, later becoming Director of School and Alumni Relations (1984), Assistant Dean of Instructional Outreach (1990) and the first full-time director of the Enid Higher Education Program (1990-1996).

Dr. Jones has served on numerous boards of directors for Enid and Tulsa organizations. As vice-chair of the Enid Telecommunications Authority, she designed and commissioned the first community telecommunications needs assessment in Oklahoma, now used as a model. She was the first provost of Rogers University Tulsa campus (1996-1998) and the first director of The University of Oklahoma/Oklahoma State University Research and Graduate Education Center, Tulsa (1998-2002).

In 2002 Dr. Jones retired from higher education.