

Distinguished Alumnus 2011  
Gary Martin  
Class of 1973

Gary Martin earned his Associate of Science degree in Business from Northern Oklahoma College and his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Oklahoma State University.

Beginning his career with the City of Ponca City in the Park and Recreation Department, he served as Park Superintendent, Park and Recreation Director and Public Works Director before becoming City Manager in 1993, retiring from that office after 16 years. Numerous major projects were completed under his innovative leadership, bringing him recognition from such organizations as the American Public Works Association, the Solid Waste Association of North America and the City Manager Association of Oklahoma.

He was presented the Don Rider Award for Outstanding Service by the Oklahoma Municipal League, was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame for City and Town Officials and is included on the Ponca City Wall of Fame. He was the first recipient of the annual Gary Martin Outstanding City Employee Award established by the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce.

In 2009 he was selected as a trustee of the NOC Foundation, chairing the Fundraising Committee.