

## OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

### 2022 NEW TRUSTEES

#### **Dr. Rick Cobb**

##### **Midwest City**

Dr. Rick Cobb is a life-long Oklahoman in his 30th year in education and eighth year as superintendent of Mid-Del Public Schools. Prior to 2015, he was an English teacher, volleyball coach, principal, and assistant superintendent in districts such as Mustang, Medford, and Moore. Dr. Cobb earned a B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma with a M.Ed. from Southwestern Oklahoma State University sandwiched in between. Among his professional honors, Cobb has received the Medal for Excellence in Elementary/Secondary Administration from the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, the State Superintendent Fine Arts Medal of Excellence, the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators District 7 Superintendent of the Year, and the Career Achievement Award from the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education at the University of Oklahoma.

#### **Frank V. Cooper**

##### **Tulsa**

Frank Cooper is a social studies and leadership teacher and Student Council adviser at Charles Page High School in Sand Springs. He is the recipient of many teaching honors, including the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Secondary Teaching. He is active in many church and community outreach programs.

#### **Kyle A. Frankfurt**

##### **Edmond**

Kyle Frankfurt is a CPA and financial advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors in Oklahoma City. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Accountancy degrees from the University of Oklahoma in 2017. He has been a youth mentor and head football coach for the Police Athletic League.

#### **Dan Gilbert**

##### **Portola Valley, California**

A 1987 Academic All-State alumnus, Dan Gilbert is a technology entrepreneur and a co-founder of MIT's Sandbox Innovation Fund, which helps students launch for-profit and non-profit companies. Gilbert earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He began his career with management consultants McKinsey & Company, and after eight years in consulting held executive leadership positions at Webvan, Palm Computing, Cisco Systems, and Barnes & Noble. He now focuses full time on investing in technology startups.

#### **Jan McClaren**

##### **Claremore**

Jan McClaren received her teaching degree from Oklahoma State University in 1975. She has taught in Moore, Woodward, Wyoming, and, most recently, in Claremore where she taught Advanced Placement European and U.S. Histories, and Gifted Humanities. McClaren is the recipient of the 2006 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Secondary Teaching and was twice a finalist for Oklahoma Teacher of the Year (from Woodward and Claremore). She was the nation's first George Washington's Mount Vernon Teaching Ambassador, traveling over 30,000 miles facilitating teacher workshops and making student presentations. A National Board Certified Teacher, McClaren was the Oklahoma Council for Social Studies Secondary 2005-06 Teacher of the Year. She has been selected 11 times by Oklahoma Academic All-Staters as their most influential teacher.

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#### **Claudia Swisher**

#### **Norman**

Claudia Swisher has more than 44 years of teaching experience at K-12, undergraduate and graduate levels. She taught English and Reading for Pleasure at Norman North High School prior to her retirement in 2013. A National Board Certified teacher and trainer, she received the 2009 Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Secondary Teaching from the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. As an educator, Swisher sponsored Teen Volunteers and was a state leader for Special Olympics and the Oklahoma Writing Project. She is an active advocate for public schools and has served on the National Education Association Legislative Committee, Education Leadership Oklahoma, and the National Council of Teachers of English.