



# The Marionette

## HCP Founder Barresi Elected to Head Oklahoma Department of Education

Janet Barresi, founder of Harding Charter Preparatory High School, was elected State of Oklahoma Superintendent of Schools last November.

Barresi comes to the position after obtaining an undergraduate degree in Education and a Master's degree in speech and language disorders. She worked in the Harrah and Norman public school systems before joining the Department of Otorinolaryngology at the OU Health Sciences Center. In this capacity she lectured to medical students concerning issues of early childhood development.

In 1984 Dr. Barresi earned her D.D.S. degree and began a private dental

practice. During that time she was active in the community as a member of various professional organizations and serving as President of the Oklahoma Association of Women Dentists. Recently she was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Citizenship Award, in recognition of her contributions to community service.

In 1996 Barresi and a group of parents established the first charter school in Oklahoma, Independence Charter Middle School. Because the middle school was so successful, several years later Barresi was asked to start Harding Charter Preparatory High School. Seven years after launching the school, it was named among

the top public high schools in the nation and has one National Merit Scholarship finalist, one National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist and two students named to Academic All-State Teams.

Barresi has been active in efforts to improve public education by serving on the Governor's Achieving Classroom Excellence committee, as chairwoman of the ACE II Task Force (the Teacher Pay Initiative) and on the Education Funding Reform Task force.

As State Superintendent, Barresi hopes to facilitate educational reforms to help all public schools achieve excellence.

## Great Job HFAA Students!

The fall semester brought recognition to students at Harding Fine Arts Academy. The Drama Department hosted the class 4A One Act Play Competition where the HFAA cast and crew of "Psycho Beach Party" placed third. Two of the cast members, **Ryan Smith** and **Brook Bradley**, were chosen to serve on the ten-person "All Star Cast".

In November HFAA was one of six Oklahoma City and London, UK schools that participated in the "Creativity World Forum" held at the Cox Convention Center. This was the first time the Districts of Crea-

tivity (DC) Network held its annual meeting in the US. DC network is composed of 14 creativity districts (including Oklahoma) around the world. DC allows government leaders, entrepreneurs and knowledge institutions exchange ideas designed to solve economic challenges and foster innovation and creativity.

In November the HFAA Paseo District mural was unveiled. At Christmas, HFAA participated in a joint Paseo-HFAA caroling and tree lighting. Master Choir Director, Mr. **John Mitchell**, HFAA choir members, students, Central Park neighbors, and

HFAA faculty caroled to the Paseo district where the choir presented a concert prior to the Christmas tree lighting. Guitar, dance, percussion, and choral concerts were also held at the school during the month of December.

A student choral concert paying tribute to Black History month and Black composers was held in February and Springs Arts Festival was held March 5th which featured music, dance, local and student art, and food.

Harding alumni are cordially invited to attend all HFAA performances and events.

**Class of '61 Reunion—June 10-11, 2011**

**Don't Forget to Sign Up by May 2, 2011**

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## Outstanding Alum— Dr. Kaye Middleton Fillmore '59

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After graduation from Harding, Kaye Middleton Fillmore attended Oklahoma State University and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma after transferring at the beginning of her junior year. Kaye continued her education in the field of sociology, received a M.S. degree from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and a Ph.D. degree from Rutgers.

Dr. Fillmore is professor emeritus at the University of California, San Francisco and a Senior Scientist at the Institute for Scientific Analysis. Her research interests include the influence of alcohol use on the work place, gender roles, and the ethical and social implications of scientific findings on the subject, among others. She has published widely in the

field and currently continues her research with colleagues from Australia, Canada and the UK who are currently studying the effect of alcohol on coronary heart disease risk and prostate cancer risk. In 1999, Kaye won the Jellinek Memorial Award, recognizing the most valued scientists in alcohol-related research. In 2009, she was awarded one of President Obama's Challenge Research Grant in a competition where only 200 of 20,000 applications were awarded. In association with her research career, Kaye has traveled throughout the world and says that Eastern European countries and Egypt are among her favorite places.

Kaye shares a small antique business with a good friend and enjoys researching some pieces that are representative of interesting histories of various time peri-



Dr. Kaye Middleton Fillmore

ods. Kaye sums up her life as including “hard work but always something new around the corner to learn, a supportive husband and family, lovely grandchildren, lots of laughter, irony at every turn, fabulous food and wine” and much more.

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## HCP Students Earn AP Scholar Awards and National Merit Scholarship Finalist

The Harding Charter Preparatory High School curriculum provides AP (Advanced Placement) courses that allow students to take college preparatory courses in high school and subsequently earn advanced placement, college credit, or both, after successful completion of AP exams. Thirty two members of the class of 2010 earned AP Scholar awards based upon their

performance on the AP exams. Of the 1.8 million high school students who took the exam, about 18 percent achieve this recognition. Three HCP students were awarded the AP Scholar with Distinction recognition by scoring at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and 3.0 or higher on five or more of the exams. Three students were awarded the AP Scholar with Honor award by

earning a 3.25 score on all AP exams taken and 3.0 or higher on four or more of the exams. Twenty six students qualified for the AP scholar award by completing three or more exams with scores of 3.0 or better. Congratulations to these HCP students for their success!

Kudos also go to **Kristjen Benedict** who was named a 2011 National Merit Scholarship Finalist!

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## Grants to Harding Schools Enhance Education, Music and Athletic Programs

The library of HCP is now equipped with a new Promethean active board to enhance the learning experience thanks to federal funding. This technology is a modern day white board that allows projection of computer-generated material directly onto the board. The system provides various highlighters and pens to write on projected images. It can present computer generated presentations and play videos using its own sound system. The computer used to generate the images is operated by a stylus and is easier to use with more features than similar

‘smart boards’ available for educational institutions. If needed, the viewing surface can be used as a conventional white board. Three more Promethean boards are planned using funds purchased with private funding. These boards will be placed in each of the science, English and mathematics departments.

A \$10,000 grant to Harding Fine Arts department was awarded by the Kirkpatrick Foundation. The funds were used to purchase some new instruments, repair some existing instruments and purchase music.

Due to the efforts of current HCP coach Wallace and former coach Roden, a grant to the Wes Walker Foundation to renovate the school's gym was funded. The grant was approved in the amount of \$16,000 dollars and was used to provide new bleachers and a new floor for the gym. This is the first renovation of the gym floor since the gym was constructed during the Harding High School years. A new tarp was also purchased which will be used to protect the floor surface when the gym is used for other activities.

## Fallen Eagles

**Guy Dunning '61**, Dec. 13, 2010, Blanchard, OK.

**Clark Gaines '61**, Nov. 14, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

**John Huff '59**, Dec. 12, 2010, Napa, CA.

**Dr. Travis Mullins, teacher**, Mar 1, 2011, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Patrick McKenzie '68**, Mar. 5, 2011, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Bill Priest '67**, Nov. 19, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Barbara Kay Proctor '64**, Jan. 7, 2011, Muskogee, OK

**Addie Bybee Pullen '62**, Oct. 25, 2010, Davis, OK.

**Jay Quillian '68**, Oct. 6, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Ann Flaherty Reddick '61**, Oct. 1, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Steve Roher '66**, Feb. 26, 2011, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Steve Solomon '66**, Feb. 9, 2011, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Terri Roper Stapp '68**, Nov. 3, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Bob Tubre '61**, Oct. 2, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Judy Ackerman Vernado '67**, Nov. 6, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Judson Young, teacher**, Oct. 21, 2010, Oklahoma City, OK.

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\*Donations 4/1/2010 to 3/15/2011

## Charter School Fundraisers

Harding Charter Prep hosted "Dollars for Scholarships" on October 19th, 2010 at the Will Rogers Event Center. The proceedings included a silent auction, testimonials from former scholarship recipients, light hors d'oeuvres and background music supplied by faculty member, **Mr. Freeman**, and his orchestra. The event raised over \$25,000 dollars which will be used to fund scholarships for this year's graduating class. Harding alumni at the event include **Susan Bond '64, Kathryn Berryman '62, Kris and Bill Frankfurt '59, John Frank '63, Danny Murdock '64, John Woodson '58, John Couch '60, Phil Kernan,'64, Robin Johnson '62 and Carolyn Sims '67.**

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 alumni and other guests

were seen at the Harding Fine Arts Academy event "Starry, Starry Night". Entertainment included dance, vocal and guitar performances by HFAA students. Silent and live auctions, with auctioneer **Roger Hoskins '61**, included over 80 items up for bid. The Board of HFAA will decide on the use for the funds at a later date. Among the guests were **Marty McCharen '63, Becky Blackstock'61, Robin Johnson '62, Dan Murdock '64, Steve Brinson '63, Kaye Adams '63, Dennis and Barbara Spencer '61, Steve and Sally Bentley'63, Joe Briley '63, Carol McPheeters '63, Susan Moorman '63, Susan Bond '64, Larry Lago '66, Phil Kernan '64, Rindy Hyde '63, Porter Morgan '63, Betsy Morgan '64, Marian Hornig '62, Kenyon Morgan '64 and Carolyn Sims '67.**

### Graduations and HHSAA

#### Scholarship Presentations

Harding Charter Preparatory High School  
Saturday, May 14, 2011  
10:00 a.m.  
St. Luke's Methodist Church  
222 N.W. 15th Street

Harding Fine Arts Academy  
Friday, May 20, 2011  
6:30 p.m.  
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