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Andrews and Greene Named to SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame



Evangeline Van Greer Andrews



Earl A. Greene, Jr.

Two individuals are being inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2021.

They are:

- Evangeline Vann Greer Andrews of Oklahoma City, SWOSU Class of 1960
- Earl A. Greene, Jr. of Las Vegas (NV), SWOSU Class of 1973

Evangeline Vann Greer Andrews—who family, friends and colleagues call “PeeWee”—was raised on a farm near Waukomis. Shortly before graduating from SWOSU, Andrews was accepted to dental college at Washington University in St. Louis (MO). She graduated cum laude in June 1963 and was selected for membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon. As a senior dental student, she applied and was accepted at Washington University as their first female orthodontic student. Her formal orthodontic education was completed in the spring of 1965.

After a short stint in Texas, Andrews opened her practice in Oklahoma City in the summer of 1966. That same year she joined the staff of the Dental Department at Children’s Memorial Hospital and Saint Anthony Hospital.

Andrews was the only female dental specialist in Oklahoma for the first 16 years of her practice. Andrews saw patients in northwest Oklahoma City, Edmond and Kingfisher. Andrews has been involved in the state orthodontic and local dental society, various councils and committees, and held officer positions. She received her American Board of Orthodontics certification in 1975, was inducted as a Fellow in the American College in 1979, and the International College of Dentists in 1996. She served on the AAO Professional Liability Insurance Council from 1988 to 1996 and served as a delegate to the House of Delegates from the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists (SWSO) in 1989. She represented Oklahoma on the SWSO Board for five years and served a three-year term as Speaker of the House of the AAO (2000 – 03) during which she also was a nonvoting member of the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Orthodontists.

Andrews married Jim Andrews on December 30, 1971. Jim is retired from Ohio Casualty Insurance Group.

The oldest of nine children, Earl A. Greene, Jr., was born to U. S. Army Master Sergeant Earl Greene, Sr., and Jean Greene. After a childhood spent at a variety of military bases overseas and in the United States, Greene graduated from Eisenhower High School in Lawton. During his four years of undergraduate study at SWOSU, Greene met his future wife, the former Susan Enoch. He played football for the SWOSU Bulldogs for four years, receiving the Golden Helmet Award. He also lettered in track while making the honor roll and being named an Outstanding Senior Leader. During his time at SWOSU, he served as an Upward Bound counselor. Greene graduated from SWOSU in 1973 with a degree in political science.

Greene moved to Las Vegas and joined the Clark County Fire Department following graduation from SWOSU. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering a total area of 8,061 square miles, Clark is the nation’s 14th largest county, and the department provides extensive regional fire service to more than 2.3 million residents and an estimated 46 million visitors annually. During a 33-year tenure of service, Greene served in a wide variety of roles within the Department. In 1996, Greene was named fire chief, making history as the first Black fire chief in the State of Nevada.

In 2003, Greene was awarded the prestigious Chief Fire Officer designation. Greene retired in 2006. He is a licensed and ordained pastor and currently serves at Mt. Charleston Baptist Church. Greene and Susan have been married for 47 years. They are parents to two children and have three granddaughters.

The 2021 SWOSU Distinguished Alumni honorees will be recognized during the SWOSU Convocation activities tentatively planned for May 1, 2021, on the Weatherford campus.

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