

Carla DOBBINS CROW

Class of 1970

Few people have had a more distinguished career in education than Carla Dobbins Crow, but she is the first to admit it got off to a rocky start.

Crow delights in telling friends how she and a friend were placed on the wrong school bus on their first day as first graders. After touring parts of Wagoner County, the driver delivered them to the district bus barn at Kirkland Field. Both girls walked home, crossing Haskell Park where they were met by Crow's older brother, Charles, who insured their safety during the remainder of their trek.

Perhaps it was ordained that Crow would enter the education field since her grandfather used to call her a "schoolmarm." Due to not having a car she was unable to attend vo-tech which led her to enroll in business courses, learning typing from Lois Maples, bookkeeping from Barbara Lewis and shifting her major in business.

After graduating from Northeastern State University, she launched her career in Lenapah, Okla. where she spent one semester before being hired by Broken Arrow Public Schools. Her job was to teach typing using manual typewriters. Forty years later in 2013 she retired as Chair of the Business Education Department. Along the way she taught fellow teachers how to use computerized gradebooks and Microsoft Office products, served as an education instructor at NSU and Bacone College and as a computers and accounting teacher at Tulsa Tech and Tulsa Community College.

She is best remembered as a teacher at BAHS. Her dedication extended beyond the classroom as sponsor of the 12-year breakfast for graduating seniors or PTA member for her great nieces and nephew's elementary school. Tiger alums are thankful for her tireless work for the Alumni Association and Broken Arrow Foundation.

