

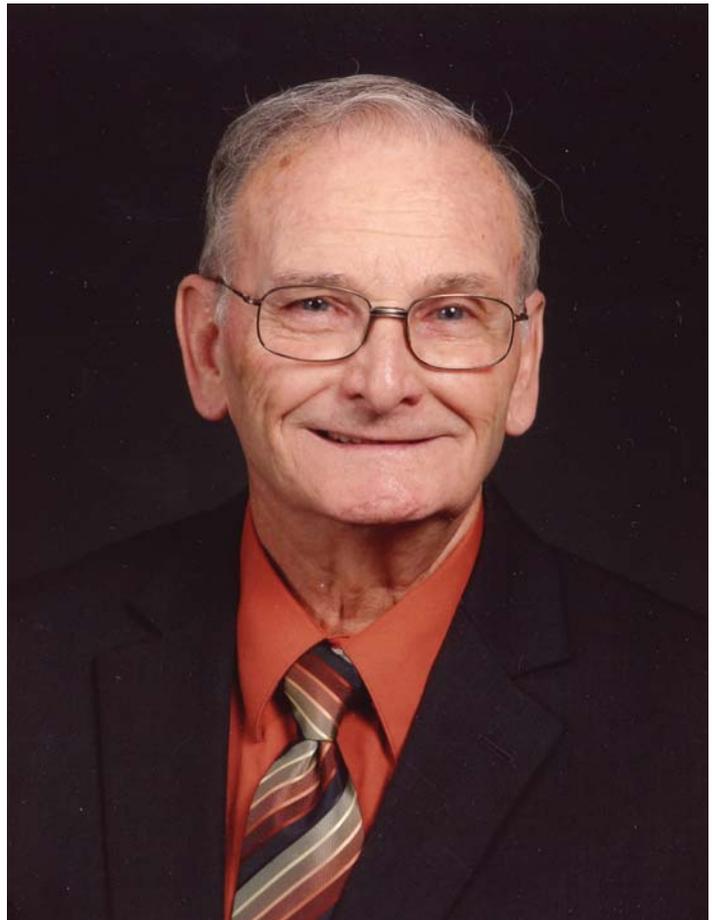
Charles GANN

Class of 1955

The nomination of Charles R. “Charlie” Gann as a Great Graduate from the Class of 1955 gave the Broken Arrow High School Alumni Association a golden opportunity to honor one of its own.

Retired Superintendent Dr. Clarence Oliver remembers the time in the 1970’s when he tried to create an alumni association. Only three people showed up at the first organizing meeting. A year later, that number increased by only a few dedicated people. But with the advent of social media and a growing desire to organize class reunions, the organization was finally launched. Then as now, one of its cornerstones was Charlie Gann,

In a letter to the Selection Committee, Oliver said for many years he observed Gann being the Association’s representative at major community and school events, including being the individual who presented scholarships at the annual Senior Class Awards Program. “It is so obvious he has been involved in all the ‘behind the scenes’ work of managing the investment of endowed funds to make these scholarships possible,” Oliver



noted. “To most of us observers, Charles Gann is ‘the face’ of the Alumni Association.”

After high school, Gann joined the U.S. Navy and began a service career that made him a world traveler. He was stationed on an electronics repair ship in Newport, Rhode Island and went to Gibraltar, Spain, Italy, Crete, Turkey and Sicily as well as Puerto Rico and a number of small islands in the Atlantic Ocean.

Returning home, Gann earned an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Tulsa and was associated with Boeing in Wichita, Kansas; Century Electronics in Tulsa; the FAA in Oklahoma City, and Seismograph Service Corp. in Tulsa before joining the American Airlines Maintenance Center. He retired from there in 1996.

His resume also includes service with the Gann Historical Society and Library, a national organization dedicated to history and genealogy, the local Elks lodge, the Broken Arrow Historical Society, Northside Christian Church and the alumni association which he serves as a director.

He has three children (all BAHS grads), five grandchildren and one great grandson.

