

International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame



Celebrating 30 Years of Leadership, Learning, and Legacy Worldwide

For three decades, the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame (IACEHOF) has formally recognized, honored, and celebrated global leaders whose vision, scholarship, and service have advanced adult and continuing education across cultures and continents.

Founded by Dr. Thurman J. White, who retired in 1980 as Vice President for Continuing Education and Public Services, the Hall of Fame was established to honor individuals who believe in the transformative and enduring power of lifelong learning. Through his leadership with the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education (OCCE), Dr. White, the Founding Father of the IACEHOF, created a lasting platform to elevate excellence in the field and to inspire future generations of educators and learners worldwide.

The first induction ceremony in 1996 marked the beginning of a distinguished tradition. Since its inception, the Hall of Fame has been housed at The University of Oklahoma. OCCE went on to become University Outreach.

In 2006, the Hall reached an important milestone with its first induction ceremony held outside the United States, in Bamberg, Germany—an event that reflected the organization’s expanding international presence and its growing network of distinguished members.

Today, the Hall includes more than 400 members representing over 50 countries. It continues to uphold a legacy of excellence in leadership, scholarship, policymaking, and service, while fostering meaningful global connections among professionals dedicated to adult and continuing education.

As it commemorates its 30th anniversary, the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame remains steadfast in its mission to advance lifelong learning and to honor those whose work has shaped—and continues to shape—the field around the world.