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Biography

Michelle Rowland Headmaster

Michelle Rowland is an educator with 3 decades of experience as a veteran teacher and administrator in both rural and suburban schools in Oklahoma. She is committed to doing what is best for scholars by holding high expectations for herself, her faculty and staff, and her scholars, and by implementing best practices and research-based programs.

At Putnam City North High School, Ms. Rowland served as an administrator for 23 years, and she was awarded “The Golden Apple,” which is Putnam City’s highest honors bestowed upon faculty and staff. During her tenure there, she implemented an impactful advisory program to help a school of 2,300+ students at the height of enrollment feel like a smaller learning community. She also created a freshman academy with peer mentors and mediators and a “Be the Change” club, a credit recovery program, tutorial, academic support groups, and an 8th grade Open House and Orientation program to assist students’ transition into high school. She has earned the Academy “Fellow” designation for completion of the CCOSA Principal’s Leadership Academy. She has also been a finalist for the CCOSA Assistant Principal of the Year.

Ms. Rowland has expertise in mentoring new teachers and administrators. She has served on multiple district and state level committees, including curriculum, technology, substance use, gifted and talented, High Schools That Work, attendance, as well as working with the State Department of Education Director of Student Assessment and Director of School Improvement.

Prior to becoming an administrator, Ms. Rowland taught several years in Noble, Oklahoma. She taught English, journalism, leadership skills, and she sponsored cheerleading. She was awarded “Educator of the Year” during her tenure.

Ms. Rowland is a proud graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where she was the Outstanding Senior of the College of Education in 1990, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education with Highest Honors, in part because she was part of the Honors College program and achieved the highest GPA. Each of the 13 colleges within the university selects one student for this award. She was also the president of Kappa Delta Pi, and the historian of Golden Key National Honor Society. She won many scholarships, including a full scholarship for her Masters of Education in Educational Administration, Curriculum, and Supervision. She completed coursework towards a Ph.D., completing a superintendent’s internship.

Ms. Rowland is married and has one daughter and two grandchildren, and she has been blessed with more children who were “born from her heart” who adopted her while she was at Putnam City North. She enjoys traveling, gardening, boating, and being an active member in her neighborhood and community.