


COMPANIES/INSTITUTIONS WITH STAYING POWER

RANKED BY YEAR ESTABLISHED

Rank	Name Address Phone & Fax Website	Date Established	Original Name/ Original Location Founder	Original line of business Specialty Services	Top Local Executive	Short description of company	Historical Notes
1	Northeastern State University 500 N. Grand Ave. Tahlequah 74464 918-456-5511 www.nsuok.edu	1846	Cherokee National Female Seminary Park Hill Cherokee Nation	DD/ More than 80 bachelor's and master's degrees, including 40+ critical-occupation majors; certificates and micro-credentials	Christy Landis; Carla Swearingen; Jerrid Freeman	For over a century, Northeastern State University has been a beacon of opportunity and progress for Oklahoma and the communities which it serves	The historic link to the Cherokee Nation and Indian Territory makes Northeastern the oldest institution of higher learning in Oklahoma. With the seminary, the Cherokee Nation established the education system that was lost with the forced removal of Cherokees along the Trail of Tears in the 1830s. The original seminary was built in Park Hill south of Tahlequah and destroyed by fire on Easter Sunday, 1867. On May 7, 1869, the Cherokee National Female Seminary was dedicated north of Tahlequah—where it would continue to provide learning opportunities for young women for 20 years.
2	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network 201 S. Denver Ave., Suite 500 Tulsa 74103 918-496-8721 www.northwesternmutual.com	1857	DD DD DD	DD/ Financial services	Matthew Houston; Lance P. Franczyk	Fortune 500, AAA rated insurance, wealth management, and financial planning firm.	
3	The Boldt Company 101 W. Heifer Road OKC 73114 405-732-5885 www.boldt.com	1889	The Boldt Company Appleton, Wisconsin Martin Boldt	Construction Services/ Appleton, Wisconsin	Tom Boldt; Dave Klievet; David Thornack	General Contractor, Construction Manager, IPD	The Boldt Company is a fourth-generation family and employee-owned firm with 18 offices throughout the United States serving healthcare, power, industrial, education, automotive and commercial customers nationwide. From straightforward to complex, our focus goes beyond building great things. It's bringing together extraordinary people, places, and ideas to blaze new trails and improve tomorrow's landscape.
3	First American Title 133 NW Eighth St. OKC 73102 405-236-2861 www.firstam.com	1889	Coates Abstract Co. Oklahoma City DD	Title and escrow/ Title and escrow	Mary Ann Nelson-Sutterfield	Facilitates and streamlines real estate transactions by providing comprehensive title insurance protection	Direct operations in Oklahoma, Cleveland, Canadian, Tulsa and Pottawatomie counties, agency operations statewide
3	First National Bank & Trust Company 1783 W. 33rd St., Suite 120 Edmond 73013 405-856-1010 www.1nb.com	1889	J.F. Anderson and Son Bank DD J.F. Anderson; Charles Anderson	Personal and business financial services/ Personal and business financial services	Clayton Lodes; Jake Charnock; Jason Roberts	1NB bolsters the people and businesses of southern and central Oklahoma with all their financial needs	Built the first brick building in Ardmore, a two-story structure on the NE corner of Caddo and Main streets between the Post Office and the Apollos Funeral Parlor
3	Greater Oklahoma City Chamber 123 Park Ave. OKC 73102 405-297-8900 www.okcchamber.com	1889	The Board of Trade Oklahoma City DD	Economic development/ Economic development	Christy Gillenwater	Oklahoma City and surrounding areas	The historic land run of 1889 settled the Oklahoma City area in a single day. Thousands of people staked claims in an area that a day earlier had only a railroad station and three buildings, and Oklahoma City was born. It didn't take long for leaders to begin organizing the city. The Board of Trade, the forerunner of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, was organized to promote the community. Now, for more than a century, the Chamber has been the driving force behind the growth of the Oklahoma City area.
3	The Norman Transcript 213 E. Comanche St. Norman 73069 405-321-1800 www.normantranscript.com	1889	Norman Transcript NE corner of W. Main and Santa Fe, Norman Ed P. Engle	Newspaper/ Newspaper and multimedia	Katherine Miller	A daily newspaper published in Norman, Oklahoma, United States, covering Cleveland and McClain counties, in the southern suburbs of Oklahoma City.	The first edition was published on July 13, 1889, a few weeks after Ed P. Engle arrived in Norman
3	Oklahoma City Public Schools 615 N. Classen Blvd. OKC 73106 405-587-0000 www.okcps.org	1889	DD DD DD	Providing equitable access to a world class education/ Public School District	Jamie Polk; Jason Galloway; Brad Herzer	Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) is a multi-cultural district serving approximately 34,000 PK-12 students	In December, 1890 the Territorial Legislature passed legislation for establishing and funding public schools. In Oklahoma City, a Board of Education was elected and determined that the first public schools would begin classes on March 1, 1891 and continue through the end of June.
3	YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City 500 N. Broadway Ave., Suite 500 OKC 73102 405-297-7777 www.ymcaokc.org	1889	Young Men's Christian Association of Oklahoma City 500 N. Broadway Ave Suite 500 Oklahoma City, OK 73118 DD	Charitable organization/ Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility	Kelly Kay; Mike Roark	The Y is the leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other	The YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City draws its strength from more than 135 years of service to our community. Our programs and services are anchored in our mission, values and principles.
10	University of Central Oklahoma 100 N. University Drive Edmond 73034 405-974-2341 www.uco.edu	1890	The Territorial Normal School Edmond DD	Education/ DD	Todd Lamb	A public university in Edmond, Oklahoma. It is the third largest university in Oklahoma, with nearly 14,000 students	The first class of 23 students at Territorial Normal School met on Nov 9, 1891
10	University of Oklahoma 865 Research Parkway, 3rd Floor OKC 73104 405-325-3623 www.uou.edu/price/mba	1890	DD DD DD	DD/ DD	Edward Edwards		
10	University of Oklahoma 660 Parrington Oval Norman 73019 405-325-0311 www.uou.edu	1890	University of Oklahoma Norman DD	Higher education/ Higher education	Joseph Harroz Jr.; Joe Finley; Patty Gasso	The University of Oklahoma is the state's flagship university. OU is a major, public Research university.	Created by the Oklahoma Territorial Legislature in 1890, the University of Oklahoma is a doctoral degree-granting research university serving the educational, cultural, economic and health-care needs of the state, region and nation. The University's first president, David Ross Boyd, arrived in Norman in August of 1892. By 1895, there were four faculty members, three men and one woman, and 100 students enrolled. Today there are more than 30,000 students at the University.
13	B.C. Clark Jewelers 102 Park Ave. OKC 73103 405-232-8807 www.bcclark.com	1892	B.C. Clark, The Big Watch Jeweler Purcell B.C. Clark	Jewelry and watch repair/ Service and repair, Rolex servicing, jewelry appraisals, bridal registry and gift wrapping	Coleman Clark	BC Clark continually introduces new and exciting designer jewelry lines and the world's finest luxury brand products	It was 1892 in Indian Territory when Benton Clyde Clark, known as B.C., opened his first business in the corner of a five-and-dime store. Four generations of leadership, from B.C. Clark's son, B.C. Clark, Jr., to grandson Jim Clark, and now great-grandsons Coleman Clark and Mitchell Clark
14	The Ardmoreite 34 N. Washington Ardmore 73401 580-223-2200 www.ardmoreite.com	1893	The Daily Ardmoreite Ardmore D.P. Clory; Charles Kesselner	Newspaper/ Newspaper	Jeremy Gulban		Originally established when the city of Ardmore was six years old. Established by several local businessmen, the Ardmoreite was the first daily newspaper published in Native American Territory
15	The Oklahoman 100 W. Main St., Suite 100 OKC 73102 405-475-3311 www.oklahoman.com	1894	DD Oklahoma City Samuel Small	Newspaper/ Integrated media company	Ray Rivera; Ryan Sharp	Statewide newspaper	The first issue of the Daily Oklahoman was published in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory (O.T.). The founder sought to operate his daily paper like one in a big city, utilizing Associated Press news and market reports by telegraph and territorial weather forecasts
15	The University of Tulsa 800 S. Tucker Drive Tulsa 74104-9700 918-631-2242 www.utulsa.edu	1894	The University of Tulsa Muskogee, Oklahoma DD	Higher Education/ The Institute for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology and the Tulsa Undergraduate Research Challenge (TURC), Boesche Legal Clinic, True Blue Neighbors program.	Brad Carson; Jennifer Bennett; Eric Schick	Private, non-denominational, accredited research university offering 67 bachelor degrees, 31 masters and 15 doctoral	Founded in 1882 as the Presbyterian School for Indian Girls in Muskogee, Oklahoma. In 1907, it relocated to Tulsa and was renamed Henry Kendall College. In 1920 it was chartered as the University of Tulsa. Milestones include the establishment of the College of Law in 1943 and the growth of its engineering and business programs, which have garnered national recognition.
17	Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson LLP Two W. Second St., Suite 700 Tulsa 74103 918-582-1211 www.dsda.com	1895	DD DD Charles B. Stuart; E. J. Doerner	Law firm/ litigation, construction law, real estate law, family law, business law	Kaylee P. Davis-Maddy; Jon E. Brightmire; D. Benham Kirk	Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson is a full-service law firm that advises clients involved in complex legal matters	The founder C.B. Stuart was the first federal judge of the Indian Territory and the first president of the Oklahoma Bar Association
18	Cowen Construction 2200 S. Utica Place, Suite 100 Tulsa 74114 918-582-2220 www.cowenconstruction.com	1896	DD Shawnee Nathan Cowen	Construction/ Preconstruction, construction management, general contracting, design-build and development	John S. Cowen; Ross Chippen; Link Cowen	Family-owned-and-operated construction company	Began building homes and municipal buildings in Shawnee, Oklahoma. During WWII, Cowen Construction built several large army and navy installations in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Among these was the \$29,000,000 naval installation at Norman and Lexington, the alien internment camp at McAlester, The Newport Air Base and Glenman General Hospital in Okmulgee.
18	Eischen's Bar 109 S. Second Okarche 73782 405-263-9939 www.eischensbar.com	1896	Eischen's Saloon 5 S. Second Peter Eischen	Saloon/ Saloon and restaurant	Julie Kroener; Debbie Eischen-Brown; Nancy Fortmann	Bar	Oklahoma's Oldest Bar. Started frying chicken in 1960, destroyed by a fire on Jan. 1993 and reopened Aug., 1993
18	Manhattan Construction Group 5601 S. 122nd E. Ave. Tulsa 74146 918-563-8900 www.manhattanconstructiongroup.com	1896	Manhattan Construction Company DD Laurence H. Rooney	Construction/ Construction	Larry Rooney; Ryan Haynie; Craig Abbott	Construction management, general contracting, design/build, program management, bridges, pipeline, concrete, specialty construction	Founded in 1896 in Oklahoma Territory in Chandler, Manhattan was the first company to be incorporated in the state of Oklahoma when it earned statehood in 1907
21	SSM Health Behavioral Health 1031 N. Lee OKC 73102 405-272-7272 www.ssmhealth.com	1898	St. Anthony Hospital Mother Mary  Odilia Berger	DD/ Adult and geriatric programs, START adult alcohol and chemical dependency treatment, child and adolescent programs, outpatient medication clinics, adult inpatient programs, and outpatient behavioral health	Tammy Powell	SSM Health provides Behavioral Health treatment to those with mental health issues, ages 4 to senior adults and substance abuse treatment for adults	Behavioral Health services were established at St. Anthony Hospital in 1960 in the first psychiatric unit in a private general hospital in Oklahoma City
21	SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Oklahoma City 1000 N. Lee Ave. OKC 73102 405-272-7000 www.ssmhealth.com	1898	St. Anthony Hospital 219 NW 4th St. Sisters of St. Francis	Acute health care hospital/ Heart and vascular care, cancer, surgery, behavioral health, neuroscience, digestive health, emergency services	Joe Hodges; Tammy Powell	SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital has been caring for Oklahomans since 1898, when it was founded as the first hospital in the Oklahoma Territory	Founded by a small order of Franciscan sisters who originally traveled to Oklahoma City to ask for contributions for a hospital in Maryville, MO. When they arrived, they learned that there was a lack of care and instead raised money to open the first hospital in the Oklahoma Territory

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