

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION HALL OF FAME PRESS RELEASE**

Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor an individual can receive from the College of Education, Health and Aviation (COEHA). Recognized for their outstanding professional achievements and service to society, inductees have also brought honor and distinction to the college throughout their career. Annual induction ceremonies are held for alumni and friends of the university.

This year's honorees, **Dr. Deborah Bosch** and **Piyush Patel**, were formally inducted on May 19. John Romans, dean of the COEHA, gave them both high regards.

"We are proud to welcome Dr. Deborah Hopkins Bosch and Piyush Patel to our Hall of Fame," Romans said. "These two accomplished individuals have made a difference in the lives of many and represented the university and our college in a significant way."

**Deborah Hopkins Bosch**, class of 1991, earned her education doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the COEHA. Bosch received her bachelor's degree at Oklahoma Baptist University, where she eventually became the first female dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She held numerous positions in teaching and administration at OBU. Her achievements don't stop there, as she served as OBUs Senior Vice President. She received multiple awards, such as the Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma Association of Career and Technology Education, and was later inducted into the Shawnee Education Foundation Hall of Fame. Governor Mary Fallin appointed her service on the Oklahoma State Board of Education and the Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology.

**Piyush Patel**, class of 1998, earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from OSU and served as President of the Education Student Council. While attending OSU, he created the I Wonder Fair and was awarded Outstanding Resident of the Year. Patel began an online graphic design and software-training program called Digital-Tutors in 2014. The program eventually grew to help millions of students and artists all over the world. Before selling the company, he received the *Journal Record's* Innovator of the Year award three times and was presented the 40 under 40 Business Leadership award. Patel also has a master's degree from the University of Phoenix and a Sloan Executive Certificate in Management and Leadership from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He and his wife, Lisa, currently own Conclusion Wines in Napa Valley, and every bottle sold supports nonprofit charities in Oklahoma.

In addition to the Hall of Fame awards, **Moriah Widener** received the 2017 Rising Star Award. This honor is given to individuals who have received a bachelor's degree within the last 10 years and whose life and achievements demonstrate the promise of future leadership and bring distinction to the college. Widener is currently a fifth grade teacher at Jenks West Intermediate Elementary School. She was presented with the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in the fall of 2016. The honor is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher may receive in the United States.