

Phillips Murrah sponsors OU Women and Gender Studies event



OU Women and Gender Studies Professor JoAnna Wall, OU Linebacker Eric Striker, and Phillips Murrah Director Nikki Edwards at Voices from the Heart on April 22.

Phillips Murrah sponsored the University of Oklahoma's Voices from the Heart event on April 22, benefiting the university's Women and Gender Studies Program.

"I serve on the Advisory Board as an extension of my undergraduate and law school alma mater," Phillips Murrah Director [Nikki Edwards](#) said. "I believe as a professional woman in law, I owe it to give back by committing my resources, finances and my time to this cause."

Several Courage Awards were given to Oklahomans who were recognized for their courage. Mary Bishop and Sharon Baldwin, the couple who filed suit to challenge Oklahoma's gay marriage laws, and OU Football Linebacker Eric Striker were given awards.

Jari Askins, former lieutenant governor of Oklahoma, was the keynote speaker and she was also given a surprise award for her courage.

"I believe human rights causes and tolerance are central to growth in our state and country," Edwards said.