

OSU Trailblazer Challenge

Cowboy history is waiting all around – find the nine OSU Trailblazers making their mark on campus ground!

Your mission:

- Find and photograph at least five (5) of the nine (9) Trailblazer statues!
- Two of your five must have a connection to the Hargis Leadership Institute.
 - Hint: look at last names!
- Be ready to tell/show us who they are and why they are an OSU Trailblazer!
 - If you can show us pictures of at least five of the nine, you'll be entered into a giveaway for a \$100 University Store gift card!

Saddle up, Cowboys! Find the legends, learn their stories, and leave your own trailblazing mark at Oklahoma State University!

Go Pokes!

Trailblazer Statues to Find!

Burns Hargis

From the Pokes' home on the Stillwater plain,
I led OSU through sunshine and rain.
The 18th president, from 2008 to 2021,
I helped carry the Cowboy legacy on!

Now saddle up, Poke fans, and follow the trail—
Find the place where this leader left his mark without fail!

I can see another past OSU President from across the way!

Henry G. Bennett

Long before the Cowboys called Stillwater home,
A visionary leader helped OSU grow and roam.
I was the 11th president, with a campus plan in sight,
And helped make Old Central remain standing right!

From 1928 to 1951, I led the way—
Now find the place that bears my name today!

I can see another past OSU President from across the way!

Ann Hargis

Four paws, wagging tails, and Cowboy pride,
There's a special OSU tradition where pets provide
Comfort, friendship, and smiles along the way—
Thanks to the First Cowgirl, who started Pete's Pet Posse one day!

Now follow the trail and use your best guess:
Find the place where OSU's furry friends make a difference!

Nancy Randolph Davis

A trailblazer with courage, determination, and grace,
I broke barriers to earn my place.
In 1949, at Oklahoma A&M, history was made—
As the first African American student, I helped pave the way.

Though challenges stood before me, I would not be denied,
And future Cowboys followed the path I helped provide.

Now seek the building, statue, or name that honors my story true—
Your next clue awaits where her legacy shines through!

Boone Pickens

A legendary Cowboy with a vision so grand,
I helped OSU rise across the land.
My name lives on where the Cowboys play,
Where orange and black fill the stadium on game day.

I gave generously to help OSU grow—
Find the place that bears my name and let your Cowboy spirit show!

Barry Sanders

A Cowboy legend who ran with speed and might,
I dazzled the field beneath the stadium lights.
In 1988, I made history with every run,
Winning the Heisman Trophy—OSU's legendary No. 21!

My name is known wherever Cowboys play,
Ring of Honor is near where I stay!

Frank Eaton

A real Oklahoma cowboy, tough and true,
My legend lives on in orange and black for you!
Known as “Pistol Pete,” I became OSU’s famous face,
With a cowboy hat and mustache that earned their place.

I never played football, but my spirit lives on—
Find the Cowboy whose legend keeps OSU spirit strong!

Pistol Pete

With a cowboy hat and a famous mustache,
I’m the orange-and-black mascot with plenty of flash!
I cheer on the Cowboys and lead the way—
You’ll see me at games on every big day!

For today, I’m located in GIA!

Spirit Rider

Hooves hit the ground as the crowd starts to roar,
A Cowboy tradition comes riding through the door!
Leading the way with orange-and-black pride,
A powerful horse and rider take the stride.

Here comes Bullet!