



## **Board Member: Gail Vines**

Born into a military family, Gail has traveled throughout the United States, Europe, and South America. Gail attended the University of Oklahoma, where she received her Bachelors and Master's Degree in Fine Arts, with degrees in Ballet Pedagogy. She received the Yvonne Chouteau Award in her senior year, which fully funded her Master's program. Gail taught at the University of Oklahoma for two years, served as principal dancer and Ballet Mistress for the company. After leaving OU, Gail taught for Oklahoma City University and Oklahoma City Ballet where she was principal dancer, choreographer, and Ballet Mistress for the company.

Gail co-owns and operates Flip's Wine Bar and Trattoria, an Oklahoma City landmark. Overseeing daily operations which include menu development, cost control, training, quality control, and customer satisfaction. Ms. Vines served on the Oklahoma City School Board until February 2013. She was a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City. She chairs St. Baldrick's Oklahoma City, a fundraising organization for pediatric cancer research, which has raised over one million dollars. Gail currently sits on the Oklahoma City Ballet Board and the downtown John Rex Charter Elementary School Board. She is now in pursuit of her Forensic Science Degree at Central State University.

Gail's interest include the arts, Pilates, flamenco dancing, belly dancing, travel, cooking, nutrition, and a clever novel.