

2019 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR CITY OF OLATHE BRENDA LONG



Brenda Long, Assistant City Clerk for the City of Olathe, was named the 2019 Nancy Crain Municipal Administrative Professional of the Year award winner. She was presented the award at the Administrative Assistants of Kansas Cities (AAKC) Spring Conference in Garden City on April 12.

Brenda has made Olathe her home for the past 30 years and served as the City Manager's Administrative Assistant for the City of Olathe for the past six years and was recently promoted to Assistant City Clerk.

At the City of Olathe, Brenda facilitated the Olathe Civic Academy which teaches residents all about local government, how it works and how it affects them. She has also helped with the Summer Intern Program and the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

Brenda is a mother of eight adult children, which includes four sibling girls who were adopted through the Kansas Foster Care system. She earned her bachelor's degree from Mid America Nazarene University in Olathe at the age of 50, while raising six teenagers and working full time. Brenda enjoys spending time with her 'littles' (also known as her grandchildren), along with piecing quilts for family and friends. In her community, she volunteers at the local animal shelter and is also very involved within her church.

Brenda has been a member of AAKC since 2013 and is currently serving her second two-year term as Treasurer and has also served on the Membership Committee. In 2015 she hosted the spring AAKC Conference in Olathe and also represented AAKC at two League of Kansas Municipalities Conferences, explaining to conference attendees the advantages that an AAKC membership can provide to local government assistants, as well as encouraging elected and appointed officials to provide the opportunity to all administrative assistants that work for local government.

Brenda was nominated by fellow clerk Celyn Hurtado with the City of Garden City and said, "I believe she is a valuable asset to her community and the City of Olathe."

Congratulations to Brenda Long for her public service and dedication to the City of Olathe, along with her many contributions to AAKC. 🌟