



Shelby Scholars Lecture Series

MARKWAYNE MULLIN

U.S. Senator

ABOUT OUR GUEST

Senator Markwayne Mullin is a successful business owner, working cow-calf rancher, and proud husband of 25 years to Mrs. Christie Mullin. Together the two are parents to six wonderful children. Mullin was sworn into office on January 3, 2023, following ten years of service to Oklahoma in the U.S. House of Representatives. A lifelong Oklahoman, Senator Mullin grew up on his family's ranch in Westville where he and his family still reside to this day.

A graduate of Stilwell High School, Mullin went on to attend Missouri Valley College on a wrestling scholarship until the age of 20 years old. At that time, Senator Mullin's father, Jim, fell ill, and Mullin and his recent bride Christie postponed studies to take over the family business, Mullin Plumbing.

Over the past 25 years, Markwayne and Christie Mullin have expanded Mullin Plumbing to become the largest service company in the region, and along the way founded numerous other successful companies ranging from Mullin Environmental to Rowan's Steakhouse, the latter a bustling restaurant in the neighboring town of Stilwell and named for Christie's family.

As one of the only current business operators in the U.S. Senate, Mullin brings over 25 years of firsthand experience and entrepreneurial leadership to address some of the biggest issues impacting the U.S. economy and Oklahoma's small business community.

Senator Mullin is an enrolled member of Cherokee Nation and is the first Tribal citizen to serve in the U.S. Senate in nearly two decades. He is the second Cherokee Nation citizen to ever serve in the chamber.

In 2010, Senator Mullin completed his university education and received his degree in Applied Science in Construction Technology from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. He received an honorary doctorate degree from Bacone College in 2018.

Senator Mullin serves Oklahoma on the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee; the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee; and the Indian Affairs Committee.

*Saturday, November 15, 2025
10:30 AM at Tuomey Hall*