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## **Leadership Program's End Will Rob Oklahoma Women of Critical Resources, Entry Point Into Politics**

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The University of Oklahoma's recent decision to shutter a longstanding program intended to encourage, empower, and educate female Oklahoma college students to pursue civic and political service careers has deeply unsettled me.

I am upset by the abrupt end to this invaluable program, both as a 2007 alumna of the National Education for Women's Leadership program and a political science professor who has written recommendation letters and successfully sent at least two students to the program in my last decade of teaching.