

Helen Lynd

Featured to the left side of the mural, wearing a lilac top

Helen Lynd was a student at UKC at the time of Quintanilla's residency. Originally from Pittsburg, KS, Helen was a popular student and athlete. She was the women's fencing champion and won the third place in the 1939 campus beauty contest. Quintanilla himself asked Helen to model for the murals and the *Kansas City Star* published a story of her appearance in the murals. The *Kansas City Star* article caught the attention of Ritche Cooper, a well-known magazine illustrator at that time and, subsequently, Helen became a model for several of his magazines' pieces. She graduated from UKC in 1942. She passed away in 2018.

Sources: Kansas City Star, 12 Sep 1940; Kansas City Star, 25 Nov 1940.