

Distinguished Alumnus 2002
Dr. Clane Kirtley
Class of 1954

Clane Kirtley was born in 1934 and graduated in 1952 from Perry High School. He earned an Associate of Business degree from Northern Oklahoma Junior College where he lettered in football and track. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and his Master of Science and Doctorate of Education degrees from Oklahoma State University.

Married to Ladine Huff, he was employed in 1960 at NOC as business instructor and coach, eventually holding the positions of dean, business manager and well-loved counselor of many students. Of his 40 years in education, 36 years were spent at NOC before he retired in 1996. He then returned as part-time counselor for the learning disabled.

Dr. Kirtley was very active in his church and in numerous civic organizations. The Tonkawa Junior Chamber of Commerce named him Man of the Year, recognizing his many contributions to the community. He died in 1999.