

Distinguished Alumnus 2011
Dr. Patricia Sargent
Class of 1953

At Northern Oklahoma College Patricia Turner served as president of Threlkeld Dormitory and was active in the Library Club while earning an Associate of Arts degree. She received degrees from the universities of Arkansas, Virginia and Northern Colorado. In 1966 she married Dr. Earl Sargent.

A life-long educator, she was employed as classroom teacher, college lecturer and adjunct college professor. Named 1990 Broken Arrow Schools Teacher of the Year, she was a semifinalist for Oklahoma Teacher of the Year. That year she hosted the International Science and Engineering Fair.

She assisted her husband in presenting numerous hands-on science workshops and in 1986 received the National Science Teachers Association Award for Excellence in Science Education. She was a semifinalist for the 1987 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Retiring in 2000, she donated all specimens from her personal classroom to the A.D. Buck Museum.

Dr. Sargent's innumerable community activities have ranged from serving in a soup kitchen to Girl Scout leader to volunteering at a reading clinic for children.