

Distinguished Alumna 2017

Nevona Kegans-Bossert

Class of 1961

At Northern Oklahoma College Nevona Kegans (nee Kennedy) played basketball and marched with the Mavettes in President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade. She earned her Associate of Science degree in Business at Northern and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and a Master's degree in Higher Education from Central State University, now University of Central Oklahoma.

Upon graduation in 1963 from CSU, she joined the Northern faculty as an instructor for the new women's physical education department. Over the next 40 years, she served in numerous capacities, including women's basketball coach (1963-1973), women's track coach (1975-1981), dean of women (1967-2003), head of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division (1998-2003) and founder of the athletic training program (1999), touching the lives of an estimated 10,000 students.

Her honors include Outstanding Basketball Coach, National Institute for Staff and organizational Development Excellence in Teaching Award and Oklahoma College Press Relations Association Cornerstone Award. The youngest college dean in Oklahoma when appointed, she retired as the dean with the longest tenure in the state.