

Vicki Hudson receives Higher Education award at convention

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Vicki Hudson has been recognized as the Virginia Peters Higher Education Professional for 2012-13.

The award is named in honor of Dr. Virginia Peters, a longtime professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and former coach at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Hudson received the award at the State Convention held at UCO on October 16.



Vicki Hudson, left, receives congratulations from Dr. Virginia Peters.

"It was an amazing honor to receive the Higher Education Award named for and presented by a woman whom I have long admired," Hudson said. "She has been an outstanding leader in our profession for years and has served as an exceptional role model for all of the professionals in our discipline."

The recipient of the Virginia Peters Higher Education Professional Award must prepare Oklahoma public and private school physical education teachers; oversee, direct and/or advise student teachers in the field of physical education; serve as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness; share the enjoyment of activity; and demonstrate sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of all students.

Hudson has served as chair of Southeastern's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation since 1997. She is in her 43rd year with Southeastern and has coached several sports over the years.

She started women's tennis, volleyball and basketball in the modern era and has served on numerous athletics- and academics-related committees.

In 1995, Hudson was presented the OAHPERD Honor Award in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to the profession and association. In 1996, she received the Pathfinder Award from the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports.

In 2012, she was inducted into Southeastern's Athletics Hall of Fame.

Hudson is a two-time recipient of the Southeastern Faculty Senate Award for "Excellence in Service" and in 2012 was presented the "Lifetime Achievement" award by the Faculty Senate.



Calendar of Events

December

- 3 Faculty-Staff Open House, Magnolia House, 1:30 -- 3 p.m.
- 3 Community Open House, Magnolia House, 3:30-5 p.m.
- 3 Santa/Reading of the Christmas Story and Entertainment, Magnolia House, 5 p.m.
- 3 Tree and Campus Lighting ceremony, front lawn, 6:45 p.m.
- 3 University Candlelighting, Montgomery Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Last day of Fall classes
- 15 Commencement, Dr. Cordell Adams, speaker, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., Bloomer Sullivan Arena
- 24-Jan. 1 Christmas-New Year's holidays

January

- 14 First day of Spring classes
- 15 Southeastern Regional Legislative Tour, Krebs, Oklahoma, 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Martin Luther King, Holiday -- no classes
- 24 Celebration of Student Success through Partnerships, Glen D. Johnson Student Union Lobby and Atrium, reception, 2 p.m., program, 2:30 p.m.
- 24 Native American Center for Student Success Ribbon Cutting, 3 p.m.

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