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This publication contains the names and biographies of men and women who made contributions to business education—contributions that positively advanced the profession even years after these leaders passed from our midst.

These men and women inspired future generations of business educators through their writing, teaching, and speaking on behalf of business education.

These leaders involved government and business in support of business education. These people created professional organizations where educators and students would come together to discuss and plan for the future.

These men and women were role models in their ability to lead, make decisions, take action, create and develop events that would advance the objectives and ideals of business education. During their time, they influenced the direction and the definition of business education.

For what we have today, we must recall and respect the past.

History of the Business Education National Hall of Fame

The Business Education National Hall of Fame was relocated at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1995. Prior to that time, the Hall of Fame was initiated by Walter Brower and located at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, from 1977 to 1994. In 2021, the National Business Education Association was tapped to continue the Hall of Fame.

The primary purpose of the Hall of Fame is to pay tribute to those men and women who have made significant contributions to business education in the United States. Each one has in some way shaped business education to what it is today. The achievements of these leaders to the profession cannot be forgotten nor set aside as current and future business educators undertake the tasks of keeping business education relevant in the changing global environment.

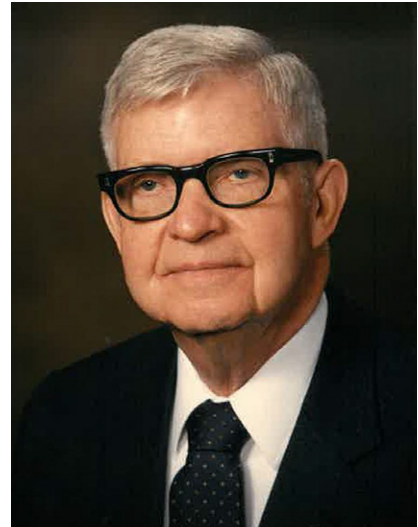
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Floyd L. Crank (1919-2017)

After admirably serving as a pilot with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade in the US Navy from 1942 to 1946. Dr. Floyd Crank received his bachelor's degree at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. He began his first year of teaching in a one-room school in Missouri. before teaching at Bradley High School in Bradley, Illinois and New Trier Township High School in Winnetka, Illinois.

He received his master's and doctorate degrees from Northwestern University and began teaching at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. During the last 15 years of his teaching career, he was full professor in the College of Business at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.



During his teaching career, he held visiting professorships at San Francisco State University and at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. Following his retirement from NIU, he and his wife, Dr. Doris Crank served as visiting professors at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas; Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona; and at the University of Wisconsin, at Madison.

Professionally, he served as president of the Illinois Vocational Association and the Illinois Business Education Association and co- founded the Illinois Consumer Education Association. For several years he was active in the International Society of Business Education where he served on the International Executive Board.

Dr. Crank was the author and/or editor of several professional state and national publications including *The NABTE Review* and the *Delta Pi Epsilon Journal*. He was the Basic Business Services Editor and Feature Editor for *Business Education Forum* for four years and was appointed by the Illinois State Superintendent of Education to serve on the Illinois State Consumer Education Curriculum Development Committee.

Dr. Crank received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Vocational Association, the Illinois Vocational Association, the Illinois Consumer Education Association, the Illinois Business Education Association, the North-Central Business Education Association, the Alpha Phi Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, and the Northern Illinois Business Association. In addition, he received the Excellence in Teaching Award at Northern Illinois University and NBEA's prestigious John Robert Gregg Award for distinguished service to Business Education.

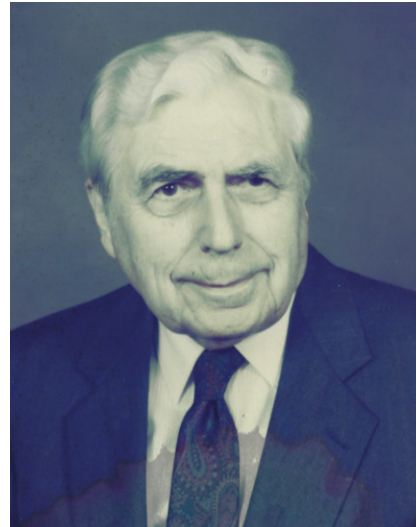


In 2017, when Dr. Crank passed away, his service, dedication, and generosity to business education did not stop. In April 2019, The National Business Education Association became a beneficiary of that generosity. In his will, Dr. Crank bequeathed funds to establish the Floyd L. and Doris H. Crank Memorial Business Education Scholarship. Dr. Crank inspired and continues to inspire future generations of business educators through his writing, teaching, and philanthropy.

George Wagoner (1916 -2000)

George Wagoner was a visionary, a leader, and a business education professional. His 44 years of teaching and research resulted in numerous studies and other contributions to the body of literature of business education in the United States. He was particularly noted for his research in shorthand and for directing research in all phases of business education and office administration.

Professor Wagoner graduated from Ball State University in 1936 and received a M.S. in Accounting, from Indiana University in 1940. He began his career first as a high school teacher in Indiana, then as a graduate assistant at Indiana University. From 1942-1944 he served as assistant director of research at the Naval Training School. His experiences there established a lifelong interest in research for all areas of business education. He was a pioneer in teaching data processing at the university level, having been one of the first to offer course work in data processing to students in the 1950s.



He taught for 32 years at The University of Tennessee at Knoxville where he was a faculty member and became the head of business education and office programs. While serving as an administrator, he continued to teach. Professor Wagoner directed 147 master's theses and served on 37 doctoral committees.

Professor Wagoner also served as research chairperson and dean for the Institute for Certifying Secretaries. From 1956 to 1979, he served as research consultant for the Institute, analyzing the tests used for certification. The results of his research enabled the Institute to refine and improve the certification process.

His wide range of interests and enthusiasm for many areas were exemplified in some of his "extra-curricular" roles at the University of Tennessee. He served four years as a faculty counselor to the president of the University (1970-1973); as a member of the University Faculty Senate, the governing body for the whole faculty (1970-1975); as secretary for the Senate for four of those years; and as chairperson of the Bylaws Committee for the Senate in 1974 to 1978. He was a member of the University Athletic Board (1970-1973), which provided input to the University on the roles of all athletic programs. He served on a number of Southern Association accreditation committees for high schools in East Tennessee throughout his career and as chair of evaluation committees for business schools in the South from 1970 to 1978.



Professor Wagoner co-authored three textbooks and over 30 articles and was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Business Education Association in 1979. The George A. Wagoner Graduate Scholarship in Business Education was established in his honor at The University of Tennessee – an active scholarship program to this day.

Professor Wagoner had a positive influence on his students and changed the lives of many aspiring young business education teachers. His influence in the business education community continues today.

Robert A. Ristau (1928 – 2020)

Dr. Ristau earned his BS degree in business administration and his Wisconsin Teacher Certification in 1951 from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He continued to build his academic credentials by earning an MS in education in 1957 and a PhD in business education with a minor in educational administration in 1970 from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Dr. Ristau provided consistent lifetime leadership as a business teacher, state-level program leader, and author. His work over a long career represents commitment to comprehensive business education.



Dr. Ristau began his teaching career in Wisconsin at Spencer High School in 1951. He went on to teach and coach cross-country at William Horlick High School in 1953. Then, in 1955, he began teaching at Monona Grove High School in Madison, WI. While there, he served as the department coordinator and business teacher, managed the Adult Education Program Evening School, and served as the head cross-country coach and assistant track coach. In 1972, Dr. Ristau joined the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the associate director of the Center for Studies in Vocational and Technical Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. In 1973, he served as a professor of business education and the department head of Administrative Services and Business Education in the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI. During his tenure at Eastern Michigan University, he held various leadership positions such as interim dean of Continuing Education, acting assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, and interim dean of the College of Technology, to name a few.

Dr. Ristau's contributions to business education are numerous and span 37 consecutive years of membership in the NBEA and the North Central Business Education Association (NCBEA). He was an active, lifelong member of the Administrative Management Association (AMA), Delta Pi Epsilon (DPE), and the International Society for Business Education (ISBE), serving as national president of both DPE and ISBE. Dr. Ristau served as president (1963–64) and chairman on the advisory council (1964–65) of the Madison Chapter of the Administrative Management Society. At the state level, he served as chairman of the educational committee (1974–75); functional director of education (1975–76) of the Detroit Chapter of the Administration Management Society; and assistant national director, area 9 (1964–66), and national functional director for education (1966–68) of the Administrative Management Society International. Other leadership positions include chairman (1982–84) of the Policies Commission on Business and Economic Education; chairman (1977–78 and 1980–81) of the Michigan Occupational Teacher Education Association; president (1981–82) of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Business Administrative Society; and second lieutenant, Field Artillery (1952–55), and first lieutenant, Infantry (1955–



60), in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Dr. Ristau also achieved the rank of captain, Transportation Corps (1960–62), in the U.S. Army Reserve.

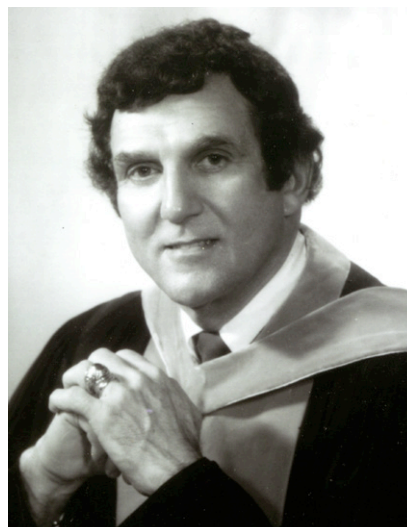
Dr. Ristau received numerous awards throughout his career. In 1964, he received the Merit Award from the Madison Chapter of the Administrative Management Society. He received the Exemplary Service Award in 1968 and the Diamond Merit Award in 1976 from the Administrative Management Society International. He was the recipient of the Outstanding State Leadership in Vocational Education Award (1968) from the Wisconsin Association of Secondary School Vocational Educators. In 1971, he received the Certificate of Recognition for Instruction and Leadership from the University of Wisconsin Extension, Department of Business and Management. He also received the Delta Pi Epsilon Outstanding Doctoral Research in the Field of Business Education Award in 1972. There are countless other awards and recognitions that Dr. Ristau received over his career, such as the Faculty Achievement Award (1981) from the Department of Administrative Services and Business Education at the College of Business in Eastern Michigan University; Faculty Honorary Resident (1981–82) in the Jones–Goddard Scholars Hall; John Munson Lecturer, Honors Convocation (1986) Eastern Michigan University; and the Golden Apple Award (1987, 1988) from Ypsilanti Public Schools. In 1993, he received the Honorary Colonel, Reserve Officers Training Corps, from Eastern Michigan University.

Dr. Ristau contributed extensively to the literature of business education. Between 1953 and 1991, he authored or coauthored a total of 40 articles. In addition, he also authored and coauthored several business textbooks with South-Western Publishing Company. Many of the textbooks were updated through several editions and some are still in use in American schools and universities. Dr. Ristau has numerous presentations accredited to his scholarship that expanded beyond the United States. He taught in Davos, Switzerland, in July 1990; Tokyo, Japan, in August 1990; and Kokkola, Finland, in April 1995.

Dr. Ristau gave his time and expertise generously as shown by his consistent record of professional writing and speaking at local, regional, national, and international conferences. In addition to his academic research, he worked with local schools, business organizations, and professional organizations to develop useful research projects to provide direction for his colleagues. He has been a credit to his field, to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to the two states in which he worked—Michigan and Wisconsin—and to the professional organizations through which he served.

Walter A. Brower (1927 – 2018)

Dr. Brower earned his BS in business education from Rider University. He then went on to Temple University and completed an MEd and EdD in business education. In 1948, he was hired as a faculty member at Rider University. In 1950, Dr. Brower was granted a military leave of absence to join the U.S. Air Force for three years during the Korean War, serving in Texas and Tokyo, Japan, and achieving the rank of captain. Dr. Brower proudly served Rider University with distinction for over 45 years, and he continued that service even after his retirement. From 1950 to 1995, Dr. Brower worked at Rider University as a professor and chairman of the Business Education Department. He was dean of education for 21 years. Under his leadership, Rider's School of Education received national accreditation. His service to Rider University came in many capacities, including his role as dean of education and human services, acting vice president, director of graduate study, chairman of the athletic council, and member of the board of directors of the Alumni Association. Outside of Rider University, he was an adjunct (visiting) professor at Emporia State University, Suffolk University, and Catholic University of America. Rider University bestowed the title of dean emeritus on him upon his retirement. In his retirement, he continued to teach and inspire as adjunct professor of education for 16 more years.



Dr. Brower was a recipient of many honors, including the John Robert Gregg Award for Distinguished Service in Business Education, the most prestigious national award in business education; the Professional Certificate of Merit for Distinguished Service Award given by the faculty of the College of Education at Rider University; the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award (1965) for Distinguished Teaching at Rider University; and the Sesquicentennial Medal on the occasion of Rider University's 150th anniversary (2014). The library at Berkeley College is named the Walter A. Brower Library in Dr. Brower's honor. He earned numerous awards by other various organizations at the local, state, and regional levels.

Dr. Brower had an impressive record of service and leadership. He was a member of the Board of Education in Mount Holly, NJ; president of the Board of Education in Ewing, NJ; a member of the Board of Trustees for Berkeley College; president of the Business Education Association; president of the New Jersey Business Education Association; vice president of the Eastern Business Education Association; founder and faculty sponsor of the Alpha Chi and Delta Pi Epsilon Rider University chapters; founding president of the New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; and founder of the New Jersey Teacher Education Roundtable.

Dr. Brower wrote the books *Rider College: The First One Hundred Years* (1965) and *Full of Promise: The Story of Rider College 1865 to 1994* (1997). He also authored the textbook *Systems for Administrative Office Support* with McGraw Hill in 1976, 1981, and 1988. He authored over



50 articles on various business education topics, including business teacher education, basic business, office procedures, and curriculum development. He contributed to many news articles and documentaries over the years. This includes sharing his experience with the [infamous 1939 Blue Comet train crash](#) in Chatsworth, where he and a friend were the first on location and assisted injured passengers off the train. He was only 12 years old at the time. This interesting story can be read here: <https://pinebarrentribune.com/dr-walter-a-brower-academic-scholar-and-pinelands-hero-remembered-p1915-165.htm>.

Dr. Brower was coauthor of *Chatsworth: Capital of the New Jersey Pine Barrens*, Arcadia Publications (2010). He planned and developed the 1980 Symposium on Business Teacher Education held at Rider University. He was a speaker and presenter at over 400 professional development conventions, seminars, conferences, and workshops that took him to 46 states and four countries. He was also a mentor to hundreds of business educators who, in turn, have impacted the profession in a positive way.

Dr. Brower is one of America's greatest business educators of the second half of the 20th century. His contributions and dedication to the advancement of business education were—and continue to be—widely recognized by his colleagues and students alike. He was a dedicated educator who touched thousands of lives through his work at Rider University and beyond. Through teaching, writing, lecturing, research, and consulting, as well as sheer determination, he served as a driving force behind the advancement of business education and the business teacher education profession. During his 45-year career, he continuously demonstrated leadership and professionalism in the business education community.

Wanda A. Blockhus (1931 – 2012)

Dr. Wanda A. Blockhus received her B.A. in Business Administration (1952) from Baylor University followed by an M.S. in Economics (1954) from Baylor University. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Business Curriculum and Instruction in 1963. This combination of degrees in the areas of business and education set the stage for her five-decade career.



Dr. Blockhus began her teaching career in California at Homestead High School in the Fremont Union High School District. She was immediately recognized for new innovations in the business department classes that she taught, and she readily shared her ideas with business education colleagues at six high schools in the district. In 1965, Dr. Blockhus joined San Jose College Business Education Faculty (later to become San Jose State University) teaching business education classes and supervising student teachers. Dr. Blockhus' teaching also included marketing and business management courses. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Dr. Blockhus served as the associate dean of administration at SJSU from 1977-1979 and associate dean of curriculum.

Dr. Blockhus was the founding sponsor of the Beta Epsilon Chapter at San Jose State University. She went on to serve as National Delta Pi Epsilon President in 1976-77. She also served as the National Vice President, National Secretary, National Past President, and chair of several other national committees. Three major programs instituted during her time as president include the DPE Research Foundation, publication of Rapid Readers and Service Bulletins, and DPE Distinguished Lecture Series. Dr. Blockhus' contributions to the International Society for Business Education (Societe Internationale pour l'enseignement Commerical) include a paper at congress at Northern Illinois University (1976), delegate to congress at University of Edinburgh (1979), delegate to congress at University of Innsbruck (1977), invited paper at congress in Mainz 1980, but unable to attend, chair of San Jose group to host the 1983 congress in San Jose, CA. and co-chair to host SEIC International Conference at Stanford University, USA, August 3-9, 1986. She also provided international quizzes in each edition of the ISBE Newsletter for many years. In addition, Dr. Blockhus served as the chair of the National Business Education Association Publications Committee (1968-71); feature editor, *Business Education Forum* (1969-70); service editor, *Business Education Forum* (1968-69); chair, Western Region Ad Hoc Committee on Consumer Education (1968); Joint Committee on Economic Education (1972-78); and program chair, NBEA Convention, San Francisco (1976) with attendance over 2,000. Equally important she served as Phi Kappa Phi Secretary-Treasurer, SJSU Chapter (1980-83); and convention delegate, Texas A&M, College Station (1980); and chair of the Policies Commission for Business and Economic Education from 1980-81.



Dr. Blockus' research interests included cross-cultural studies of what students know and need to know in a market economy, consumer behavior, media in the classroom and international business. She contributed over 60 publications in journals such as *International Society for Business Education Newsletter*, *NBEA Yearbooks*, *Business Education World*, *California Business Education Journal*, *Delta Pi Epsilon Journal*, *Eastern Business Teachers Yearbook*, *International Review for Business Education*, and the *National Business Education Quarterly*. Her impressive list of publications also includes 7 book titles and numerous papers, workshops, and convention appearances in over 40 U.S. states and a dozen foreign countries.

Dr. Blockus received the John Robert Gregg Award in 1989 recognizing her forty-year career highlighting her achievements as an educator, administrator, consultant, author, and lecturer. Each achievement provided evidence of professionalism and dedication to business education. She received the Outstanding Teacher Award from SJSU College of Business, was a three-time recipient of Meritorious Performance Award from California State University and the George Washington Honor Medal for Excellence in Economic Education from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA.

Eugene J. Kosy (1919 – 1997)

Dr. Eugene J. Kosy earned his BE degree with minors in geography, social studies, and English from the State Teachers College in Whitewater, WI, his master's degree in business education with a minor in school administration from University of Minnesota, and his Ph.D. in education with a minor in commerce from University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Dr. Kosy began his teaching career as a business education teacher in Frederic, Wisconsin. In 1949 he was appointed instructor in business education at Central Washington College of Education, which later became Central Washington University (CWU), in Ellensburg, Washington. Under Dr. Kosy's leadership he was able to grow the department at CWU from a one-person department to 12 full-time and 3 part-time faculty. In 1962 he served as business education and administrative management department chair until his retirement as a full professor in 1984. During his tenure at CWU, he expanded the business education program to include bachelor's degrees in marketing education and administrative management, and master-level degrees in business education and marketing education.



Dr. Kosy served as president of the Washington Education Association, Central Washington College of Education chapter of the Washington Education Association, Western Business Education Association (WBEA), and the third WBEA president where he was instrumental in collaborating with others to form WBEA. In addition, he served as vice-president of the United Business Education Association and as an executive board member.

He was named state FBLA chairman and was active in the organization of chapters throughout the state of Washington. During the 1950's, he led a campaign to generate interest among students, teachers, directors, and administrators. In 1965, Washington State FBLA held its first state leadership conference at CWU with 10 chapters represented. During the same year, Dr. Kosy turned the administration of Washington State FBLA over to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction where it became part of the business education curriculum in secondary schools in the state of Washington. In 1969 the State FBLA was reorganized to be parallel with the National FBLA/PBL, and he was re-elected to serve as state chair.

Equally noteworthy is Dr. Kosy's service as a business education advisor to the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) where he established a business education program as an integral part of the public school system in Antigua. He also led the operation of an in-service training program for government workers. He would go on to be a Program Officer, USAID/WIEC, Mission Headquarters, Trinidad; and business education



advisor to the ten countries in the Federation of the West Indies. The U.S. A.I.D. requested his service for six months in Columbia (1963), and three months in Brazil (1964) where he was assigned similar responsibilities.

In 1984, Washington State Business Association established the Eugene Kosy Scholarship recognizing his contributions to business teacher education, FBLA, and professional organizations. The purpose of this scholarship was to recognize an outstanding FBLA student who has strong potential for success in higher education. The same year, the Business Education and Administrative Management Department at CWU initiated the Eugene J. Kosy Scholarship for a departmental major who has at least junior standing.

In addition to Dr. Kosy's distinguished career in business education, he served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945 and the U.S. Army Reserve from 1946-1959. He served as a Tank Battalion Plans and Training Office, Tank Platoon Officer, and Tank and Reconnaissance Company Commander. From June 1943, to December 1945, he served as an Armored Reconnaissance Company Commander, including participation in the Battle of the Bulge. He was discharged as a Captain and a highly decorated (U.S., Belgium, and France) combat veteran.

Jim D. Rucker (1947 – 2010)

Dr. Jim D. Rucker received his BA from Kearney State College in Nebraska, his master's degree from Chadron State College in Nebraska, and his Ed. D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Early in his teaching career he taught at Shelby Public School and Columbus Junior High School before entering the academy and teaching at the collegiate-level. In 1980, Dr. Rucker joined the business division faculty at Wayne State College in Nebraska as an assistant professor. Two years later he began his tenure at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) in Kansas in the College of Business and Leadership progressing from assistant professor to professor. In addition, he served as the chair of the Accounting and Information Systems Department including business education at FHSU and professor of business communication in the College of Business and Entrepreneurship.



Dr. Rucker received numerous awards throughout his career. In 1997, he received the Kansas Outstanding Post-Secondary Business Educator Award. In 2000, he was awarded the Mountain-Plains Collegiate Business Teacher of the Year. In 2002, he was awarded the Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Leadership Award presented by the National Business Education Association. In 2003, he received the National Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year Award. He was also nominated nine times and a finalist two times for the Fort Hays State University Pilot Award.

He served as president-elect, president, and past-president of both the National Business Education Association (NBEA) and the Mountain-Plains Business Education Association (M-PBEA). Dr. Rucker's service to NBEA includes chair of Presidents' Council (1999-2000, member of Executive Board (1999-2000; 2002-2005), member of the NBEA Business Teacher Education Curriculum Committee (1998-2009), member of the NBEA Strategic Planning Committee (2001-2003), and Mountain-Plains Business Education Association representative to the NBEA Executive Board (2002-2005).

Dr. Rucker was an advocate and champion of business education, at all levels, in multiple states, and across the country. His writing focused on several major areas: instructional technology, assessment, business etiquette and soft skills, business communication, and global/international communication. His presentations spanned organizations across the U.S. including the annual conventions of the Association for Business Communication, National Association for Business Teacher Education Research Conference, Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Convention, and the Association for Business Communication Midwest Regional Conference.



Calfrey C. Calhoun (1928 – 2007)

Dr. Calfrey C. Calhoun received BSED degrees from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, his master's degree from Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Dr. Calhoun's impact as an educator was most immediate in the southeastern United States but also felt throughout the United States. Hundreds of students graduated from the Bachelor of Science in education program at the University of Georgia (UGA) during his 25 years there. Many of these students came back to UGA to earn master's and doctoral degrees and either remained in a public school setting or moved on to postsecondary education. During his tenure at UGA, he chaired 17 doctoral dissertations to completion.



He also influenced a broader scope of student in his role as dean of the School of Technology at East Carolina University, a position he held for five years. After this service to ECU, he and his beloved wife Marjorie moved back to Leesburg, Georgia, where he became the director of the Southwest Georgia Regional Education Service Agency, an organization that provides a variety of educational services to member school systems.

Dr. Calhoun's scholarship is noteworthy, not only for its quantity but also for its impact. He published at least 26 articles, 3 yearbook chapters, 9 books, 2 technical reports, and 2 monographs. Two of his textbooks, *Vocational and Career Education: Concepts and Operations* (co-authored with Alton V. Finch) and *Managing the Learning Process in Business Education* were seminal pieces in the business education literature; these texts were used throughout the United States in business teacher education classrooms. His many contributions to the *Business Education Forum* provided valuable information to classroom teachers at a variety of levels. Chapters he authored for various National Business Education Association yearbooks provided additional resources to business educators at every level. The remaining publications informed and influenced business education for more than 30 years.

His writing focused on these major areas: teacher preparation, business education standards, personal finance, and business education research. He co-authored the *New Office and Business Education Learning System* (NOBELS) which may well have been the precursor to the initial national standards for business education published by the National Business Education Association.

His service to the profession is most obvious by his service to the National Business Education Association executive board and to which he was ultimately elected as president for the 1980-1981

term. He also was a long-time and loyal member of Delta Pi Epsilon, always making sure his graduate students were members and participated in local chapter activities and national research conferences. However, believing readily available professional development opportunities were important, in 1963; he started the Southeastern Business Education Conference, drawing business educators from nearly every level and from throughout the southeast to Athens, Georgia, the first weekend in February for 50 years.

Dr. Calhoun's service to business education was recognized in two ways. First, he was the 1981 recipient of the John Robert Gregg Award in recognition of his lifetime achievements in business education. In 1982 he was named the National Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year.



Gordon F. Culver (1923 – 2010)

Dr. Gordon F. Culver earned his BS and MS degrees in business from Oklahoma State University and his doctorate in secondary education from the University of Nebraska. He taught at Stillwater High School and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) until he retired in 1990. At UNL, he served 29 years (1961-1990) as professor and head of business education in the Teachers College. He served on numerous committees and was president of UNL's Emeriti Association in 1996. As head of UNL's business education department, he mentored hundreds of pre-service students and new teachers.



Dr. Culver served as president of National Business Education Association, president of Delta Pi Epsilon, and president of Mountain-Plains Business Education. He was an honorary member of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, which he established at UNL in 1966. He was also a dean of the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, an honorary life member of Professional Secretaries International and Cornhusker Chapter of PSI, and past president of Lincoln chapter of Administrative Management Society.

In 1970 Dr. Culver received the first Outstanding Teacher Award presented by Nebraska State Business Education Association; in 1971 received M-PBEA Award for Outstanding Service, in 1978 received the Distinguished Services Award presented by NBEA, and in 1982 received the John Robert Gregg Award for Service to Business Education, the highest recognition given by the profession. He was also honored in 1985 with an Outstanding Teacher Award by University of Nebraska-Lincoln and in 1986 as Boss of the Year by Cornhusker Chapter of PSI.

He was a skilled writer and teacher of shorthand. He credited his secretarial skills—first learned in high school—with changing his life. He conducted workshops for business teachers and secretaries throughout the country, the Bahamas, and Puerto Rico and was a shorthand consultant for Gregg Division of McGraw-Hill Book Company. Dr. Culver published numerous research articles in professional business education journals.

In addition to Dr. Culver's distinguished career in business education, he served three years in the U.S. Army in World War II. He rose from Private to Master Sergeant, utilizing his secretarial and administrative management skills. In March 1945, at Klatovy, Czechoslovakia, where his unit was on VE Day, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service.

After retirement, he completed the Master Gardener program and volunteered many hours of community service. His involvement in SAGE (Sharing Across Generations for Enrichment)



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began in 1992. The organization, whose name has since changed to OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning) offers life-long learning classes for retired persons. Between 1995 and 2005, Dr. Culver taught 28 classes for OLLI. He also served as a member of the advisory board.



Doris Howell Crank (1922 – 2008)

Dr. Doris Crank received her bachelor's degree from Illinois State Normal University in 1943. The initial two years of her teaching career were spent at Byron (Illinois) Community High School. In 1948, while teaching at Rochelle Township High School, Dr. Crank received her master's degree from Northwestern University, and in 1954, where she subsequently earned a doctorate. She then taught at Champaign Senior High School and was director of guidance at DeKalb Junior High School. After teaching many summer sessions in universities from California to Illinois, Dr. Crank returned in 1959 to her undergraduate campus at Normal to teach full time at the university level. In 1965, she began her fifteen-year career at Northern Illinois University. After her retirement in 1980, she and her husband Dr. Floyd Crank served as visiting professors at the University of North Dakota, San Francisco State University, Arizona State University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Lamar University at Beaumont, Texas.



Awards received by Dr. Crank include: 1967 Illinois Business Education Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Service to Business Education in the State of Illinois; 1978 Northern Illinois University Excellence in Teaching Award; and 1980 John Robert Gregg Award (jointly with Dr. Floyd Crank).

Dr. Crank's professional accomplishments include: president of the Illinois Business Education Association, president of the National Business Teachers Association, co-editor for five years of the *Delta Pi Epsilon Journal*, and editor for NBEA Yearbook and the *Business Education Forum*. She also authored Gregg-McGraw Hill shorthand textbooks and many professional articles. She conducted workshops in Missouri, Kansas, and Florida and presented numerous times at state, regional, national, and international conferences.

There are thousands of students whose lives have been touched by hundreds of business education teachers who attribute much of their success to Drs. Doris and Floyd Crank. Dr. Doris Crank served as advisor to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students in business education. She dedicated her life to the profession and her students.

A former mentee and nominator stated, "Dr. Doris Crank was everyone's epitome of the perfect teacher. She dressed professionally and conducted herself in a dignified manner. Her lectures were well prepared, and the feedback she gave students was in great detail."

Jane M. Thompson (1934 – 2007)

Professionalism, kindness, graciousness, and a positive energetic spirit were some of the traits one remembers about Dr. Jane Thompson. She espoused the value of business education and tirelessly encouraged professors, teachers, students, legislators, and community leaders of its importance. She knew the significance of legislative activity and brought about the funding of an advocate in Sacramento, California, for business and vocational education. She had the uncanny ability to anticipate the changes needed to keep curriculum current.



Dr. Thompson started her career in business education in 1956 after graduating from James Madison University and began teaching at George Washington High School in Alexandria, Virginia, where she was an advisor to the Future Business Leaders of America. She moved to California and taught at Berkeley High School from 1963-1976 where she formed a group of business students who won competitions consistently in Alameda County. She earned her masters from Indiana University over five summer sessions during the time she taught at Berkeley High School. In 1976 she joined the faculty at Solano Community College where she taught until 2002. She received her Ed. D. in higher education from Nova Southeastern University in 2001.

In 1982 Dr. Thompson developed the microcomputer department at Solano Community College where she wrote the course proposals for the microcomputer curriculum, learned the software, and taught all of the courses. Also, as a result of her doctoral dissertation, which addressed the creation and delivery of online courses, Solano Community College has continued building on the expertise that she established for developing online instruction.

Her activities in professional organizations were numerous. She served in many capacities in the National Business Education Association, Western Business Education Association, California Business Education Association, International Society for Business Education, Delta Pi Epsilon, Solano Community College Faculty Association, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, American Association for Women in Community Colleges, Vocational Education Alliance, California Teachers Association, and Business/CIS Education Statewide Advisory Committee.

Dr. Thompson was co-editor and co-founder of the *Journal for Global Business Education*, which was first published in June 2001. Her other publications include articles as well as the president's messages in the *Business Education Forum*, *WBEA Western News Exchange*, and CBEA newsletters. She assisted in writing nine research grants from 1998 until 2007 with the Business



Education Statewide Advisory Committee to improve business and computer education in California Community Colleges.

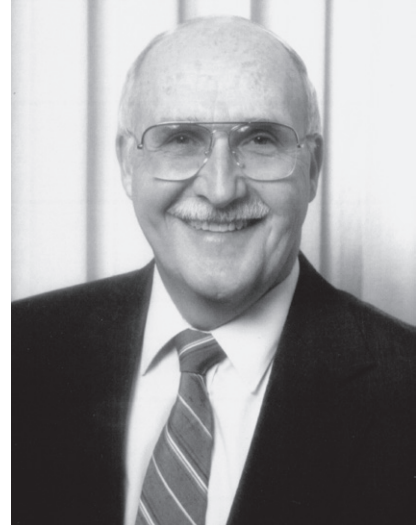
She knew the importance of recognition and developed several awards programs including outstanding instructor for each grade level, distinguished speaker, faculty development to honor teachers, and leadership within professional associations.

Dr. Thompson was a recipient of numerous honors, awards, and certificates. She received distinguished/outstanding service awards from Solano Community College, NBEA, WBEA, CBEA, California Community College Business Education, and California Department of Education for Business and Vocational Education. She also received Outstanding Business Educator from WBEA, CBEA Legislative Advocate Award, and Star Performer for Leadership in Business Education. She was recognized twice for the CBEA President's Award, which denotes the personal recognition of an outstanding professional.

Lloyd W. Bartholome (1930 – 2003)

Dr. Lloyd W. Bartholome graduated from high school in South Dakota and his goal was to become a professional baseball player. He spent summers pitching for the Aberdeen Pheasants in South Dakota, but realizing he could not be a professional player, he enrolled in Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen to teach physical education. He soon learned if he taught business he could either go into business or teach. He chose teaching.

Dr. Bartholome received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Northern State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1955; his master's degree in secondary teaching from California State University in Los Angeles in 1960 and his doctor of education degree, with a major in business education and minors in accounting and higher education, from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1968. From 1956 - 1968 he taught typewriting, general business, and mathematics at Toll Junior High School in Glendale, California. After completing his Ph.D. he joined Utah State University's Department of Business Education and Office Administration where he remained as a full-time faculty member until the time of his death. Over the span of years, he earned recognition as an educator, administrator, researcher, lecturer, and author.



His research, writing, and presentation efforts were prolific with an estimate of over 75 refereed publications and over 200 presentations, at least 75 of which were refereed. As a result of his efforts, he brought grants totaling over \$2 million to his department. He authored two keyboarding textbooks. One entitled *I Can Keyboard* for grade school students and a second that he completed just before his death called *Basic Keyboarding Guide for Teachers* that is currently used in an online methods course. He authored a chapter in the 2003 NBEA Yearbook, *Effective Methods of Teaching Business Education in the 21st Century*.

In 1971 Dr. Bartholome became a full professor and in 1979 he was named department head. In that position he worked with faculty members to revise the department's curriculum and instituted updated programs in information systems, business education, and marketing education. The name of the department became Business Information Systems Education. With these changes, the number of students enrolled in the department doubled. He was the major professor for over 20 doctoral graduates.

Active in numerous associations, Dr. Bartholome was a member of the National Business Education Association for 39 years and served in many capacities. As president he initiated a legislative plan for business education, formulated plans for a business advisory committee, and headed the work to revise the NBEA bylaws. He served as president of the Western Business



Education Association and the Utah Business Education Association. His activities with the National Association for Business Teacher Education (NABTE) included research director, two terms as president, and editor of the *NABTE Review*. In 1979 he co-chaired the first Conference on the Future of Business Education held in Snowbird, Utah.

Dr. Bartholome was recognized for his achievements by many organizations, starting with his student days when he was presented with the Smead Manufacturing (NBEA) Award. He was the recipient of the WBEA Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding University Professor Award, Utah Business Education Association PROUD Award and Active Research Award, Delta Pi Epsilon Leadership Award, NABTE Distinguished Service Award, and NBEA Collegiate Teacher of the Year Award. The 1990 John Robert Gregg Award was presented to him in recognition of his outstanding commitment and contributions to business teachers and the profession of business education.

Lorraine Missling (1926 – 1995)

Dr. “Missile” as she was known to her friends and colleagues possessed endless energy and devotion for her students and to her business education profession. Dr. Lorraine Missling received her bachelor’s degree in business education from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, her master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her doctorate from the University of North Dakota. She taught business education in Wisconsin high schools at Randolph, Shawano, and Nicolet before joining the business education department at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She remained on the staff until her retirement in 1995 completing 47 years of teaching and mentoring students in business education.



Dr. Missling was active in the National Association for Business Teacher Education (NABTE) serving as secretary in 1981. As a member of the National Business Education Association, she was elected to the executive board for two terms and was a presenter at conventions in 1975, 1979, and 1983. She belonged to the Association for Career and Technical Education beginning in 1966 and served as the membership chair for the National Association of Teacher Educators for Business Education (NATEBE).

She served the Wisconsin Business Education Association in numerous capacities including editor, secretary, vice president, and president. Dr. Missling brought the Beta Sigma Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon to the Eau Claire campus in 1973 and served as adviser to the organization until retiring. She was a member of the Alpha Eta chapter at UW-Madison where she served as secretary, vice president, and president.

Dr. Missling worked tirelessly with the Future Business Leaders of America starting in 1951. She was the Wisconsin state chair and annually planned the state convention and attended all national conferences. In 1968 Dr. Missling organized the Wisconsin chapter of Phi Beta Lambda and served as state chair until 1985. Again she attended all state and national conferences. She was selected an honorary member of the Wisconsin PBL and the Eau Claire chapter. In 1975 she authored a publication entitled *A Total Approach to Business Education—A Teaching Unit for Introducing FBLA/PBL*. She chaired the national events and awards committee for FBLA/PBL from 1971 to 1976. From 1970 to 1974, Dr. Missling was a member of the national board of directors for FBLA/PBL.

In her community Dr. Missling served on the advisory board for the Women’s Financial Services Program and on the board of directors for the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. She also assumed the office of president of the UW-Whitewater Alumni Association from 1963 to 1965. She gave



many presentations on communication skills, leadership, professionalism, and parliamentary procedure. Her PBL parliamentary procedure team was a frequent competitor at the national conference.

Dr. Missling received several recognitions for her dedication to business education. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award from UW-Eau Claire twice, the Distinguished Alumni Award from UW-Whitewater, and the outstanding Business Education Teacher Award from WBEA. The Wisconsin FBLA chapter gave her name to the “Missling Award.” Following her death, the WBEA annually presents the Lorraine Missling Outstanding Achievement Award given to a teacher with less than six years of teaching experience.

Robert P. Poland (1925 – 1999)

Dr. Robert P. Poland provided quality service to his profession during a career of some 45 years from 1949 to his retirement in 1991. In these years, he made contributions to business education in the states of Alaska, Ohio, and Michigan with the majority of time as a professor at Michigan State University, East Lansing, from 1962-1991. Dr. Poland's education and degrees included the bachelor's degree in business education from Bowling Green State University and the Master of Arts from Teachers College, Columbia University. He completed his Ph.D. in business and distributive education at Michigan State University in 1962 and remained on staff to become a distinguished professor and a national leader in business education.



As the program coordinator for business education at Michigan State University, Dr. Poland served as doctoral advisor for more than 30 students and served as advisor of independent studies for graduate and undergraduate students. He coordinated an in-service program in office education for over 90 high schools in Michigan that was defined as the vocational office block-time project.

As a leader Dr. Poland served as president of the National Business Education Association (NBEA), the International Society for Business Education (ISBE), the North Central Business Education Association (N-CBEA), and Alpha Lambda Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon (DPE). He sponsored the DPE chapter at Michigan for 24 years and served as assistant editor of the *DPE Journal* for 12 years. He gave freely of his time in making contributions to all of these organizations by assuming an active leadership role, serving on numerous committees, attending conferences, and giving more than 150 presentations.

His professional interests centered on typewriting, and he conducted extensive research studies in typewriting methods. This research also included a study of typewriting instruction by way of television. His research resulted in publications of texts and multi-media materials for typewriting and office education. He was also a prolific contributor of articles for refereed and non-refereed business education journals. At Michigan State University he created materials that were published by the university for use in the teacher preparation program.

Dr. Poland was a recipient of the John Robert Gregg Award from McGraw-Hill in 1985. He was named the NBEA Collegiate Teacher of the Year in 1981 and received the NBEA President's Achievement Award in 1979. ISBE honored him for his significant contributions to the organization in 1969. The NCBEA honored him in 1972 for distinguished service in giving leadership and service to business education. The Michigan Business Education Association awarded him the Distinguished Service Award in 1970 and Bowling Green State University presented him the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1987.



Fred E. Winger (1912 – 2000)

As a native of Nebraska, Dr. Winger made contributions to business education as he traveled from Nebraska to Iowa, to Missouri, to France, and eventually to Corvallis, Oregon. He taught at Oregon State University (OSU), while completing his Ed.D. at the University of Oregon, Eugene, in 1950. His M.A. in business education in 1939 was completed at the University of Iowa and his B.A. in business education at the University of Nebraska in 1934. After five years of teaching at the high school level, he joined the staff of Stevens College in Columbia, Missouri. This was interrupted by a time in the U.S. Army during WWII when he became a communications and finance specialist stationed in France. After returning from France, he continued another two years at Stevens College.



From 1947 to 1974 he served as a distinguished professor at OSU and as a national leader in business education, focusing his attention on building skill in typewriting. He retired as professor emeritus in 1974 to spend time meeting with teachers of typewriting and wrote textbooks in typewriting and keyboarding. Between 1950 and 1986 he traveled more than one million miles to talk with business education teachers.

Dr. Winger's doctoral research was based on the use of the tachistoscope in the teaching of typewriting drills. This research was the origin of his pretest-practice-posttest (PPP) theory of building typewriting skills. His name appears on numerous books published by Gregg/McGraw-Hill, including *Typing 1, General Course*; *Typing 2, Advanced Course*; *Gregg Typing: Basic Course*; *Gregg Typing: Refresher/Advanced Course*; *Gregg College Typing, Series Four*; and *Typing Power Drills*. As an author for Gregg/McGraw-Hill starting in 1950, he also spoke at many of the Gregg Summer Conferences. In 1977 Gannett News Service named Dr. Winger as the "Billy Graham of Typing."

Many honors and awards were bestowed on Dr. Winger by a variety of professional organizations. Some of these included Outstanding Teaching Award in Recognition of Teaching Excellence from OSU 1956, Outstanding Business Education Teacher of the Year 1974 by the Oregon Business Education Association (OBEA), Outstanding Service Award from Beta Kappa Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon 1974, First Outstanding Vocational Education Teacher of the Year 1975, OBEA Teacher of the Year 1975, and Distinguished Service Award 1983. His years at OSU were recognized with his name given to the Dr. Fred E. Winger Business Education Resource Center. Following his death, the Oregon Business & Management Educators established the Fred & Lorraine Winger Scholarship.

Cortez W. Peters, Jr. (1925 – 1993)

Cortez W. Peters, Jr., was born into a world championship typewriting family and, like his father, was an undefeated typewriting champion. Cortez, Sr., had learned championship techniques for typing from another world's champion, George Hossfield. Cortez Jr. would type side-by-side with his father to learn rhythmic keying and to match the typing of his father stroke by stroke. By the age of 16, Cortez Peters, Jr., was able to key 160 words a minute on a manual typewriter.



From 1964-1974, while visiting 100 schools each year, he demonstrated his world championship keyboarding techniques to thousands of students and teachers. Cortez, Jr., influenced by Hossfield and Peters, Sr., researched the major methods advocated for the teaching of the keyboard from the time of the first workable typewriter in the 1870s through the 1970s. He started formulating his system, and by 1979 his first book, *Championship Typing Drills*, was published by McGraw-Hill. In addition, he later authored *Championship Keyboarding, Skillbuilding, & Applications and Championship Formatting*. The methodology consists of textbooks, rhythm tapes, and videos depicting the “right” way to type.

Cortez marketed his textbook and his method through week-long workshops held in schools across the United States and Canada where he trained classroom teachers in the techniques put forth in his book. He developed a cadre of teachers trained in the Cortez Peters’ system of keyboarding to become experts at the keyboard and then to transmit that knowledge to students in their respective classrooms. He stated his method was revolutionary, the first scientific method of teaching typewriting. He used a system of diagnostic charts and corrective drills to achieve positive results with students.

His first book in 1979 has been revised with the fourth edition published in 2005. His methodology continues because the first consultant identified by Cortez to teach some of the workshops is a contributing editor and is available to work with instructors using the Cortez approach to keyboarding.

Cortez Peters, Jr. received his B.S. degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C. The city of Washington D.C. honored Mr. Peters twice by naming March 21, 1979, and May 23, 1991, “Cortez W. Peters, Jr. Day.” He was acclaimed in 1991 as the undefeated world champion typist, honored for his operation of the Cortez Peters Business College, and recognized for his contributions to the world of business and education.



William M. Polishook (1909 – 1996)

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Polishook was a 1931 graduate of Salem State Teachers College that offered one of the first established business teacher education programs in the United States. He earned a master's degree at Harvard University in 1935 under the guidance of Frederick G. Nichols. In 1945 he received his doctorate from New York University. The honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was bestowed upon him in 1989 from Rider University for his outstanding leadership and contributions to education.



For over three decades, Dr. Polishook earned recognition as a high school teacher 1931-1937, as head of the business education department and director of guidance at the East Orange High School in New Jersey 1937-1947, and as chair of the Department of Business Education at Temple University in Philadelphia 1947-1953. At Temple he worked in two additional administrative capacities, as assistant dean of the College of Education 1953-1966 and as dean of the Graduate School 1950-1964.

Dr. Polishook was a co-founder of Brandywine Junior College, Wilmington, Delaware, a two-year college specializing in education for careers in business. At Brandywine he was vice president in charge of academic affairs from 1964-1966.

Dr. Polishook's doctoral dissertation "The Effectiveness of Teaching Business Arithmetic as a Separate Subject and as an Integrated Part of Junior Business Training" received the Delta Pi Epsilon Research Award in 1946. He authored several textbooks used in schools: *Elements of General Business* 1945 and 1953, *Commercial Arithmetic* 1948, and *Today's General Business* 1959.

After F. G. Nichols retired, Dr. Polishook assumed the role of director of research for the Business Education Research Associates (BERA). He served as president of the Eastern Business Education Association (then EBTA) in 1957. He helped establish the Alpha Zeta chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon at Temple University and served as faculty sponsor. He also served as faculty sponsor of the Temple University chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

Former students and colleagues of Dr. Polishook admired him for his knowledge, creativity, commitment to excellence, belief in people, and unselfish service to business education.

T. James Crawford (1916 – 2000)

Dr. T. James Crawford, Professor Emeritus of Business and Professor Emeritus of Education at Indiana University, was a career educator of success and distinction, having taught for over 55 years at the secondary, junior college, military, adult, and university levels. During his professional career, he designed many research-based instructional programs and personally directed many innovative classroom experiments for both academic and industrial organizations.



Dr. Crawford was a recognized authority in the field of education for business, especially well known for his work in administrative systems, management support services, human resource training and development, office and systems technology, and business teacher education. At Indiana University, he was one of only a few faculty members holding two professorships: professor of business and professor of education; in addition, he served for many years on the faculty of the University Graduate School. He served on both the undergraduate and the graduate faculties. He handled heavy administrative responsibilities by serving as chairman of the department of administrative systems and business education for over 15 years.

At Indiana University, Dr. Crawford was chosen “one of the top 10 professors” for having had special significance in the lives and careers of Indiana University graduates. He was selected as one of the “top ten” from a list of 1,260 faculty members identified by alumni as being particularly outstanding.

Dr. Crawford was well known and highly regarded in international circles. He was a charter member of the International Commission for Business and served as consultant to business organizations and schools in many foreign countries. Dr. Crawford spent considerable time in southeast Asia where he served as consultant to the Ford Foundation and the Indonesian Government.

Dr. Crawford was a widely read and highly successful author. His publications included textbooks, monographs, books on instructional methodology, and journal articles. Dr. Crawford started writing on the *Century 20/21* typewriting books in 1947. He received a gold watch from South-Western Publishing Company in 1997 as thanks for 50 years of textbook writing—the longest tenure in their publishing history. In addition, he received a gold book award when his text accumulated one million units sold. In 2000, South-Western estimated that the *Century 20/21* typewriting books have been used by more than 80 million students. His texts have been used from remote villages in Africa to isolated settlements in Afghanistan, from lonely



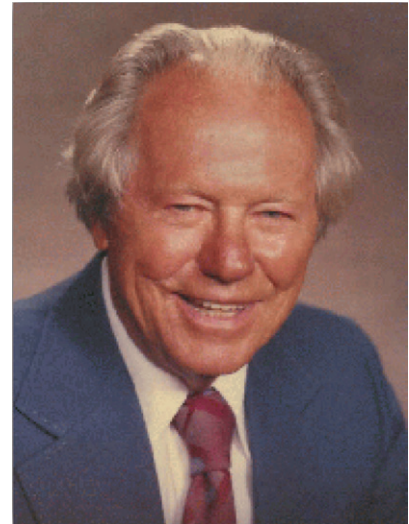
islands to bustling cities. For more than 45 years, Dr. Crawford had a major influence on the communications of the world.

Dr. Crawford's professional stature is further documented by the many significant honors bestowed upon him. Among them are the John Robert Gregg Award and two Delta Pi Epsilon Outstanding Research Awards (he is the only person to receive this award twice).

Dr. Crawford gained recognition as a highly successful teacher, author, lecturer and counselor throughout the world.

Russell J. Hosler (1906 – 1999)

Russell J. Hosler spent the early years of his teaching career in the public schools of Montpelier, Fostoria, and Toledo, Ohio. He received his Master of Arts from Toledo University in 1941. Between 1942 and 1944 he taught in the Naval Training Schools of Indiana University. He remained at Indiana University on the staff of the School of Business until 1946, the year that Indiana University awarded him a doctorate in education. He then joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin to establish and implement a program in business teacher education. Dr. Hosler held the rank of professor in the School of Business and in the School of Education at the university since 1954.



Dr. Hosler contributed extensively to the professional literature in business education. He authored chapters in several yearbooks of professional organizations and wrote numerous articles in professional magazines. He coauthored several textbooks in the areas of shorthand, including experimentation with programmed shorthand for the classroom, transcription, and typewriting. He assumed a lead role in writing the history of the National Business Education Association and editing the Frederick Nichols handwritten memoirs for publication.

He pioneered in the development of multiple channel dictation equipment for shorthand and methods and materials for using the equipment in the late 1950s and early 60s. He served as consultant to schools in several states in connection with the installation of multi-channel equipment.

Russell J. Hosler made outstanding contributions to the progress of business education through his active participation in professional organizations. In 1937-1938 he served as president of the Ohio Business Teachers Association. He was the president of the National Business Teachers Association in 1955 and president of the National Association for Business Teacher Education from 1959 to 1961. Dr. Hosler was a member of the Council of the Associated Organizations for Teacher Education from 1959 to 1966, and he also served as a member of the executive committee of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education from 1963 to 1966. In 1966 he was elected to the executive board of the National Business Education Association from the North-Central Region for a three-year term. He had served a previous three-year term on the board from 1948 to 1951. In 1969 he served as president of the National Business Education Association. NBEA called him to serve again in 1982, after he had been retired for six years, to chair the NBEA Building Fund.



In 1966 Dr. Hosler received the John Robert Gregg Award for his meritorious contributions to the development and advancement of business education. To mark his twenty-fifth anniversary at the University, Alpha Eta Chapter of DPE presented him with a bound copy of the articles he had published in that time. A doctoral student at the University of Mississippi focused on Dr. Hosler by writing her dissertation on *The Contributions of Russell J. Hosler to Business Education*.

Upon his retirement in 1976, his department established the Russell J. Hosler Award to be presented annually to the individual completing the most outstanding doctoral dissertation. Delta Pi Epsilon initiated the “Russell J. Hosler Lecture” to be delivered annually by an outstanding leader in business education. To recognize his efforts in establishing the state association as well as his many contributions to business education, the Wisconsin Business Education Association initiated the Russ Hosler Fun/Run Walk in 1986. The event is held each year at the state convention. The state of Ohio issued a Resolution and presented it to Dr. Hosler in 1987 on the event of the fiftieth anniversary of his presidency of the Ohio Business Teachers Association. The Resolution cited the “invaluable contributions of Russ Hosler to the field of business education.”

Herbert A. Tonne (1904 – 1998)

Dr. Herbert Tonne joined the business education faculty at New York University (NYU) in 1927, just prior to the completion of his doctoral dissertation at NYU in 1928. He served as a business education faculty member and chairman of the department until his retirement from NYU in 1966. He then worked with the business department at SUNY College at Albany.

A prolific writer, he was the author of many books, including *Principles of Business Education* (1970, 4/c), *Methods of Teaching Business Subjects* (1965, 3/c), *Principles and Trends in Business Education* (1977), *The Human Dilemma: Finding Meaning in Life* (1980), and *A Realistic Philosophy of Education: Looking Ahead, 2084* (1984).



Acknowledged as the first to promote the concept that “business education is the preparation for business as well as education about business,” helped shift the field’s focus from simply the preparation of business people for their respective fields to the education of consumers for the world of business.

He was also generous in his fiscal contributions to the business department at NYU, annually providing \$10,000 gifts for tuition scholarships to graduate students in business education.

Dr. Tonne also served as president of Delta Pi Epsilon (DPE), the national honorary graduate society in business education in 1954, and the Eastern Business Education Association (EBEA) in 1965 (then EBTA). He founded the U.S. Chapter of the International Society for Business Education (ISBE) in 1949 and served as its first president. Dr. Tonne was also a recipient of the John Robert Gregg Award from McGraw-Hill in 1962.



Elvin S. Eyster (1902 – 1978)

Dr. Eyster received the B.C.S. degree from Tri-State College and the B.S. and Ed.D degrees from Indiana University and did advanced graduate study in business and economics at the University of Chicago. The impact of his professional life was without equal, not only in his beloved state of Indiana but in the nation and the world.

He began his half century of distinguished service as a business teacher in Ossian High School in 1921 - 1923; in Central High School, Fort Wayne, 1923 - 1927; in North Side High School, Fort Wayne, 1927 - 1941, where served as department head and director of guidance for the Fort Wayne Schools; and from 1939 - 1941 served as assistant to the superintendent of the Fort Wayne School System.



In 1940 Professor Eyster was appointed to the U.S. Office of Education where he served as special agent for research in business education and as special representative for the training of defense workers.

In 1941 Professor Eyster came to the Bloomington campus of Indiana University as chairman of the Department of Business Education and Office Management where he built one of the largest and most influential graduate programs in the country. From 1942 - 1944 he served as director of the United States Naval Training School for Yeomen and Storekeepers operated by Indiana University, and from 1963 - 1967 served as the Bloomington director of the National Training Center for Office Administration located in Djakarta, Indonesia, sponsored jointly by Indiana University and the Ford Foundation.

Professor Eyster compiled an enviable record of service to business and professional associations. He served as president of the National Business Teachers Association; president of the National Association of Business Teacher-Training Institutions; president of Northeast Indiana Teachers Association; national president of Delta Pi Epsilon; chairman, National Advisory Council on Teacher Education of the Associated Organizations for Teacher Education; chairman, National Office Management Association National Institutes Committee; and chairman, Coordinating Committee on Collegiate Problems of Teacher Education. In addition, he served as a consultant to the office of the Indiana Secretary of State in 1966 and as a consultant to the Indiana Bar Association in 1967 - 1978.

Having authored nearly 150 articles in professional journals and co-authored a textbook, *Consumer Economic Problems*, 4th to 8th Editions, Professor Eyster also served as chairman of the Publications Committee for the American Vocational Association Division of Business and Office

Education, as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Journal of Business Education*, and as chairman of the Joint Publications Committee of the Eastern Business Teachers Association and the National Business Teachers Association.

In 1956 Professor Eyster was the recipient of the John Robert Gregg Award. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Tri-State College in 1959, and in 1972 he received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Vocational Association. Professor Eyster was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, national honorary fraternity in business administration; Delta Pi Epsilon, national honorary professional graduate fraternity in business education; and Phi Delta Kappa, national education fraternity. In 1956 he was awarded honorary membership in Pi Omega Pi, national honorary undergraduate society in business education.



Ray G. Price (1903 – 1984)

Ray G. Price, professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota's College of Education was a leading advocate of economic education. Dr. Price joined the University of Minnesota faculty in January 1948 with a mission to develop a program of business within the College of Education.

Known as a pioneer in the development of today's concept of economic education for all students, he spearheaded the drive for establishment of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education and served as its secretary from its beginnings in 1962 until his retirement from the university in 1972. He also served as a trustee of the Joint Council on Economic Education for 12 years. The council is the national governing board for state councils and centers of economic education.



Price's belief that consumer education was an essential part of economic education led to his involvement in various consumer activities. In the early 1950s, with financial support from the Consumers Union, he brought together a group of 21 economists, home economists, consumer and business educators to work on plans for a consumer organization that would contribute effectively to fact-finding and dissemination of consumer information. The outcome was the American Council on Consumer Interests that today has a nationwide membership in the thousands. His consumer activities also included 12 years as director of Consumers Union, the publisher of *Consumer Reports* magazine.

In 1971 - 1972 Price served as the consumer advisor to President Richard Nixon's Price Commission. From 1971 to 1975 he was a member of Minnesota Governor Wendell Anderson's Advisory Council on Consumer Affairs, and from 1969 to 1972 he was a consultant to the National Bureau of Standards for the United States Department of Commerce.

In addition, Dr. Price was president of the National Business Teachers Association (now North-Central Business Education Association) in 1949; national director of research and service projects for Delta Pi Epsilon, 1959 - 1964; a member of the board of trustees, Joint Council on Economic Education 1962 - 1971; and an NBEA Executive Board member, 1949 - 1953 and 1967 - 1970.

Dr. Price's contributions to business education also include more than 100 articles for professional journals and yearbooks. He authored a number of textbooks including one of the most widely used books in economic education, *General Business for Everyday Living*. In addition, he made hundreds of presentations at meetings and conventions and conducted many research studies.

A native of Catlin, Indiana, Dr. Price had degrees from Indiana State University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Cincinnati. After teaching business education in Indiana public schools from 1928 to 1935 and one year at Indiana State University, he served as director of business teacher training at the University of Cincinnati for 12 years before beginning his tenure at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Price received the prestigious John Robert Gregg Award for his outstanding contributions to business education in 1965, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana State University in 1964, and citations from the Joint Council on Economic Education in 1966 and 1971 for contributions to economic education in schools and colleges throughout the United States.



Ruth I. Anderson (1919 – 1993)

Dr. Anderson, a native of Pennsylvania, graduated cum laude from Grove City College with a Bachelor of Science in commerce degree. In 1942 she began graduate work in Indiana University, Bloomington, where she received a Master of Commercial Science degree in 1943 and a Doctor of Education degree in 1946. From 1946 to 1953, Dr. Anderson was a professor and chairperson of the department of business education and secretarial administration at Texas Christian University. She was a professor of business administration in the department of business education and secretarial administration at North Texas State University, Denton, from 1953 to 1982. She held numerous professional posts including dean for the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, 1956 - 1957, national president, Delta Pi Epsilon 1963 and 1964, executive secretary of DPE from 1957 - 1961, and executive board member of NBEA. Dr. Anderson received the John Robert Gregg Award in 1971.



Lloyd V. Douglas (1902 – 1978)

Dr. Douglas earned all his degrees at the State University of Iowa, Iowa city; B.S. in Commerce, 1923; M.S., 1928; and Ph.D. in 1936. After teaching business subjects and acting as superintendent in several Iowa high schools, he took a position as head of the department of business education at what is now New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas. In 1937 Dr. Douglas returned to Iowa as head of the Department of Business Education at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls. A full-time educator and administrator, he found time to complete a law degree through correspondence. Dr. Douglas served as NBEA president from 1953 - 1954 and president of N-CBEA in 1967. He worked with Dr. Hamden Forkner to organize Future Business Leaders of America and served as a consultant in the U. S. Office of Education. He was national president of Pi Omega Pi from 1941 - 1944. He coauthored *Methods of Teaching Business Subjects* and wrote numerous articles for professional journals and yearbooks. Dr. Douglas received the John Robert Gregg Award in 1960.



Dorothy L. Travis (1904 – 1992)

Born in Pierre, South Dakota, Dorothy Travis graduated from Yankton College in South Dakota with a major in English. She received a Master of Arts degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York 1932 with a major in business education and curriculum education. From 1936 until her retirement in 1970, Ms. Travis taught business education subjects at Central High School in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and methods courses at the University of North Dakota, the University of Denver, and the University of Colorado. She was an author of textbooks and an editor of various publications. Miss Travis served as treasurer and then president of the United Business Education Association (NBEA) 1957 - 1958 and was president of the Mountain-Plains Business Education Association. A 47-year member of NBEA, Miss Travis held memberships in Delta Pi Epsilon, Pi Omega Pi, and many professional organizations. As one of the founders of the North Dakota FBLA/PBL, she showed her commitment to young people and in particular to the parliamentary procedure event. At the national level, FBLA/PBL gave her name to the Dorothy L. Travis Parliamentary Procedure Award.





Karen R. Gillespie (1909 – 1992)

Dr. Gillespie began her teaching career in Utah where she taught typing, speech, and drama to local high school students. She completed her M. S. degree in 1936 from New York University, School of Retailing, and later received her Ed.D. degree from Columbia University, Teacher's College. She joined the faculty of New York University in 1941. In 1959 she was appointed as a professor of retail management and remained in that position until 1966 when the School of Retailing was merged into the NYU School of Commerce. From 1975 to 1978 she served as the director of the Institute of Retail Management at NYU.



Dr. Gillespie authored four books and wrote numerous professional articles. Over the years, she was the recipient of many awards including “Great Teacher Award” from NYU, 1975; “Woman of the Year” from Dominican College in New Jersey, 1983; and “Hall of Fame” from the American Collegiate Retailing Association, 1986.



1996

Paul A. Carlson (1893 – 1983)

Dr. Carlson received his Ph.B. in commerce in 1921 and his Ph.M. in education in 1931 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Additional graduate study was completed at Oxford University, Oxford, England, and at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

He first received national recognition in 1925 when he created standardized bookkeeping tests—the first standardized testing program in any business subject. He was an author on all editions of *20th Century Bookkeeping and Accounting* from 1938 to the 23rd edition in 1967.

His teaching experience over a span of fifty years included many types of schools—private business school, high school, vocational school, undergraduate college, and university graduate school. During his forty-two years at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (1917 - 1959), Professor Carlson saw its specialty, business teacher education, grow to one of the largest and most influential business teacher education departments in the nation.

Dr. Carlson held many offices in national professional associations, having been president in 1928 of the NEA Department of Business which became the United Business Education Association and is now the National Business Education Association; president in 1938, of the National Association for Business Teacher Education; president in 1940 of the National Council of Business; and in 1942, first vice-president of the National Business Teachers Association which later became the North-Central Business Education Association. In 1961 Dr. Carlson was presented with the John Robert Gregg Award.





Louis A. Leslie (1900 – 1983)

Dr. Leslie was a prolific and renowned author. He authored or co-authored over four hundred textbooks and auxiliary instructional materials during his illustrious career. His book, *20,000 Words* sold millions of copies and continues to be used widely today.

Dr. Leslie was acknowledged as the world's foremost authority on all systems of shorthand ever developed. He studied numerous shorthand systems and had what was judged to be the world's largest shorthand library containing thousands of volumes including a copy of almost every shorthand system ever published.

Dr. Leslie received many honors throughout his career among which were honorary memberships in Pi Omega Pi and Delta Pi Epsilon. He was a member of several professional associations most notably the National Business Education Association and Eastern Business Education. Rider University conferred the LL.D. degree (honoris causa) upon Dr. Leslie in 1963.





1989

Gladys Bahr (1902 – 1977)

Gladys Bahr of New Trier Township High School, Winnetka, Illinois, was the 1964 recipient of the John Robert Gregg Award. She graduated from Whitewater, then a normal school, and subsequently received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Some 22 years later, she received her master's degree from Northwestern University. While teaching in Ohio, she was president of the Ohio Business Education Association. In the 1950 - 1952 biennium, she served as national secretary of Delta Pi Epsilon and in 1959 was president of the Illinois Business Education Association. In 1961 she was president of the United Business Education Association, now NBEA.



In addition to her outstanding contributions to business education particularly, basic business education, Miss Bahr found time to address many conferences and organizations. She received the Distinguished Alumni Service award by Wisconsin State University, Whitewater, in 1961 and an honorary membership in Pi Omega Pi from Northern Illinois University in 1964.

Helen Reynolds (1895 – 1977)

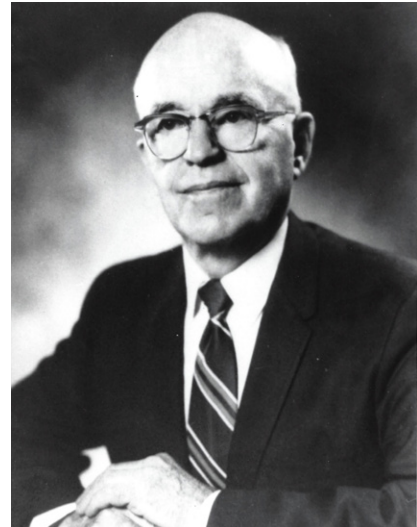
Dr. Reynolds served as the 40th president of the National Education Association's Department of Business Education, a forerunner of NBEA, following a monopoly of 39 men who were elected to that office. She was the fourth woman in EBTAs history to achieve the presidency of that organization, and for many years, served on the executive board of the Association of Pitman Teachers of New York City. She received her bachelor's degree in 1925 from Ohio University and her master's from New York University in 1929. In 1939 she received her doctorate from New York University and was appointed to the Department of Business Education where she rose through the ranks from instructor to professor. She co-authored three books: *Problems of Teaching Typewriting*, *Gregg Typing for Colleges*, and *Typewriting Office Practice*. She received the Outstanding Business Educator Award from the Commercial Education Association of Metropolitan New York Area. She also received the NYU Service Award for 25 years of distinguished teaching and the NYU Alumni Association 25-year plaque.





Hamden L. Forkner (1897 – 1975)

Dr. Forkner, who served as the first president of the United Business Education Association (NBEA) from 1946 - 1948, was among those responsible for establishing the *Business Education Forum* as a periodical publication. He received a B.A. degree in 1929 from the University of California at Berkeley, his M.A. degree from the University of California in 1936, and his Ph.D. in school administration from the University of California in 1939. Dr. Forkner was the founder of the Future Business Leaders of America/Phi Beta Lambda. He served as president of the National Council for Business Education, the National Association for Business Teacher Education (NABTE), and the U.S. Chapter of the International Society of Business Education (ISBE). He was named permanent honorary vice-president of ISBE after conducting its first meeting in the United States. In 1957 Hamden L. Forkner was named the fifth recipient of the John Robert Gregg Award. He was the inventor, author, and publisher of Forkner Shorthand. He co-authored two textbooks *Twentieth Century Bookkeeping and Accounting* and *Correlated Dictation and Transcription*.



John L. Rowe (1914 – 1975)

The John Robert Gregg Award was presented posthumously in 1976 to John L. Rowe, who had served as chairman of the Department of Business and Vocational Education at the University of North Dakota since 1955. Dr. Rowe authored many instructional materials including the Gregg/McGraw-Hill programs *Typing 300* and *Typing 75*. Professor Rowe's leadership roles included the presidency of the Catholic Business Education-Midwest Unit, the National Association for Business Teacher Education, and the National Association of Teacher Educators in Business and Office Education as well as being vice president of the Business and Office Division of the American Vocational Association.

Dr. Rowe earned his bachelor's degree at Wisconsin State University-Whitewater, his master's at the University of Iowa, and his doctorate at Teachers College of Columbia University.





1988

Robert E. Slaughter (1910 – 1976)

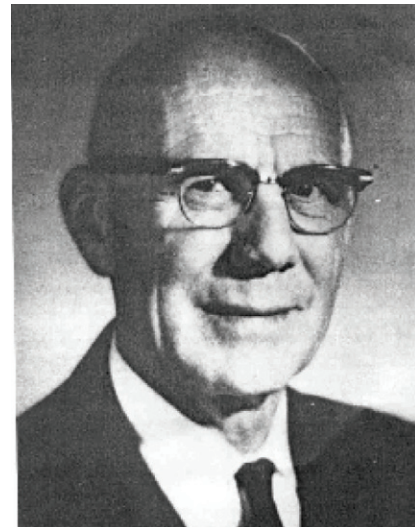
Robert E. Slaughter distinguished himself as an outstanding business educator and successful businessman. Robert Slaughter earned the reputation as one of the country's most highly regarded authorities on the priorities for improving American education. He was the dynamic force that brought the Gregg Publishing Company in 1949 to McGraw-Hill and guided it to one of the leading divisions of the company. He served the publishing company for 27 years.





McKee Fisk (1900 – 1978)

Dr. Fisk received his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma City University. After earning a master's degree at the University of Southern California, he became dean of Santa Ana Junior College, where he gained recognition as an authority on the junior college movement. In 1936 McKee Fisk received his Ph.D. from Yale University. He was appointed to the U.S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Education where he established the procedures for administering the GI Bill. A very active writer and editor, Dr. Fisk is perhaps best known for his *Applied Business Law* text. During his term as national president of Delta Pi Epsilon, the Annual Research Award, the Annual Lecture, and the *Business Education Index* were originated. Dr. Fisk received the 1968 John Robert Gregg Award.



Paul Sanford Lomax (1890 – 1975)

One of the foremost business educators in the United States, Dr. Lomax served business education for over fifty-six years. For 32 of those years he taught in the business education department of New York University, a department he helped to found. He is also known for founding Delta Pi Epsilon in 1936, and he was cofounder of the National Council for Business Education. For many years he edited the *Journal of Business Education*. A John Robert Gregg Award winner in 1954, Dr. Lomax's national leadership was pervasive in all areas of business education.





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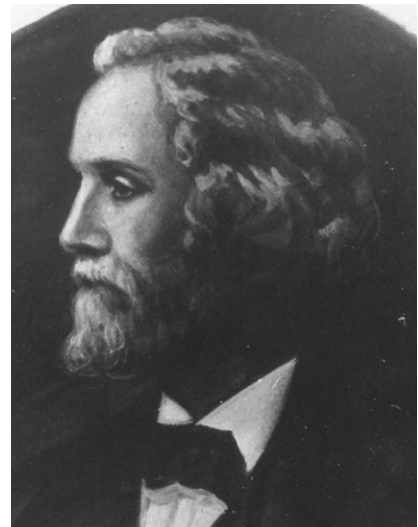
Gilbert Kahn (1912 – 1971)

Gilbert Kahn's long teaching career included 32 years with the Newark, New Jersey, schools and as a faculty member at Montclair State College. Dr. Kahn's writings appeared in professional publications for many years, and he was the author or co-author of 12 books. It was widely acknowledged that no matter what subject, Dr. Kahn could write on it and do a superb job. He traveled the country speaking at professional meetings and influenced the growth of business education in the United States.



Christopher Latham Sholes (1819 – 1890)

An American inventor and journalist, Christopher L. Sholes was the fifty-second man to "invent" the typewriter, but he is credited with developing the first practical typewriter in 1868. Carlso Glidden and Samuel W. Soule sold their interests to Sholes and his new partner, James Densmore. They began to manufacture the machine but were unable to make and sell it. He called the first machine a "Type-Writer." In 1873 they gave E. Remington and Sons a contract to manufacture the typewriter. Remington agreed to manufacture one thousand machines that would sell for \$125 cash. Sholes had been a printer, newspaperman, and politician before becoming interested in perfecting a writing machine.





Peter L. Agnew (1901 – 1969)

A teacher at heart, a prolific writer, an active professional leader, and an international consultant, Dr. Agnew made an outstanding contribution to business education in his 38 years at New York University. Under the auspices of the Ford Foundation, he consulted with the governments of Ghana and Nigeria on the training of secretarial and clerical staffs. He was the recipient of many awards during his lifetime, and in 1972, the Office Management Laboratory in the School of Education, New York University, was dedicated to him.



James W. Baker (1873 – 1938)

At the turn of the century, while teaching in Knoxville Business College, Knoxville, Tennessee, James Baker began writing his own materials for the teaching of bookkeeping and accounting.

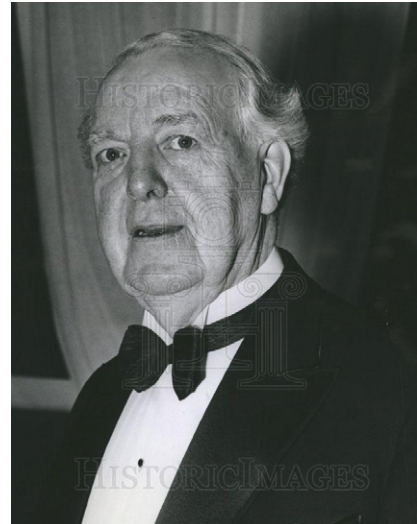
The first edition of *20th Century Bookkeeping* was published in 1903 and was primarily provided for use in the Knoxville Business College. As people learned of the bookkeeping materials and the many features in the book, they wanted to buy it. This gave Mr. Baker the idea of marketing it. Originally the company was organized as a partnership formed by Mr. Baker, Colonel Woodward, and Huy Woodward and was named the Southern Publishing Company. The name was changed in 1904 to the South-Western Publishing Company with the purpose of servicing the South and the West. Mr. Baker often told the story that when he began traveling, he was the salesman, the sales correspondent, the credit manager, the collection manager, and the shipping clerk.



In 1910 the business moved to Cincinnati with *20th Century Bookkeeping and Accounting* the only material published and sold. His book evolved over 25 editions to the currently well-known and extensively used *Century 21 Accounting*. Mr. Baker actively managed South-Western Publishing Company until the time of his death.

John Robert Gregg (1867 – 1948)

On May 28, 1888, a young man of twenty published a new shorthand system; that young man was John Robert Gregg. The name of the publication was *Light-Line Phonography*. Born in Ireland, Gregg was only ten years old when his father decided that all his children would learn shorthand. He mastered the Taylor system published in 1786 and became enthralled with shorthand so much so that he mastered several other systems. He started to think about what an ideal shorthand system should be. In 1888 while living in Scotland he produced his system of shorthand housed in a book 4 x 6 inches in size and 28 pages in length. By 1893 he had arrived in the United States and published the first American edition of his textbook.



Writers of Gregg shorthand won speed contests and by 1927 Gregg Shorthand had won the world's championship six times establishing the world's highest speed record. These successes attracted nationwide attention and soon the system was used by teachers across the country.

In 1929 Gregg was given the honorary degree of Master of Commercial Science by Bryant-Stratton College. In 1930 Boston University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Commercial Science. In the same year, he was appointed delegate of the United States Government to the International Congress for Commercial Education and was elected chairman of the delegation and vice-president of the Congress. The degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred on Gregg by Rider University in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1931 the Eastern Commercial Teachers' Association presented Doctor Gregg with its first gold medal for distinguished services to business education.

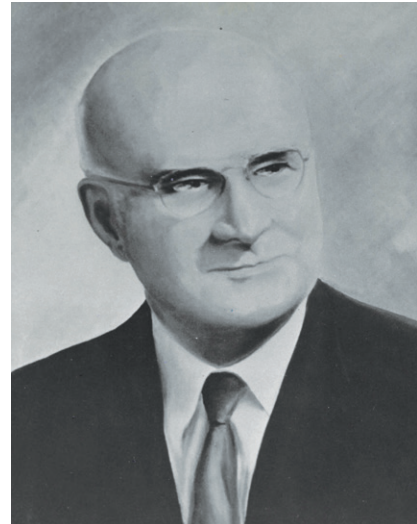
In 1949 the Gregg interests were merged with those of the McGraw-Hill Book Company; an association that brought about continued growth in Gregg shorthand. In 1953 the John Robert Gregg Award was established "to encourage and reward outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of business education."



Frederick George Nichols (1878 – 1954)

Regarded as one of the “greats” in business education, Frederick George Nichols’ contributions paved the way for business education as it is known in the United States today.

His strong leadership enabled business education to make the progress it has throughout the years. He was one of the three founders in 1934 of the National Council for Business Education, which today is the National Business Education Association. He joined the faculty of Harvard University in 1922 at the age of 44 and remained as a member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Education until his retirement 22 years later. His education was largely self-made; he never graduated from any college! He was later awarded a Master of Arts degree from Harvard. Dr. Nichols, the first person to receive the John Robert Gregg Award (1953), was a pioneer in the field of business education.



His “firsts” included being a city director of business education, a state supervisor of business education, and a representative of business education on the Federal Board for Vocational Education. He is especially noted as being business education’s severest critic and friend as expressed in his column, “Comment, Criticism, and Challenge” in the *Journal of Business Education*. In 1979 Delta Pi Epsilon published the memoirs of Frederick G. Nichols, *The Early View of Business Education* (1878 - 1954).

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