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Alumni Achievement Awards

Honoring alumni successes

ROBERT BUCKMASTER chairman of the board of Black Hawk Broadcasting, B.A. '33, graduated from UNI in business and began practicing law in 1938. He has achieved in the business world, developing the broadcasting company from a one camera, two reporter news operation into a state-wide network. He serves on a variety of boards for business holdings and non-profit organizations. A sample of his civic roles includes Waterloo city attorney and mayor, originator of the Iowa Water Quality Commission, chairman of the Iowa Department of Environmental Quality executive committee and of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Commission.

DR. REX MILLER, professor of industrial arts and electronics at the State University College, Buffalo, NY, graduated with a B.A. in industrial arts in 1953. He received his Ed.D. in curriculum development and adult education from the University of Buffalo. Miller is honored for 25 years of working to improve industrial arts education. He's written 31 textbooks on the subject and developed a teaching system for electronics which is used in 19 countries. Several corporations manufacture electronic educational devices based on Miller's ideas and he's a known lecturer for workshops on industrial technology education. He is also a consulting editor for Prentice-Hall and Bobbs-Merrill publishing companies.

MONA VAN DUYN THURSTON has distinguished herself as a teacher, poet, author and publisher. She earned a B.A. in teaching and English from UNI in 1942 and an M.A. the following year. She first taught at the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop and later at several other institutions. Her list of publications includes five books of poetry, short stories, journal reviews and critical studies. She also was co-founder and editor of *Perspective*, a literature quarterly. Van Duyn's talents have been recognized in such ways as a National Book Award in poetry, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a grant from the National Council of the Arts and the Loines prize of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.



Dr. Sylvia Boltz Tucker

DR. SYLVIA BOLTZ TUCKER, dean of the School of Education at Oregon State University, has devoted all of her energies to education since she received a B.A. in business and physical education in 1942. As a teacher and counselor, she's worked on all grade levels, kindergarten through college. Some of her appointments were as assistant dean of the College of Education and Home Economics at the University of Cincinnati; director of Project Upward Bound at the University of California, Riverside; dean of women and associate dean of students at Riverside. At all times, she's tried to identify students' needs and work to meet those needs. She was recently one of four U.S. representatives who toured and observed Soviet Union education systems.



Dr. Rex Miller



Mona Van Duyn Thurston



Robert Buckmaster, chairman of the board of Black Hawk Broadcasting, receives an Alumni Achievement Award from Bernie Ceilley, outgoing president of the UNI Alumni Association.