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University Park, August 1, 2005—Governor Rod Blagojevich has appointed Governors State University Professor Emeritus Addison Woodward to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.



Professor Emeritus Addison Woodward

Woodward served as a professor of psychology in Governors State's College of Education for more than 29 years and was chair of the Division of Psychology and Counseling from 1979 until his retirement in 2002.

Dr. Lori McKinney, a former student of Woodward's (She's now a Governors State University professor of Psychology in her own right), said, "I've known Addison Woodward as a mentor, colleague, and friend. He has worked tirelessly to maintain the quality of education at GSU."

McKinney added that Woodward provided constant encouragement to his students and colleagues. She said, "I have no doubt that Dr. Woodward will be a strong advocate for the quality and needs of our educational system."

While a professor at Governors State, Woodward led the Division of Psychology and Counseling to national accreditations in Counseling and School Psychology in 1989.

They were the first two nationally accredited programs in the university's College of Education.

In 2001, the Chicago Association of School Psychologists honored Woodward for his professional contributions to school psychology and his positive impact on the lives of children.

Woodward has published four study guides to accompany major texts in general psychology, child development, and sociology, as well as 10 research articles, in professional journals, on memory and the processing of information.

He has also co-authored an article with McKinney, which was published in the "American Journal of Psychology."

Woodward said he hopes to be a strong voice for public education. He explained that he is particularly concerned about the declining accessibility of a college education.

"Universities have to be accessible to our populations," he said. "Education is the leveler, and if it isn't accessible, we create a stratified society."

Woodward added that GSU has been a force in making education accessible.

Since retirement, Woodward has traveled the world and met with the Dalai Lama. He continues to serve as president of the GSU chapter of the State University Annuitant's Association.

Woodward's term on the board runs through 2009. He was nominated to the board by University Professionals of Illinois President Sue Kaufman.