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Susan McLemore, Past President

Susan McLemore received her Bachelors' degree from Oklahoma State University and her masters' degree of education from the University of Central Oklahoma. Before coming to UCO she taught physical education for 18 years in the Putnam City School district. She also holds a National Board Certification in physical education, early to middle childhood. Courses that Mrs. McLemore teaches at UCO are mostly those for health, and physical education majors; adapted physical education, health concepts, effective teaching strategies, and supervision of student teachers. While in teaching in Putnam City she was named District Teacher of the Year(2002) and was a finalist for State Teacher of the Year for Oklahoma.(2002-2003)

She has presented at both the state and national level in the areas of health, teacher education, and adapted physical education. Collaborating with a music composer to publish a resource book with a collection of songs and activities, she wrote the accompanying lesson plans centered on exercise and nutrition for elementary age students. (*F.I.T. Build Healthy Kids through Songs & Activities*, Hal Leonard, 2008)

With the belief that her professional is standing on those who came before me and will continue with those who come after she is a member of the Oklahoma Assoc. of Health, Physical Education and Dance, the National Association of Sport and Physical Education and the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She has served at the State association level in many positions, served on Southern District council in the Adapted PE position, been awarded the State Elementary Physical Education teacher of the year and presented numerous times in her many years in the association.

Mrs. McLemore has also had the unique experience of visiting many countries and states where she has observed and studied their physical education programs. She has been a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar in Japan and awarded a "Funds for Teachers" Grant where she and Karen Kobs traveled Australia comparing education systems, and in particular, physical education. She has also observed in Egypt and Costa Rica. She believes this will help give insight to OAHPERD as we plan for the future.

Susan believes that of all the awards she has gotten the best one as a teacher is the feeling or realization that what you do matters to a student. Having been fortunate that several former students have contacted her and made it known that what she taught them made a difference in their lives. All too often teachers do not get to see the result of their work as it may not present itself for years to come. Susan believes that passion for what you do and the relationships you build are the key to success in any field and the teaching profession is the best example.