

Dr. Betty L. Siegel
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Born in Cumberland, Kentucky

Education

- Wake Forest University Degree: Bachelor of Arts in English and History
- University of North Carolina Degree: Masters of Education
- Florida State University Degree: Ph. D.
- Indiana University Post doctoral study in Clinical Child Psychology
- Holds five honorary doctorate degrees

Experience

- First woman Dean of Academic Affairs for Continuing Education, University of Florida
- First woman academic dean, Western Carolina University
- Longest serving woman President of a public university in the United States, Kennesaw State University
- Convener of the Oxford Conclave on Global Ethical Leadership, Oxford University, England
- Co-founder and co-director of the International Alliance for Invitational Education, a non-profit organization
- Co-creator of the Center for Invitational Leadership
- Co-author of Becoming an Invitational Leader; and Problem Situations in Teaching

Affiliations

- Audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome
- Invited to board Her Majesty's yacht, The Britannia, to meet with Baroness Denton in the Port of Savannah, 1996
- Two educational institutes named in her honor; Siegel Institute for Leadership, Character & Ethics (United States) and The Siegel Center (China)
- Appointed Special Ambassador to represent the US Olympic Games, 1996
- Member of the Board of Directors for the Paralympics Committee; torch bearer, 1996
- Selected to participate in the Dalai Lama's "Connecting for Change" Conference, Vancouver, BC, 2009
- Mentor in Frances Hesselbein's "Global Student Leadership Academy," University of Pittsburgh, 2009
- Former Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Currently serves on 42 Boards of Directors for educational, non-profit, health services, government and civic groups and organizations
- National and international lecturer and motivational speaker to universities, corporations, civic and professional groups

Honors & Awards

- 1969 Distinguished Teacher of the Year, University of Florida
- 1996 Cobb County Citizen of the Year
- 1997 Georgia Woman of the Year
- 1999 Induction into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame
- 1999 Atlanta Magazine's "20 Women Making a Mark on Atlanta"

- 2005 YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2005 Howard Washington Thurman Ecumenical Award
- 2007 Georgia Coalition for Physical Activity & Nutrition's Distinguished Services Award
- 2007 Lifetime Ethics Advocate Award
- 2008 International Award, Kiwanis Club
- 2009 Legacy Award, Chattahoochee Technical College Foundation
- 2009 Ginger Kaney Servant Leader Award
- 2009 Tower of Strength Award, Morris Brown College
- 2009 Whitney Young Award, Boy Scouts of America