Historical Note

Dr. Colleen Hester came to the University of St. Thomas in 1984 with extensive background in academic and student affairs and institutional advancement. She held the position director of Counseling, Testing, and Career Services from 1984 to 1987. She served as chair of the Psychology Department from 1987 – 1994. Further, she was the recipient of the Cullen-Mitchell Chair in Psychology from 1997 to 1999. In 1998, the faculty of the University elected her chair of the Faculty Senate.

Other areas that Dr. Hester provided leadership included chair of the University’s Human Subjects Committee, chief accreditation officer, member of the President’s Administrative Council and the Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Directors. In 1999 she was named vice president of Strategic Planning, Institutional Research and Evaluation (SPIRE). She provided leadership in academic and non-academic units on strategic planning, institutional effectiveness, outcomes assessment, institutional research, evaluation and accreditation.

Dr. Hester was named Professor of the Year of the University of St. Thomas on two occasions.

Biographical Note

As a licensed psychologist, Dr. Colleen Hester has had an active practice in psychological accreditation and licensing, providing a service to the American Psychiatric Association, the Texas State Board of Examiners, and other organizations. She received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Murray State University in Kentucky, a Master of Arts in counseling psychology from
Southeast Missouri State University, and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Dr. Hester has published extensively in the field of psychology. She was the recipient of the 1989 Isabel Briggs Myers Memorial Research Award. This award is given annually after an international competition to the best study in psychological type research.

Scope and Content Note

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