



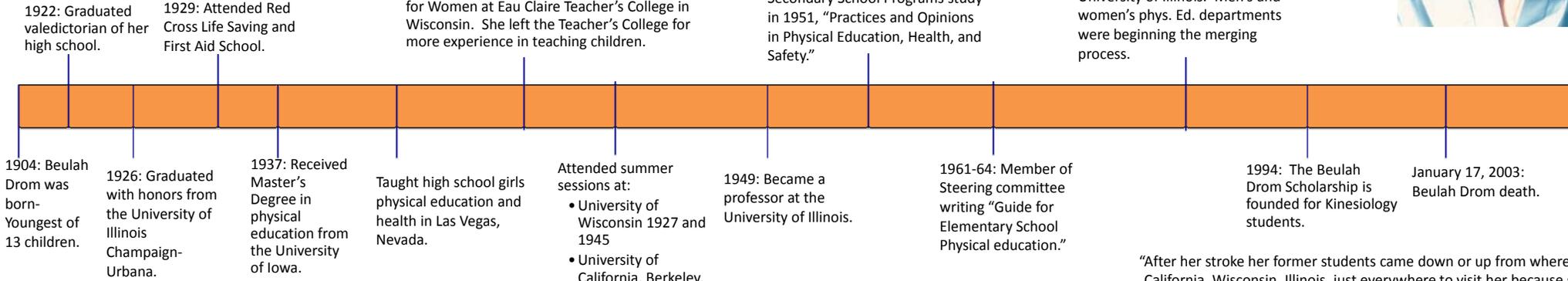
“Teacher of Teachers”

This title was inscribed on a watch and was given to Beulah Drom by her former students at the University of Illinois because of her dedication and commitment to enhance the lives of students and colleagues throughout her career.



“Her name went a long way... like gold”
-Dr. Betty Orlandino

She was a friend of every body... she really cared for her students
-Dr. Alice Cheska



“After her stroke her former students came down or up from wherever; California, Wisconsin, Illinois, just everywhere to visit her because she made such an impression on them.” – Dr. Alice Cheska

Beulah Drom's Personality: Drom has been described by her co-workers and former students as a smart, but rough around the edges type of women. She loved her students and was more than willing to help. She firmly believed that everyone had great potential and she expected you to reach it.

Life Outside of the University of Illinois: Drom was more than an instructor at the University. Before she taught at the University of Illinois, she volunteered as a “Candy Striper” during World War I/II. During her UOI days, she was an active member in a variety of clubs; everything from Girl Scout Board of Directors to a member of a championship volleyball team. During retirement, she took classes in everything from auto-mechanics to woodshop.

Drom's Impact at the University of Illinois

Then: Professor Drom helped countless students through the women's physical education department curriculum; including the first African American female student. Drom established the program that places current Kinesiology students into public school systems. She also mentored countless students, which impacted countless lives. One former student states “You know you made my world a better place with your love a wisdom.”- Sandy Wilham

Now: Beulah Drom originally had a combined scholarship with Carita Robertson. However, due to the lack of funding the scholarship was limited to Dr. Robertson. (Out of the kindness of her heart, Dr. Drom gave Dr. Robertson the title of the scholarship). However, Dr. Alice Cheska lobbied to have a scholarship dedicated to Dr. Drom. Enough money was raised and the Beulah Drom scholarship is now in effect. The most current recipients are Kaitlyn Pasquinelli and Lauren Valadez. Even after her death, she is still impacting the lives of students at the University of Illinois.



1966-67

Faculty and Graduating Students, DEPT. OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR WOMEN, University of Illinois, 1966-67. Beulah (1st row, 3rd from right), Carita Robertson (1st Row, 2nd from right) and Olive Young (1st Row, 3rd from left) all had a huge impact on the department.

Random Fact about Drom:
-She first traveled to Chicago, from Springfield, by covered wagon- the trip took 3 months.

