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Hally Beth Poindexter



Beth Walker Poindexter is Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Kinesiology Department at Rice University. Her professional service spans fifty years. She has authored or co-authored four books, several book chapters and over fifty professional articles. Dr. Poindexter worked to establish women's intercollegiate athletics at Rice. The 1947 Rice graduate spent nearly 20 years as the Chair of the Department of Kinesiology. During her tenure, she managed club sports -- now intramurals – and maintained the care and use of the gym and facilities. In an era with few opportunities for women to compete on the intercollegiate or even intramural level, Dr. Poindexter volunteered her time organizing and coaching the first women's sports teams. For her efforts, Rice's most outstanding volleyball player receives the Hally Beth Poindexter Award each season.

Dr. Poindexter was the 2012 recipient of the TAHPERD Pathfinder Award for excellence and leadership in her field. She also was a 2015 Rice Athletics Hall of Fame Honoree with the Honorary R Award.

Dr. Poindexter's contributions are numerous and significant: she served as President (1982-1984), is one of the very few NAKHE members to earn the Distinguished Scholar, Service, and Administrator Awards, and was named Amy Morris Homans Lecturer. She served on numerous NAKHE Boards and committees, and her institutional memory has guided the Association into its current shape. Because of her accomplishments Dr. Poindexter was given the NAKHE Presidential Award for Contributions to NAKHE in 2000, one of only two given in NAKHE's history to date.