

Dr. Beverly Huston Sgro

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. Sgro graduated from Amon Carter High School. She earned a BS from Texas Women's University and a BS and Ph.D. from Virginia Tech.

Dr. Sgro began her career in education as a speech pathologist in the public schools of Midland, Texas. She was married to Dr. Joseph A. Sgro, a psychologist, in 1963. They had two children and three grandchildren.

After her children were born, Dr. Sgro spent twelve years rearing her children. She was a teaching tennis professional at Blacksburg (VA) Country Club from 1977-1981. In 1981, she accepted the position of Coordinator for Greek Life and later Assistant Director of Student Activities at Virginia Tech. She loved these positions in that she was able to interact with students throughout her day. She was elevated to Dean of Students at Virginia Tech in 1989. She was the first woman to hold that position. She also held a teaching appointment at the University.

Dr. Sgro was appointed Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1994 and served on term in that office. She oversaw the Commonwealth's public school system, higher education system, state library and archives and the state museums. She was a member of the Governor's Cabinet. She loved the position and took great pride in her role in reshaping the quality of public education at that time.

At the completion of her tenure as Secretary of Education in 1998, she returned to education and served as Interim Head of School at Collegiate School in Richmond, Virginia. In 1999, she accepted the Head of School position at Carolina Day School in Asheville, North Carolina. She was proud to serve the school until her retirement in 2010.

Dr. Sgro was a member of numerous academic honor societies including Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership honorary), Phi Kappa Phi (academic), Phi Upsilon Omicron (academic honors), Pi Lambda Theta, Sigma Alpha Eta (speech language), and Zeta Phi Eta (communications). She was a sister in Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She held an honorary doctorate from Averett University and was a member of the Headmistress Association of the East. She was awarded the 2017 Chancellor's Alumni Award for Achievement at Texas Woman's University.

She was active in many professional associations and served on numerous boards. She was a trustee and chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia. She was Vice-President and President of the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools. She served on the Board of Visitors of Virginia Tech. She served on the board of directors of Habitat Humanity, Mission Health Foundation and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.