



## DR. DAN L. CHASE

**NSU Hall of Distinction, Long Purple Line Induction: 1999**  
**NSU College of Education Hall of Distinguished Educators**  
**NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 13 March 2010**

Dr. Chase graduated from Northwestern State College in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education and commissioned as a Field Artillery officer. He was a member of the 7th Demon Battalion and lettered in football all four years.

Over the course of his career in education, Dan was a successful head football coach and teacher at Vidalia High School. He also excelled as a coach and teacher at Prescott Junior High School. In 1964, he earned a Master of Science in Education Administration from Northeast Louisiana State College. While a teacher and coach in East Baton Rouge Parish, he also taught and coached at the Louisiana State School for the Deaf.

Dr. Chase's entrepreneurial endeavors led him to found Dan Chase Taxidermy Supply. He pioneered the mass production of polyurethane mannequins for taxidermy use. He was the first to make a plastic model for the taxidermy industry, as well as the development of the quick tan process of animal skins.

He took great pride in being a sponsor of Alcoholics Anonymous. His generous support enabled him to have a positive effect on countless lives. He served on the Northwestern State Foundation Board and established a number of endowed professorships and several scholarships to help students pursuing degrees in the College of Education. His strong bond with Northwestern State was evident in his love for its athletics program, especially football, where he endowed the Dan and Lily Chase Athletic Scholarship.

President Bobby Alost, also a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Demon Battalion, repeatedly stated that Dan Chase was a great man whose support of Northwestern and its College of Education was remarkable. His contributions to the university in the form of financial support and personal time earned Dr. Chase many distinct honors. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities in 2005; inducted into Northwestern's Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 1999; inducted into the NSU College of Education Hall of Distinguished Educators; and was honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution with its Medal of Honor. He was co-chair of the University's first capital campaign and was honorary chairman of the 2006 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival. Dr. Chase provided funding for a fountain, the focal point of Northwestern's Alumni Plaza.

Dan was married to Lily Waltman Chase for over 55 years. They had two daughters, five grandsons, and six great grandchildren.