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UA TRUSTEES APPROVE COOK CHAIR IN ACCOUNTING IN W ALTON COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - The University of Arkansas Sam M. Walton College of Business Administration announced Wednesday the UA Board of Trustees approval of the Doris M. Cook Chair in Accounting.

Cook joined the Department of Accounting in 1947 and taught, researched, and advised for the next 52 years until her retirement in May of this year.

As a "woman pioneer in accounting" as some have called her, Cook has many "firsts" to her credit.

- First full-time woman professor hired in the Department of Accounting
- First woman Certified Public Accountant in Arkansas
- First woman member of the Arkansas Society of CP As
- First woman to serve on the National Council for Beta Alpha Psi
- First woman to serve as national president of Beta Alpha Psi
- First woman at the University of Arkansas to hold an endowed lectureship or chair
- First woman at the University of Arkansas to hold the rank of University Professor
- First person in the Department of Accounting to hold the rank of University Professor

To honor Dr. Cook and all her firsts, on the 50-year anniversary of her joining the faculty, the Walton College launched the campaign to establish the Doris M. Cook Endowed Lectureship. Recognizing the importance of private support, Cook made the first contribution of $50,000- $1,000 for every year she taught. Cook, along with many friends and alumni have made contributions to the lectureship endowment.

A portion of the 1998 Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation gift has been added to the endowment to raise the endowment to a chair endowment level in honor of Dr. Cook. The goal of this
endowed chair is "to support a faculty member who will continue Dr. Cook's traditions of excellence in educating students and advancing the field of accounting."

"Dr. Cook's students remember her compassion, spirit, enthusiasm and inspiration," said Dr. Karen Pincus, accounting department chair and holder of the S. Robson Walton Chair in Accounting.

The first holder of the Cook Chair will be Dr. Carolyn Callahan, who will join the Walton College in January from the University of Notre Dame where she is an associate professor of accountancy and KPMG Faculty Fellow.

A reception honoring Cook and the first holder will be hosted by the Walton College Thursday, September 21 at 2:45 in the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Enterprise Development.

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