Betty Hoadley ’57, ’72G

The terms “dedication to public service,” “insightful and schooled expertise,” and “clear and compelling leadership” have been used to describe Betty Hoadley.

Hoadley graduated from UNH with a degree in economics in 1957 and with a M.Ed. in 1972, and since her days at the university, she has had a career that spanned work for a national intelligence agency to service as an elementary, middle, and high school educator. Hoadley was winner of the Silva Award as Educator of the Year, and was a finalist for New Hampshire Teacher of the Year.

When she retired from public school teaching, Hoadley was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives, where she served for three years on the Education committee, and the Concord School Board, where she was credited with combining a deep and professional understanding of the needs of public schools with a common sense, practical approach that was sensitive to the needs of local taxpayers; she always received the most votes of any candidate running. She also served as chair of the Concord School District Charter Commission.

In support of her university, Hoadley currently serves on the USNH board of trustees; she is chair of the Student Affairs committee and a member of the Audit and Educational Excellence committees. She was also a member and president of the UNH Alumni Association board where she advocated for the Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Fund. She served as chair of the Pettee Medal Award committee.