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Nancy Turner, Mores award recipient and former director of the Oglesby Union.

MORES AWARD RECIPIENT: Nancy Turner

Turner is a 1961 and 1977 Florida State graduate. She began her career at FSU in 1968 as the associate director of the Baptist Student Union before joining the Oglesby Union staff in 1971. She served as director of the Oglesby Union from 1979 to 2003 and oversaw major renovations of the administrative building, creation of the Student Activities Center, makeover of the Union Ballrooms and the addition of the Union Food Court and Union Art Gallery.

Under Turner's leadership and mentorship, the Oglesby Union became one of the foremost unions in the country. Upon her retirement in 2003 the union's administrative building was named in her honor.

Turner was awarded the Ross Oglesby Award in 2000. She was the recipient of the Women for Florida State University's inaugural Gift of Wisdom Mentor Award in 2010.

Turner has continued her service to FSU in her retirement as a Heritage docent. She just completed a term as secretary on the Florida State Alumni Association Emeritus Board.

Nancy Turner, 2010 Gift of Wisdom Award Winner



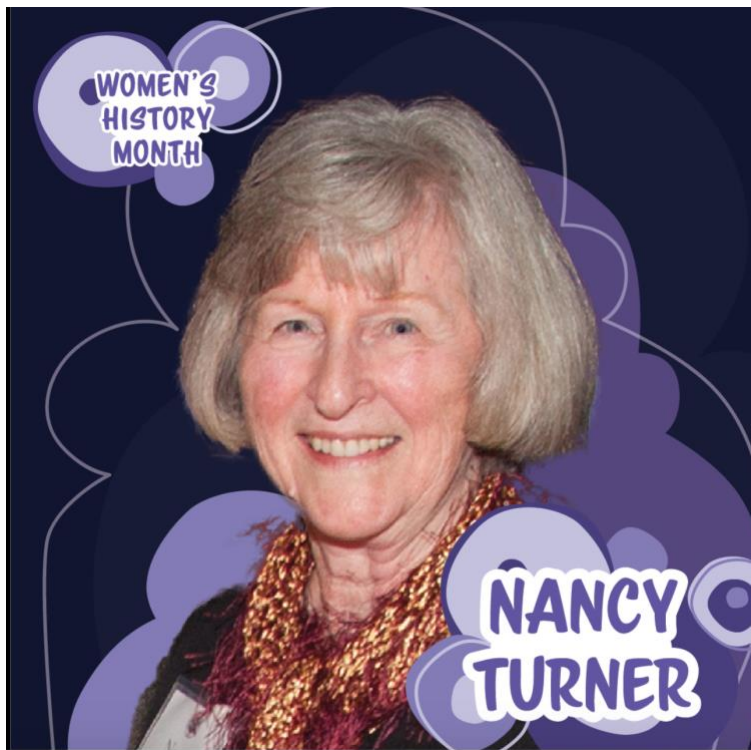
Congratulations to Nancy Turner, recipient of The Women for Florida State University's inaugural Gift of Wisdom Mentor Award. Turner is a Florida State alumna, having earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1961 and a doctorate in High Education in 1977. She served as the director of the Oglesby Student Union at Florida State from 1979 until her retirement in 2003.

Turner was nominated by fellow Florida State alumna Stella Cottrell. The two met in 1968, at the beginning of Cottrell's sophomore year at Florida State. At that time, Turner was the associate director at the Baptist Student Union and was there for Cottrell as she made the transition into adulthood.

"Nancy's kindness years ago has made me a better person, a better friend, a better mom and a better citizen of the world," Cottrell wrote in her nomination essay. "Although I will never be able to thank her enough, my desire and determined purpose is to pass that love and goodness on to others. That is why I believe Nancy is so very deserving of this award."

Turner was presented with the award at The Women for Florida State University's inaugural event, "Backstage Pass to the Very Best of Florida State," held March 19-20, 2010.

1988 Nine million dollars funded by the Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) was given to the university for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Oglesby Union Complex. With these funds, 60,000-sq. ft. of the original complex was renovated, and a 96,150 sq. ft. new building, later named the **Turner** building, was added. This construction project added a computer lab, a video center, a Senate chamber, thirteen additional meeting rooms, an Art Center, six retail locations, a video games arcade and about twenty new offices.



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Serving as Director of the Oglesby Union from 1979 to 2003, Nancy Turner's impact on Florida State helped Oglesby Union to become one of the foremost unions in the country. She oversaw major renovations of the building, including the creation of the Student Activities Center, the addition of the Union Food Court and Union Art Gallery, and the makeover of the Union Ballrooms. She was awarded with the Ross Oglesby Award in 2000.

Garnet and Gold Key

Leadership Honorary, Est. 1924

The Ross Oglesby Award



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Nancy Turner

Director, Oglesby Union