

Elaine Altemus Possin
1998 Friend of Education

Elaine Altemus Possin maintained a long and distinguished career as a science and chemistry teacher in the Beaver Dam District. She also served the Beaver Dam students as General Prom Chairman from 1947 until her retirement. For many years, she contributed to the future of her profession by serving the University of Wisconsin Cooperating Teacher and Intern Training programs. In addition to her high school students, she accepted UW student teachers into her classroom for practice training. At the state level, Possin was influential in the decision-making of the Task Force on the Governance of the Education Profession and served on an Advisory Board of the Wisconsin Improvement Program, School of Education. She has received a number of state and local awards for her outstanding teaching and contributions to education. Since her retirement, Possin has been a highly active member of the High School Scholarship Committee, serving as chairperson for over ten years to present. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation and serves on other education committees. Possin also continues to participate in a number of civic organizations and church activities. One nominator states, "Everyone has the deepest respect for her wisdom and caring attitude for the youth of Beaver Dam."