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**Donna Robertson
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Donna Robertson received her BS degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from the University of North Alabama in 1974. She graduated from Murray State in 1975 after working as a graduate assistant under Tom Simmons. In 1974-75, she worked with the Olympic volleyball team and coach Mary Joe Pepler. She received a MS degree in 1978 at The University of Alabama.

Hired in 1976 by Paul "Bear" Bryant and Women's AD AnnMarie Lawler, she became the first Women's Athletic Trainer at The University of Alabama, a position she kept until 1982. The first year she had a operating budget of \$650.00 and worked with six women's sports. Renovations of her small athletic training room included carpeting that was formerly the 10-yard line turf of Bryant Denny football stadium when the old turf was replaced.

In 1977, Robertson became the first woman to be certified in the Southeastern Conference. Also an educator, she worked as an Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama, Shelton State Community College, and Brewer State Community College. Her area of expertise was in the foot and ankle. Robertson has worked with many sports professionals and is well-known throughout the United States for her work and lectures.

Robertson became certified as a pedorthist in 1987 and traveled around the nation fitting athletic teams with the proper footwear and orthotics before the field became popular. Her background and expertise led her to Athens, Greece and the 2004 Olympics, where she worked with the foot and ankle medical team as a pedorthist .

She is a member of many professional associations including the NATA; Pedorthic Footwear Association; the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Association; and the Board of Certification in Pedorthics. The Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association inducted her into the ALATA Hall Of Fame in 2000.

Robertson is presently a consultant for Foot Solutions, Inc. as a Sports Pedorthist Specialist.