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## R. Lynn “Doc” Gardner Memorial Rodeo Scholarship

Est. 1996

Dr. Richard Lynn “Doc” Gardner graduated from PAMC in 1957 with a degree in math. He taught math and chemistry at the university for 3 years before attending Colorado State University and receiving his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1964. He then returned to Panhandle State College as the Head of the Division of Math and Science and a professor of Chemistry. Over the years, Doc Gardner was awarded many summer grants for chemical research and chemical studies. The student body selected him several times as the Outstanding Teacher at PSU. In 1965, Doc began the position as rodeo advisor. During his time, the PSU Men’s and Women’s Rodeo team soared to success. The teams qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo most years and finished in the top 10 numerous times. Many of Doc’s rodeo kids have gone on to compete well in the professional ranks. The members of the PSU rodeo teams had fond memories of Doc, as he did of them.

This scholarship was established by family and friends after the death of Dr. Lynn "Doc" Gardner who was a well-loved professor of chemistry and successful rodeo team coach for many years at Panhandle State University.