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NEAFCS ANNOUNCES THE 2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NEAFCS (National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences), the professional association for Extension Family and Consumer Science professionals, recognized two exceptional women inductees for their commitment, dedication and effective leadership and involvement in NEAFCS at the state, regional and/or national level. They were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2022 NEAFCS Virtual Annual Session on September 14.

THE 2022 DISTINGUISHED INDUCTEES ARE:

- Cindy Schlenker-Davies
- Katherine (Kathy) Farrow

"The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to recognize outstanding NEAFCS members who have contributed their time, talent and/or treasure to the NEAFCS."

INDUCTEES' BACKGROUND AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Cindy Schlenker-Davies began her career in home economics 43 years ago and spent the last 16 as the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for Bernalillo County, New Mexico, home to the state's largest city, Albuquerque. Through her time as an FCS Agent, she developed an unquestionable reputation for the quality of her programs, her extensive knowledge, and her wonderful ability to establish rapport with all kinds of people. Cindy's specialty was food preservation and every FCS Agent in the state called her at some point with tough questions. She always had the answer!

Throughout Cindy's career, she has been an advocate and cheerleader for NEAFCS in New Mexico. At every professional meeting, she would tell new FCS Agents to join NEAFCS and get involved nationally. Her argument was always the same! New Mexico is a small state and can't provide as many of the opportunities to agents as larger states but NEAFCS provides those opportunities. She would encourage new agents to join national committees for the leadership opportunities they provide and attend Annual Session for the professional development. Throughout her career Cindy was an

unofficial leadership mentor to agents throughout New Mexico. The three members nominating her are direct results of her mentorship.

A NEAFCS member since 2007, her many contributions include Western Regional Director, 2012-14; Distinguished Service Award, 2017 as well as several group awards; National Member Resources Chair, 2018-2020; Member of multiple national committees and Chair of the Exhibits and Membership Committees; Two terms as NMEAFCS President, President Elect, Past President; NMEAFCS Vice President of Member Resources and Professional Development.

As an accomplished FCS Agent, mentor, dedicated NEAFCS member and leader over the course of many years, Cindy would honor the Hall of Fame.

Katherine Farrow is true leader and dedicated Extension Professional. Her service to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the citizens of San Patricio County is unprecedented.

As an Extension Educator, Kathy's prime concern has been the citizens of San Patricio County for over 40 years. She is a positive influence on all; is a woman of integrity; and has a wealth of ideas and knowledge to share. Kathy has contributed her time and talent to the District 11 Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She has been a part of numerous state committees and held elected offices at the district and state level. She served as TEAFCS President 2008-2009. She has also served as Texas Extra (the TEAFCS newsletter) Editor, TEAFCS Treasurer, TEAFCS Representative to the Texas 4-H Foundation. On the District level she has served as Director, Alternate Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Kathy has attended 20 of the last 21 Annual Sessions. She has served as a concurrent session room host, as well as a presenter numerous times. In her 40+ year career, she has served on many National Committees, served as an Awards judge, and has won multiple awards, including Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and Continued Excellence Award in 2004.

During her career, Kathy has demonstrated dedication to her professional organization in the many roles she has undertaken. She has helped to host 2 Annual Sessions in Texas – Dallas in 1995 and San Antonio in 2018. Her foresight in investing TEAFCS residual funds from the first Annual Session helped Texas prepare for and host its 2nd Annual Session. In San Antonio, she chaired the Leadership Event held at the Alamo. She has volunteered to help Southern Region Directors during Regional Meetings and by serving on the NEAFCS Credentials Committee and NEAFCS By-Laws Committee.

Kathy serves as a mentor to many new employees, encouraging them to be active at the District, State, and National levels. She exemplifies her dedication to her chosen profession and her support of the mission and goals of the Land Grant University Extension System daily. Her dedication to her family, county, profession and NEAFCS is unparalleled.

ABOUT NEAFCS

The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) educates and recognizes Extension professionals who impact the quality of life for individuals, families and communities. NEAFCS is the professional organization for Extension Family and Consumer Sciences that builds leaders for the future, recognizes and promotes excellence and scholarship in Extension Family and Consumer Sciences programming, provides innovative professional growth and development opportunities, serves as a nation-wide resource for education, information, networking and partnerships, promotes Extension Family and Consumer Sciences and the mission and goals of the Land Grant University Extension System.

NEAFCS includes more than 2,900 members. To learn more, please visit www.neafcs.org.