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NEAFCS ANNOUNCES THE INAUGURAL 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NEAFCS (National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences), the professional association for Extension Family and Consumer Science professionals, recognized four 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 2019 NEAFCS Annual Session in Hershey, PA on September 30.

THE 2019 DISTINGUISHED INDUCTEES ARE:

- Nettie Ruth Brown
- Genevieve Harris
- Ruth Jackson
- Dr. Jan Scholl

"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

Nettie Ruth Brown served as First Vice President from 1971-1973 (Program of Work), President-Elect in 1974, and President in 1975. In addition, in 1967 Nettie Ruth was Chairman of the State President's Group and served as Chairman of the National Nominating Committee in 1972. Nettie received the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award in 1966. During her Presidency, the Public Affairs Committee was established.

Genevieve Harris served as Third Vice President in 1972, President-Elect in 1975, and President in 1976. Genevieve was very involved in the Public Affairs Committee, serving as Chairman in 1978 and 1979, as well as Public Relations Committee Charmian in 1971 and 1972 and Communication Awards Chairman in 1973. In addition, Genevieve served on the ECOP Sub Committee on Agents Association (the forerunner of Joint Council of Extension Professionals) in 1977 and was Chairman of this group in 1980. Genevieve received the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award in 1961.

Ruth Jackson joined NEAFCS in 1998 as a new faculty member. In 1998, Ruth started a program called Extension Connection designed to increase knowledge and skills for people in a workforce program at a local Community Center. This program used multiple Extension educational programs from NEAFCS sessions to increase and enhance the basic ability of families to work in their communities, in the work force, and give to society in a productive way. From 2005-2006 she was elected NEAFCS Vice President for Member Resources. Ruth received the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award in 2008 and the NEAFCS Continued Excellence Award in 2010. In 2017, Ruth was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Department of Agriculture for 38 years of service to EFNEP.

Dr. Jan Scholl joined NEAFCS in 1975. Jan Scholl has been tireless in locating the history and promoting the research of the Extension Family and Consumer Sciences profession. Jan was the first editor of the Journal of NEAFCS from 2003 to 2006 (editorial committee for 5 years) and served as Affiliate Vice President and President in 2003. Jan has received seven NEAFCS national first place awards, the PSU Outstanding Extension Specialist award, EFNEP National Champion; and national research fellowships: Grace Frysinger, Cornell History of Home Economics, Centennial Scholar (AAFCS), Mary Nell Greenwood Evaluation Award, ACE Media Award, and the AgNIC and Oberly (American Library Association) awards.

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.