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.

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Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Awards Program

August 14, 2013
South Padre Island, Texas
TEAFCS Awards Banquet

NEAFCS/TEAFCS
Awards Presentation
Julie Smith
TEAFCS 1st Vice President
Borden County

Dr. Doug Steele
Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service Director

TEAFCS Awards
Committee Members

Texas Extension Specialist
Association Awards
TESA Representative

Epsilon Sigma Phi Awards
Vincent Mannino
President Elect ESP

Recognition of Retiring &
Retired TEAFCS Members
Kathy Smith
TEAFCS
Past President
Parker County

Announcements

2013 National & Regional Award Winners

Family Health & Wellness
First Place Southern Region Winner
Paula Butler and Team

Program Excellence through Research
Southern Region Winner
Lorrie Coop-Knox County

Community Partnership
Second Place Southern Region Winner
Lorrie Coop-Knox County

Communications-Photography
Third Place Southern Region Winner
Wendi Green-Cherokee County

Special thanks to the TEAFCS Awards Committee Members for their time and expertise shared during the 2013 year.
Joanna Pack-Andrews County
Michelle Allen-Austin County
Courtney Davis-Bowie County
Kathleen Greer-Comal County
Sally Garrett-Fayette County
Sheri Halsell-Haskell County
Lorrie Coop-Knox County
Kay Davis-Lubbock County
Ashley Piercy Scurry County
The Following Applications Also Advanced to NEAFCS Southern Region Judging

**Early Childhood Child Care Training Award**
Team of Carrie T. Brazeal—Collin County; Ann Rogers; Paul Rogers; Ann Sineni; Terri Shaffer; Kerri Baars; Rachel Pope; Pam Suhag

Angel Neu—Cooke County

**Family Health And Wellness Award**
Team of Mandi Seaton—Lamb County and Shirley Sears—Cochran County

Johanna Hicks—Hopkins County

**Human Development/Family Relationships Award**
Angel Neu—Cooke County

**School Wellness Award**
Team of Joan Gray—Soria—Gray County and Brandon McGinty

Team of Lorrie Coop—Knox County; Penny Warren—Young County; Elsie Lacy—Montague County; Alinda Cox—Jack County; Monica Walker—Baylor County; Miranda Davis

**Community Partnership Award**
Team of Mandi Seaton—Lamb County and Shirley Sears—Cochran County

Milissa Wright—Concho County

Liz Buckner—McKinney—Rusk County

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**Professional Development Awards**

**Distinguished Service Award**
Angel Neu—Cooke County
Angel enjoys providing quality educational programs in Cooke County that focus on health and well-being of the entire family.

**Continued Excellence Award**
Joan Gray—Soria—Gray County
Joan exemplifies the spirit of Extension as she uses her passion to help enrich the lives of the youth and adults she works with in Gray County.

Julie Mumme Smith—Borden County
Through creatively unique outreach methods, a variety of relevant programs were developed and implemented that have had economic, social, and quality of life impact in the rural county Julie serves.

Peggy Winegarner—Hansford County
Over the course of her career, Peggy developed programming skills through online training, committee involvement, sharing resources, state conference participation, and attending leadership seminars presented by nationally known professional speakers.

**Florence Hall Award**
Team of Lorrie Coop—Knox County; Jane Rowan—Taylor County; Travis Floyd; David Davis
A Matter of Balance addresses the fear of falling by teaching older adults practical coping strategies to overcome this fear and reduce the risk of falling in their environment.
Program Awards

Dean Don Felker Financial Management Award
Lorrie Coop-Knox County
With the unpredictability in the financial markets, it’s easy to get discouraged about our own financial situation. However, adopting four good habits will have your personal finances fiscally fit.

Program Excellence Through Research
Lorrie Coop-Knox County
The Yes! You Can! program focused on giving youth the opportunity to explore careers and seek postsecondary education, either through college credits or certification programs, while gaining valuable workforce skills.

Early Childhood Child Care Training Award
Team of Peggy Winegarner—Hansford County; Joan Gray-Soria—Gray County; Sue Owens—Moore County
Multi-County Conference provides instruction at affordable cost to rural Texas Panhandle caregivers enabling them to improve skills, quality of care, and meet training requirements in order to maintain employment.

Family Health and Wellness Award
Team of Paula Butler-Navarro County; Sheryl Austin-Bell County; Courtney Davis-Bowie County; Patrice Dunagin-Smith County; Wendi Green-Cherokee County; Meko Miller–Red River County; Chelsea Stevens–Bell County; Susan Ballabina—East Region Program Director; Jenna Anding
Due to a growing obesity epidemic, Texas developed a healthy weight management curriculum series based on USDA 2010 Dietary Guidelines. The program was implemented in 18 counties during 2012.

Specialist Award for Distinguished Service
Andy Crocker—Extension Program Specialist II—Gerontology Health
Andy Crocker has been Extension Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 10 years. His main focus has been with the health and well-being of the aging population. He has worked very well with County Extension agents in their effort to reach the older adult population. He has always been loyal in helping agents out by supporting them with timely resources including programs and newsarticles. He is an asset to the success of the Family and Consumer Sciences program.

Excellence in Community Development Award
E.E. Liz Bucker-McKinney—Rusk County
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Rusk County and 18 community partners logged 2,576 volunteer hours addressing the issue of obesity by implementing a highly successful county-wide “Step Up and Scale Down” program reaching 143 participants. At the conclusion, the group had logged over 4,837 miles walked and over 264 pounds lost.

Extension Para Professional Award
Mary Alice Roberts, Lubbock County BLT Extension Assistant
Mary Alice has greatly increased the outreach to BLT eligible clientele utilizing the Back To Basics three lesson series. 91 participants completed the pre and post survey. 47 completed the 30-day follow up. With other programs, health fairs, and media, 312,442 contacts were reached.

Ann Sonner Scholarship
Lauren Redwine—Armstrong County
Lauren Redwine was an active participant of the Claude 4-H Club in Armstrong County. Lauren’s projects included Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Photography, Meats Judging and Goats. Lauren was also an active member of the Students Winning Against Tobacco team where she assisted in team members making 20 presentation to over 700 people. Lauren is currently an Early Childhood Education major at West Texas A&M University.
**TEAFCS State Awards**

**County Judges and Commissioners Award**
Brooks County Commissioners Court: Judge Raul R. Ramirez; Commissioner Precinct 1 Gloria Garza; Commissioner Precinct 2 Luis Arevalo; Commissioner Precinct 3 Carlos Villareal and Commissioner Precinct 4 Tony Martinez
The Brooks County Judge and Commissioners court has graciously donated their time and efforts to the area of Health and Wellness as well as the Emergency Readiness team. They all contribute their time to the programs of Friend to Friend, DWBW, Zumba Fitness, and Walk Across Texas. Without their friendship and cooperation many of these programs would not have been available to the people of Brooks County. Their leadership and guidance are what makes these programs successful.
Nominated by: Celia Salinas-Brooks County

**Friend of Extension Award**
Southwest Dairy Museum, Carolyn McKinney, Director
The Southwest Dairy Museum, located in Sulphur Springs, Texas, has provided valuable collaborations with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension through participation on the Hopkins County Leadership Advisory Board, and annual events such as the Ag-in-the-Classroom, Hopkins County dairy Festival, Kids’ Safe Saturday and Extension Christmas Joys holiday program.

By focusing on education, the Museum has provided educational programs and materials that have enhanced Extension FCS programming. Under the direction of Carolyn McKinney, the Museum has hosted visitors from across the nation, as well as foreign countries, which provides the local area with recognition and positive economic impact.

Hats off to the Southwest Dairy Museum for their continued support, contributions and collaborations!
Nominated by: Johanna Hicks-Hopkins County

**Woman of the Year**
Ana Flores-Webb County
Ana has been a loyal supporter of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Family and Consumer Sciences programming for the past decade. She has been an outstanding member of the Webb County FCS Committee, Leadership Advisory Board and has assisted with many Extension educational programs, including 4-H and youth events.
Nominated by: Joy Vasquez-Webb County

**Food Safety Award**
Team of Sally Garrett–Fayette County; Michelle Allen–Austin County; Jenna Anding; Jenifer Boening; Philip Shackelford; Scott Willey
Food preservation helps keep foods long after the season ends but proper food safety practices must be up-to-date to ensure these foods are safe for families to consume.

**Human Development/Family Relationships Award**
Kathy Smith–Parker County
Quality educational programs were conducted to assist parents and child care providers in developing skills they need to effectively raise children. A variety of teaching methods were developed and/or adapted to help achieve this goal through effective teaching and use of volunteers.

**School Wellness Award**
Team of Fralonda Anderson–Fort Bend County; Gail Long; Timothy Sandles; Major Stevenson, Jr.; Krystal Wilcox
Trained youth Health Ambassadors facilitated the Eat 4-Health Campaign in four Fort Bend County, Texas schools to promote growing fresh produce, portion control, healthy beverage selection, and increasing physical activity.
Children love books! Book Cooks combines reading with simple math, science, safety, health, and nutrition, all in a fun, educational way. Participants give Book Cooks a definite thumbs up!

This outcome summary was used to inform key stakeholders in Knox and Haskell counties of the results of the “A Matter of Balance” program.

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that 25,000 people had identities stolen last year in Texas. Making people aware and teaching them prevention, we reduce their risk of becoming a victim.

Agent serves as the County Employee Wellness Coordinator and prepares newsletters to send to all employees that are members of the Blue Cross Blue Shield County Insurance plan.

Walk Across Texas is an 8-week program designed to help people of all ages establish a habit of regular physical activity, which can significantly reduce the impact of chronic disease and depression.


elementary Curriculum Package

Johanna Hicks-Hopkins County

Educational Publications

Team of Lorrie Coop-Knox County and Jane Rowan-Taylor County

Educational Technology

Lorrie Coop-Knox County

Articles

Claudann Jones-Nacogdoches County

Photography

Wendi Green-Cherokee County

Public Relations Awards

Community Partnership Award

Lorrie Coop-Knox County and Jimi Coplen

Career Day 2012 allowed high school students to explore careers and higher education opportunities, assisting with college selection, providing the best fit making the college experience more meaningful and successful.

Marketing Package

Team of Sally Garrett-Fayette County; Michelle Allen-Austin County; Jenna Anding; Jenifer Boening; Philip Shackelford; Scott Willey

Using various media and community outlets, agents were able to promote multi-county food preservation workshops which covered up-to-date practices. These marketing practices ensured successful events.

Accolades

Lorrie Coop

Agent submitting the most award applications

District 3

District submitting the most award applications