

Nomination for Christine Kniep: NEAFCS Hall of Fame Member Recognition Award

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I nominate Christine Kniep for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) Hall of Fame Member Recognition Award. Christine's unwavering dedication, exemplary leadership, and profound contributions to NEAFCS at the state, regional, and national levels make her an outstanding candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Christine Kniep has been a pillar of leadership within NEAFCS for over four decades. Her journey began in 1984, and she has since held numerous pivotal roles, including NEAFCS Secretary, NEAFCS Vice President for Professional Development, NEAFCS President-elect/President/Past President, and NEAFCS Historian. Christine's leadership extended beyond these roles, as she actively participated in various committees, such as the NAEHE Principles of Professional Practice Committee, the Future of NAEHE Task Force, and the NEAFCS External Marketing Committee. Her commitment to advancing NEAFCS is evident through her chairmanship of the NEAFCS Charting the Future Committee and her involvement in the Past Presidents Committee.

Professor Kniep's contributions to NEAFCS have been instrumental in shaping the organization's future. She played a key role in guiding NEAFCS through strategic planning and development. Her leadership in the 75th and 85th Anniversary Committees showcased her dedication to preserving the rich history and legacy of NEAFCS. Christine's efforts in the National Office Selection Committee and the Restructuring Committee further demonstrate her commitment to ensuring the organization's growth and sustainability. Her work as a copy editor for the NEAFCS Journal and her involvement in the Tenure/Promotion Review Committee highlight her dedication to maintaining high standards of professionalism within NEAFCS.

Christine Kniep epitomizes the values and mission of NEAFCS through her tireless dedication and steadfast commitment. Her visionary leadership and ability to inspire others make her an ideal candidate for this recognition. Christine's exceptional contributions have been recognized through numerous awards, including the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award, Continued Excellence Award, and Educator of the Year. Her impact on the association and its members at local, state, regional, and national levels has been profound.

Christine has been a cornerstone of the Wisconsin affiliate, always mentoring and encouraging robust engagement for membership. Even in retirement, she continues to contribute significantly, embodying the spirit and values of NEAFCS. Her passion for home economics remains active, as she now (in addition to all her other contributions in retirement) serves as a seamstress for our beloved Green Bay Packers. Christine's mentorship and encouragement have fostered a culture of active participation and growth within the Wisconsin affiliate, ensuring that NEAFCS remains a vibrant and dynamic organization.