



Friend of NEAFCS & Hall of Fame Award Recap

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The annual **Friend of NEAFCS Award** is the highest honor bestowed by the Association in recognition of an individual or organization who has made significant contributions to Extension Family and Consumer Science education programs.

- 2020 Recipient, Bob Ohlensehlen

Bob Ohlensehlen received a B.S. and M.S. Degree from the University of Idaho. He began his career as a high school Vocational Agriculture Instructor. His Extension career began as a County Agricultural and 4-H Educator. In that role he served two counties in Idaho as the lead Educator as well as serving as an Interim District Director during his career. Bob received several state and national awards for his work in agriculture, community development and 4-H. [Click here to read full bio.](#)

The **NEAFCS Hall of Fame** recognizes individuals for their commitment, dedication and effective leadership and involvement in NEAFCS at the state, regional and/or national level.

- 2020 Inductee, Mary Blackburn

Mary L. Blackburn, Ph.D., MPH, President, California State Affiliate. Dr. Blackburn has been a member of NEAFCS since 1991 and is active in the association at the state, regional, and national level. She has held elected offices in the California Affiliate for almost 30 years, and its President multiple times. Currently she has held the office of president since 2011, and represents the affiliate at the annual leadership forums during the annual conferences. Often, she was the only face representing California at national and regional business meetings. The California Affiliate is small so she has contributed continuously to multiple national committees and subcommittees for over two decades. [Click here to read full bio.](#)

- 2020 Inductee, Anna-Mae Kobbe

Anna-Mae Kobbe, Ph.D. Retired from USDA; Past President, NEAFCS-1985. Dr. Kobbe has served as an invaluable role model, mentor, colleague, and friend to many. Her significant leadership accomplishments and contributions to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences, NEAFCS, and the Land-Grant University System make her a natural candidate for this award. Following a 37.5-year career with USDA's Land-Grant University System, Dr. Anna-Mae Kobbe retired from her position of Director of Family and Consumer Sciences and Nutrition at NIFA-USDA in 2006. In this position, she provided national leadership for Family and Consumer Sciences programs while supervising a staff of 15. [Click here to read full bio.](#)

- 2020 Inductee, Josephine Swanson

Josephine A. Swanson, Ph.D. NEAFCS LIFE member, Josephine (“Jo”) Swanson was Associate Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and Assistant Dean of Extension and Outreach for the Cornell University College of Human Ecology from October 1998 until her retirement in June 2009. Jo began her career in CCE as an Extension Associate in Nutritional Science in 1971, before becoming both an Extension Associate and Senior Extension Associate in Consumer Economics and Housing from 1974 – 1993 where she developed Extension programs and curricula and providing training for extension professionals across New York. [Click here to read full bio.](#)