

NEAFCS Hall of Fame Nomination – Katherine Farrow – Texas

“A leader is someone you choose to follow to a place you wouldn’t go by yourself.”

- Joel Barker in Leadershift

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 (D11EAFCS), the Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (TEAFCS), and the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS). 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. Kathy worked to bring a “Texas Flair” to the Event with the menu and speaker. 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.

“Kathy Farrow’s leadership, initiative, and excellence in programming has not only impacted health, families, and youth on the county level, but on a district, state, and national level as well. Kathy believes in helping to build leaders for the future. Kathy epitomizes Extension’s concern with people as she is a champion of Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H/Youth Development, and Extension, working diligently to increase the reach that each of those has in the lives of people across Texas. She gives her best, always. For 41 years, Kathy Farrow has provided a prime example of how impactful a career in Extension can be with her distinguished service.”

Provided by Erika Bochat – Southeast Region Program Leader, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

There will never be another Katherine Farrow. Her dedication to her family, county, profession and NEAFCS is unparalleled.