

Nomination of Dr. Karen Ensle for the NEAFCS Hall of Fame

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It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I submit this nomination for Dr. Karen Ensle into the Hall of Fame for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS). For nearly 40 years, Dr. Ensle has exemplified unparalleled dedication, expertise, and innovation in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences, making significant contributions that have positively impacted individuals, families, and communities. Her unwavering commitment to excellence, leadership, and service embodies the values and mission of NEAFCS, making her a deserving candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Dr. Ensle's accomplishments are evident through her continued commitment to NEAFCS as a member and leader as well as an FCS professional. Karen has won over 20 awards from NEAFCS on the state, regional, and national levels, she has served as a reviewer for the Journal of NEAFCS since 2006 and has published articles in the Journal. Dr. Ensle serves selflessly to ensure that both the organization and its members continue to thrive and succeed, which is evident in her service to the organization as a whole and the individual members. She has served as an external reviewer for promotion and tenure packets since 2005, ensuring that NEAFCS continues to attract and foster excellence in its members. Dr. Ensle currently serves on the NEAFCS endowment committee and two Public Affairs committees. In the past she has served on at least 8 different NEAFCS committees dating back to 1991 while holding many affiliate offices and most recently agreed to the affiliate representative for the 90th Anniversary committee. From having her local community make a proclamation for Living Well Month to conveying a historical note to new members about NEAFCS, Karen has exemplified what it means to be a dedicated member of her professional association and leader to new and experienced colleagues alike. As if these activities do not speak enough to her dedication to the mission and vision of NEAFCS, it's worth adding that Karen makes a point to go out of her way to support colleagues in New Jersey and nationally. She devotes time, energy, and care to ensure FCS faculty and staff have the tools they need to develop into successful professionals and does it with the utmost kindness and compassion. Dr. Ensle completes every task with careful attention to detail, constructive feedback, and genuine care and concern. I can think of no one who is more deserving of this recognition than our beloved Dr. Ensle.