

NEAFCS Hall of Fame Nomination – Lorrie Coop – Texas

“You’ll never do a whole lot unless you’re brave enough to try.”

-Dolly Parton

This quote by Dolly Parton exemplifies Lorrie Coop. Lorrie has definitely done a whole lot during her Extension career. As a County Educator, Lorrie had a knack for working with community partners to improve the lives of those in her County. After a successful tenure in Knox County, Lorrie became a District Extension Administrator over 24 counties. Lorrie has been brave enough to try new programs and new roles in Extension. She is a true leader and dedicated Extension Professional. Her service to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is unprecedented. Lorrie has been a catalyst for change, taking the time to research issues and find a positive solution. She is a great influence on all, is a woman of integrity, and has a wealth of ideas and knowledge to share.

Lorrie joined NEAFCS in 2004. Since that time, she has been a dedicated member of NEAFCS and has taken full advantage of the opportunities it offers. Lorrie has attended more than 20 Annual sessions and has served as a concurrent session room host and presenter numerous times. Lorrie has served as an Awards Judge and has won more awards than can be counted, including Distinguished Service, Continued Excellence, and Educator of the Year in 2018.

Lorrie has contributed her time and talent to District 3 Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (D3EAFCS), 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 and appointed offices at the state and national levels. She served as TEAFCS 1st Vice President (Awards and Recognition), Texas Extra Editor (TEAFCS Newsletter), NEAFCS Co-Liaison for the 2018 Annual Session, and NEAFCS Southern Region Director. At the District level, she has served as a Director and an Alternate Director. Additionally, Lorrie has served on the NEAFCS Endowment Committee, Nominating Committee, Member Resource Committees, and is currently serving on the Public Affairs Committee.

Lorrie has developed and delivered countless programs and has served as a mentor to many new employees, encouraging them to be active at the District, State, and National levels. While in Knox County, Lorrie received over \$350,000 in grant funds to support programming. She exemplifies her dedication to her chosen profession and her support of the goals of the Land Grant University Extension System daily.

“Lorrie Coop has lived the philosophy of doing things on purpose throughout her Extension career; leading with courage, innovation, and integrity as a County Educator, District Extension Administrator; and nationally recognized NEAFCS leader whose service to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the profession is unparalleled. A true catalyst for change, Lorrie’s unwavering commitment to mentoring others, advancing Family and Consumer Sciences, and strengthening communities has left a lasting legacy that embodies the very best of NEAFCS Hall of Fame distinction.” – Courtney Dodd, Associate Director – Health, Families and Youth Programs, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

There will never be another Lorrie Coop. She aligns with the NEAFCS Vision by building future leaders, providing innovative professional development opportunities, and promoting the profession. Her dedication to her profession and NEAFCS is unparalleled.