

Barbara has been a member of NEAFCS since 1981. Over the 42 years she has served in various leadership roles and officer positions such as: NEAFCS annual meeting Site Coordinator (1990); Southern Region Director (1995); NEAFCS President-Elect, President and Past President from 1995-1998. During this time, she served as JCEP Secretary (1996) and JCEP Galaxy I Conference Planning Committee in Cincinnati (1997).

As a Family & Consumer Sciences County Educator and Community Nutrition Educator Program (CNEP) Area coordinator she was known as the “Food Safety” expert. She taught food safety education to food service workers in the Tulsa area in English and in Spanish, where she developed the content in Spanish for the growing minority population in the food service area. She had an early morning television segment in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she discussed current issues related to family and consumer sciences. Many of her colleagues referred to her as the “Rock Star Educator”. Outstanding educator is not the only star she wore in her crown. Her level of service to the community and profession are also notable. She encouraged several state specialists and educators across the state to become involved with NEAFCS and the state affiliate organization. She served as a mentor to several Oklahoma’s members encouraging them to serve on committees, and to run for an office, including Brenda Miller and Susan Routh.

Barbara never sought recognition, but she is highly deserving of it. Her efforts to support and promote knowledge of quality-of-life issues in family and consumer sciences and mentor others to offer educational opportunities through scholarships, including one that she donates toward, are a hallmark of what she unselfishly offered to those around her.

Barbara not only is a “Rock Star”, but she is a trailblazer and innovator and is truly deserving of this award and appreciate your consideration.