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## NEAFCS ANNOUNCES THE 2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NEAFCS (National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences), the professional association for Extension Family and Consumer Science professionals, recognized two exceptional women inductees for their commitment, dedication and effective leadership and involvement in NEAFCS at the state, regional and/or national level. They were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2023 NEAFCS Annual Session held in Providence, Rhode Island on September 14.

### THE 2023 DISTINGUISHED INDUCTEES ARE:

- Theresa Mayhew
- Barbara Tricinella

*"The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to recognize outstanding NEAFCS members who have contributed their time, talent and/or treasure to the NEAFCS."*

### INDUCTEES' BACKGROUND AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**Theresa Mayhew (Terri)** is such a leader and a true Extension Professional. Terri began her Cornell Cooperative Extension career as a resource educator in Columbia County, New York in November of 1990. Terri retired from Columbia and Greene Counties on January 29, 2021.

In her role at the county level, Terri developed and delivered countless programs. She served in numerous leadership positions in her county and at the state level as well including serving as the New York Affiliate President in 1998.

Terri joined NEAFCS in 1991. Since that time, she has been a devoted member of NEAFCS. During her career, Terri demonstrated dedication to NEAFCS in the numerous roles she has undertaken. Terri served as Eastern Region Director (2011-12), Vice President for Public Affairs (2013-15), President-elect (2015-16), President (2016-17) and Immediate Past President (2017-18). Terri's service to NEAFCS did not end with her board time. Terri continues to serve on the NEAFCS Endowment Committee, currently as chair, and is also a member of the Finance Committee. Terri

served as a tri-liaison for the 2019 Annual Session in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and was actively involved in helping with this year's Annual Session in Providence, Rhode Island. Terri represented NEAFCS on the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Board from 2015-2018. She served as Public Issues and Leadership Development Conference Chair in 2018.

Terri has also received NEAFCS Awards, including the Distinguished Service Award in 2001 and the Continued Excellence Award in 2003.

Terri's commitment to NEAFCS runs in the family. Her husband, Mark, has tagged along to more NEAFCS Annual Sessions than he can count. You may have seen him carrying heavy things and sitting at the sales table. In fact, he was awarded the Friend of NEAFCS Award in 2021.

Terri has been an NEAFCS Active and now Life Member for over 30 years. She is a positive influence on all. She is a woman of integrity with a wealth of ideas and infinite knowledge to share.

Terri follows the NEAFCS Vision in building future leaders, providing innovative professional development opportunities, and promoting the profession. Terri has served as a mentor to many NEAFCS Board members.

*"I could tell how dedicated Terri was to NEAFCS by her actions. Her husband Mark travelled with her and supported her in all she did. He encouraged her dreams and assisted where needed. It was a joy watching them work together to benefit NEAFCS. During Terri's presidency, the Association searched for and found a new management company. Terri's legacy is Partners in Association Management. Terri goes over and beyond the call of duty to ensure NEAFCS is an association we can be proud of." Provided by Karen Munden, NEAFCS President 2018-2019*

There will never be another Theresa Mayhew. Her dedication to her profession and NEAFCS is unprecedented.

**Barbara Tricinella** 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". An 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.

## **ABOUT NEAFCS**

The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) educates and recognizes Extension professionals who impact the quality of life for individuals, families and communities. NEAFCS is the professional organization for Extension Family and Consumer Sciences that builds leaders for the future, recognizes and promotes excellence and scholarship in Extension Family and Consumer Sciences programming, provides innovative professional growth and development opportunities, serves as a nation-wide resource for education, information, networking and partnerships, promotes Extension Family and Consumer Sciences and the mission and goals of the Land Grant University Extension System.

NEAFCS includes more than 2,900 members. To learn more, please visit [www.neafcs.org](http://www.neafcs.org).