



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

The Professional Association for North Carolina Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educators

2007 Award Winners

Distinguished Service Award

Sandra Head, Wayne County. As an Extension Agent, Sandra Head has demonstrated ability to plan and organize a broad range of educational events and activities. She supervises four parent educators, managing performance to meet specified outcomes and goals for grant funding. She is recognized for ability to deliver presentations that engage target audiences.

Rose Massey, Northampton County Rose W. Massey, Northampton County Extension Director, is delivering Cooperative Extension Programming that focuses on addressing the high mortality rate of diabetes, childhood overweight and obesity, and food safety education. She has also been a leader in developing a nature trail which provided a community asset for physical activity.

Deborah Womack, Forsyth County Deborah is passionate about teaching financial literacy. Her bubbly personality makes learning fun. She is considered an expert in the field by her colleagues and the clients she helps. Her creativity and innovative teaching methods are key ingredients in helping residents of Forsyth County become self-sufficient.

Continued Excellence Award

Alice Pettitt, Orange County Alice Pettitt has over thirty years experience with Cooperative extension, but still enjoys learning and staying up-to-date in her subject matter areas. She attends local, state, and national conferences to learn the latest information on food safety and foods and nutrition, and works to offer others professional development opportunities.

Jacqueline Roseboro, Columbus County Jacqueline Roseboro demonstrates commitment to professional development of herself and others. Jacqueline believes that professional development is a lifelong process. As County Director, she encourages staff participation in professional development and secures funding which permits their participation. She has been active in NEAFCS at all levels.

Jewel Winslow, Perquimans County Jewel feels married to her community – vowing to teach the rich, the poor, the sick, the healthy and not forsaking them in bad times. In 2006, she volunteered 1200 hours to Medicare Education, enrolled 390 individuals into a Part D Plan, and saved \$150,000 in prescription costs.

**Florence Hall Award Team Award
(Southern Region and National Winner)**

Georgia Kight, Currituck County
Shari Farless Kelly Canupp Jewel Winslow
Anna Peele Carmen Long Shenile Ford
Candace Murray Elizabeth Furlough Yvonne Mullen
Melinda Houser Lori Ivey Deborah McGiffin

Medicare introduced the biggest change in 2006 with the new Medicare D Prescription Drug plans. Thirteen FCS Agents and volunteers in NC enrolled 3,837 Medicare beneficiaries in a Prescription Drug plan saving them approximately \$3,837,000. Extension FCS agents conducted 165 educational presentations reaching over 4100 adults.

**New Professional Award
(Southern Region and National Winner)**

Amanda McDanel, Dare County Amanda McDanel’s contemporary programming in the areas of nutrition and wellness and child and family development delivers research based information in an experiential context-relevant manner. Highlighted programs include Good Grief: A Support Group for Grieving Children, Culinary Adventures, and Grossology: Enhancing Math and Science Activities in the classroom.

Para-Professional Award

Marian Johnson, Wayne County Marian Johnson a 15 year Educator with North Carolina’s EFNEP program has continually shown extremely high impact on limited resource families in Wayne County, NC. Marian’s graduate numbers continue to rise. She graduated 173 in 2006, with an average workload of 199 (NC goal is 127-133) teaching visits per month.

Dean Don Felker Financial Management Award

Susan Chase, Beaufort County With 1/3 of American households having no assets, this leaves them one paycheck away from a major financial crisis, with Beaufort County residents being no different, so money management classes are being offered to help build financial stability and long-term wealth for resident of Beaufort County promoting self-sufficiency.

Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity Award – Team Award

Geissler Baker, Guilford County
Brenda Morris Sheila Dalcoe Karen Neill
Peggie Lewis Shanon Wiley

Summer Salsa Sizzle was a cultural awareness festival designed to unite the Guilford County community with the local Latino community for a family-oriented, fun-filled, educational event. Cooperative Extension partnered with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro’s Center for New North Carolinians in coordinating this very successful event.

Early Childhood Child Care Training Award – Team Award

Christy Strickland, Robeson County
Susan Noble

Susan Noble and Christy Strickland teamed to provide trainings for local child care providers focusing on eating healthy, increasing physical activity and encouraging creativity in the classroom. Trainings equipped participants with research-based education and activities to use in the classroom such as art, songs, and snack ideas.

Food Safety Award – Team Award

Sharon Farless, Chowan County
Georgia Kighs Susan Chase Yvonne Mullen
Susan Reece Tanya Wynne

HACCP based food safety programs are being mandated by the federal government in an effort to ensure that safe food is served to children by schools who participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program. NCCES is being proactive in educating school foodservice workers in safe food handling.

Communication Awards

Newsletters

Tanya Wynne, Martin County Using the past as a tool for learning, a general Family & Consumer Science newsletter was designed based on past home demonstration newsletters. This bi-monthly newsletter reaches over 3,000 Martin County residents each year. Current trends, cooking tips and other information to strengthen and sustain families are the subject matter.

Written Press Releases

Christine Smith, Wayne County Workplace Wellness is a special feature article that provides insight into how Extension in Wayne County, North Carolina helped one agency set sail on a journey to better health. At the kick-off of WAGES Gets Fit 101 employees celebrated a day away from the office and enrolled in the program.

Radio **(3rd place, Southern Region)**

Carmen Long, Surry County Busy families today are faced with the challenges of eating healthy foods and making time to exercise. Listeners learn positive ways to help their families Eat Smart and Move More on Extension Today. This bi-weekly educational outreach tool has an estimated audience of 199,000 in a four county listening area.

Television

Debbie Stroud, Johnston County Surviving the Holidays was aired on WRAZ TV-34,

Johnston County's cable television channel on December 13, 2006. Staying healthy during the holiday season was the purpose of the presentation. The following topics were covered: Stress Management, Healthy Nutrition, Physical Activity, Avoiding Debt, and Healthy Gift Giving.

Community Partnership Award – Team Award

Janelle Kent, Stokes County

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| Evelyn Deloatch | Judy West | Carolyn Shepherd |
| Marilyn Wells | Jeannie Leonard | Jennifer Brown |
| Geissler Baker | Susan Garkalns | Brenda Sutton |
| Carmen Long | Donna Edsel | Sherrie Peeler |
| Alesia Cockerham | Carolyn Johnson | Julie Jones |
| Terri Bost | April Bowman | Barbara Dunn Swanson |
| Jennifer Miller | Sara Drake | Melissa Staebner |
| Vickie Shew | Donald McMillan | Cindy Silver |

Chef and the Child is a five day, hands-on, nutrition program linking North Carolina Cooperative Extension, North Carolina Chefs of the Triad, Lowes Food and Guildford Technical Community College to teach at-risk youth between 8-12 years of age basic food preparation techniques, kitchen safety, sanitation, and etiquette.

Environmental Education Award – Team Award

Susan Noble, Robeson County

Christy Strickland

Christy Strickland and Susan Noble teamed to provide skin cancer prevention education to young children to encourage early development of sun smart habits. Activities included training for child care providers to teach sun smarts and classes for children featuring zoo animals through 4-H and public libraries' summer reading programs.

State Awards

Early Career

Molly Alexi, Stanly County, South Central District Molly Alexi has worked as FCS agent in Stanly County for 3 years providing successful programming to diverse audiences in Family Resource Management, Parenting Education, Human Development, Day Care trainings like "Color Me Healthy" and "Playground Safety", and has provided leadership to over 100 Extension and Community Association members.

Leigh Guth, Lincoln County, Southwest District Leigh has fused healthy lifestyles, agriculture, environment and economic development in promoting local food and agricultural tourism. With community forums, website development, electronic newsletters, and the development of the Foothills Fresh concept, the region identifies abundant local foods and agriculture tourism as an integral part of a healthy lifestyle.

Janelle Kent, Stokes County, Northwest District Janelle began a new career as Extension Agent in 2004, focusing her major programming efforts on building healthy families.

She has collaborated with other agencies to reach a variety of audiences with programs like: Moving Towards a Healthier You, Dining with Diabetes, ServSafe, and Families Eating Smart & Moving More.

Yvonne Mullen, Pasquotank County, Northeast District Yvonne's programs and community collaborations continue to provide county and district residents with research-based information to increase knowledge of Cooperative Extension and educational information.

Youth

Lori Ivey, Stanly County, South Central District Offering educational programs to youth audiences is a priority for Lori S. Ivey. In 2006, Lori reached 101 youth through the 4-H Summer Blast program. She coordinated and taught along with the help of volunteers the following activities: Kids in the Kitchen – Cloverbud & Junior; Beginning Sewing & Advanced Sewing; and Mind Your Manners. She also reached an additional 1,040 youth through school enrichment activities and programs. Teaching youth life-skills through Family & Consumer Science is an important part of her job.

Carmen Long, Surry County, Northwest District Helping young people learn how to “Eat Smart and Move More”, make fun, creative, and nutritious snacks and practice good food safety are skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Through Cooperative Extension, I enjoy the opportunities to make a positive impact on our most valuable resource, our youth.

Previously Recognized 2007 FCS Awards

Ada Dalla Pozza Professional Development Award

Evelyn Deloatch, Alamance County

George and Virginia Hyatt Extension Scholarship Award

Peggie Garner, Onslow County

Carol M. Birckhead Award for Outstanding CED

Melissa Hight, New Hanover County

Lois G. Britt Outstanding Extension Agent

Lisa Childers, Harnett County