

Kansas – 2010



Home: Manhattan, KS
Nominated by: Kansas 4-H
Year Inducted: 2010

Marcia McFarland

Professor Emeritus, State 4-H Youth Development Specialist

4-H Efforts: Curricula Design Specialist for USDA/National 4-H Council grant "Strengthening Our Capacity to Care." Project Director for USDA/Army School Age and Teen Project grant.

Honors: Recognition by President George H.W. Bush's National Points of Light Foundation, 1990. Distinguished Service Award, NAE4-HA and KA4-HA, 1992. NAE4-HA National Educational Technology Award, 1999. NAEHA National Communicator Award, 2000. Outstanding Service Contribution Medal, M.-A. Lucas, Chief, Headquarters, U.S. Army Child and Youth Services, 2002. Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University

Prior to becoming a Kansas Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist, and after a 16 year career as homemaker and mother of four, Marcia worked as an elementary teacher and elementary school counselor. She joined Kansas 4-H in 1980, writing materials and providing training focused on expanding 4-H audiences. Her curricula included affective learning skills for 4-H leaders; self-care support for children home alone after school; after-school-day-care programming; minority student retention programming; and a co-authored substance abuse prevention curriculum that was adopted by 45 states and named one of 20 Exemplary Prevention Programs in the U.S.

Marcia began conducting training in many states which led to an appointment with USDA/National 4-H Council to design a framework for staff development curricula for expanding audiences. Marcia was named Project Director of a USDA/Army School-Age and Teen Project grant, leading a design team from five land grant universities to develop and deliver a curriculum for Army Child and Youth Service staff to prepare them to deliver positive youth development opportunities in their after-school settings. She coordinated and co-conducted this training worldwide and obtained a 3-hour distance learning credit status from K-State. Marcia was responsible for a train-the-trainer version of the curriculum which she co-trained to Extension faculty from 23 states.

Quote: The opportunities and experiences provided through my tenure in 4-H and the many talented and dedicated people with whom I have been privileged to work during this time have been life changing for me. It was a thrilling to be involved with 4-H in the growth of the youth development profession.



A message of best wishes to Marcia from President George H. W. Bush.



Marcia conducts Moving Ahead training.



Marcia displays her NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award.