

Louisiana – 2007



Joan McCrory

Professor, Department of 4-H Youth Development

4-H Efforts: An 8-year 4-H club member. Career as 4-H agent in St. Tammy Parish, 1969; Area 4-H agent working with 10 parishes; State 4-H Assistant Specialist; Professor with tenure. Retired as Professor of the Department of 4-H Youth Development in 2005. Charter member Louisiana 4-H Agents Association; served as State President, District and State Office Representative. Served on NAE4-HA committees, including Public Relations, Professional Development, Program Development and Membership. Served on the Southern Region Biennial Committee, 2004.

Honors: Distinguished Service Award; Continued Excellence Award, the first recipient in LA. Over \$10,000 has been collected to endow an annual scholarship in her honor to a 4-H member for leadership and community service.

Home: Baton Rouge, LA
Nominated by: Louisiana 4-H
Year Inducted: 2007

Joan was an 8-year 4-H club member that led her to choose 4-H as a career. She began as a 4-H agent in St. Tammy Parish in 1969, was promoted to Area 4-H agent working with 10 parishes and later became state 4-H Assistant Specialist. She retired as a tenured professor of the

Department of 4-H Youth Development in 2005. Joan developed significant 4-H publications, including the Handbook of Louisiana 4-H Awards, 4-H Commodity Cookery Handbook and Coordinators Kit, and Oh The Places You Can Go With 4-H. She developed the Guidelines for Developing Advisory Committees to help faculty build a productive advisory committee that included 4-H youth and was instrumental in developing the new advisory process for the state.

Joan promoted developing leadership in 4-H members. She facilitated changes in the State Teen Leader Conference, which attracts 200 teen members, to increase the involvement of youth in planning and presenting. She involved the Executive Committee in the annual 4-H University program that reaches about 1600 4-H members age 13 and older. Joan was known nationally as a 4-H records expert. Under her leadership, more quality records were completed and judged for national competition, with approximately 50 national winners selected from LA. She served on the 2000 After School Care Committee, National Strategic Planning Conference, National 4-H Congress Planning Committee for 3 years, and judged National Scholarship and Records for 3 years.

Quote: "I believe helping a young person to develop life skills is more than just building knowledge in a technical subject matter. It involves different experiences, events, and social settings to develop the young person into a competent and caring adult. It is a process over time that 4-H develops a young person."



As faculty advisor, Joan addresses the Louisiana 4-H Executive Committee.



Joan sets up a book drive during 4-H Night at the New Orleans Hornets.



Joan uses household products to introduce leadership concepts to volunteers.