



**NOMINATION FOR
Southern Region Mid-Career Service Award
Alpha Zeta Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Texas**

Nominee's Name: Cheryl Ann Newberry
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Position and Dates of Extension Employment:

Extension Program Specialist III-4-H, District 10, Texas Cooperative Extension
Uvalde County, (Uvalde, TX), 2004 – present
Extension Program Specialist-4-H, Programs & Marketing, Texas 4-H Center,
Texas Cooperative Extension, Brown County (Brownwood, TX), 1996 – 2004
Interim Director-Texas 4-H Center, Texas Agricultural Extension Service,
Brown County (Brownwood, TX), 1998 – 1999
County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Agricultural Extension
Service, Wilbarger County (Vernon, TX), 1994 – 1996
County Extension Agent - Home Economics, Texas Agricultural Extension Service,
Dickens County (Dickens, TX), 1992 – 1994
County Extension Agent - Home Economics, Texas Agricultural Extension Service,
Cottle County (Paducha, TX), 1989 – 1992

Education:

M.Ed. (Secondary Education), Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, 2001
B.S. (Home Economics Education), Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 1989

Outstanding Professional Accomplishments:

National and Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents - 17 year member
State, Meritorious Service Award, 2007
National 4-H Curriculum Directory Task Force, 2007
National 4-H Curriculum Summit Planning Committee, 2007
National 4-H Cooperative System Curriculum Committee, 2007
State, Periodical Publication Team Award, 2006
National, Stiles Professional Development Scholarship, 2003
National, Distinguished Service Award, 1998
State Search For Excellence in Teen Programming, 1996
State, Communicator Award-Published Photo, 1996
State, Professional Development Scholarship, 1994 and 1996
National, Achievement In Service Award, 1994
Epsilon Sigma Phi - 12 year member
Epsilon Sigma Phi State Mid-Career Award, 2003

Outstanding Programmatic Accomplishments:

4-H Afterschool: Serve as the Texas 4-H Afterschool Focus Group Advisor charged with coordinating the development of curriculum and other marketing pieces to support afterschool, conduct training on a district, regional, state and national level, seek out and secure grant funding to support afterschool programming and participate in National monthly teleconferences representing Texas. Accomplishments include:

- ▶ Completion of Yea 4-H! An Afterschool Learning Adventure, K-2 Curriculum
- ▶ Completion of Yea 4-H! An Afterschool Learning Adventure, 3-5 Curriculum
- ▶ Curriculum sales have generated over \$13,000 for the 4-H Unit
- ▶ Development of a Yea 4-H! exhibit and brochure provided at 21 events reaching 2,300
- ▶ Managed two grants in afterschool totaling \$55,000
- ▶ Taught 10 workshops related to afterschool from 2003-2007 reaching 300

District 10 Extension Program Specialist--4-H: Work in partnership with District Extension Administrator and Regional Program Director--4-H to manage the District 4-H program including event management and faculty and staff training. Also provide educational support to 4-H clientele and assist with state assignments as requested. Contribute to curriculum development. Support provided as Extension Program Specialist:

- ▶ Coordinate 26 District 4-H activities involving an average of 2,300 youth annually
- ▶ Staff Training: 45 reaching 1,705; Training for adults/youth: 52 reaching 2,548
- ▶ Secure financial and in-kind donations to support District & State Events-- \$499,767
- ▶ Coordinate the State Share The Fun Contest at Texas 4-H Roundup
- ▶ Provide leadership in developing educational resources to support county programming

Texas 4-H Center: Served as Program & Marketing Director responsible for developing and managing the summer camping program and weekend retreats throughout the year. Coordinated recruitment, hiring and supervision of 18-20 college students during the summer. Collaborated with Texas 4-H Foundation and other Center Staff to seek out funding to support the facility and programs. Support provided at Texas 4-H Center:

- ▶ Served as Interim Director for 18 months overseeing the fiscal management, supervision of all departments and the transition of the 4-H Center from the 4-H Foundation to Texas Cooperative Extension.
- ▶ The Center Director annually recruits and supervises 19 interns that are responsible for the development and implementation of projects for the 2,500 youth that participate in the programs offered at the Texas 4-H Center each summer.
- ▶ Developed a web site, several standing exhibit and brochures for marketing the 4-H program. Increased recognition for 4-H was achieved through this effort.
- ▶ Annually \$50,000 is secured from legislature to support the operation of the Texas 4-H Center.
- ▶ Collaborator in establishing the Ropes Course at the 4-H Center.

Support Statement:

From the county to the national level, there are few specialists that have made the tremendous contributions like those of Cheryl Newberry. Whether a team member or a group leader, Cheryl's leadership and creativity are always well respected. She has a passionate determination to shape our youth into the leaders of tomorrow. Cheryl's dependable work ethic and positive attitude are contagious to all that have had the pleasure of working with her.