



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

**Nominee's Name:** Cheryl Ann Newberry

**Title:** Extension Program Specialist III-4-H

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**Position and Dates of Extension Employment:**

Extension Program Specialist III-4-H, District 10, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 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 (Paducah, 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 - 19 year member

State, Periodical Publication Award, 2008

State, Promotional Exhibit Team Award, 2008

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 3 curriculums: Yea 4-H! An Afterschool Learning Adventure, K-2, 3-5, and 6-8
- ▶ Curriculum sales have generated over \$15,600.00 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 12 workshops related to afterschool from 2003-2008 reaching 400

**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. 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

**Take A Stand:** Coordinating the development of the conflict management/bullying enrichment curriculum, Take A Stand. Curriculum is currently being pilot tested in 60 counties and will be released state-wide.

Significant contributions include:

- ▶ Co-writer for three levels of curriculum: 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade
- ▶ Secured a \$50,000 donation from Texas Rural Mediation Services for project
- ▶ Coordinated and conducted 8 training for pilot counties
- ▶ Coordinated Texas Teen Retreat and conducted the Pilot of the 9-12 grade curriculum with 100 teens
- ▶ Provide support to pilot counties

**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 and maintained web site, exhibit and brochures for marketing the 4-H program.
- ▶ 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.