

Epsilon Sigma Phi

Pi Chapter

Distinguished Service Ruby Award



Congratulations to

Dr. Dorothy McCargo Freeman

Assistant Director and
State 4-H Youth Development Program Leader
University of Minnesota Extension

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Dr. Dorothy McCargo Freeman, a member of the Pi Chapter, has been selected as the recipient of the ESP – National Distinguished Service Ruby Recognition for 2010!

The Distinguished Service Ruby Recognition is the most prestigious recognition presented by ESP and is designed to recognize truly outstanding thinking, performance, and leadership in Extension. It is understood that the recipient has made highly significant contributions on the state, regional, national, and (when applicable) international Extension scenes in a variety of ways and over a career that spans a lifetime.

Pi Chapter Board members submitted the nomination on Dorothy's behalf following her selection as the Distinguished Service Award chapter recipient (2008) and the North Central Region recipient (2009). Only one national recipient is selected each year. Minnesota has three previous recipients of the National Ruby Award including: T.A. Erickson (1953); Roland Abraham (1968); and Patrick J. Borich (1991).

The summary statement on Dorothy's nomination states: *“Dorothy has provided leadership for Extension and the 4-H Program her entire career, emerging as a national leader. She has provided state and national leadership to Extension professionals in reaching out to underserved, diverse youth audiences to get them engaged in the 4-H Program and develop their own leadership skills. Dorothy's enthusiasm and passion is for educating our young people and promoting positive rather than negative youth development. This is the corner stone of her professional career in Extension and 4-H and the leadership that she has given to further the program in Virginia, Minnesota, the North Central Region and across the nation.”*

Dorothy will be receiving this recognition during the ESP National Conference in Jackson, Wyoming, October 12-15, 2010. She will be honored during the Recognition Banquet and Dessert Reception and will provide the Ruby Lecture during the Ruby Luncheon. These events are currently scheduled for October 13 and 14.