

SUSAN ROUTH

Susan Routh is such a leader and a true Extension Professional. Susan began her Extension career in Johnson County, Texas in 1990. Susan became an educator to impact lives and change outcomes for families and communities. Susan is an Oklahoma 4H alumni and a 2nd generation of Oklahoma State University Extension educator.

Susan served as the OSU Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educator in Grady County. She then became a Community Nutrition Education Program Coordinator and interim Southwest District FCS Program Specialist. She is currently the West District FCS Program Specialist. She has developed and delivered countless programs and mentored many Extension educators. She served in numerous leadership positions at the county and state level, serving as the Oklahoma Affiliate President 2012 – 2014.

Susan joined NEAFCS in 2005. Since that time, she has been a devoted member of NEAFCS. During her career, Susan has demonstrated dedication to NEAFCS in the numerous roles she has undertaken. Susan served as Southern Region Director (2013 – 2015), Vice President for Awards and Recognition (2017 – 2019), President-elect (2021), President (2022) and Immediate Past President (2023). Susan has attended fifteen Annual Sessions and served on various committees. Susan represented NEAFCS on the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Board from 2021 – 2024. In JCEP, she has found her niche, she has served as Co-Chair of the Public Issues and Leadership Development Conference and is serving as the chair for 2024. She is an advocate for FCS and wants to make sure FCS is represented at all levels.

Susan has been an NEAFCS Active Member for nineteen years. She has received many OEAFCS and NEAFCS Awards including the Distinguished Service Award in 2020. She follows the NEAFCS Vision in building future leaders, providing innovative professional development opportunities, and promoting the profession. Susan served as a mentor to many NEAFCS Board members. Brenda Miller, Northeast District FCS Program Specialist, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service stated “I appreciate Susan’s thoughtful and caring approach to leadership. Her insight into Extension educators and overall grasp of the Extension system helps spur educators to use their unique skills to accomplish their personal goals and common goals of the organization”.