



Jean Woodley Ballance

Family & Consumer Science Award for the Northeast

Jean Woodley Ballance was an outstanding leader and motivator in **Family and Consumer Sciences** and as a County Extension Director in Hyde County, North Carolina throughout her career. Jean was first exposed to Cooperative Extension as a Tyrrell County 4-H Member and aspired to become a Home Demonstration Agent. She graduated from Greensboro Woman's College (now UNC-Greensboro) with a degree in Home Economics. Ms. Ballance moved to Hyde County in 1955 and began her career as Home Demonstration Agent. After marrying, she left Cooperative Extension for a number of years. When she returned in November 1988, she was promoted to County Extension Director and served in this position until her untimely death in May 2005.

Jean's life's work was committed to "helping people put knowledge to work." In addition to the discipline of Family & Consumer Sciences, Jean was passionate about community and economic development and about assisting her clientele in enhancing their leadership skills to make positive changes in their community.

Colleagues and friends from Hyde County and across the state established the Jean Woodley Ballance Family & Consumer Sciences Endowment for the Northeast District to honor Mrs. Ballance's lifetime of service.

Criteria: Priority will be given to fund projects being conducted by the **Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agents in the Northeast District** in the areas of Leadership Development, Community Development and Family and Consumer Sciences.