

Patricia R. Gruber



Patricia R. Gruber was born June 15, 1951, in Clarksburg. She earned three degrees from WVU: a B.S. in Family Resources and Consumer Sciences in 1973, an M.S. in Child Development and Family Relations in 1974, and a M.A. in Communications Studies in 1994. She is an Extension Associate Professor Emeritus at WVU and was awarded tenure in 1986. She is also a tenured professor at the University of Hawaii.

She began her career as a Maryland Cooperative Extension Service Agent in Baltimore County in 1974. In 1975, she went to work for the Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service, returning to West Virginia in 1980 to become the WVU Family Consumer Sciences Agent in Harrison County, a position she

held for 15 years.

She became the Director of Families and Health Programs for the WVU Extension Program in Morgantown in 2006, after serving as the Interim Director for nearly a year. She works extensively on family financial management, and has served on the WVU faculty mentoring program.

She is the State Adviser for the Community Educational Outreach Services (CEOS) - which boasts 2,600 members in 41 counties. She has provided the group with leadership development programs, and in 1993 implemented a research-based, scholarly educational component to the organization that is used to this day.

She is the 2016 recipient of the WVU Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean Don Felker Financial Management Award for her Smart Money Series. The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science presented her with its Education Publication Award in 2005 and its Individual Program Award for Child Care and Parenting in 2004. She was named Outstanding Extension Professional by the WV Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2001, and received the Individual Performance Excellence Award from the WVU Extension Service in 2000. She is the recipient of the West Virginia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Service Award, among others.

She belongs to the National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences and the National Extension 4-H Association. She served as President of the WV Association for Young Children in 1998-99.

Gruber is the author of 15 peer reviewed publications, and has given dozens of presentations.