2017 Award Winner

Annie’s Project – Education for Farm Women (APEFW) is pleased to announce that Jennifer Boyles has been selected as the national 2017 winner of the Annie’s Project Women In Ag Educator Award as presented in memory of Bob Wells. This is the fourth year this prestigious award has been presented.

Jennifer Boyles, South Carolina’s Annie’s Project state coordinator has worked for the Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service for 26 years where she is currently an Agribusiness Agent and part of the Agribusiness team.

She has provided lifelong learning opportunities for farm and ranch women through her dedication to supporting women in agriculture. As described by her nominator, “This dedication extends beyond the walls of a classroom and after the end of the workday.”

She presented at the 2016 Risk Management Conference presentation where she shared the impact of Annie’s Project as well as her innovative (and successful) retreat-style format. Along with Clemson University’s support, and the strong partnerships she forged with AgSouth, ArborOne Farm Credit, Farm Bureau and USDA to deliver these programs are admirable.

Her development and management of the South Carolina Women in Agriculture Network (SCWAgN) is creating a life-long connection of Annie’s Project Alumni through networking events with guest speakers as well as engagement through social media platforms.

Not being one to rest on her past accomplishments, Jennifer attended the APEFW train-the-trainer event in Columbus Ohio in April and is now qualified to train men and women to become official APEFW facilitators. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Her response to receiving the award: “Annie’s Project has been such a wonderful program to work with and it has meant as much to me as it has to our participants. I will strive even harder to uphold the quality of the program that Bob was so respected and known for. It is a great honor and I do not take it lightly.”