

## **Dr. Carole Makela, Educator**

### **Her Legacy: Collaborator, advisor, professor, community volunteer and powerful advocate for women**

Dr. Carole Makela, recipient of the Soroptimist International of Fort Collins Making a Difference for Women award in 2015, has had a significant impact on the lives of women throughout her career at Colorado State University (CSU). The award is given to women who have inspired and encouraged other women.

Carole began her career as a teacher of home economics, focusing on family management through inter-relational dynamics and healthy living, educating students about resources, finance, nutrition and child care among other aspects of family life. She moved on to chair the Department of Consumer Sciences and Housing and then served as associate dean of the College of Applied Human Sciences. She helped establish the local Better Business Bureau and consumer credit counseling services in northern Colorado.

Over the 50 years of her work in academia, Carole has researched and made presentations about consumer trends, aging, and rural issues and concerns as well as other aspects of women's lives. She has led the University Curriculum Committee at the college and has contributed a variety of services to the School of Education, the College of Health and Human Services, and the fields of study related to family and consumer sciences.

She also received the Faculty Council Harry Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award for outstanding individual service to the CSU Faculty Council. She is currently a professor in the School of Education at the university and serves as faculty representative to the university Board of Governors.

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