

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2016

## Indiana



### Linda Gould Nierman

Associate Program Director EHE/Specialist Emeritus,  
Michigan State University

Home: Lafayette, IN

Nominated by: Indiana 4-H

### Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Indiana 4-H member 10 years. National 4-H Urban Development Committee and National seminars on 4-H expansion. ECOP Task Force on Diversity. Indiana 4-H Agent; Oregon State 4-H Staff and 4-H/EHE Agent; Michigan Urban 4-H Agent. Co-Author, National EFNEP Curriculum for youth and adults. Research: 'Adoption of Practices: from 4-H Day Camp.' Capacity building training in Micronesia for USDA/Extension.

**Honors:** 4-H Scholarship to Purdue University. National 4-H Report To The Nation Team; National 4-H Achievement & 4-H Public Speaking Awards, Club Congress; Nat. 4-H Conference; Agriculture Youth Clubs of Peru Honor; John Hannah Program Excellence Award; NAE4-HA President & Distinguished Service Awards.

### Biography:

Indiana 4-H Programs provided unlimited leadership opportunities for Linda Nierman, a 10 year 4-H member of the Cheerio 4-H Club. This leadership earned her: A State 4-H Scholarship to Purdue University (B.S. degree); State and National 4-H Achievement (1959) and Public Speaking (1957) awards at 4-H Club Congress; 4-H Conference Delegate and the Honor of presenting the National 4-H Report to the Nation to President Dwight Eisenhower; Peru Agriculture Youth Clubs National Honor; Danforth, Key Club and Elks Leadership Awards; Indiana State Fair School, Hoosier Girls State, and State Fair 4-H Exhibit Hall staff. Chairman of fund raising for IFYE in Collegiate 4-H. Majorette Purdue All American Marching Band.

Dr. Nierman was an Indiana 4-H Agent, Oregon State 4-H Staff Member and Extension 4-H/HE Agent; Michigan Assoc. Program Director EHE, Specialist, and Urban 4-H Agent in Flint, where she expanded 4-H to new audiences. She was asked by USDA/4-H to present national seminars on 4-H expansion. Dr. Nierman was a member of the National 4-H Urban Development Committee that designed a national expansion curriculum that helped increase resources to states for urban 4-H. Her service included Epsilon Sigma Phi President, ECOP Working with Diverse Audiences Task Force, initiated School to Work mentor/entrepreneur training, co-author of National EFNEP Competency Based curriculum for youth & adults.

### Quote:

Dr. Nierman is being honored for her outstanding accomplishments on the county, state & national stage as a 4-H member, 4-H professional and 4-H alumnus. Her vision and passion to expand the 4-H Motto from, "To Make the Best Better" to "Make the Rest Better" created opportunities for youth to succeed in all geographic and economic spectrums. Dr. Nierman was a pioneer in providing successful "learn by doing" 4-H experiences for urban youth and their families. Her tireless commitment to others changed the lives of many throughout her career. Her dedication to 4-H excellence is a role model to emulate! - Dr. Joel Soobitsky, Retired National 4-H Program Leader, USDA



President Dwight D. Eisenhower receiving 4-H Report to the Nation, National 4-H Club Week, 1959.



Linda with her Champion 4-H Angus Heifer at Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair.



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