

News Release

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### Patricia Rychter Recipient of the 2009 Chancellor's Career Award

STEVENS POINT -- Patricia Rychter, PhD, the Portage County UW-Extension Family Living Educator since 1983, was among those honored by University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension Chancellor David Wilson on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Chancellor's Award Banquet at the Lowell Center in Madison. Rychter and others were recognized for their outstanding contributions to UW-Extension, UW Colleges and the quality of life for Wisconsin residents.

Rychter received the UW Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension 2009 Chancellor's Career Award. For more than 25 years, Rychter has provided educational programming to Portage County families at every stage of life in the areas of parenting, financial management, suicide prevention, aging/elder care, family history, nutrition, home management, and food preparation and preservation. Rychter was instrumental in developing Healthy Beginnings Portage County, a home visitation and nutrition education program for first-time families. Rychter helped developed the Portage County Financial Wellness Program in 1992 to address the needs of families facing financial difficulties. The program matches volunteer mentors with local residents seeking to better manage their financial resources.

"The University of Wisconsin Colleges and the University of Wisconsin-Extension are welcoming gateways to the knowledge and resources of the University of Wisconsin," Chancellor Wilson said. "Education, whether it is in a classroom, in a farmer's field or in front of a computer, is key to a robust economy and to the health and well-being of Wisconsin's children, youth and adults. The Chancellor's Awards recognize the pivotal undergraduate education and university extension work being done here in Wisconsin," Wilson added.



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*Chancellor David Wilson congratulated Rychter at the Chancellor's Award Banquet Oct. 1, 2009, in Madison.*