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Dr. Marjorie Kostelnik came to us from the Department of Family and Child Ecology in the College of Human Ecology at Michigan State University, where she served as chairperson from 1994 to 2000. We are delighted to have her here with us in Nebraska as dean of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, and I hope that those of you in the room who may not yet have had an opportunity to meet Marjorie will take that opportunity today.

Dean Kostelnik earned her doctorate in human development and family studies from Penn State. She is an outreach scholar who has received the Public Service Award for Academia from the American Society for Public Administration. Her primary research interests are community collaboration, early childhood education, and children's social development.

While in Michigan she initiated the Wexford Community School project, a collaboration among the Lansing School District, Michigan State University, the Wexford Neighborhood, and the City of Lansing. She also coordinated the year-long Ready to Succeed Blue Ribbon Committee for the City of Lansing, on behalf of Michigan State University. You might ask Dean Kostelnik to tell you more about those projects when you have the

opportunity to visit with her.

In addition, she has authored 10 books, 14 chapters, and numerous refereed articles. Most recently, she and her co-authors completed work on the fourth edition of *Guiding Children's Social Development: Classroom Practices*, published by Delmar. In 2000 she was honored with the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries Lifetime Achievement Award in Early Childhood Education.

It is a pleasure to introduce Dean Marjorie Kostelnik to you this morning.