



## Women's Legacy Award HONORING AGGIE WOMEN



**Carol E. Jordan '80**, currently serves as founding Director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women at the University of Kentucky and holds faculty appointments in the Department of Psychology and the Department of Psychiatry. She is a nationally recognized expert on domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and has authored or co-authored three books, eight book chapters, and more than 35 scientific articles on violence against women. Carol has managed grants totaling more than \$3.5 million and since founding the Center at UK, has built an almost \$6.2 million research endowment. The endowment also funds scholarships for battered through a program developed by Carol.

Carol has more than thirty years of experience in public policy, research and writing, and legislative advocacy addressing women's issues; particularly those focusing on intimate partner violence, rape and stalking. Before being recruited to the University of Kentucky, she served for eight years as Executive Director of the Kentucky Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services. She has been recognized nationally with the Paul H. Chapman Award from the National Foundation for the Improvement of Justice; and by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. She has also received awards from the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, the Kentucky Rape Crisis Centers, the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition, the Kentucky Psychological Association, and the Kentucky General Assembly for her work. She has been recognized by the University of Kentucky with the Sarah Bennett Holmes Award for accomplishments on behalf of women; and the William E. Lyons Award for Outstanding Service.

Carol is a 1980 graduate of Texas A&M University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the College of Liberal Arts. She is proud to be a second generation Aggie, following her Class of 1953 father to Aggieland. She now oversees for her family the J. Irwin "Pinky" Jordan, Jr. President's Endowed Scholarship and has been a bronze donor to The Association of Former Students since her graduation, first through gifting by her parents, and since then through her own name.

In 2007, Carol helped organize and served as the founding Co-President of the Texas A&M University Women Former Students' Network. She also served as the organization's first President in 2009. During her presidency, the organization doubled in size to almost 600 Aggie Women representing 29 states and six countries. As part of the WFSN, Carol oversaw with Sue Redman '80 creation of the WFSN Women's Legacy Fund which, during the year of her presidency, completed its first President's Endowed Scholarships and secured gifts and pledges to complete a second scholarship. In 2010, Carol received from Texas A&M University a Presidential Proclamation for Leadership, Excellence & Service.