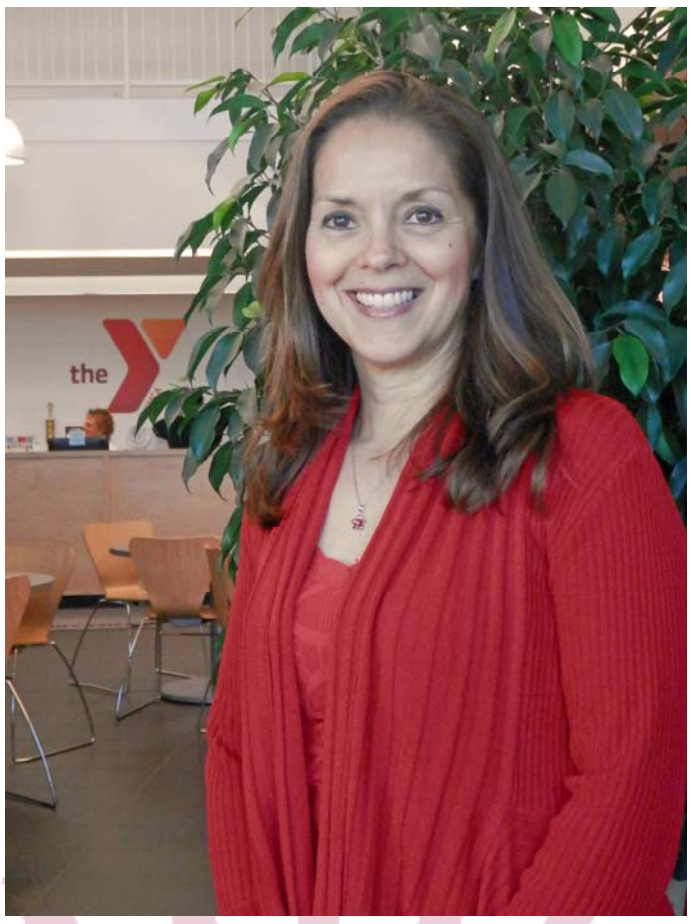
Presidents' Community Partner Award



Keene Family YMCA

Keene State College

The Keene Family YMCA has been a dedicated community partner with Keene State College for the past 11 years. In that time together along with other partners from the community we have established a national model for combating obesity, creating two programs that have become national models; the InSHAPE program and the Family BeFIT program. Both of these programs have become so successful that they are receiving national attention and have become a model to replicate for other communities. Both programs partner with Keene State College administration and the dietetic internship program to deliver a comprehensive and unique approach to address this devastating health issue. In addition to these programs the Y has become one of Keene State's most reliable sites for internship placements for students studying nutrition, health science, or education. Another unique asset to our partnership is the use of the Keene Family Y as an off campus classroom as Professors have often brought their class to the Y in an effort to give the student a real life experience and/or inviting Y staff to speak for classes at Keene State in an effort to deliver that experience on campus.