

DR. REBECCA FAHLANDER



Dr. Rebecca S. Fahrlander

Rebecca was an Honor student, enrolled in Honors classes, and graduated from PHS in 1967 with a GPA of 93%. She volunteered for political campaigns and participated in Debate Club, giving speeches at Peru State College and to the Plattsmouth Rotary. While in high school she was interested in fashion and designed some of her own clothes.

She attended Bellevue College and graduated in under 3 years Summa Cum Laude with a BA in 1972. While there she was a member of an academic sorority, Spanish Club, and was on the Dean's List. She received Bellevue College Board of Directors Scholarships and tutored Spanish.

Rebecca then attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha and graduated in 1976 with her Master's Degree. She passed the Research Methods Comprehensive Exam with honors and taught graduate assistants.

From there, Rebecca attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where attained her PH.D with honors in 1980. Awards, classes, and assignments at UNL include: Happold Award for Student Research; Johnson Graduate Fellowship; Abbott Graduate Fellowship; graduate student representative on faculty committee; Graduate Research and Teaching Assistantships; presenter at Nebraska Academy of Sciences conference; Foreign languages- Spanish and German. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award at University of Nebraska-Omaha and the Spirit of Survivorship Award from the American Cancer Society.

She is a past member of Bellevue Artists Association and was on the Omaha World Affairs Council for many years. Her volunteerism is impressive: Omaha Fashion Week model, Omaha Fashion Week Cancer Survivor Shows, presenter at workshops and conference speeches on cancer survivorship at The Whole Life Expo/Conference in California, and presenter/award recipient at American Cancer Society event.

Politically speaking, she was chairperson of a women's political caucus; vice-chairperson of a county political party; worked as volunteer staff for a presidential candidate at a national political party convention; central committee member, county political party; volunteer in numerous state and national political campaigns throughout the years, and has attended both inaugurations in Washington for President William Jefferson Clinton, one of these while undergoing chemotherapy for my cancer.

She has been a professor of psychology and sociology most of her life, but has also taught interdisciplinary courses in related areas such as Leadership and Business Management. She writes for newspapers/publications. Rebecca was appeared on national TV(Fox Business Network) discussing social issues and was a researcher at The Center For Applied Urban Research at UNO, where she conducted research on many community issues and for businesses and non-profit organizations in Nebraska including The Joslyn Museum.

Rebecca also worked for a large corporation during her career. This involved managing a research department and training unit in addition to editing newsletters on legislative/healthcare/insurance issues and presenting speeches at conferences on the same issues. After her time at the corporation, she returned to being a professor at Bellevue University and at UNO where she has taught thousands of university students through the years, including the daughter of a governor, wife of a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and many community leaders. She also continued to give workshops on finding one's career, managing employees, dealing with stress, cancer survivorship, travel, and many other topics. She has worked on other consulting and research projects with companies in the community, and have given presentations on health care in other countries and to medical students at UNMC.

Dr. Fahrlander has appeared on Fox Business Network Television and has done radio interviews on local stations. Her photography has been exhibited at Bellevue University and Bellevue Library. She has made travel presentations at Bellevue University and taught one of the first university courses on Sociology of Women (it was a new area in the 1970s) as a graduate student at UNL.

She has traveled to all 7 continents, including Antarctica, explored the Pyramids, Stonehenge, Timbuktu and the Lost City of Ubar. She has traveled across the Arabian desert and been on safari in South Africa and Zimbabwe. With her travel background, Rebecca writes a monthly travel column, "Safari Journal" for Bellevue Leader and has published in USA Today, The Washington Post, Florida Today, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Omaha World-Herald and others.

She has met many influential people/leaders including the Crown Prince of Iran, President Clinton, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Edgar Mitchell, Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen, California Governor Jerry Brown; New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez; consumer advocate Ralph Nader; naturalist Jim Fowler; Bill Gates; Dr. Deepak Chopra; author Dr. John Gray; Member of Parliament Rory Stewart; musicians such as the Moody Blues, Chris Jagger, the Yardbirds, the Doors, the Zombies, Lady Gaga and many others.

Rebecca is the daughter of the late Raymond F. Fahrlander and Freda Louisa Maria Ulrich Fahrlander. Her siblings include sisters, Marcy Boyer; Elinor Mougey; the late Judith Fahrlander; the late Frances Iola Fahrlander; brother, Philip Fahrlander; and many nieces and nephews.