

2022 Women of Accomplishment Finalist

Julia Lamb



Julia was born in New Jersey, but lived in many states and eventually, overseas during her childhood. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Drew University, NJ, she was selected by Princeton University to teach English at a teacher training university in Thailand.

These early travels shaped her future career and interests. She came to NIU from Thailand to pursue her master's degree in Southeast Asian studies, anthropology, and education. From 1983 to 1997, Julia was employed at Kishwaukee College as coordinator of the Refugee Program and eventually, the Adult Literacy Program. In 1997, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU drew her away from Kishwaukee College. As Outreach Coordinator/Undergraduate Academic Advisor for the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, she developed international, college/university, K-12, and community programs. Julia was also involved in various diversity issues at NIU. Upon retirement from NIU in 2014, she served as a volunteer and also as a board member for the NIU Pick Museum of Anthropology.

Her final work chapter was as an administrative assistant at The Suter Company. Julia currently serves on two organizations as a long-term board member - Altrusa International of DeKalb County and Hope Haven of DeKalb County – two organizations which embody her passions of literacy, service, and homelessness. She is deeply honored to be an honoree for the “Woman of Accomplishment” award.