



## Lynn Stockton Coody

### CLASS OF 1970

Lynn Stockton Coody, Class of 1970, was a member of the National Honor Society, the High School Chorus, and an avid student of the sciences. She graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine with honors, earning concurrent degrees in Biology and Environmental Studies. In 1978, Lynn earned a Master of Science Degree in Biology, with specialization in Systemic Ecology, from the University of Oregon.

Prompted by her life long interest in plants and ecology, Lynn developed a career related to organic food production. During her many years in this profession, she has worked as a farmer, an activist, and a leader in the organic foods industry. Lynn was the founding president of the organization which certifies organic farms and processors in Oregon as well as the founding Policy Director



for a non-profit organization that reviews the inputs used by organic farmer. Currently she owns Organic Agsystems Consulting, a business that provides policy analysis on issues related to organic production. Lynn works with colleagues from around the world to develop standards, laws, and governmental regulations to control the Organic Food Industry.

When Lynn started her company in 1982, it was the first in the state of Oregon to offer consulting services to the organic food industry. The business provided an important link between organic farmers and the technical information they could not obtain through universities and the Extension Service, the normal information channels used by conventional farmers. In the course of her consulting work, Lynn has testified before Congressional Committees, traveled internationally, and written many documents which have become industry standards.

Knowing first hand how much young women benefit from encouragement when enter scientific fields, Lynn participates in Advocates for Women in Science, Engineering and Mathematics, based in Portland Oregon. Through this organization, she volunteers as a mentor for female high school and college students who are interested in becoming scientists. She has enjoyed working with young women while serving as a technical advisor for student projects and providing advice about choosing a course of study.

Lynn lives in Eugene, Oregon with her husband, Jeff Bennett, and her eight-year-old son Andrew. She is active in her community, especially as a volunteer supporting children's activities. She is an avid hiker, loves to garden, and enjoys singing just as much as she did in high school.