

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2016

National 4-H Council



Eddie Locklear

Retired - North Carolina State University (2004);
National 4-H Council (2014)

Home: Lumberton, NC

Nominated by: National 4-H Council

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

North Carolina State University: Extension 4-H Agent; Asst. Professor & Extension 4-H Specialist; Assoc. Professor & Department Extension Leader. National 4-H Council: Director, 4-H Afterschool; Director, 4-H Science Engineering and Technology; Director, 4-H Mission to Market; and Acting Director, 4-H National Mentoring Program.

Honors: Dr. Eddie & Mrs. Brenda Locklear 4-H Endowment for Robeson County, North Carolina 4-H Hall of Fame. NAE4-HA Meritorious Service & Distinguished Service Awards. President, National School-Age Care Association. XI Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi International Award. President, NC Association of Extension 4-H Agents. RJR Nabisco Extension Agent Award. NC Association of Extension

Specialists Extension Education Award.

Biography:

Dr. Eddie Locklear was a 4-H professional for 37 years, retiring from National 4-H Council in June 2012. Joining National 4-H Council in 2004, he served as Director, 4-H Afterschool Programs; Director, 4-H SET (Science, Engineering and Technology); Director, 4-H Mission to Market; and Acting Director of a National 4-H Mentoring Program. In these roles, Eddie helped establish 4-H Afterschool programs nationally; worked with county, state and national 4-H professionals to expand 4-H SET throughout the 4-H System; helped expand 4-H work in the areas of SET, Healthy Living and Citizenship; and replicated outstanding 4-H programs in over 100 sites across the nation, reaching over 6,000 youth; 1,500 mentors and 4-H professionals in 47 states.

Locklear worked in the Dept. of 4-H Youth Development at North Carolina State University in 1987-2003. He helped secure nearly \$18 million in grants to improve the quality and availability of school-age care. He helped develop the NC School-Age Care Coalition. He served as President of the National Afterschool Association and on the Board for eight years. Dr. Locklear developed more than 43 refereed journal and press articles, and over 113 educational publications. He made over 100 international, national, and state presentations. At NCSU, Dr. Locklear served as Extension 4-H Specialist, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Department Extension Leader. Prior to NCSU, Eddie was an Extension 4-H Agent in Robeson Co., NC for 12 years.

Quote:

Some people think of 4-H as only a youth development program. 4-H is one of the greatest youth development programs in the world but it impacts everyone who gets involved. Although I was not a 4-H member, I remember my first few years as a 4-H Agent. I feel that I benefitted more from the myriad educational experiences during my formative years as a 4-H professional than any of the youth in the program. 4-H taught me that youth and adults have tremendous potential. And, if we believe in ourselves and others, we can accomplish more than we can ever imagine.



Signing of 4-H endowment to recognize 4-H volunteers in Robeson County. After Retirement, Locklear continues to work with 4-H Volunteers where he started in Robeson County.



Eddie and his wife Brenda created a 4-H endowment to recognize 4-H volunteers in Robeson County where his career started.



Eddie worked with youth in after school programs during the development of the 4-H after school training manuals.