

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2016

Louisiana



Stanley J. Lamendola
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Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Served 33 years with the LSU AgCenter dedicated to 4-H and administration. First president of the Louisiana 4-H Agents Association, 1976. Established a 4-H scholarship in the name of his parents. Organized a 4-H club for poor youth in Malaysia while serving as a visiting professor.

Honors: Inducted into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame, 2010, NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award. Baton Rouge Jaycees Award for support and leadership to the Greater Baton Rouge Fair, Honorary FFA Award, and Epsilon Sigma Phi Award. The State Livestock Show was dedicated to him for his

contributions to the 4-H program in 1996.

Biography:

Dr. Stanley J. Lamendola served 33 years with the LSU AgCenter dedicated to 4-H and administration. He was the first president of the Louisiana 4-H Agents Association in 1976 and established a 4-H scholarship in the name of his parents. In 2010 he was inducted into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame. He was one of the first Louisiana 4-H agents to begin 4-H livestock and project clubs, enabling more youth to participate in 4-H. He accepted a position in Malaysia as visiting professor for Extension Education and saw an opportunity to help poor youth and their families by organizing a 4-H club. The main project of the 40 members was peanuts, which provided food for the families. 4-H members also learned about Higher Education increasing their quality of life.

As Assistant Director, Dr. Lamendola recommended and oversaw renovations at 4-H Camp Grant Walker. This included turning the old kitchen into three educational rooms, building all of the sidewalks, installing a PA and outside speaker system, landscaping, benches, flag pole, and hiring the first year round cooks to increase the camp's use. As area 4-H Director he organized events to increase 4-H participation, especially senior members. He organized 4-H agents, specialists, and 4-H volunteers in the State 4-H Curriculum Committee to develop quality 4-H project books that met the Louisiana Leap standards. He always set the example of how to bring everyone together for the betterment of youth and 4-H.

Quote:

The future of any society is dependent on how well society teaches its young people to make decisions and to accept responsibility of their decisions. Our task as 4-H professionals is to provide young people with a variety of educational opportunities that provide for decision making and responsibilities commitment. By participating in this process, 4-H members will hopefully become responsible citizens of society which is the goal of youth development in 4-H.