

Maine



Dr. Harold Brown
State 4-H Program Coordinator

Home: Bangor, ME

Inducted: 2005

Major 4-H Activities:

Extension 4-H Educator 33 years

Maine State 4-H Program Coordinator 17 years

National 4-H Congress Operations Committee – long time member and chairman for two years

International Exchange Program – CAPS and LEX America

Significant Honors:

Brownie is a Past State President of NAE4-HA, a 1993 recipient of NAE4-HA DSA and Achievement awards and NACAA DSA.

To many, Harold "Brownie" Brown was the face and voice of National 4-H Congress. He served for many years on the Congress Operations Committee and chaired the last Chicago Congress. His three major Congress accomplishments were: 1. Chaired the last Chicago Congress and basically planned the first Orlando Congress from the ground up to continue the National 4-H Congress tradition. 2. Included more youth on the Orlando Congress planning committee. 3. When National 4-H Council announced the end of their support in Orlando, he immediately began the effort to plan the next Congress. While many were responsible for the transitions of National 4-H Congress, Brownie was the voice and legs of these transitions.

Brownie has also been very active in the International Exchange Program. He led the development efforts with the CAPS program in Costa Rica and went to Costa Rica for four years to do the orientation program of the Costa Rican youth coming to the United States. He brought the Japanese Exchange Program to the state of Maine and served on the National Japanese Foreign Exchange Committee and currently serves on the board of directors for LEX America.

Being involved in the 4-H Youth Development program as a professional still comes down to the impact you have on young people. Brownie certainly has made an impact on the lives of countless Maine 4-H members. One is Dr. Hannah Carter, a big Brownie disciple who is now a faculty member of the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication at the University of Florida. Her top five "personal best" moments are all from her time in 4-H during Brownie's tenure. "4-H can be the first lesson a young person gets in working within a group, including different leadership and personality styles, experiences, opinions and so on, making it great preparation for team work in life."



Harold makes a presentation at the 2004 Pine Tree State 4-H Foundation annual meeting.