



AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY HALL OF FAME

JEFFREY D. ORNDORFF

Jeffrey D. Orndorff was born in 1950 in Winchester, Va., but grew up in Wardensville. After four decades as a WVU Extension Associate Professor, he is recognized for his transformational leadership of 4-H programming at all levels.

At his first job as an Extension Agent, he increased 4-H membership in McDowell County from 345 to 3,655 in just three years. He established 4-H Foundations there and elsewhere. He raised at least \$830,000 for 4-H throughout his career.



He developed after-school programs for first- and second-graders, which are now a staple of 4-H nationwide. He was among the first in the country to create “everything in a box / pick up and go” programming that provides easy-to-deliver educational programs. He pioneered camping programs that impacted tens of thousands of West Virginia youth. He set up numerous interstate and international student exchanges and is nationally known for his work with Operation Military Kids.

He was co-chair of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-H) conferences in 1990 and 2000. He served as Superintendent of 4-H displays at the State Fair of West Virginia for 40 years.

WVU presented him with its prestigious Most Loyal Faculty Award. He is also Professor Emeritus. The NAE4-H awarded him three of its highest honors: the Meritorious Service Award in 2005, 25 Years of Service Award in 2000, and the Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

He is a member of the Petersburg Fire Department, the Lions Club, the Kiwanis and the Burlington Children’s Home Board. He has been Treasurer of the Morgantown Band Boosters for a decade and has been active in the Mountain State Forest Festival and the Tri-County Fair. He is Chair of the Council of Ministries at Suncrest United Methodist Church.