

Billy L. Coffindaffer



Billy L. Coffindaffer has spent his life working in agriculture, forestry, higher education, extension and government.

After military service, Coffindaffer advanced from the role of county extension agent to assistant state 4-H leader, to directing the Appalachian Center area office in Parkersburg, to director of the WVU Extension Service. He has served West Virginia in the role of director of state-federal relations and the West Virginia Board of Regents chose him to lead the combined colleges of Concord and Bluefield State.

He returned to his extension roots in Maryland, serving as a leader in the central administration of the Maryland Extension Service. Upon his retirement, he returned to West Virginia to manage Morgantown's Vision 2000 program. Morgantown city government expressed its gratitude to Coffindaffer in the form of a proclamation, honoring his contributions.

Coffindaffer was instrumental in the planning and construction of WVU's Parkersburg campus, serving as its first leader. He was the founder and first chairperson of the West Virginia Rural Development Council and assisted in the establishment of the Northeast Rural Development Center at Cornell University. He has enjoyed affiliations with the National University Extension Association and West Virginia Vocational Education Advisory Council. He has worked with the United States Department of Agriculture, sharing his knowledge with educators in Costa Rica, Canada and India. Coffindaffer has been honored by government agencies and organizations including the USDA, Soil Conservation Service, Appalachian Regional Council, WVU Alumni Association and American Association of College Presidents.