

# Dr. Robert H. Maxwell



As a member of West Virginia University (WVU) College of Agriculture and Forestry, Dr. Robert H. Maxwell, has represented the farmers and rural folks of West Virginia, WVU, the nation and the world. His service spans a period of more than 30 years, beginning in 1964 and continuing to the present time.

He began his career as a team leader for an agricultural development project in East Africa, and followed his initial experience as the first Director of the Allegheny Highlands Project from 1970-1975. He returned to East Africa in 1975-1979. He has held several positions at WVU, including: Acting Director of the Division of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, 1979-1980; International Program Director, 1980-1984; Associate Dean, 1980-1984; and , Dean of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, 1984-1993. Other positions included: West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station Director, 1984-1993; West Virginia Farm Management Commission Commissioner, 1984-1993; West Virginia Soil Conservation Committee Commissioner, 1984-1993; Secretary, Vice-president, President and past President of the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., 1980-1982, 1990-1992, 1992-1994, 1995; Vice-president and President of the Association for International Agriculture Consultants International 1993-present; Director, Agribusiness Council, 1994-present; and Director, Northeast Rural Development Center, 1988-1994.

Dr. Maxwell's vision of what is possible for West Virginia, its farmers, rural residents and young people, and his ability to move things forward in both crises and challenges, make him outstanding among his fellowmen. He is a great communicator – whether with West Virginia's farmers and businessmen or government officials.

#### Honors include:

1991 - Outstanding Service Award – Association for International Agriculture and Extension Education.

1992 – Commemorative Medal – University of Agriculture, Nitra, Slovakia; Special Service Award – Association for International and Rural Development

1993 – Distinguished West Virginia – Governor Gaston Caperton, W.Va. Department of Agriculture, W.Va. Farm Management Commission, W.Va. Soil Conservation Agency and Northeast Regional Association of Experiment Directors

1994 – George H. Reavis Associate – Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation; Multiple Paul Harris Fellow – Rotary International; Special Service Award – American Society of Agricultural Consultants Who's Who in America, 49th Edition

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