

EPSILON SIGMA PHI
Alpha Zeta Chapter – Texas

Southern Region International Service Award



Nominee's Name: Dan James

Title: Professor & Extension Specialist Emeritus

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Position and Dates of Extension Employment (*If applicable*):

Executive Director, Texas Global Education and Cultural Exchange, 2005 - Present
International Program Coordinator, Texas Cooperative Extension, 2004 - 2005
Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension, 1972-2004
County Extension Agent, Blackford County, Indiana, 1969-1972
County Extension Agent, Sullivan County, Indiana, 1966-1969

Education: Master of Arts, Community Education Admin., Central Michigan University, 1972
Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, Purdue University, 1966

Outstanding Professional Accomplishments:

International 4-H Youth Exchange (USA) Board of Directors – 2007
Coordinator for American Farm School Exchange in Greece. – 2002 - Present
State Coordinator for Japanese Exchange Program – 1990 - Present
Program Leader - Texas International 4-H Youth Exchange – 1975 – 2005
Epsilon Sigma Phi State Excellence Award - 2004
New Faculty Orientation Committee - 2001-2004
U.S. International Program Committee Board of Directors – 1998 – 2002
Coordinator for Professional Development Study Tour in Japan for Faculty – 2000 - 2002
Air Force American Spirit Award - NAE4-HA, 2001
National High School Japanese Exchange Program Coordinator – 1998 – 2000
National Global Education Design Team – 1999
Co - Chairman – Creation of Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association, 1997
Texas Coordinator for German Land Jugend Exchange – 1989 - 1995
Director - Six Flags Over Texas Resource Development Project – 1990 -1995
Director - 4-H “Hermanandonos” Mexico Linkage Project – 1991 - 1994
Texas Agricultural Extension Service Superior Service Award, 1993
National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, 25 Year Award - 1991
National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Distinguished Service Award, 1985
Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Distinguished Service Award, 1985
National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Conference Coordinator, 1985
Mott Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1971-72
Indiana Association of Extension 4-H Agents, President, 1970
International 4-H Youth Exchange - Australia, 1964-65

Outstanding Programmatic Accomplishments:

Texas International 4-H Program

In 1975, Dan became the Texas International 4-H Program Leader. During his career, 131 Texas International Foreign Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegates were selected and lived with host families in 35 countries. Over 800 host families in Texas hosted 252 IFYE delegates from other countries.

Greece Exchange Program

Since 2002, Dan has coordinated the American Farm School Program with Greece. The program involved 30 students and chaperones from Greece that come to Texas to study agricultural production. In 2004 and 2005, 15 Texas delegates traveled to Greece to study agricultural production around Athens.

Japanese Exchange Program

- Since 1990, 450 Japanese delegates and chaperones from the LABO and LEX programs were placed with over 500 Texas host families. More than 40 Texas delegates were selected and lived with host families in Japan.
- From 1998 until 2002 Dan served on the Board of Directors of the U.S. International Program Committee. This group oversees the program that involved over 1200 Japanese delegates to the United States and 250 delegates from the United States to Japan.
- In 2001, Dan organized and lead the first Professional Development Study Tour to Japan involving Extension faculty from Texas, Pennsylvania and Illinois. The tour members traveled to Japan to study the culture, family life and youth development.
- 1998 to 2000, Dan served as Coordinator of the National High School Exchange Program that was responsible for the orientation and evaluation of some 100 high school students from Japan who spent one year attending high school in the United States.

Mexico Exchange Program

Starting in 1991 the Kellogg Foundation provided a three year grant of \$45,000 to establish the 4-H "Hermanandonos" Mexico Linkage Project. This cultural exchange program is with the University of Coahuila in Saltillo, Mexico. Over 90 delegates and chaperones from Texas and Coahuila were selected to participate in the program. The delegates and their host families completed community service projects in each state.

Germany Exchange Program

1989 -1994, more than 75 delegates from the German Land Jugend program was placed with Texas host families for a two week stay. Land Jugend is a young farmer organization from Stuttgart, Germany.

Texas Global Education and Cultural Exchange

From 1985 until 2005, Dan worked with delegations from China, South Africa, Poland, Uganda, Zambia, Guatemala and Egypt to explain the Extension education and youth development program. In 2006, after retiring from Extension, he established Texas Global Education and Cultural Exchange and became the organizations Executive Director. This non-profit organization promotes global education through cultural exchange programs. The first group hosted by this organization was 25 Japanese delegates.

Support Statement:

When you think of Extension and International programs in Texas and the United States, Dan James is at the top of the list. He has opened the doors of many homes around the world and allowed program participants the opportunity of learning another culture. He certainly has increased the appreciation of the American culture and is very deserving of this recognition.