



**NOMINATION FOR
Southern Region Distinguished Service Award
Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Zeta Chapter – Texas**

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Position and Dates of Extension Employment:

- County Extension Director, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Fort Bend County, November 8, 2004 to present.
- County Extension Agent –Horticulture/County Coordinator, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Jefferson County, May 1, 1992 to November 7, 2004.
- County Extension Agent –Horticulture, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Jefferson County, April 1, 1990 to May 1, 1992.
- County Extension Agent – Hort., Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Tarrant County, May 1984 to April 1, 1990.

Education

- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA - MS in Horticulture, 1984.
- Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA - BS in Botany, 1978.
- Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA - Course-work in organic chemistry, 1978.

Outstanding Professional Accomplishments:

- 2009 State Distinguished Service Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi - Alpha Zeta Chapter
- 2007 Administrative Leadership Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Zeta Chapter
- 2007 Leadership Fort Bend County, Rosenberg/Richmond Chamber of Commerce
- 2004 Resolution for Commendable Service, Jefferson County Commissioners' Court
- 2004 Key to The City of Beaumont, City Council/Mayor Evelyn Lord
- 2004 Distinguished Service Award, TCAAA
- 2004 Distinguished Service Award, NACAA
- 2001 County Extension Agent Level IV Ranking, Texas Cooperative Extension
- 2001 Certified Extension Mentor Graduate, Texas Cooperative Extension
- Mentor to three County Extension Agents, one Associate County Extension Director and one County Extension Director.
- 1999 State Mid-Career Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi –Alpha Zeta Chapter
- 1999 Certificate of Recognition in promotion of horticulture from the Garden Clubs of America, Magnolia Garden Club Chapter, Beaumont, Texas
- 1998 Meritorious Service Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi –Alpha Zeta Chapter
- 1996 Superior Service Award - County Extension Agent Category, AgriLife Extension
- 1990 Awards in Excellence, Deputy Chancellor for Agriculture from TAMU System
- 1990 Unit Award for Superior Service from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- 1989 Award for Outstanding Example for Community Service , Tarrant County Commissioners Court and the Tarrant County Hospital District
- 1989 Achievement Award presented by the TCAAA - District 4
- 1984 New Agents Award presented by the TCAAA -District 4

Outstanding Programmatic Accomplishments:

- Founded the Tarrant County Master Gardeners' Program in 1987
- Founded the Jefferson County Master Gardeners' Program in 1990
- From 1984 –2004 a total of 2579 week articles (collectively) were submitted and printed in the various newspapers (Fort Worth Star Telegram, Beaumont Enterprise, Port Arthur News, Winnie Gazette, Hardin Co. News, etc.)
- From 1984 –2004 a total of 905 weekly television segments were taped or live for KBMT, KBTW & KDFM in Beaumont, KTVT, KXAS in Fort Worth.
- From 1984 –2004 a total of 2446 taped radio segments played on KLVI and KALO in Beaumont/Port Arthur, and WBAP and KWJS in Fort Worth.
- From 1984 –2004 a total of 680 live radio call-in shows hosted for KLVI and WBAP.
- Educational Programs from 2004 – present to enhance agent professional development:
“Working with LABs,” “Issue Validation,” “Career Ladder Sect. III-A,”
“Writing a Vitae,” “Creating Your Visibility,”
“The Future of Extension in Fort Bend County,”
Working with Master Volunteers,” and Working with Mass Media.”
- Educational Programs from 2004 – present to enhance agent subject-matter development:
Twenty-eight major subject matter areas relating to horticulture/botany were presented each year from 1984 –2004 at an average of 84 educational programs per year.
- A library of 38 PowerPoint presentations are maintained to utilize or share with others as needed.
- From 1984–present served as a member of 22 committees and taskforces at a local, district, regional and state level including 14 within Texas AgriLife Extension Service.
- Conducted and published 36 result demonstrations from 1984-2004
- Member of TCAAA, and NACAA since 1984 to present.
- Member of Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Zeta Chapter since 1989. Served as ESP secretary (2002), ESP Vice-President Elect (2003), ESP President (2004), ESP Past-President (2005). Served as ESP District 9 Co-Director (2000) and District 9 Director (2001).
- Member of National Epsilon Sigma Phi since 1989. Served as member of the Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Committee (2008-2009).

Summary Statement

Vincent Mannino has been employed by Texas AgriLife Extension Service for the 25.5 years, having served as County Extension Agent - Horticulture in Tarrant County and Jefferson County for a combined total of 20.5 years, then as County Extension Director in Fort Bend County for five years. He has extensively utilized all forms of mass media throughout his career and has employed all applicable forms of educational methods depending on clientele needs and available resources. He has been active in both internal and external committees and task forces for the overall enhancement of Extension programming. Mr. Mannino has been awarded a wide variety of awards during his Extension professional career and is very deserving of this recognition.