

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2017

## Louisiana



**Paul Coreil**  
Vice Chancellor & Director Emeritus, LSU AgCenter  
Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service

Home: Baton Rouge, LA

Nominated by: Louisiana 4-H

### Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Fisheries & Wildlife Extension Agent, Cameron & Calcasieu; Cameron Extension Chair. Wetlands & Coastal Resources Specialist; Extension/Research Asst. Dir. for Environmental Programs; Vice Chancellor & Director, LSU AgCenter. Honors: Floyd Edminston Extension Education Award, 1989. USDA Team Award, 1993. EPA Region 6 Environmental Excellence Award, 1994. Extension Program Excellence Award, 1994. State Specialist 4-H Faculty Award, 1995. National Wetlands Awards Finalist, 1995 & 1996. Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Stewardship Award, 1998. Chancellor's Leadership Award for Diversity, 2006 & 2010. ASRED Excellence in Leadership Award, 2010. Louisiana State 4-H Hall of Fame, 2016.

### Biography:

Dr. Coreil played a major role in making Louisiana 4-H one of the nation's outstanding 4-H programs. He helped establish the Marsh Maneuvers coastal wetlands program and the Youth Wetlands Week (YWW) program. Through a \$150K annual state grant, YWW reaches over 325,000 youth who planted over 50,000 vegetative plantings in vulnerable coastal wetland areas. He was a driving force for the acquisition of 32+ acres for building a 4-H Wetlands Lab Building and Multipurpose Building, Shooting Sports Range and fish pond at 4-H Camp. Dr. Coreil was instrumental in establishing the State 4-H Museum, 4-H Hall of Fame, 4-H Football and Tailgate Party, 4-H Day at the Capital, and the 4-H Great American Seafood Cook-Off in New Orleans.

While Director, Dr. Coreil established two 4-H charitable fundraisers in support of 4-H youth development programs. As a 4-H Foundation Board member, he continues to lead the annual Guns & Gumbo fundraiser netting over \$30K in 2017, and contributing over \$180,000 towards Louisiana 4-H programming and a \$50,000 donation for capital improvement projects at 4-H Camp. Dr. Coreil initiated AgMagic in several major Louisiana cities for the education of younger children. Upon retirement, Dr. Coreil and his wife Arlene established a Coreil Youth Wetland & Coastal Resources 4-H Endowment Fund within the LA 4-H Foundation, with a current \$65K endowed balance supporting 4-H youth wetlands & coastal resources educational programs statewide.

### Quote:

4-H Youth Development Programs are one of the most important investments made for the future of our great country. The "learning by doing" life skills learned in 4-H greatly expand and enhance the formal classroom education youth receive in school, and help make them become well-rounded and contributing members of the communities where they later live and work as adults. Today's workers and leaders must be able to work with teams, appreciate diversity of people and ideas, and exhibit a strong work ethic conducive to achieving goals and job success. 4-H youth achieve these important workforce and life skills and help build strong communities and community leaders we so desperately need for a strong nation!



Dr. Coreil teaches youth about wildlife resources and coastal restoration at AgMagic.



Dr. Coreil (right) at Honey Brake Million dollar check reception for the Confluence Group



The 2017 State Livestock Show was dedicated to Dr. Coreil for his tireless support of 4-H youth livestock education programs.