

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2011

North Carolina



Mike Davis

Assistant Vice Chancellor, North Carolina State University

Home: Greensboro, NC

Nominated by: North Carolina 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

11 year 4-H member and volunteer in Guilford Co. with projects in livestock, public speaking, veterinary science, horticulture, citizenship and leadership. NC State Univ.: Extension agent and CES Personnel Director, State 4-H Leader, Asst. Director Cooperative Extension; Asst. Vice Chancellor. Chair, National 4-H Strategic Directions Team.

Honors: NC 4-H Honor Club; state presentation winner; state public speaking champion; Veterinary Science project winner, National 4-H Congress; Citizenship Shortcourse; 4-H Development Fund college scholarship. NAE4-HA DSA; NC State Univ. Distinguished Alumni Award; Epsilon Sigma Phi Mid-Career Award.

Biography:

Mike was an 11 year 4-H member and volunteer in Guilford Co. with projects from livestock to public speaking, veterinary science, horticulture, citizenship and leadership. During his NC career, he has served as Extension agent and CES Personnel Director, State 4-H Leader and Asst. Director of Cooperative Extension. In 2001 he became Asst. Vice Chancellor, Extension & Engagement and Economic Development, and Director, General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center. While State 4-H Leader, the NC 4-H Development Fund rose from \$188,000 to \$1.8 million. In 1995, he and the Fund board staged the first NC 4-H Gala - 4-H: More Than You Ever Imagined. Gov. Jim and Carolyn Hunt, both 4-H alumni, hosted a reception. Since inception the event has raised nearly \$3 million.

Davis He initiated major contract and grant acquisition for at-risk and after school audiences. He partnered with the NC Bankers Association to support "Camp Challenge", a residential camp experience for hundreds of high-achieving middle school youth from low-income families. Perhaps Mike's greatest pride was constructing the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education and Conference Center, the crown jewel of the NC 4-H camping system. A strong advocate for the 4-H Agent, Mike organized travel seminars to expand the horizons and management skills of 4-H agents. Davis chaired the National Strategic Directions Team which created a national strategic plan for 4-H. Mike is honored to work in North Carolina with the outstanding state 4-H faculty.

Quote:

4-H has provided a platform to share God-given gifts and those resulting from loving parental and extended family support systems. My passion has always been 'sustainable' human capacity building programs. It has been a great joy to see 4-H Youth Development professionals grow in their leadership and program management skills through travel seminars and graduate education, enriching their career perspectives. Enabling the 4-H reputation and resources to engage more youth in transformative youth/adult partnerships is a great source of pride. I am blessed to be able to continue to develop citizen-leaders as Director of the Gen. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center.



The joy of helping children learn and grow is foundational.



Mike is honored to serve with competent, caring, committed faculty, staff, volunteers and youth.



The Clover Grows through work with Gen. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center