

New Jersey – 2010



Home: Bethlehem, PA
Nominated by: New Jersey 4-H
Year Inducted: 2010

Brevoort Conover

4-H Department Chair, Rutgers Cooperative Extension

4-H Efforts: Hunterdon County 4-H member for 9 years. 4-H leader for Cushatunk and ABC Tractor 4-H Clubs for 2 years. Collegiate member at Rutgers, serving as collegiate club president and one year as vice president of the State 4-H Congress. County 4-H Agent Warren County, New Jersey, 1959-1978. 4-H Department Chair, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 1978-1987. Extension Specialist in Volunteer Management, 1987-1989.

Honors: NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award, 1974. NJA4-HA Outstanding Service Award, 1982. NAE4-HA 25 Years of Service, 1984. NAE4-HA Citation, Outstanding Contributions to the 4-H Profession, 1986. Rotary Club president and vice president and Paul Harris Fellow.

Growing up in rural New Jersey, 4-H was a driving force in Brevoort Conover's life. He knew from his 9 years in Hunterdon County 4-H that he wanted to give back as much as he had received from 4-H as a youth. Breve served as a 4-H leader for the Cushatunk and the ABC Tractor 4-H Clubs for 2 years. While attending Rutgers, he was a collegiate member, serving as president in his senior year. He also served one year as vice president of the State 4-H Congress. Breve was 4-H agent in rural Warren County from 1959-1978. He established successful environmental programs and initiated programs to support and encourage youth and volunteer leadership.

In 1978, he became 4-H Department Chair for Rutgers Cooperative Extension. From 1987-1989, he was an Extension Specialist in Volunteer Management. His practical application of experience and vision allowed him to position New Jersey 4-H to work in an increasingly urban environment. He hired the first state Urban Youth Development and Volunteer Management Specialists. Breve was active in the 4-H professional associations. He was the first NAE4-HA Northeast Regional Director in 1970-1971. In 1971-72, he chaired the NAE4-HA Conference. He was NAE4-HA President in 1974. As State Leader, he served on the National 4-H Conference Planning Committee in 1984.

Quote: As a young farm boy growing up in rural New Jersey, the 4-H Youth Development Program was the sole driving force which guided my life and determined my career. Almost from the outset, I had my sights set on becoming a 4-H Extension professional. Born and raised on a farm, I was the first in our family to attend college. I knew from my nine years of involvement in the Hunterdon County 4-H Program, as both a regular and senior member, that my goal in life was to give back as much as I had received from 4-H as a youth.



Breve was a nine-year 4-H member in Hunterdon Co., NJ.



First day on the job as County 4-H Agent in Warren Co., NJ, 1959.



Breve in the 1973-74 NAE4-HA Board of Directors.