

New Jersey – 2012



Francis Mansue Chair, Department of 4-H Youth Development

4-H Activities: BS Degree in Agriculture, Rutgers University, 1942. Started 4-H career in 1946: Passaic County 4-H Agent - 6 years; Ocean County 4-H Agent - 12 years; Associate 4-H Extension Leader, College of Agriculture & Environmental Science, 1964-73; 4-H Department Chair, Rutgers Cooperative Extension - 5 years. After retirement in 1978, established the New Jersey 4-H Development Fund and served as part-time Acting Executive Director.

Honors: NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award. Ocean County Volunteer of the Year Award. NAE4-HA President (1962-1963). Rutgers University Professor Emeritus. Created nationally recognized 4-H promotional film, "You Never Walk Alone."

Home: Manchester, NJ
Nominated by: New Jersey 4-H
Year Inducted: 2012

Fran Mansue was a county 4-H agent for 18 years in both Passaic and Ocean Counties. This county experience made him an effective Chair for the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development Department and allowed him to position New Jersey 4-H to work in an increasingly urban environment. Fran encouraged youth to get involved in every aspect of the 4-H program. Leader education highlighted the importance of a member's participation, serving as officers,

giving presentations and involvement in county and community events. He saw the importance of hiring women as 4-H professionals and encouraged all 4-H staff to be involved in professional development. Fran believed strongly in private sector support and worked hard to establish donors.

Early in his career, Fran conducted seminars on the development and utilization of private support. He and the Ag Agent in Ocean County were the driving force in the building of the Ocean County Ag Center in 1958. He later obtained a \$150,000 grant to establish a first of its kind, inner-city 4-H program in Newark, NJ. Fran was also committed to profession. He was active in the state and national 4-H associations, including serving as NAE4-HA president. He was appointed to the ECOP Program Development and Management Committee and the National 4-H Development Committee on the 4-H Program Evaluation & Accountability. He was an active member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Xi Chapter and the Alpha Zeta Fraternity

Quote: I believe in the 4-H program with all my heart. During my career, I worked hard to mentor 4-H members to set and work towards goals, to be leaders in their communities, to be respectful and to make good decisions. My most important job as a County 4-H Agent was to maintain contact with the volunteer 4-H leaders, to motivate and support them, and keep up their morale.



Fran presents awards at 4-H recognition program.



Fran with a NJ 4-H delegation in Washington DC.



Fran with Ocean County 4-H volunteers.