

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2014

Wyoming & NAE4-HA



Oliver 'Ollie' Hill

NAE4-HA President, Univ. of Wyoming Assistant to the Dean of Agriculture

Home: Laramie, WY

Nominated by: Wyoming 4-H & NAE4-HA

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

CO 4-H member and Collegiate 4-H member. CO Asst. Co. Agent, Area 4-H Agent. WY Asst. State 4-H Leader and State 4-H Foundation - raised nearly \$10 million dollars. WY Director of Ag. College Development & Public Relations. NAE4-HA regional director, vice president, president-elect and president.

Honors: Saguache Co. 4-H Council Dedicated Service, 1975. WY State 4-H Alumni Award, 1984. NAE4-HA Endowment Foundation signing by USDA Secretary Block, 1984; President, Distinguished Service plaque, Superior National Leadership plaque, award with Hill Branding Iron, 1985; "Kid's Arena Horse Play Game" Educational Award, 2011. Testimony on Retirement, WY State 4-H Foundation, 1995.

Biography:

Ollie Hill joined 4-H in rural Wiggins, CO, beginning a 10 year membership and over 45 year commitment to 4-H and youth development. In 1963, he was hired as Asst. Co. Agent for Fremont & Custer counties. Soon he was promoted to Area 4-H Agent for Alamosa, Rio Grande & Saguache Counties. Ollie developed a great passion for the kids, leaders, livestock projects and Equine Science. He became the Wyoming Asst. State 4-H Leader with a focus on the 4-H agricultural and equine projects and developing the State 4-H Foundation. His equine knowledge led him to serve on the National 4-H Horse Development Committee and involvement in national and regional horse competitions, wool and livestock judging contests.

Ollie attended a two-year training from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. Motivated by what he learned, he raised nearly \$10 million dollars to build the State 4-H Foundation and support county-based programs and national 4-H events. He was promoted to Director of Ag. College Development and Public Relations, where he served as Director of the Wyoming Leadership, Education and Development Program, Ollie held leadership roles in NAE4-HA, including president in 1985. After retirement he helped the Wyoming Territorial Park in Laramie to develop a Ranch Land Exhibit and build a million dollar endowment. Ollie has written 5 books and in 2009 he completed the NAE4-HA award-winning "Kids Arena Horse Play Game."

Quote:

It has been an honor and privilege to have worked with so many wonderful people - kids, volunteer leaders, donors, County, State, National and International Staff who have positively influenced the 4-H program at so many levels. Making smiles and seeing kids learn and grow over the time of their 4-H involvement is truly rewarding and what 4-H is all about. It is special to have played a small part in this dynamic organization called the Extension Service 4-H Program.

We are thankful for all of the wonderful people who touched our lives along the way and from whom we have learned so much. We appreciate you, one and all! THANK YOU!



Ollie explains how to play his award-winning "Kid's Arena Horse Play Game."



Hill teaching a Horse Packing Course for 4-H members, parents, leaders and others who are interested.



Ollie congratulates newly elected Wyoming State 4-H Foundation officers.