

Arizona



Dr. Bartley Cardon

President Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, Dean of the College of Agriculture

Hometown: Tucson, AZ

Inducted: 2005

Major 4-H Efforts: Univ. of Arizona faculty 1946-1954. Became research director at Arizona Feeds in 1954, CEO in 1962 and Chairman and CEO in 1973. In 1970 helped found the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation; served as president from 1973-1976 and 1977-1980. Dean of the College of Agriculture, 1980-1987.

Significant Honors: Patent on the use of chelated trace minerals, Honorary Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science; Lifetime Achievement Award, Honorary Doctor of Science, Distinguished Citizen Award and

Centennial Medallion from the University of Arizona. He and his wife Charlotte endowed a scholarship for University of Arizona students and the college has an endowed chair in his name.

Cardon received B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Univ. of Arizona and Ph.D. from Univ. of California. He served as an Army Officer in World War II, and after the war he helped establish a university for GI's who were in Europe before they returned home. Cardon was a member of the faculty at the Univ. of Arizona from 1946-1954, and left when he became research director for Arizona Feeds. He became CEO of Arizona Feeds in 1962 and Chairman and CEO in 1973. At Arizona Feeds, he took a keen interest in Arizona 4-H and made it his business to help 4-H youth. Cardon often extended loans for youth to complete their 4-H projects and even establish club feed stores to learn good business skills.

In 1970 he gathered a group of influential agri-business leaders and founded the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation. He served as Foundation Board President from 1973-1976 and 1977-1980. After he retired from business, he became Dean of the College of Agriculture from 1980-1987. While Dean, Bart was a champion of the 4-H program. He was largely responsible for the development of the UA Maricopa Ag. Center, which has become an internationally acclaimed agriculture research and demonstration facility and the home of Ag-ventures Village and state 4-H Museum.

"I think he made a great contribution to the state of Arizona in Agriculture. As Dean, things became very nice because he had so much influence. His interest in students and teaching has been of great satisfaction to him."

- Charlotte Cardon