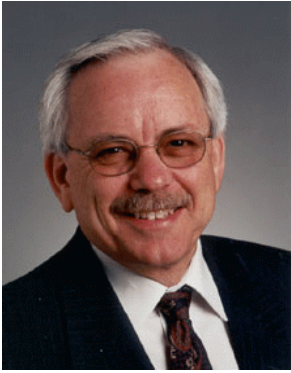


## Idaho

### A. Larry Branen - Vice President for University Extension and Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences



Idaho 4-H Member 1952-63; 4-H Leader 1977-79; Dean University of Idaho College of Agriculture 1985-93, 1999-present

#### 4-H Projects:

Dairy, leadership, various ag and foods projects

#### Honors:

State 4-H Vice President 1961; State winner in dairy, National 4-H Club Congress 1960

Hometown: Wilder, Idaho

Nominated by: Idaho

Year Inducted: 2002

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"My life was transformed through 4-H. There is no question that my excitement and appreciation for agriculture and 4-H was stimulated by effective volunteer leaders and county agents and led to my career in higher education. Active involvement as a leader in club, county and state 4-H programs gave me the confidence and experience to serve in other leadership roles. The 4-H motto, "“Making the best better”", has been a major motivator for me throughout my career."

Branen grew up on a small southern Idaho farm where he was an 11-year 4-H member. He was a leader at the local, county and state levels serving as state 4-H Vice President. He attended National 4-H Club Congress as state dairy winner. He graduated in food science from the University of Idaho and Purdue University.

Branen remained active in 4-H as a leader and parent, but his most active involvement has been as the dean of the University of Idaho College of Agriculture. As dean he is an active spokesperson and advocate for 4-H and is a frequent speaker to youth groups around the state.



Larry Branen at age 12 serving as Junior Royalty in the Caldwell Night Rodeo parade.



Larry Branen showing a jersey heifer at the fair.



Larry Branen giving a demonstration for his 4-H tractor project, 1961.



Maurice E. Johnson - Extension Professor of Agriculture and Adjunct Professor of Family & Consumer Science, Emeritus

4-H Efforts: Idaho 4-H member 1942-1951; Collegiate 4-H'er 1951-1957; Agricultural Agent, 4-H, Jefferson Co.; Asst. State 4-H Leader; State 4-H Leader; Asst. to the Dean and Directors; Extension Educator Specialist.

4-H Projects: Dairy, Forestry, Leadership, Gardening, Safety, Potatoes, Wildflowers

Honors: Outstanding State 4-H Forestry Member; State Dairy Production Record Winner; State 4-H Safety Winner, National 4-H Congress; Carl Raymond Gray Scholarship; National 4-H Camp (Conference); IFYE to Sweden; USDA Superior Service Recognition Award; Idaho State 4-H Alumni Recognition Award.

Hometown: Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

Nominated by: Idaho 4-H

Year Inducted: 2002

"4-H has been a major part of my life. The 4-H experience is as relevant and inspirational today as it was when I joined in 1941. The technical, social, and leadership skills gained through 4-H is a major foundation for success. What success I have experienced and enjoyed has its inception in 4-H."

Johnson's professional career began when he joined a newly organized neighborhood 4-H club in 1941 when he was 8 years old. His first project was First Aid. Johnson was a delegate to National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Camp (Conference), and was an IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) to Sweden in 1954. Johnson joined Idaho Extension in 1958, serving as County Agent, 4-H Specialist and State 4-H Leader. He was one of the founders of the LABO exchange program with Japan and was instrumental in establishing the Idaho 4-H Endowment. His last assignment was as an Extension professor teaching classes concerning extension and 4-H.



Maurice Johnson in 1944 with his dairy calf, Bambi, who became a perfect show animal.



Maurice Johnson as an IFYE in Sweden in 1954.



Maurice Johnson on the right as a young county agent in Jefferson County, Idaho.