

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2008

New York



V. Joseph McAuliffe

**State 4-H Program Leader; National 4-H Program Leader;
Program and Services Director, National 4-H Council**

Home: Shoreview, MN

Nominated by: New York

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

4-H Teen Programs focusing on leadership development, youth voice, service, and citizenship short courses that engaged youth in democratic processes. Expansion and enhancement of volunteer development including creation of regional and national 4-H Volunteer Forums. Leadership for "Operation Expansion" to expand diversity. Overseeing construction of J. C. Penney Hall, National 4-H Center. Leadership for national 4-H staff development program funded by Kellogg Foundation. **Honors:** National 4-H Fellow - NY, 1954-55; NY ESP Leadership Award, 1953; USDA Merit Award; NAE4-HA DSA, 1982; National Partner in 4-H, 1993; Rotary International Paul Harris Award, 1992. Meritorious Service to 4-H International Programs - National IFYE Association.

Biography:

Joe McAuliffe's 4-H leadership began as president of his 4-H club in Ulster Co. NY and continued in 35 years of service at county, state and national levels. His USDA responsibilities included 4-H volunteer development, where he introduced the middle management concept, "Operation Expansion" that established new delivery methods to increase the diversity of 4-H participants, and integration of 4-H in the 1960's. At National 4-H Council, he enhanced the National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference and Citizenship Washington Focus programs through content, methodology and staffing changes. His impact remains today through programs like 4-H Expressive Arts, started when he was in Minnesota, and a significant record of 4-H publications and presentations.

Joe has always worked for inclusion of an international/inter-cultural perspective for 4-H programs and related institutions. From 1961-68, he served as USDA contact for International 4-H Programs and as liaison with National 4-H Council's International Division. He served as consultant to 4-H-type programs in Europe, South America, Canada and Asia, including Vietnam. After retirement, McAuliffe and his wife committed their youth development expertise to expansion and enhancement of 4-H in Jamaica and Romania. He is working with Dr. Harlan Copeland on a 4-H research project documenting the National 4-H Fellows Program, one of the first national 4-H staff development and training programs, that involved 131 individuals between 1931 and 1969.

Quote:

4-H is a program where skills can be developed, potential discovered and intellectual capacity recognized. 4-H gives voice to self-expression and problem solving; it stimulates creativity and discovery for youth, volunteers, families and communities. 4-H is for everyone. My professional life has been dedicated to expanding and improving 4-H educational opportunities and ensuring that 4-H is accessible to all youth regardless of gender, race and/or economic status. It has been a privilege to work in the Land Grant University System. Numerous visionary leaders in New York, Minnesota and South Dakota have inspired my work.



Joe explaining the future J.C. Penney Hall at the National 4-H Center to Mrs. Penney on one of her many visits to the site.



Joe (right) and his wife June (center) with representatives of Jeep Corporation celebrating the 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Exhibit sponsored by Jeep.