

Texas – 2009



Home: Bryan, TX
Nominated by: Texas 4-H
Year Inducted: 2009

Tom Davison **4-H Foundation Executive Director,** **Asst. Extension Director for 4-H**

4-H Efforts: Assistant Extension Director for Texas 4-H. Executive Director of the Texas 4-H Foundation; 12 major programs of support including construction of the \$1.5 million Texas 4-H Center, a \$500,000 scholarship program and more than \$200,000 annually in program funds.

Honors: Epsilon Sigma Phi Distinguished Service Award, Texas 4-H Foundation award for scholarship development, National Rifle Association Public Service Award and Distinguished Leadership Award.

As Executive Director of the Texas 4-H Foundation, Tom assumed responsibility for a fledgling organization with no budget. Through his leadership, the Foundation developed 12 major programs of support to 4-H which included the construction of the \$1.5 million Texas 4-H Center, opened in 1975, and a \$500,000 scholarship program and more than \$200,000 annually in program funds. He also established a fund raising research library and a fund raising educational training program for county Extension agents.

As Assistant Extension Director for 4-H, Tom established the 4-H project development team concept for 22 4-H projects, writing of volunteer 4-H project teaching guides, the county 4-H management project, project team fund raising, youth development research and volunteer training and development opportunities. He supervised a staff of 20 4-H specialists and set direction for overall state 4-H programming.

Quote: Mr. Davison's passion of placing young people first is at the very core of his character. To put it simply, he is 4-H in Texas. The lasting impact of the Texas 4-H Center, the development of the 4-H scholarship program, and the emphasis he placed on volunteer leader development established his legacy for Texas 4-H for years to come. - Chris Boleman, Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program Director



Tom Davison (2nd of left) at the ground breaking ceremony of the Texas 4-H Center.