

Past 4-H Alumni Award Winners

This award recognizes an elite group of Illinois 4-H alumni for their outstanding career accomplishments and leadership in civic, community, and professional activities.

1981

John Block

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

Mike Hogendobler

Community Volunteer

Major General Norma Brown

Commander
Chanute Technical Training Center

Stanley Ikenberry

President, UI at Urbana-Champaign

1982

Mrs. John (Sue) Block

Sid Hutchcraft

Superintendent, Illinois State Fair

George Arntzen Doole

Managing Partner – Arntzen & Company

Wayne White

Vice President, DeKalb Ag Research

1983

Harold Balsters

Ed Keuker

Raymond Lett

Grace S. Vyduna Haskins

1984

Mary Nell Chew

Allen Leman

Doris Kruger

Dr. Clayton Yeutter

1985

John Hodge

John Revell, President

National Bank of Monticello

James R. Niemann

William W. Smith

1986

**John A. Kellogg
Sharon Littrell**

**Marcia W. Lawson
Geni Roark**

1987

**Tom Doubet
Glenn Nichols**

**Harold Johnson
Jim Sundberg**

1988

No information available

1989

**Dale McKee
The Honorable Paul Simon**

Wanona Fritz

1990

**Congressman Dennis Hastert
John White, Jr.**

**Peggy Kaye Fish
Edwin A. Termuende**

1991

**The Honorable Tom Ryder
State Representative, 97th District**

**Danny Davis
Cook Co. Commissioner**

Joe Hampton, Jr.

**Katherine Smith
Vice Pres., Consumer Affairs
The Quaker Oats Company**

1992

Honorable John Maitland, Jr.

State Senator, 44th District

Nadine Van Sant

Executive Director
The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund

Dr. Elton Crim

Lou Henson

Head, Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Illinois

1993

Nada Rowand

Becky Doyle

Director, of Agriculture
State Fairgrounds

H. Richard McFarland,

President, McFarland Food Corporation

Olga Farr

1994

First Lady Brenda Edgar

Judith L. Ikenberry

Charles L. Fry,

Corporate Vice President,
Public Affairs, SEARLE

William F. Kirk, Jr.

Vice President
DuPont Agricultural Products

1995

Chancellor Michael Aiken

John Zick

Senior Vice President & Gen Manager
North American,
Division of Continental Grain

E. Louise Rogers

Assistant Vice President, Sales
Northern Illinois Gas Company

Gwen G. Cohen

Vice President, Investments
Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.

1996

Dr. Richard A. Benson

Vice President, Diversified Products Division
Caterpillar, Inc.

Theresa Grentz

Head Varsity
Women's Basketball at the U of I

The Honorable Earlean Collins

State Senator
4th Legislative District

Mr. Edward L. McMillan

Former President &
Chief Executive Officer
Purina Mills, Inc.

1997

S. Louis Rathje

Appellate Court 2nd District

Steven Schomberg

Associate Chancellor
University of Illinois

Ronald Warfield

President, Illinois Farm Bureau

David Whittake,

Exec. Director, Chicago Area Project

Phyllis Anderson Wilken

Administrator, Teacher, Author, Speaker

1998

Gerald Forsythe

Chairman and CEO
Indeck Capital

Sam Jones

Teacher/Counselor

Carol Keiser

Business Owner and Farmer

John Rutledge

Vice President and Director
Harris Trust and Savings Bank
Trust Real Estate Investment

William C. Shaffer, III

Attorney and Counsellor at Law

1999

Keith Patterson

Director of Education
Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Department

Ed Rust

Chairman & CEO
State Farm Insurance

The Honorable Corrine Wood

Illinois Lieutenant Governor

Dr. Glenn Poshard

Douglas Sims

President & CEO
CoBank National Bank for Coops.

2000

Patricia Askew

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Colleen Rae Callahan Burns

Agricultural Business Director
WMBD Television

Warren King

Agricultural Desk Manager
Cargill Investor Services, Inc.

Carrol Bohlen

Retired CEO of Pioneer Hi-Bred

Dick Crone

Vice President, Dean Foods

Gina Norris,

Managing Director, Bank One Corporation
Corporate Banking

2001

David Chicoine

Vice President

Judith Hevrdejs

Philip Francis

Chief Executive Officer
Petsmart

Douglas Wilson, President

Douglas Wilson Ltd.

2002

Carl Becker

Fair Meadow Farms

Robert Forney, President & CEO

America's Second Harvest

G. Robert Hillman

The Dallas Morning News

Sherrill Milnes

Dr. Mary J o Oldham,

President

Southeastern Illinois College

2003

Richard Bell

President and CEO
Riceland Foods, Inc.

Chuck Ruth

President
Alliance Contractors, Inc.

Charles (Chuck) A. Hartke

Director
Illinois Department of Agriculture

2004

S.C. (Sid) Banwart

Vice President/Head of Human Services Division
Caterpillar Corporation

Richard D. Barclay

Regional President
US Bank, NA

Virginia (Ginny) Cooke

Phoenix Perth Institute

Evelyn Brandt Thomas

Brandt Consolidated