

OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURALISTS AWARD



Woody Anderson graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Journalism and Public Relations in 1973. After graduation he became co-owner of Anderson Farms, a third generation farm where he still farms today.

Mr. Anderson has served on many boards including the First National Bank, Producers Coop Gin and Mitchell County Appraisal District. In 2008 he was recipient of the Cotton Achievement Award by Cotton Grower Magazine U.S.

In 2004 Mr. Anderson was elected Chairman of the National Cotton Council. Mr. Anderson also served on the Boll Weevil Action Committee. In addition he served as Chairman of the Texas Farm Service Agency for three years.

As Mr. Anderson has had many key roles in the cotton industry, he was named the 2007 Cotton Achievement Award Winner.

He has also received many community awards such as Colorado City Citizen of the Year, Jaycees Distinguished Service Award and Kiwanis Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Anderson and his wife, Susan, live in Colorado City.



Sam Curl earned a junior college diploma from Tarleton State University in 1957, a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University in 1959, a Master's degree in Animal Genetics from the University of Missouri in 1961, and a Ph.D. in Animal Physiology from Texas A&M University in 1963. He was a U.S. Army officer, completing his service with the rank of captain.

Dr. Curl served as Special Assistant to the President, and was president of Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma from 1976 to 1979. He has authored or co-authored three books and 95 scientific or technical publications.

Dr. Curl served a total of 31 years at Texas Tech University, including three years as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. He was Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech from 1979 to 1997. From 1997 to 2004, he was Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University, Director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, and Director of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. Since retiring, he has been engaged in professional consulting, currently working half time for Tarleton State University as Executive Assistant to the Provost and in a consulting capacity for Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company in Fort Worth.

Dr. Curl has three daughters and three grandchildren. He and his wife, Mary, live at Pecan Plantation, near Fort Worth.



Richard Ligon earned a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1958 and a Master's degree in animal science in 1960 from Texas Tech University.

In 1982, Ligon purchased a McDonald's Restaurant franchise in Plainview, Texas, which he owned and operated for the next 20 years, until he retired. From 1984-1989, he also owned a McDonald's franchise in Levelland, Texas. Moving into the restaurant business for Ligon was natural as the two previous companies he had worked for were major suppliers to McDonalds.

Philanthropy has always been a passion for him. He was a founding board member in 1983 of the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock and continued to serve through 2007. He was honored by the McDonald's Corp as a recipient of the Ronald McDonald Award in 1988.

Among other things he was president for the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way. He was Hale County Stock show president and sales chairman. He chaired the Wee Care Child Care Center Fund Drive in Plainview and was a board member of the Hospice of the Plains.

He and his wife, Bobbie, live in Graham, Texas. They have two children, Graham and Tammy, and two grandchildren. Both of their children have degrees from Tech. Tammy has a Bachelor's and Master's degree and Greg has a Bachelor's degree.