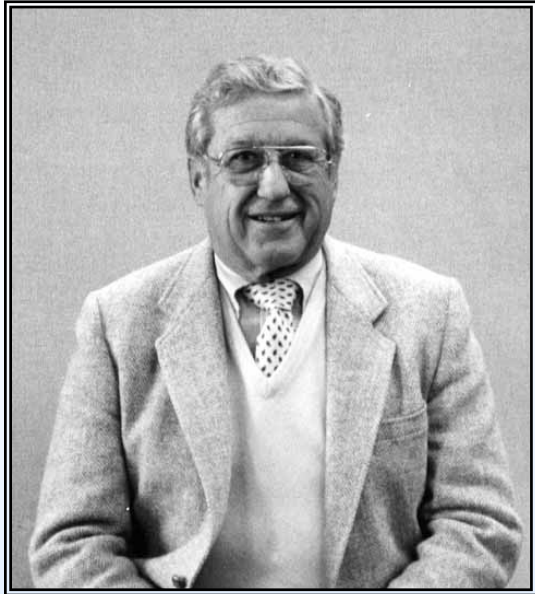


LEADERSHIP IS THE CAPACITY TO TRANSLATE VISION INTO REALITY.

~ Warren G Bennis

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Stu Bledsoe Memorial Award



This leadership award is presented to an individual who the current graduating class of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation feels has made a **significant difference** in the natural resource industries in the state of Washington.

The Award is both a plaque presented to the recipient at the annual graduation banquet and a permanent plaque placed in the Foundation office that will list the names of all the award winners.

During the first class meeting the class will be informed of the tremendous contributions that Stu Bledsoe made to the AgForestry Foundation.

The class will be asked to seek out a nominee during their two-year program who, much like Stu Bledsoe, is making a difference for our natural resource industry. The class's nomination is presented to the Foundation Board, prior to the graduation banquet for official approval. The recipient of the award will be invited to attend the graduation banquet where the award will be presented to the winner by the graduating class.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD WINNERS

1. Is an active leader or has had a distinguished career in either public or private life.
2. Has had as his or her area of influence some involvement in any of the natural resource industries.
3. The main emphasis for selection of the award winner will center on the theme "making a difference."

This award may be made posthumously. A narrative about the individual will be archived at the Foundation office. The family of Stu Bledsoe will be notified of the name of the award winner each year.

THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

1. The class participants will choose a Stu Bledsoe Leadership Award Selection Committee. The Committee will receive nominations from the class.
2. At Seminar 11 in year two of the program, the selection committee will prepare a list of the top three nominees as ranked by the class participants.
3. The top nominee will be submitted, in writing, to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for approval. The submission will be in the form of a resume which should be prepared as soon as possible following Seminar 11.

Stu Bledsoe Memorial Award

Recipients:

- Class 12 Sid Morrison – Washington State 4th Congressional District, Zillah
- Class 13 Billy Frank, Jr. – NW Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia
- Class 14 Alice Parker – Agricultural Activist, Royal City
- Class 15 Floyd Pitts – Arden Tree Farms, Colville
- Class 16 Irv Newhouse – District 15 Senator, Mabton
- Class 17 Dr. Art Peterson*– Retired Executive Director, WAFEF, Olympia.
- Class 18 Bill Jacobs – Retired Executive Director, Washington Forest Protection Association, Olympia
- Class 19 Bob Mickelson – Former Director of Agriculture, State of Washington, Olympia
- Class 20 John Gorman – Simpson Timber Company, Class 8, Olympia
- Class 21 Alex McGregor – The McGregor Company, Class 6, Pullman
- Class 22 Bruce Briggs* – Owner, Briggs Nursery, Olympia.
- Class 23 Grady Auvil* – Owner, Auvil Fruit Company, Orondo.
- Class 24 Ralph and Cheryl Broetje – Owners, Broetje Orchards, Prescott
- Class 25 Vim Wright* – Environmentalist, Founder of Farming and the Environment, Seattle
- Class 26 Dr. Michael and Elaine McRory – Founding member and member of the Board of Directors of Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association
- Class 27 Larry Gueck – Vice President, Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation, Class 2, Chehalis
- Class 28 Milton “Bud” Mercer – Owner, Mercer Canyons, Inc., Class 10, Prosser
- Class 29 Senator Linda Evans Parlette – Vice President, Hoverhawk, Inc., Class 2, Wenatchee
- Class 30 Dr. Walter Clore* – Father of Washington Wine Industry, Retired from WSU Extension Center, Prosser
- Class 31 Roger Knutzen – Owner of Knutzen Farms LP, Class 1, Burlington
- Class 32 Tom (TK) Mathison* – Founder of Stemilt Growers and a leader in organic and sustainable farming.
- Class 33 Jay Penick – Former CEO of Northwest Farm Credit Services, Snohomish
- Class 34 Dave Roseleip – President, Washington AgForestry Leadership Program, Class 1, Spokane
- Class 35 Dan Newhouse – Former Washington State Director of Agriculture, Irving Newhouse & Sons Inc., Class 4 Sunnyside
- Class 36 Steve Stinson* - Formed the Family Forest Foundation and developed the Family Forest Habitat Conservation Plan, Class 27, Toledo

* Awarded posthumously

Jack Felgenhauer Leadership Fellowship



The Jack Felgenhauer Leadership Fellowship is established in recognition of Jack Felgenhauer of Spokane, Washington. His donation to the Foundation's Endowment Fund in 1994 has provided funds to support one seat in the program each year. Jack passed away on August 4, 2013, at the age of 92.

Felgenhauer's forward-looking leadership for the wheat industry, his dedicated and untiring promotion to build an understanding between rural and urban people, his deep concern about telling the story of agriculture to the consuming public, and his recognition of the need for prepared and informed leadership for the industry prompted his contribution. Jack Felgenhauer exemplified leadership in the agriculture industry on a local, state, national, and international basis, as well as in public service and community involvement.

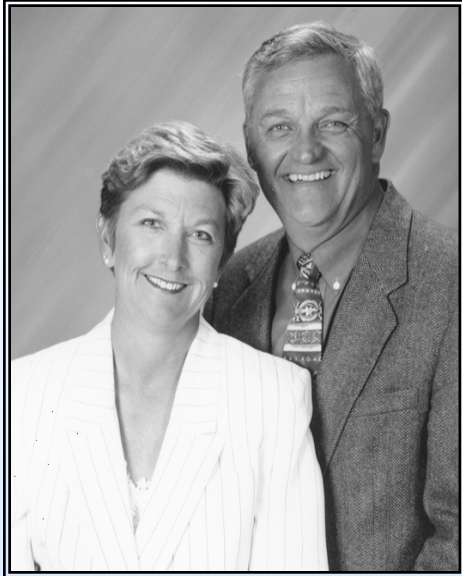
The Jack Felgenhauer Leadership Fellowship is a permanent fellowship which will support one leadership seat each year. The roster of participants will be reviewed each year and one participant from the wheat industry will be designated as the Jack Felgenhauer Leadership Fellow.

This appointment is made after the class has been approved through the established process. In the event a class does not include a wheat producer, another production agriculture participant is selected. Appropriate press coverage and publicity regarding the Fellowship is given each year.

Jack Felgenhauer Leadership Fellows:

Class 16	Russell Jamison, Garfield
Class 17	Dan McKay, Almira
Class 18	David Ostheller, Fairfield
Class 19	Bryan Jones, LaCrosse
Class 20	Dwayne Gady, Rockford
Class 21	Brett Blankenship, Ritzville
Class 22	Craig Konshuk, Spangle
Class 23	JoAnne Krupke, Edwall
Class 24	Sandy Jamison, Garfield
Class 25	John William Hughes, Almira
Class 26	Peter Swannack, Lamont
Class 27	Greg Ferrel, Walla Walla
Class 28	Kevin Mader, Pullman
Class 29	Calvin Mercer, Prosser
Class 30	Rhonda Barker, Dayton
Class 31	Melvin Hall, Reardan
Class 32	Derek Schafer, Ritzville
Class 33	Jared Webley, Spokane
Class 34	Jake Klein, Ritzville
Class 35	Dave Dobbins, Cheney
Class 36	Matt Miller, Lind

Karl and Lexie Kupers Leading Edge Leadership Award



The Karl and Lexie Kupers “Leading Edge Leadership Award” is established to recognize Karl and Lexie Kupers’ willingness to try new ideas, be innovative and take risks.

The Kupers have provided creative, entrepreneurial ideas in leadership activities. In addition to exhibiting real dedication to and enthusiasm for the natural resource industries.

In the rapidly changing agriculture business in Eastern Washington, changing government policies, environmental needs, and economics require new ways of doing things. Karl and Lexie Kupers are leading the way in searching for new crops, farming practices, and marketing techniques. They are leading edge leaders.

PROCEDURES FOR THE AWARD

1. The award will be given annually at the graduation of each class.
2. At the initial gathering of each leadership class, a presentation will be given to the class by Foundation staff or a designated representative explaining the Karl and Lexie Kupers “Leading Edge Leadership Award.”
3. Throughout the two-year program, class members will observe their classmates to determine who they would recommend for the award. Qualifications include enthusiasm, innovative thinking, entrepreneurial spirit, and willingness to take calculated risks and try new ideas.
4. At Seminar 13, the class will secretly vote on the candidate using guidelines from the Foundation staff. The winner will be announced at graduation and presented a plaque recognizing the award.
5. A news release will be issued in the vicinity of the recipient's hometown and to prominent newspapers in the state of Washington.
6. Publicity will be coordinated through the Foundation news channels.

Leading Edge Leadership Award Recipients:

Class 21	Dan McKinley, Dayton
Class 22	Judi Smasne, Goldendale
Class 23	Lesa Boxx, Ferndale
Class 24	Kevin Gray, Eltopia and Hans Engelke, Mesa
Class 25	Larry DeHaan, Lynden
Class 26	Bill Oakes, Oroville
Class 27	Mike Roy, Moxee
Class 28	Alison Kutz-Troutman, Bellingham
Class 29	Brad Bailie, Connell
Class 30	Clay Hutchens, Dayton
Class 31	Karl Vanevenhoven, Sunnyside
Class 32	Tristan Klesick, Stanwood
Class 33	Adam Dolsen, Yakima
Class 34	JJ Williams, West Richland
Class 35	Chris Olsen, Othello
Class 36	Chris Rankin, Yakima

Carol Mercer Inspirational Award



This award is given in honor of the late Carol Mercer. The award honors her dedication and enthusiasm for the natural resource industries, her love for and involvement in the leadership program, and her model of leadership exhibited in all that she did.

PROCEDURES FOR AWARD

1. The award will be given annually at the graduation of each class.
2. At the initial gathering of each leadership class, a presentation will be given to the class by Foundation staff or a designated representative explaining the Carol Mercer Inspirational Award.
3. Throughout the two-year program, class members will observe their classmates to determine who they would recommend for the Carol Mercer Inspirational Award. Qualifications include enthusiasm, empowerment, encouragement and inspiration — all traits that Carol Mercer exhibited and that her fellow participants admired.
4. At Seminar 13, the class will secretly vote on the candidate using guidelines from the Foundation staff. The winner will be announced at graduation and presented a plaque in honor of Carol Mercer.
5. A news release will be issued in the vicinity of the recipient's hometown and to prominent newspapers in the state of Washington.
6. Publicity will be coordinated through the Foundation news channels.

Carol Mercer

Biographical Sketch

Carol Mercer died on May 11, 1995, following a battle with cancer. She was born in Western Washington. For 20 years she lived in Everett and Seattle. In 1968, she moved to Eastern Washington and spent the last 26 years of her life residing in the Tri-Cities and Prosser.

Carol was president and owner of CMM Management Services, a consulting firm for various ag-related organizations and administrator for several non-profit agricultural associations.

Carol Mercer was an inspiration to many people. Her goal was to be vested in the successful, safe, and profitable continuation of agriculture, and to protect our fragile environment so future generations could supply the food that the world continues to demand. Carol's leadership reflected good listening skills, good communication skills, enthusiasm, clearly defined personal and professional ethics and an understanding of when to lead, when to follow and when to get out of the way.

Carol was not the type to sit and watch. She was actively involved in the following:

- 1994 – 1995 Treasurer – Executive Committee, Washington Agriculture & Forestry Education Foundation Board of Trustees
- 1993 – 1995 Ag Council of America – Speaker, Volunteer Trainer
- 1993 – 1995 WA State Vegetable Association – Administrator
- 1993 – 1995 WA Association of Wine Growers – Administrator
- 1993 – 1995 WA State Grape Society – Administrator
- 1993 – 1995 WA State Wine Grape Growers – Executive Secretary
- 1991 – 1993 WA Agriculture & Forestry Leadership Program, graduate – Class XIV
- 1990 – 1991 WA Friends of Farms and Forests – Board of Directors
- 1981 – 1990 Mt. Hood Hospital Foundation – Board of Directors
- 1988 – 1990 Multnomah County YMCA – Board of Directors
- 1988 – 1990 Mt. Hood Community College – Advisory Board
- 1988 – 1990 Mt. Hood Jazz Festival Foundation – Secretary/Treasurer
- 1987 – 1988 Kiwanis – Board of Directors
- 1986 – 1988 Mid-Columbia Symphony – Board of Directors
- 1986 – 1988 Zonta Women's Organization – Board of Directors
- 1986 – 1988 Kadlec Hospital Foundation – Vice President
- 1986 – 1988 WA Association of Chamber Executives – Board of Directors
- 1985 – 1988 WA State Downtown Development Association – Board of Directors
- 1983 – 1988 Citizens for Good Schools – Leadership Board
- 1982 Active in PTA, Heart Fund Drive, March of Dimes

Carol Mercer Inspirational Award Recipients:

Class 18	Jeanne Pickel, Outlook
Class 19	Roberta Martin, Cashmere
Class 20	Karen Bishop, Coupeville
Class 21	Audrey Gravley, Burlington
Class 22	Dorie Belisle, Lynden
Class 23	Jim VanderPloeg, Ellensburg
Class 24	Mira Kvame-McMasters, Dayton
Class 25	Kelly Anderson, Spokane
Class 26	Lisa Naylor, Dayton
Class 27	Julie Sackett-Shively, Oakville
Class 28	Lisa Bishop, Shelton
Class 29	Deborah Walter, Wenatchee
Class 30	Thijs Jacobson, Anacortes
Class 31	Molly Rasor, Longview
Class 32	Patricia Playfair, Chewelah
Class 33	Sam Maupin, Bellingham
Class 34	JJ Williams, West Richland
Class 35	Nolan Empey, Mesa
Class 36	Juli Tuson, Shelton