

2019 KANSAS COOPERATIVE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Dr. David Barton



Kenneth Maginley

The Kansas Cooperative Council is pleased to announce the 2019 Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame inductees, Dr. David Barton and Kenneth Maginley. These gentlemen will be honored on Wednesday, March 20, as part of the Council's joint annual meeting activities along with KFSA.

After the KFSA reception and dinner, we will recognize Dr. David Barton for his 46 years of service to the cooperative industry. Dr. Barton spent 27 years providing guidance and leadership to cooperatives through his role as Director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. Serving as the Director from 1984-2011, Dr. Barton worked with cooperative leaders to establish education programs tailored to specific audiences focused on key topics impacting cooperatives, agribusinesses and agriculture. During his career, he has served on numerous committees for the Kansas Cooperative Council, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, and the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives to name a few. Upon David's retirement, leaders and businesses from across the nation established a scholarship in his name. The esteemed David and Susan Barton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship is awarded each year to ensure the future success of cooperative leaders. Dr. Barton's contributions and dedication to cooperatives is unsurpassed.

Kenneth Maginley built a legacy by providing exceptional service to the Rural Electric Cooperative program and its members during his 41-year career. Mr. Maginley began his career at Lyon County Electric in the late 1970's. During that time, Ken was instrumental in the consolidation of the C & W Rural Electric Cooperative and the PR & W Rural Electric Cooperative. Serving as the manager of each at the time, Ken ultimately became the General Manager of the newly formed Bluestem Electric Cooperative in 1999. Through his years of leadership, Ken was well known for his integrity as a leader. His dedication, knowledge, wisdom and guidance exemplified the Cooperative Principles and Business Model while he remained focus on his main purpose: "Helping other people have a better life."

The Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame was established in 1999 to honor individuals in Kansas who have been instrumental in developing and spreading the cooperative philosophy. To date, 47 cooperators from all types of cooperatives have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is important for recognizing the contributions of co-op pioneers and honoring those who have gone "above and beyond the call" in advancing the cooperative movement.

Both inductees' biographical information will be placed alongside other honorees, in the Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame showcase display at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. This permanent display, located in the Pride of Kansas Building, plays a significant role in educating others about the uniqueness of the cooperative business model while highlighting the achievements of our state's great co-op leaders.