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FLEMING RECEIVES NAYI'S HIGHEST AWARD

LINCOLN – During the 43rd Annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) held earlier this month, the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC) presented its highest honor, the NAYI Award of Merit, to Dr. Richard Fleming.

“Each year the NAYI Award of Merit is presented to an individual who has shown a strong commitment to youth, along with a dedication to the betterment of the agricultural industry,” said NAYC Adviser Christin Kamm. “This year, Dr. Fleming joins a long list of Award of Merit recipients who have impacted the lives of Nebraska’s youth.”

Dr. Fleming has been with the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) for 52 years. He began his employment at UNL as an assistant extension editor in the Department of Information. Since then, he has served in both faculty and administrative appointments. Upon his retirement in 2006, Dr. Fleming became a professor emeritus with UNL’s Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications.

As Professor Emeritus, Dr. Fleming has continued to serve UNL students as the coordinator of the agricultural journalism program as well as the adviser for the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) chapter.

According to one of his previous advisees, “Dr. Fleming had a genuine interest in making sure that each one of the students he advised succeeded. He went above and beyond the role of adviser and took time out of his schedule to call and check in on our academic progress and to encourage us to continue to pursue our goals and dreams. Dr. Fleming is very deserving of the NAYI Award of Merit.”

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Others that nominated Dr. Fleming said, “Professor Fleming has focused on providing students a first-rate experience at the University of Nebraska –Lincoln and through his long career has touched countless lives.”

Fleming resides in Lincoln with his wife Connie. They have two grown children.

NAYI is an annual five-day summer Institute where high school juniors and seniors gather in Lincoln to discuss agricultural policy, listen to motivational speakers, and learn more about careers in agriculture. The Institute is under the direction of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) and is planned by 21 college aged men and women chosen by NDA to serve on the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC). This year’s NAYI had the largest number of delegates in the 43-year history of the program.

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MEDIA: Attached is a picture of Dr. Richard Fleming receiving his NAYI Award of Merit from Will Miller (NAYC Head Counselor) and Nebraska Department of Agriculture Director Greg Ibach.