

## **Jacque and Cyndee Roszel**

The Monmouth County Board of Agriculture takes great pride in publicly recognizing your outstanding service to agriculture. You met one another on the campus of Delaware Valley College where you were both received your Bachelor of Science degrees in 1972 and 1974 and were married in 1975. After graduation, our Agricultural industry was so fortunate that the Roszel's both came to teach Agricultural Education at Allentown High School to begin such dedicated careers. Teaching at Allentown High School for 64 combined years, Jacque and Cyndee have truly made a positive difference in the lives of over 5000 students.

Armed with their Master's of Science degrees in education from Rutgers University, Jacque and Cyndee's devotion to the agricultural education profession has been readily apparent and exemplified by their commitment to student success. The agricultural education program has been in existence at Allentown High School since 1938, but for many years only included production agriculture classes for males. In 1974, with the support of the Advisory Committee, Jacque and Cyndee began the work of converting the traditional program into a modern Ag Education format. With classes such as Animal Science, Plant Science, Equine Science and Environmental Science, Allentown was one of the first agricultural education programs in the state and region to change to this innovative layout.

The teaching methods of Jacque and Cyndee have emphasized student responsibility and confidence by providing students with both knowledge and hands on experience. Jacque and Cyndee's students have been taught through real world experience by participation in debates, hands-on demonstrations, and various farming projects. Through the basic principles of experiential learning, many former students of Jacque and Cyndee have been highly successful and influential in the agricultural industry. Because of the learning approach, the achievements of the Allentown FFA Chapter are numerous, including over 100 first place finishes in State Career Development Events. With the guidance of the Roszels, more than 85 of the Allentown's FFA members have attained the State FFA Degree, over 15 members have received their American Degree, and greater than 40 members have served as state FFA officers. That is an outstanding track record you can both be so very proud of.

Jacque and Cyndee's commitment to agricultural education has been demonstrated through their active participation in many local, state and national organizations including the National Association of Agricultural Educators, New Jersey Agricultural Education Association, the Vocational Education Association of New Jersey, and life members of the National FFA Alumni Association. Jacque and Cyndee have been on the NJAEA executive board for more than 45 combined years and have both served terms as the NJAEA executive board president.

Jacques and Cyndee, for all these personal, educational and agricultural contributions, on behalf of Monmouth County Board of Agriculture, we would like to present you with this plaque in recognition of your service and dedication to our agricultural community.

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