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SAUK CITY, WIS. – Mr. Dan Ziegler has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE). Ziegler was presented this honor at the WAAE Professional Development Conference held June 27-29, 2021 in La Crosse, WI. Ziegler recently retired from the New Glarus School District after teaching agricultural education for 36 years.

Mr. Ziegler has served on local, state, and national agricultural education committees through his involvement in WAAE, Region III and NAAE. You could always find Mr. Ziegler offering ideas, helping obtain resources for educators to teach with, state proficiency award judging, organizing county wide officer training, planning National FFA Convention trips for multiple chapters, help to promote agricultural education across our state, driving buses, serving on the state officer selection committee, teaching professional development workshops, serving on the WAAE Executive Committee as a Vice President for several terms and organizing social event for educators.

Dan's state leadership has been instrumental in planning and implementing fundraisers that support agricultural education, such as the State Foundation golf outing, as well as helping with his local alumni events, hosting student teachers and mentoring others. As many know, he is also referred to as "Ziggy" which alludes to his creative and fun side when making educational videos highlighting the importance of agricultural education, celebrating colleagues and dressing as ringmaster and leading new teachers in to a circus themed workshop to engage them in being an active member of NAAE. Dan is not satisfied with riding off into

the sunset of his retirement. Instead, he has joined forces with iCEV to continue to help new and seasoned educators to foster the best agricultural education lessons for their students. Many groups have acknowledged Dan's outstanding service by presenting him many honors recognizing him for his premier leadership and outstanding service. Dan has been selected as the Region III winner and will represent the region at the NAAE Convention in New Orleans. Congratulations Mr. Dan Ziegler.

WAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators in Wisconsin. Members include 410 middle school, high school, technical college and university educators. The focus of the association is to provide professional development, legislative support and educational resources for teachers to enhance their local agriculture education programs.

For more information about your local agriculture education program and to find out how you can support agriculture in your community, please contact your local agriculture education instructor or visit www.waae.com.

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