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BRIEF INTRODUCTION:

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz (Ma-zur-kay-veech) is the Leadership Program Director for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M University Professor in the Department of Agriculture Leadership, Education & Communications. Dr. Mazurkiewicz is responsible for the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Program, the San Antonio Livestock Exposition - Leadership Extension (SALE-LE) Program and International Extension Programs focusing on Poland and Mexico. He has been in this position since April 1, 1998 and County Extension Agent for 20 years in Guadalupe, Knox, Ector and Brazos Counties prior.

EDUCATION:

Doctorate of Philosophy in Animal Science, 1995, Texas A&M University, College Station.
Masters of Education in Agriculture Education, 1986, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.
Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, 1977, Texas A&M University, College Station.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, April 1978 - present.
 Leadership Program Director and Professor, November 2008 - present.
 Professor and Extension Specialist- Leadership Programs, TALL Director
 April 1998 - November 2008.
 County Extension Agent-Agriculture-Brazos County, February 1986 - March 1998.
 County Extension Agent-Agriculture-Ector County, April 1981 - February 1986.
 County Extension Agent-Agriculture-Knox County, January 1980 - April 1981.
 County Extension Agent-Agriculture-Guadalupe County, April 1978 - December 1979.
USDA/FSQS - Meat Grader, Chicago, Illinois, June 1977 - April 1978.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Texas A&M University System Regents Fellow
Medal of Merit from the President of Poland
Medal of Honor from the Polish Minister of Agriculture
Outstanding Leadership Program Director Award
Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Service Award.
Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Recognition Award.
Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year
Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence.
Texas AgriLife Extension Service Superior Service Award.
The Deputy Chancellor's Distinguished Performance Award.
The National Association of County Agricultural Agents Achievement Award.
The State Food and Agriculture Council Award.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership.
Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce - Chairman Ag Committee
Texas and Brazos County Farm Bureau
Brazos County Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee
Brazos Valley Fair and Expo - President

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Biographical Sketch

Jim Mazurkiewicz is a native of the Brazos Valley. His family originally settled in Washington County at the end of the ninetieth century and they still own and operate the family farm in Chappell Hill, Texas. He graduated from Waller High School and received a B.S. and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University and a Masters from Texas Tech University. Jim married Kathy Gore from Houston in 1978 and they are the proud parents of three children, James, Kathy Ann and Stephanie. They are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan and have lived in Brazos County since February 1986.

Upon graduation from Texas A&M in 1977, he worked for the USDA\FSQS Meat Grading Service for one year in Chicago and then joined Texas A&M AgriLife Extension as a County Extension Agent from April 1978 until April 1998 serving four counties in Texas (Guadalupe, Knox, Ector and Brazos). For twelve of those twenty years, he served as the Brazos County Extension Agent-Agriculture. Currently, he provides leadership to two Extension Leadership programs: 1) the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) for agriculture industry leaders in Texas and 2) the San Antonio Livestock Exposition - Leadership Extension for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension faculty. In addition, he provides leadership to Extension International programs including Mexico and Poland.

In his spare time, he operates a beef cattle ranch where he raises show cattle to exhibit at livestock shows throughout the state. Jim is also a national and state approved beef cattle judge and has judged throughout the U.S. and Texas. He has judged over 350 shows in ten states including every major livestock show in Texas. He enjoys working with youth and has coached 20 state qualifying 4-H Livestock Judging Teams and 8 national qualifying 4-H Livestock Judging Teams with one national title.

He has been active in the community and the TAMU System serving in several leadership roles. Currently, he is president of the Brazos Valley Fair and Expo, chairman of the Bryan\College Station Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, member of the Brazos County Expo Hotel/Motel Tax Committee and President of the PACT. In addition, he serves as past member of the board of directors of the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, past-chairman of the board of directors of the Brazos County Youth Livestock Association, member of the Texas AgriLife Extension Administrative Council, member of the Brazos County Expo Park blue ribbon committee, member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Rural Leadership Program, Inc., member of the Texas A&M University System Beef Industry Team, member of the Texas AgriLife Extension 4-H Beef Project Development Team and member of the Brazos Valley Agri-Food Council. In addition, he has chaired and served as a member of many state, regional and local committees.

Jim has been the recipient of several awards and some of these include Regents Fellow in 2012, the Bryan /College Station Volunteer of the Year Award in 2013, the Medal of Merit from the Polish President in 2016, the Medal of Honor from the Polish Minister of Agriculture in 2011, the Outstanding Leadership Program Director Award by the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership in 2010, the Bryan\College Station Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Recognition Award in 1997, Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Service Award in 1997, Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence in 1996 and 1985 for Agriculture and 4-H, respectfully, Texas AgriLife Extension Superior Service Award in 1991 and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Achievement Award in 1985.