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BRIEF INTRODUCTION:

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz (Ma-zur-ka-vich) is the Leadership Program Director and Professor for Texas AgriLife Extension, a member of The Texas A&M System and its statewide Agriculture Program. Dr. Mazurkiewicz is responsible for the San Antonio Livestock Exposition - Leadership Extension (SALE-LE) Program and the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Program. He has been in this position since April 1, 1998 and prior to this he had served as County Extension Agent for 20 years in Guadalupe, Knox, Ector and Brazos Counties. Dr. Mazurkiewicz has his B.S. & Ph.D. from Texas A&M and his Masters from Texas Tech Universities.

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 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:

Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Service Award.
Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Recognition Award.
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.
IAPAL Outstanding Leadership Program Director Award.
Medal of Honor from the Polish Minister of Agriculture

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership.
Texas AgriLife Extension Specialist Association.
Epsilon Sigma Phi.
Gamma Sigma Delta.
Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce - Chairman Ag Committee
Texas and Brazos County Farm Bureau
Brazos County Youth Livestock Show - Past Chairman of the Board
Brazos Valley Fair and Expo - Chairman of the Board

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Biographical Sketch

Jim Mazurkiewicz is a native of the Brazos Valley. His family originally settled in Washington County at the turn of the twentieth century and they still own and operate the family farm in Chappell Hill. 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 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. He provides leadership to two programs in the Texas A&M System: 1) the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) for agricultural leaders throughout the state and 2) the San Antonio Livestock Exposition - Leadership Extension for extension faculty.

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. He is presently the chairman of the Brazos Valley Fair & Expo, chairman of the Bryan\College Station Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, member of the Brazos County Expo Hotel/Motel Tax Committee, 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, past member of the Brazos County Expo Park blue ribbon committee, past 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 past 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 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. In 2010, he was honored as the recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Program Director Award by the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership and in 2011 he received the Medal of Honor from the Polish Minister of Agriculture.