

Silver and Gold Awardee 2019

Blair Wilson

Blair Wilson '79 graduated *summa cum laude* from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and has been employed by Northwest Farm Credit Services for nearly 40 years. The current Northwest FCS Idaho president was raised on a family farm near Lapwai, ID, where he matured with a deep devotion to serving rural Idaho agricultural communities.

Affectionately called "Mr. Idaho" by colleagues, Wilson is noted as being a model employee and dedicated to his career. Wilson serves on the Northwest FCS' University of Idaho Relationship Team and has helped recruit and employ recent alumni.

The list of involvement, for Wilson is extensive: chairman of Leadership Idaho Agriculture, president of Idaho Cooperative Council, president of Food Producers of Idaho, board member of CALS and the Idaho Cattle Association, Chairman of the Idaho Food Bank and Board member of the University of Idaho Foundation, to name a few.

Nominators wrote of his enthusiasm and commitment, his extensive knowledge and skilled communication and his ability to build trust and relationships across the state. One support letter noting "His statewide perspective and knowledge of Idaho agricultural commodities and the needs of Idaho farmers and rancher has been a significant benefit to both Northwest Farm Credit, as well as CALS and the University of Idaho."

To his achievements we honor him as an alumnus with a "distinguished record of achievement and career accomplishments," with the Silver and Gold award.