Award for Internationalization Dr. Claude Caldwell

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The recipient of Nova Scotia Agricultural College's Award for Internationalization for the year 2011 is Dr. Claude Caldwell, Department of Plant and Animal Sciences.

In Dr. Caldwell's case, 'achievement' is almost an understatement. Since joining NSAC in 1983, Dr. Caldwell has been involved in almost every conceivable aspect of internationalizing the NSAC campus; he is therefore perhaps more appropriately described as a 'super-achiever'.

Dr. Caldwell spends countless hours mentoring international students and sharing his knowledge and expertise with international colleagues. He has modeled cultural sensitivity and encouraged and assisted members of the NSAC community to develop or enhance their cross cultural skills and encouraged domestic students to gain international experience. He has made substantial contributions to the international development work of NSAC in nine different countries. Dr. Caldwell has a strong commitment to long-term sustainability of international partnerships.

Several years ago Dr. Caldwell had a vision for longer term sustainability by transforming what had been inter-institutional cooperation in a development project, into an extremely well-subscribed articulation program. The goal was a beneficial strengthening of both universities by an academic articulation agreement providing for mobility of students. Dr. Caldwell has and continues to play a leadership role in this academic articulation agreement between the Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University in China and NSAC. This 2+ 2 academic articulation program, allowing students from FAFU to complete their B.Sc. at NSAC, grew out of Dr. Caldwell's commitment to partnership sustainability and strengthening of both universities. This articulation agreement has transformed the student body and international student cohort at NSAC. The presence of FAFU-NSAC students in our classrooms and on our campus is another way in which Dr. Caldwell has helped to internationalize our campus. Most recently Dr. Caldwell was instrumental in championing a second Memorandum of Understanding with our FAFU partner that enhances our respective abilities to collaborate in graduate student training and research.

Dr. Caldwell has also been recognized by universities internationally for his professional contributions to their courses and programs.

In consideration of his vision, his leadership and his undying commitment to the many aspects of internationalizing the NSAC campus, the 2011 Award for Internationalization is presented to Dr. Claude Caldwell.