

Profile

Marshall Stewart

Marshall Stewart is a native of rural, eastern North Carolina. As the son of a minister, he had the opportunity to live in Bladen, Pitt, Nash and Sampson counties as a young person. He graduated from Midway High School located near Spivey's Corner and attended East Carolina University for two years before completing his undergraduate (BS '86) and graduate degrees (MS '93; Ed.D. '03) from NC State University.

Marshall began his career as an agriculture teacher in 1986 in Sampson County, North Carolina. In 1988, he joined the National FFA Organization staff where, over a period of six years, he served as the manager of FFA's leadership and personal development workshops, director of membership marketing, recruitment and retention, and eventually moved into an executive position as the director of FFA's teacher services division. In 1994, he was named executive director of the National Association of Agricultural Education and led their initiatives in membership development, legislative affairs and teacher professional development. In 1996, Marshall joined the NC State University faculty to serve in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education as State Agricultural Education Coordinator. In 2004, Marshall ran for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and won a three-way primary with 36% of the vote, but was defeated a month later in a run-off election. In October 2004, he returned to NC State University in his former position where he provided oversight for 380 agriculture teachers and 43,000 students involved in North Carolina's public school agricultural education program. On July 1, 2005, Marshall began his tenure as Head and State Program Leader for the Department of 4-H Youth Development. On July 1, 2006, his responsibilities increased as he became Head and State Program Leader for the merged Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences. In this role he oversees the state 4-H and FCS program, which reaches 199,000 youth per year and a network of over 300 field faculty and staff and 35,000 volunteers.

Marshall has served as the Vice President of the Association for Career and Technical Education Board of Directors (1997-2000) and president of the National Council for Agricultural Education Board of Directors (1997-2003). He has also served concurrent terms on the National FFA Organization Board of Directors and National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees (2000-2003). In total, Marshall has served on five national non-profit boards and two state non-profit boards. He brings with him over 20 years of non-profit board service experience in the areas of education, agriculture, and youth development. Additionally, Marshall has co-authored two leadership textbooks, a leadership handbook and an experiential learning curriculum that are utilized in every state in the nation. He is widely recognized for his knowledge and expertise in leadership development, legislative affairs, educational and agricultural trends, youth development and rural issues.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, he enjoys teaching Sunday School and serving as a deacon at New Hope Baptist Church, fishing, watching college basketball, eating "Eastern North Carolina" barbeque, time with family and friends, and serving as an author, workshop presenter and speaker. Marshall lives in rural Wake County with his wife Jan and thirteen-year-old son John.

Marshall's professional mission in life is to make a positive impact on the state of North Carolina by serving its citizens in ways that will provide greater opportunity and hope for future generations. Personally, his passion is to be a great husband and dad and be remembered for living a life of service that is best stated in Luke 14, "To those that much is given, much is required."