Kenneth and Maxine Woodward Agricultural Scholarships

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Kenneth and Maxine Woodward, of Texhoma, endowed this fund for four scholarships to OPSU students classified as seniors majoring in Animal Science, Ag Business, Agronomy and Ag Education who maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Student activities, leadership, and participation in the judging team will be considered during selection. Kenneth and Maxine are generous supporters of Panhandle State and outstanding contributors to Panhandle State Foundation.

Kenneth and Maxine graduated from Panhandle A & M College in 1957 with degrees in animal husbandry and home economics. Kenneth received his master’s degree in animal science from Oklahoma State University in 1959. They returned to the panhandle and became involved in the family farming and ranching operation. In 1965, Kenneth accepted a position with Panhandle A & M College as an instructor in animal science. He also coached the livestock judging team. During this time, Kenneth served as president of the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends. After six years at Panhandle A & M, the Woodward family moved to Iowa where Kenneth earned his Ph.D. in animal growth and development. In 1976, Dr. Woodward returned to Oklahoma Panhandle State
University to continue teaching and coaching the livestock judging teams. Dr. Woodward was actively involved in the establishment of the agri-business major that dramatically increased the number of students receiving degrees in agriculture. Maxine worked in the OPSU registrar’s office until 1982 when she accepted a teaching position at Texhoma, OK. In 1982, Kenneth became the department head of animal science and then dean of agriculture in 1995. With Maxine’s help, Dr. Woodward has hosted numerous reunions over the years for students who were agriculture majors, judging team members, or others involved in the agriculture programs.

In 1996, Dr. Kenneth and Maxine Woodward were inducted into the Panhandle State Foundation Distinguished Contributor’s Honor Roll and into the Panhandle State Association Hall of Fame in 1998. Dr. Woodward has been a Panhandle State Foundation board member since 2000 and served as president from 2006-2008. Both Kenneth and Maxine are currently retired but remain active in supporting their community.