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An interview with Dr. Carl Anderson. Professor of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M. Anderson is a 1958 graduate from Texas A&M and an inducted member of the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry.

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I'm Carl Anderson, a 1958 graduate, of course Ag Economics at Texas A&M. It's a great honor for me to be a member of the Tyurus R. Timm Honor Registry. Dr. Timm was an outstanding leader, teacher, and mentor in my days at the college. I came to Texas A&M not sure as to what I wanted to major in, and so I was here for about the second year... I'm wandering around down the halls, and I met Dr. Timm in the hallway as I was leaving one of my classes of Ag Eco, and he greeted me and asked me my name, and where I was from, and he remembered that for the rest of my life here at A&M. We went into his office, and we talked a little bit, and he gave me some ideas about what agricultural economics was.

It dealt with the business side of agriculture, and I thought that was interesting. I liked the... the things of figuring out how to make money. I'd grown up...growing up on a small farm, we did not have much money to - to deal with and I thought that would be a great thing to work with agriculture in my professional career - to help other farmers to make ... uh ... better management decisions and increase their standard of living and their - then their income. I went into his office, we sat down, and we had a nice visit, and he told me about a little bit of his background. He grew up in Schulenburg. He went to school, walked to school, had a - carried a little brown bag for lunch. It was - they had a fold over sandwich with a piece of sausage in it, a little peanut butter. So, he was well founded in, and how we and agriculture had grown up in rather modest times.

He was very instrumental in - in getting his students' incentive to learn, and also become professional people in this world. One of the things that Ty Timm always emphasized was that you study hard, you belong to different kinds of organizations, play a little bit of leadership role, and when you then finally graduate from A&M, you would practice some of these and always be a professional, and look like a professional, dressed like a professor. He was very, very keyed on the first image. He said you only have one chance to make that first image and you want it to be the very best that you could have. He was also very incentive of us to, to meet people, remember them, and have a real strong network of both friends and professionals throughout life. I considered him as one of my very, utmost mentors of Texas A&M, and I'm trying to practice throughout my professional career some of the things that he depicted, what he passed on to us, and it has paid off nicely for me.

I've been very happy and pleased in my career mainly in the cotton marketing field. I've also, of course, worked for Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Incidentally, Ty Timm was the main individual that got me my first two jobs. One of them was here at A&M of doing some educational programs in the early years, some young farmers. He also gave me a high recommendation so I had the chance to work at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, so I learned the financial structure, the banking structure, and the business side of agriculture very well, then I could practice in my professional career.

I would encourage all agricultural economics students, when they come to A&M, they select the best courses they can. I'd encourage them to, to study attend class as well as pay attention to the relevance of their instructors that they're - that's teaching them and then when they go out and practice in real-world relevant business decisions, relevant issues, and help the industry and the agricultural - and the food and fiber system - it's really all the food and fiber system tied together. So with these I think graduates of Texas A&M and agriculture economics can have a very satisfying life, a challenge, as well as reasonable income.

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