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Sec. Rodman Recognized as Kansas State University College of Agriculture Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus

The Kansas State University College of Agriculture Alumni Association has selected Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dale Rodman as the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The college alumni association recognized Rodman at a reception on Saturday, May 5, and the New Graduate and Alumni Dinner that followed the reception.

The annual College of Agriculture Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award honors alumni who personify the College's tradition of excellence - bringing distinction to themselves and to K-State through their outstanding achievements. Nominees are individuals who excel in career accomplishments, contributions to their community, service to society and service to the university.

Rodman received his bachelor's degree from the K-State College of Agriculture in Feed Science and Management in 1963. Following graduation, he worked for Cargill Inc. for 37 years in various management positions. Rodman also served as president of Tramco Inc., a manufacturer of dry bulk conveying systems based in Wichita. He has lived in Europe and Asia and worked in more than 30 countries. In the 1990s, he worked with then-Secretary of Agriculture Sam Brownback as a member of an agricultural advisory board.

Rodman left retirement at the request of Gov. Brownback in 2011 to serve as the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture.

He and his wife, Ronda, live in Topeka. They have two children, Thomas Rodman and Chantel Mandel, and four grandchildren. His granddaughter, Payden, is a freshman at K-State.

For more information about the College of Agriculture Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award visit <http://www.ag.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=472>.