Marvin C. Carbonneau was a teacher, flower judging coach, officer in Pi Alpha Xi National and floriculture extension specialist at the University of Illinois from 1972 to 1996. He is now retired, but remains the flower judging coach. During his tenure at U. of I., he was the advisor for most Floriculture students. His major teaching responsibilities were Floricultural Crop Production I & II. He has coached 26 Flower Judging Teams between 1973 and 1998. His teams were very successful in the Pi Alpha Xi Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contests with two 1st, one 2nd, and six 3rd Place awards.

He served as Secretary-Treasurer of Pi Alpha Xi National from 1971 to 1972, Vice-President from 1973 to 1974, and President from 1975 to 1978. He served as the advisor for the Pi Alpha Xi Beta Chapter for many years.

As an extension specialist in floriculture he was very respected by the Illinois growers and was frequently a speaker on the Illinois Florist Association annual growers’ program as well as serving on the Board of the Association. He was also an invited speaker on grower programs in other states. He was recognized for his extension activities by awards from the Illinois Florist Association and the American Academy of Floriculture.

For his contributions to and excellence in teaching, he received The National Association of College Teachers in Agriculture (NACTA) Teaching Award as well as the College of Agriculture’s Outstanding Teaching Award.

Marvin C. Carbonneau is an outstanding recipient of the Pi Alpha Xi Fellows Award.

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