



## ***Biography***

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### *Samuel L. Pardue*

Dr. Sam Pardue has had the great privilege of studying and working at four U.S. Land Grant universities and the University of Sydney, NSW during his career. He served as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, a faculty member in the Department of Poultry Science at Texas A&M University, Undergraduate Coordinator, Department Head, and Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) at NC State University, and most recently as Dean and Director of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Pardue is a native of Yadkinville, NC, and he holds a B.S. degree in Poultry Science, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Physiology, all from NC State University. As a faculty member, he has had appointments in instruction and research. His areas of interest have included stress and reproductive physiology in poultry and student success initiatives.

Throughout his career, Dr. Pardue sought to create or expand a number of programs to address the issue of access for rural students to higher education. He helped to champion programs such as **STEAM** [Student Transfer Enrollment, Advising, and Mentoring], an alternative admissions pathway for rural students, **ASPIRE** [ACT Supplemental Preparation in Rural Education] initially developed in the Prestage Department of Poultry Science by Dr. Jackie Hoffman Golden and co-workers to provide low cost SAT/ACT preparation, and **DFNCF** [Developing Future North Carolina Farmers] which combined a rich university experience with robust mentoring from external agri-businesses to nurture creative thinking in combination with an academic foundation needed for each student to succeed.

He was a member of Cohort 3 of the FSLI program and Class 5 of the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP/ACOP) Leadership Development Program. He has also served on the CALs Commodity Leadership Development Program Advisory Board and the Animal Strategic Working Group of the Growing North Carolina's AgBiotech Landscape Taskforce.

In June of 2020 Dr. Pardue became the Director of the Association of Public and Land Grant University's Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI), which provides executive leadership education for food and agriculture systems leaders in higher education, government, and industry.