

# Remembering 'Doc'

Dr. Ivan W. 'Doc' Schmedemann, 87, died March 18, 2017. Schmedemann was committed to education and is best known for developing and leading the Master of Land Economics and Real Estate program, now the Master of Real Estate program, for Mays Business School at Texas A&M University. From 1972 to 1994, more than 400 students benefitted from Doc's teaching and mentoring. He retired May 31, 1996.

Doc's road to Texas A&M began in Kansas with a bachelor of science degree (1953) and continued at Kansas State University with a master of science degree (1957). He received his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Texas A&M in 1967. Real Estate Center Director Alvin B. Wooten chaired Schmedemann's dissertation committee.

For much of his three decades at Texas A&M, Schmedemann held a joint appointment in agricultural economics and with the Real Estate Center where he was a research economist. During that time, he authored 14 articles and reports. Schmedemann and Wooten established a rapport with industry sources and set up a "panel of knowledgeable" to help the Center monitor Texas rural land trends.

Doc's commitment to students was exemplified in his many awards, including Agricultural Economics Department Teacher of the Year, Honor Professor from the COALS Student Council, Texas A&M Association of Former Students teaching award, and the Education Innovation Award from the College of Agriculture. In 2004, he received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. Schmedemann was named to the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry of Texas A&M distinguished agricultural economics former students in 2007.

The Society of Texas A&M Real Estate Professionals created the Drs. Ivan and Luanne Schmedemann Endowed Scholarship in Land Economics and Real Estate in 1989. Doc was named professor emeritus in agricultural economics in 1996.

