

Certificate of Merit Citation for Daniel Michael Mazier

Daniel Michael Mazier was raised on a family farm near Justice, Manitoba. Graduating from the University of Manitoba in 1984 with a Diploma in Agriculture, Dan returned to work with his father and brother on the farm. He also began to work at Simplot, a fertilizer manufacturing plant in Brandon. In 2001, Dan left Simplot and diversified his farming operation to include grains, oilseeds, seed production, cattle, poultry and sheep.

Over the past years Dan has served his community in many ways. He founded the local farmer's market for his community, and further began serving on the boards of the Justice Community Club, the Mid-Assiniboine Conservation District and representing his area as a trustee on the board of Rolling River School Division.

Dan is one of the founding members of Elton Energy Cooperative, based out of Elton Municipality. Elton Energy Co-op has developed a business model for a province-wide community power program that allows Manitobans to invest in renewable energy projects with the returns going back to their communities.

Dan became involved with Keystone Agriculture Producers in 2002 as an executive member. He was a founding member of KAP's Young Farmer Committee and was the western representative for the Canadian Young Farmer's Forum. As a young farmer, Dan saw the need to participate and become involved with KAP to understand the wider implications of agriculture policy. He is currently serving as KAP's vice-president and represents the organization across the province. He is also the chair of KAP's Workplace and Employment Committee and is committed to ensuring that the farming industry creates a safe work environment for all farmers, especially those new to the industry. Dan has been very happily married to Leigh for twenty-eight years. They are parents of two children Hannah and Michael. They continue to enjoy farming and being part of their rural community.

This Certificate of Merit is presented to Daniel Michael Mazier by the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba, in recognition of leadership with agricultural organizations and outstanding service to the community at large.

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