

Awards

Paul VanRaden

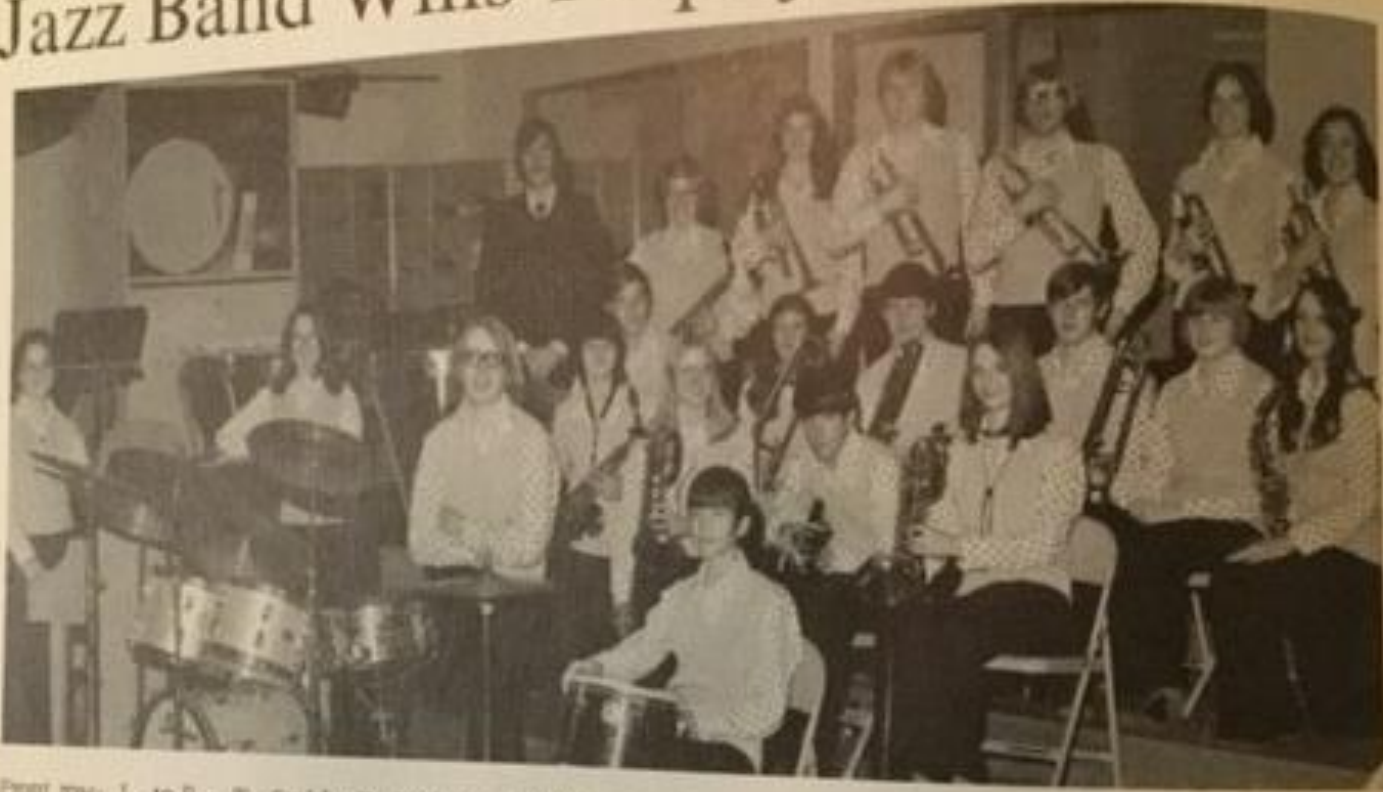
For life story see:

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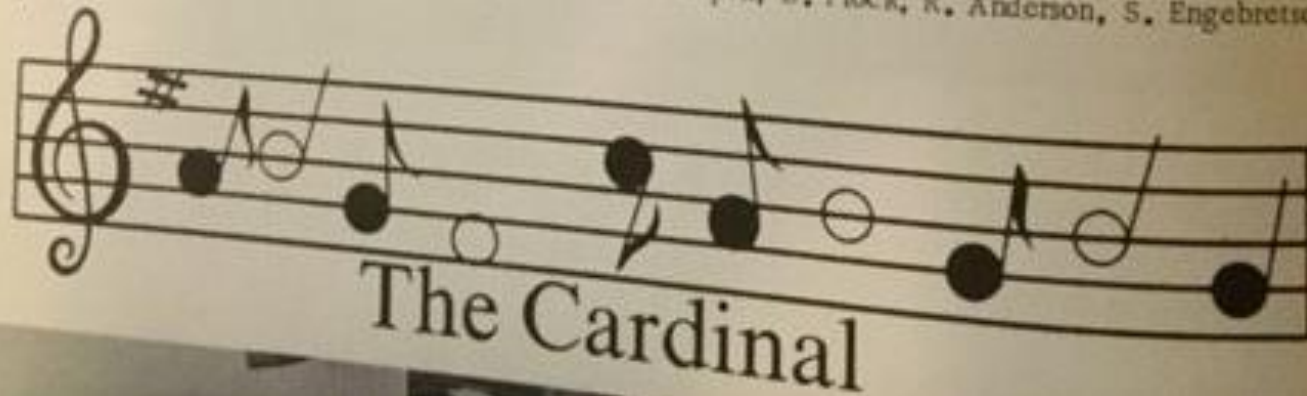
For relatives and other personal pages see:

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Jazz Band Wins Trophy at Platteville



Front row: L. to R.: T. Smith, D. Kihler, J. Martens, P. VanRaden, Second row: R. Sander, J. Martens, D. Sellen, C. Dultman, Third row: R. Wubbena, J. VanRaden, D. Poppen, D. Kuper, L. Greenfield, D. Moding, Standing: Director Mr. Kaiser, C. Greenfield, D. Kampen, D. Plock, R. Anderson, S. Engebretson, K. Rydman



1975

Jazz band
wins award at
Wisconsin
contest.

Paul on bongo

1978 FFA club and president



Paul's
truck



Forreston-Polo FFA President Paul VanRaden was awarded the Star Agri-Businessman award, State Farmer award and Foundation award

1st Row—E. Booth—Reporter, D. Paul—Treasurer, P. VanRaden—President, R. Engelkens—V. President, J. Korf—Sentinel. 2nd Row—B. Engelkens, S. Thompson, D. Dewall—Section FFA Sweetheart, S. Anderson, M. Barthel. 3rd Row—L. Engelkens, J. Ludwig, T. Miller, M. Korf, C. DeWall, T. Coffman, L. Collman, D. VanRaden, J. Akins. 4th Row—T. Genandt, B. Schenel, T. Binkley, B. Bollenbaugh, K. Green, D. Coleman.

FFA Awards (Future Farmers of America)

1978 Star
State Agri-
Business

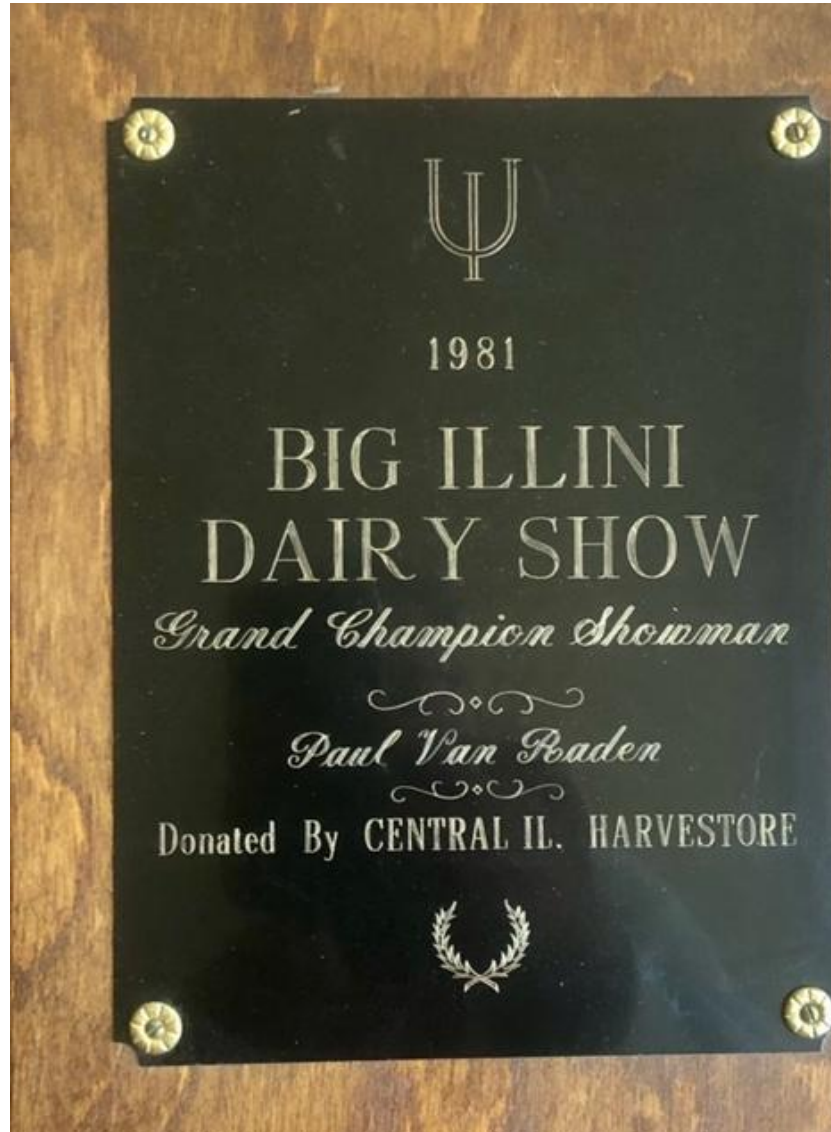
1977 Section
winner, Crop
Production



U Illinois

1981 Showmanship

1981 Student Achievement



Iowa State

1985 animal
science
research

1986 PhD
research



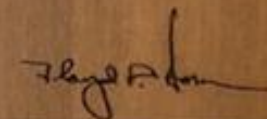
USDA-ARS 1995 Outstanding Early Career

Outstanding
Early Career



Paul M. VanRaden

*For improved statistical and computational methods
leading to more accurate and scientific genetic
selection in dairy cattle.*

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Administrator
Agricultural Research Service
United States Department of Agriculture

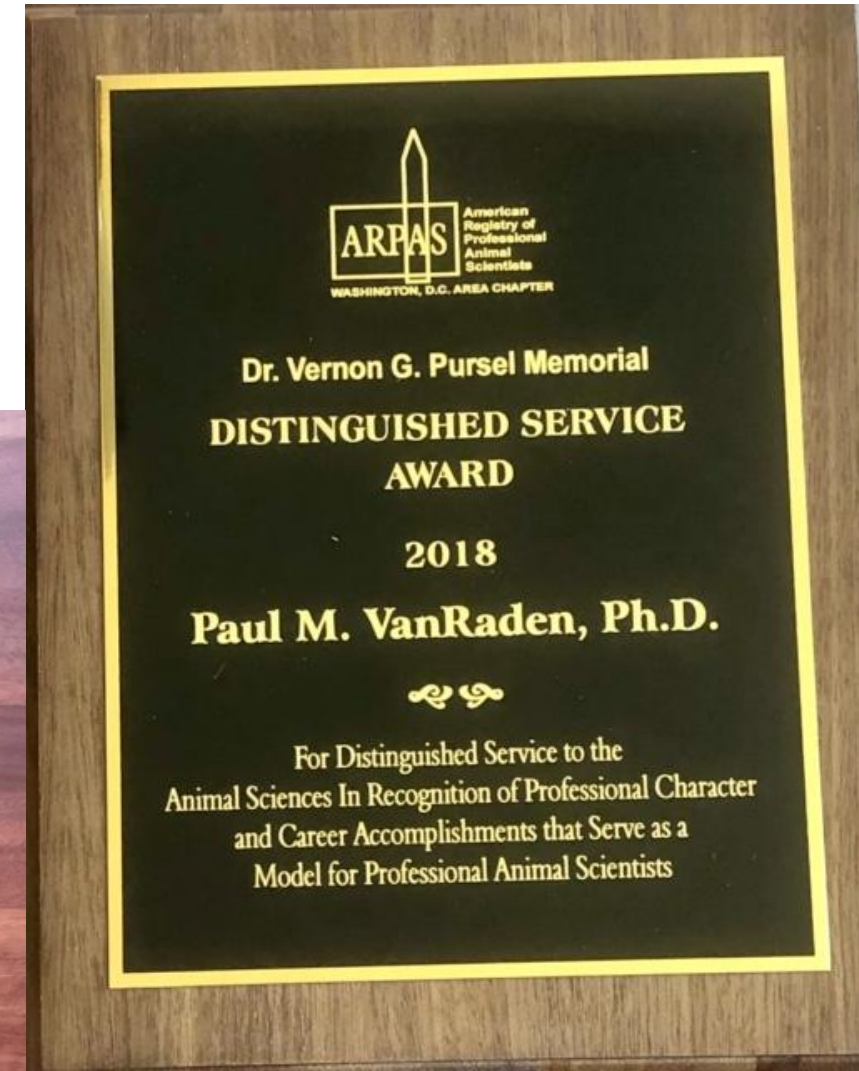
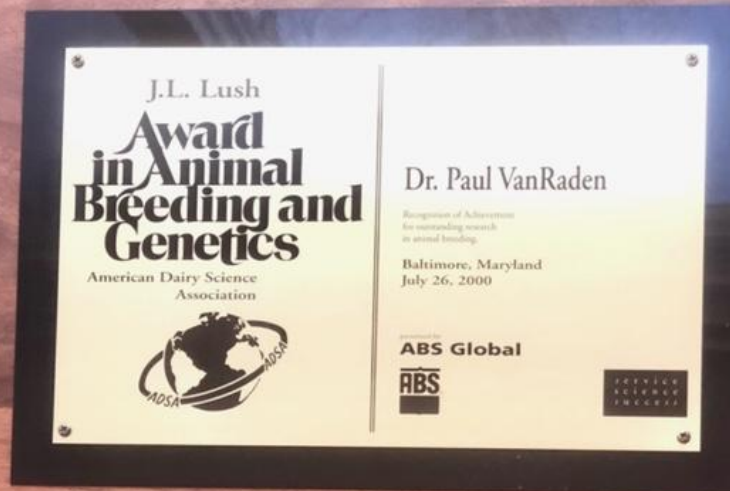
1995



USDA research

2000 genetics
from ADSA

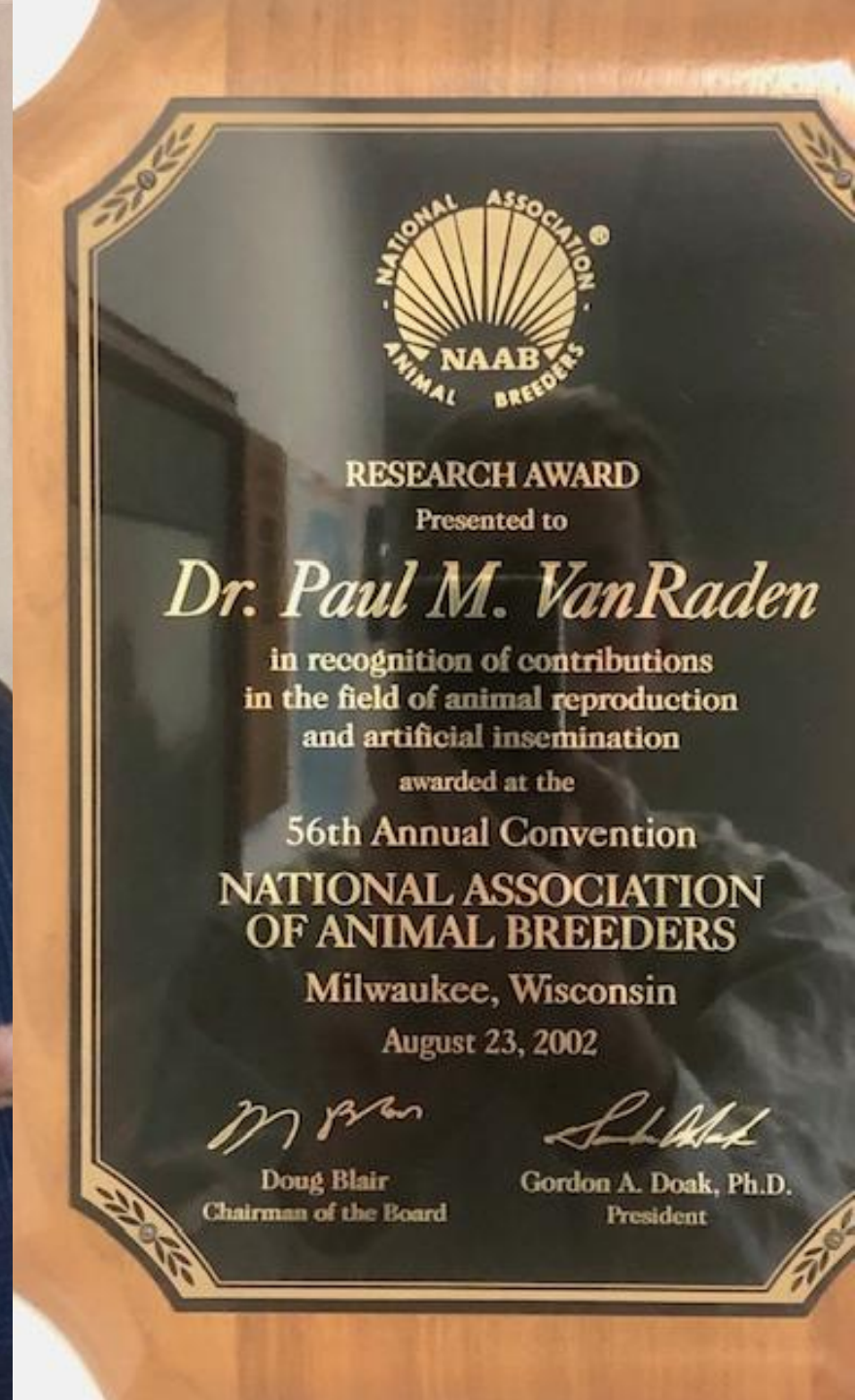
2018 service
in animal
science



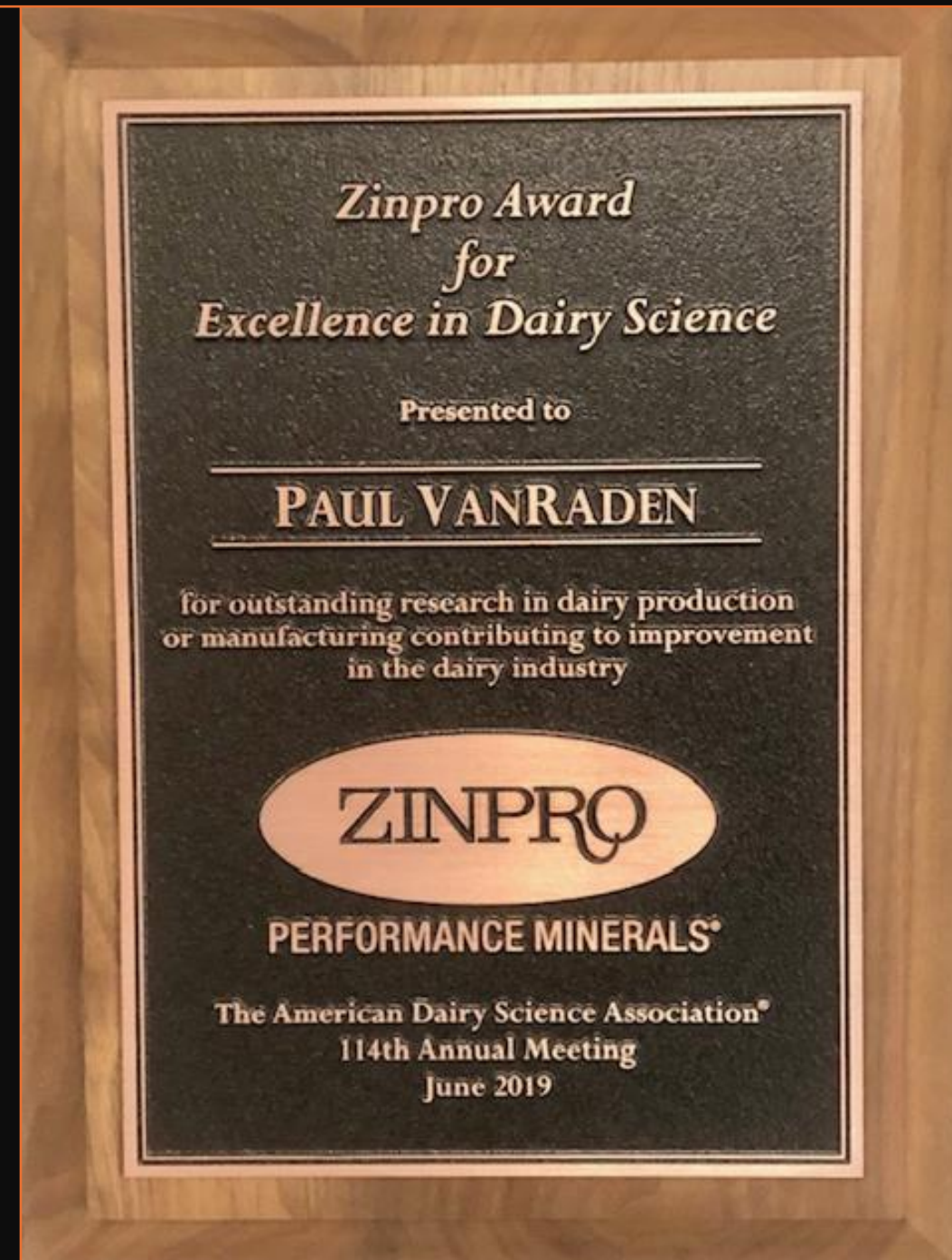
2000 ADSA
Animal Breeding
Award (with
Angel helping)



2002 NAAB
Research
Award (with
Mom helping)



2019 ADSA Zinpro Award, best dairy research



USDA
Agriculture
Research Service
Hall of Fame
2020



USDA-ARS 2020 Hall of Fame Scientist



Pioneer Award, Dairy Shrine, 2025

- I did not attend the Madison, WI banquet to receive the Pioneer award September 29 2025. Genetic improvement of cows was my highest goal and my life's work but now has low priority compared to trying to save science, democracy, the right to speak freely, and [our reputation in the world](#) from being destroyed by the madman that many Dairy Shrine members voted for. I do not want to celebrate past science while our current government destroys future science. Sorry. Thank you to Dairy Shrine for recognizing the high value of previous taxpayer funded science and thank you to taxpayers for paying your federal income tax. For more than a century, our laboratory used your taxes extremely efficiently by helping farmers and their cows feed the world's growing human population. That is something we can all be proud of.