

## DAN B. KINCAID RECOGNIZED AS 2021 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

The West Virginia University's Division of Forestry and Natural Resources recently recognized Dan B. Kincaid as its 2021 Outstanding Alumnus. Kincaid, a 1971 WVU graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Forest Resource Management, also received a Master's Degree in Forestry/Environmental Management from Duke University in 1973. He also gained teacher certification in science for grades 7 – 12 from Marietta College in Ohio in 1985 and became certified to teach high school and middle school in OH, NC, and WV. He coached junior high school basketball for six years.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Kincaid began a 31-year career with the U.S. Forest Service, working at National Forest locations in WV, OH, MN, GA, and NC, retiring as the District Ranger for the Wayne National Forest in Athens, OH in 2006. Following federal retirement, Kincaid worked for the Ohio Division of Forestry, the West Virginia Division of Forestry, and as a private contractor in Ohio until finally retiring for good and moving to Florida in 2014. Kincaid also spent time working in public affairs for Westvaco Paper Co.

Kincaid served the WVU Forestry Alumni Association from 1998 – 2012 in various capacities, including president, vice-president, newsletter editor, and on the Executive Committee. As a Visiting Professor, he taught a semester-long, 3-hour, upper level course, Forestry 470, at West Virginia University entitled "Public Relations and Communications for Natural Resource Managers" in the Fall semester 2001 and Spring semester 2003.

Kincaid's forestry duties over the years included: forest inventory, timber management, recreation, visitor information, wilderness management, firefighting, wildlife projects, public affairs, federal liaison with state agencies, urban forestry, conservation education, and managerial responsibilities, in addition to various other assignments.

Kincaid has received recognition for outstanding performance and numerous honors over the years. In 1991 he was selected as a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters, the organization representing professional foresters nationwide.

Since 2015, Kincaid has written 12 books, 9 of them with a forestry or natural resource theme, including the popular ***Kade Holley, Forest Ranger*** series, volumes I, II, and III, which feature fictional stories based upon his career and are written with the teenage/young adult audience in mind. His website, <https://dankincaid.com>, provides information about Kincaid and his 12 books, which are all available on Amazon.