

The second honored mentor of the National Venturing Youth Cabinet Website is:

Dr. Richards Miller

"What great cause is he identified with?" "He's identified ... with the great cause of cheering us all up."

-- Arnold Bennett

While Dr. Richards Miller (Doc) is certainly identified with Boy Scouts of America, all within the BSA organization fortunate enough to work with him recognize his unfailing sense of humor, and how his presence cheers a room.

When I met Doc at Philmont during Venturing week at the Training Center in 2004, I thought my parents had introduced me to a teenager in a foreign body. Doc ate "scat", wore buck teeth and donned Reggae curls to teach his class not only the benefits of Kodiak & Kodiak X, but the importance of humor and fun in life, especially when mentoring youth.



When Venturing wanted to host the most popular exhibit at the 2005 Jamboree, who was the logical candidate to chair the fun? Doc Miller! The Venturing Mine Exhibit was an unqualified success, due to Doc's expert leadership.

Doc's fun loving demeanor does not diminish his dedication to Venturing. Indeed, Doc Miller was one of the founders of Venturing, helping to create the program of today.

I invite you to review the many accomplishments of Dr. Richards Miller, noting not only the incredible breadth of his activities, but also the depth therein.

Venturing is fortunate to have had Dr. Richards Miller as one of its founding fathers.

National BSA/OA Service

- 1977 National Jamboree - Scoutmaster & Contingent leader
- 1981 National Jamboree - Sub camp Medical Staff
- 1983 World Jamboree - Medical Staff Dentist
- 1985 National Jamboree - Program Director, Buckskin Games
- 1989 National Jamboree - Scoutmaster & Contingent leader
- 1997 National Jamboree - Jamboree Asst. Chairman Remote Centers
- 2001 National Jamboree - Chairman Venturing Rainforest
- 2005 National Jamboree - Chairman Venturing Cave

- 1988 NOAC - Activities & Training Staff, C.S.U.
- 1990 NOAC - Activities & Training Staff, Indiana Univ.
- 1992 NOAC - Activities Staff, Univ. of Tennessee
- 1994 NOAC - Activities Staff, Perdue Univ.
- 1996 NOAC - Activities Staff, Indiana Univ.
- 1998 NOAC - Activities Staff Vice Chairman, Iowa University

- 1994 Chairman of the National Explorer Award & Recognitions Committee that developed the Explorer Gold & Leadership awards
- 1996 National Explorer Conference - Flagstaff, Ariz. Conference Program Chairman & Keynote Speaker
- 1997 National Outdoor Seminar - Dallas, Texas Staff (Speaker/Presenter)
- 1998 National Explorer Conference - Univ. Maryland, Conference Program Chairman
- 1994-1998 Member of the National Exploring Standing Committee
- 1995-1998 Chairman of the National Outdoor Exploring Committee Representing over 94,000 Explorers & over 5,000 Explorer Units
- 1998-2004 National Outdoor Venturing Chairman One of the Three volunteers who wrote & developed the New Venturing Program & Ranger Award, & Powder Horn Adult Training Course.
- 1998-2004 Member of National Venturing Committee
- 1999-2000 Selected as a member of National Wood Badge task force writing the new Wood Badge training for the 21st century
- 1999 Instructor at Philmont Training Center - Venturing Course
- 1999 Asst. Course Director First National Powder Horn Course (Philmont)
- 1999 & 2001 Presenter National Outdoor Seminars
- 2000 Author and Creator of the New Venturing Leadership Trek Program (Nature of Leadership Treks) Kodiak Trek
- 2000-2003 Named to the National BSA Field Book Task Force Creating & Writing a new BSA field book
- 2003-2004 Venturing Kodiak X Task Force
- 2004 Philmont Instructor - New Kodiak X course

Regional OA Service

- 1990 OA/NL Health & Safety Adviser, Fort Jackson S.C.
- 1991 OA/NLS Program Adviser, Davidson College
- 1994 Completed Contract for new NLS Program
- 1990-1995 Attended five SE or Southern Region OA Meetings
- 1990-1993 SE-8 Section OA Adviser
- 1993-1995 SR-6B Section OA Adviser Honor Section every year that he was adviser
- 2002 Appointed OA Conclave Adviser, SR-7

Lodge OA Service

- 1982-1983 Lodge Adviser Shenandoah Lodge Lodge earned honor lodge status both years
- 1983 Lodge Earned the E. Urner Goodman award
- 1962 Lodge Secretary (youth) Shenandoah Lodge
- 1961 Chapter Chief (youth) Shenandoah Lodge
- 1957-63 1970-present (39 years) Active in OA

Scouting Service

- Eagle Scout with two Palms - 1959
- Member of Knights of Dunimus (Eagle Scout Society)
- Eagle Scout Escort to Pres. John F. Kennedy at both his Inauguration and the Inaugural Ball 1960
- Neighborhood Commissioner Robert E. Lee Council 1970-74
- Founded NESAs in Stonewall Jackson Area Council 1974
- Council Chairman NESAs 1974-1976

- Scoutmaster Troop 47 Waynesboro, Va. - total 7 years
- Assistant SM Troop 47 Waynesboro - total 2 years
- Den Leader Pack 47 - 2 years
- Webelos Leader Pack 47 Waynesboro, Va. - 2 years
- Varsity Scout Coach Team 47 Waynesboro - 2 years
- SJAC Vice President Program 1983-1984, 1994-1997
- SJAC Council President 1984-1986
- SJAC National Council Representative 1982-1994
- SJAC Council Commissioner seven years 1987-1994
- 1979 Selected as Chairman of Capitol Campaign (New Council office in Stonewall Jackson Area Council)
- 1980 Chairman Building Committee - Council office dedicated August 1980
- Scoutmaster for three scout leader development courses
- Instructor for seven years at Commissioner College
- Served on Numerous training & Wood Badge courses
- 1997-98 Staff for Regional Explorer Winterfest Volleyball tournament coordinator & seminar speaker
- 1997-1998 Council Vice President for Communication
- 1998-1999 Council Vice President for Venturing
- 1996-1997 Associate Explorer Post Adviser for Explorer Post #47
- 1998-2000 Associate adviser for Venturing Crew #47 Sponsored by the LDS Church
- 2000-Present SJAC Executive Board & National Council Representative

Major Civic & Community Services

- Host family for Japanese foreign Exchange student 1978-79
- Board of Directors of Local United Way 1976-79
- Budget Committee of United Way 1978-79
- United Way Campaign Training Chairman 1979 & 1980
- United Way Silver Award 1978
- J.V. Volleyball Coach, Wilson Memorial High School 1986-1997
- Junior Olympic Volleyball Coach 1995, 1997, 1998
1997 Second Place Va. State Championships
1998 Third Place Va. State Championships
1998 Gold Medal - East Coast 15 & under championship
- Host family for Spanish Students summer abroad 1991-93
- Keynote speaker on scouting for numerous Kiwanis, Rotary, Ruritan and Lions Club Meetings
- Chosen Waynesboro Man of Year by Exchange Club April 1986
- Chosen as Model Waynesboro Family for Community Family Week 1996
- Host Family for Brazilian Foreign Exchange Student 1995-96
- NRA Instructor in Rifle & Shotgun 2000-2003
- 2001-2004 - Appointed as the BSA representative to the National Youth Development Committee of the National Rifle Association

Social & Fraternal Offices

- BYU Cheerleader 1967-1969
- BYU Head Cheerleader 1969
- BYU Cougar Club 1967- Present
- Volleyball Player & Coach City League 10 years
- Volleyball Coach & Official for numerous LDS Church Leagues
- Volleyball Coach for two Explorer Olympic Gold Medal Teams

Religious Offices

- Two Year mission for the LDS Church 1964-1966
- LDS Seminary Teacher 1971-73
- LDS Stake High Council 1980-81
- Second Counselor to the LDS Bishop 1981-82
- Coordinator for Six Virginia, State Wide LDS Scouting Encampments
- LDS Deacon's Quorum teacher and Adviser five years
- LDS Teacher Development coordinator three years
- Speaker for numerous LDS Youth Conferences
- LDS Stake Young Men's Presidency six years
- Waynesboro Ward Executive Secretary
- Adult Sunday School Teacher - 5 years
- High Priest Quorum - Group leader (presently serving congregation)

Business or Professional

- General Dentist 1974-present
- Shenandoah Valley Dental Association
- Virginia & American Dental Association
- International Association of Orthodontists
- American Orthodontic Society
- American Straight Wire Orthodontic Assoc.
- Past President of Waynesboro Hospital Dental Society
- Member of Virginia High School Coaches Association
- Member of United States Volleyball Association
- Member of American Volleyball Coaches Association
- Vice President of Magnolia Associates (Real Estate Acquisition Corp)
- Selected for Who's Who among Business Executives & Professionals for 1996-97, 1998-99, 2000-01, 2002-03, 2004-05
- Named Outstanding Dentist in Waynesboro, Va. by Waynesboro News Virginian 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004
- Named as Recipient: Top Dentists in America 2000, 2002, 2004 (for two year periods)
- Instructor for Laser Dentistry Seminars, (Biolase Inc.)
- Awarded the 2003 National Leadership award for Virginia & named Honorary Chairman of the Republican Business Advisory Council.

Scouting Honors Received

- 1959 Eagle Scout
- 1962 Mormon Youth "Duty To God Award"
- 1976 Scouter Training Award (Scouter)
- 1977 NESAs Silver Wreath Award for Distinguished Service to NESAs
- 1977 Schiff Scout Leader Development Course
- 1978 Scouter Key
- 1979 Wood Badge Beads
- 1979 District Award of Merit
- 1980 Silver Beaver Award
- 1983 Wood Badge Third Bead
- 1983 Mormon Adult "On My Honor Award"
- 1984 Den Leader Training Award
- 1985 Webelos Leader Training Award
- 1985 Order of Arrow Founders Award
- 1991 Commissioner Arrowhead Honor Award
- 1991 Scouter Training Award (Commissioner)

- 1993 Distinguished Commissioner Award (Council Commissioner)
- 1995 James E. West Fellow
- 1996 BSA Silver Antelope Award
- 1998 Order of Arrow Distinguished Service Award
- 2000 National Venturing Leadership Award
- 2001 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award
- 2005 BSA Silver Buffalo Award

Record of OA Membership

- 1957 Ordeal Membership
- 1958 Brotherhood Membership
- 1978 Vigil Membership

Family

- Dr. Miller has been married 36 years to Georgiana Hardesty Miller
- Father of 4 daughters, 1 Eagle Scout son, 4 son-in-laws, 1 daughter-in-law, 9 grandchildren.