

FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - District 2
April 2020 – Summary of Activities - Luke Allen

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 0 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – 0 *Virtual – 2

Schools: Obama STEM*, WILCO*

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 7

Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meeting Conference Calls(4)
FCAE Staff Meeting/Professional Development Conference Call with Rachel Hawk, Farm Credit IL
GAST Grant Evaluation Guidelines Conference Call Meeting with Erica Thieman
Section 6 Ag Teacher Meeting (virtual)

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 0

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 17

Attended daily Illinois FFA Ag Career Corner Facebook streams
Identified teachers & industry friends for Ag Business curriculum revision committee
Updated Teacher and School Data in the Database
Assisted as Virtual Room Host for State FFA STAR and Proficiency Award Judging (3 days)
Develop IACCAI File Sharing resource page
Assist Illinois Department of Ag with questions and payments for Vo-Ag Fairs
Develop new Community College Database user guide
Review GAST grant applications for ISBE
Review ISBE Ag Course matrix to provide feedback
Entered roster for Glenbrook South and reviewed school enrollment data
Worked with Candidates in Completing Requirements for CTE Licensure with Stipulation Certification
Managed and Maintained the Website
Assisted Schools in Posting Teacher Vacancies and Finding Quality Candidates
Assisted Ag Teachers and Administrators with Three Circle FFA and SAE Grant Questions
Composed Email Messages/Updated Email Addresses on the Listserv
Completed Monthly Reports
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests

VI. COMMENTARY

This month has been focused on supporting teachers and administrators who have questions about grants and curriculum resources. It has also allowed me time to work on projects such as updating the community college database user guide. Ag teachers have shown incredible resilience and ingenuity as they have worked so hard to adapt their programs to remote learning- I'm very proud of them all. Our online Illinois Proficiency Interviews went very well considering the technology challenges we faced, and I hope our new system of giving judges access to the record books before the interviews can be something we continue in the future.