

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (9) High Schools (1) Community College (3) AITC Coalition

Belvidere HS	Kaneland HS
Clifton Central HS	Kankakee Comm. College
Cook Co. AITC	Kendall Co AITC
Donovan HS	LaSalle-Peru HS
DuPage Co AITC	Ray Graham HS
Gary Comer Youth Center HS	St. Charles Youth Center HS
Grundy Area Voc. Center HS	

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 1 Participants – 28

- McLean Co. Career Fair- Ag & AgEd careers – ISU Bone Center, Normal – 28

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- Governor’s Rural Affairs Council – IL State Capitol, Springfield
- Sauk Valley Comm. College online courses phone meeting
- IAVAT Legislative Committee teleconference
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- University Council meeting – Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Cultivating Change Summit planning teleconference

Other Activities

- Prepared packets for section IAVAT Winter meetings.
- Began/continued planning to host IL FFA state Vet Science & Food Science CDEs
- Updated the teacher candidate/vacancy pages on the agriculturaleducation.org website.
- Reviewed and made entries in the teacher and program database website.
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1686

Commentary

I’m very happy that we have a record number of student teachers in the pipeline because we also have a record number of programs planning to begin Ag programs next year. I’m also very pleased that University Council is meeting at least 2-3 times/year and they are taking a more active role in advising Illinois Team AgEd on how to grow and improve using data to make decisions. I am optimistic that we will soon have an Illinois Team AgEd meeting where we can finally set plans and goals for the future of AgEd in our state. I have strong commitments from 5, and possibly up to 7, new Ag programs for next year: Donovan, Kane County CTE CO-OP, LaSalle-Peru, Grundy Area Vocational Center, and Rolling Meadows. Rockford East and Parkview Christian are also possibilities.