

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (10) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Chicago Vocational HS
Hiawatha HS
John Marshall HS
Lincoln-Way East HS

Lockport Twp. HS
Naperville Central HS (x2)
Oswego HS (2x)
Serena HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 3 Participants – 151

- JJC Intro to Ag Ed Class Presentation – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet – 24
- Career Fair: Ag Careers & Ag Ed booth – Bolingbrook High School, Bolingbrook – 115
- VALEES CTE Workshop, Using MyCAERT wkp. – Waubensee College, Sugar Grove – 12

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 12

- Illinois FFA Alumni & Illinois PAS Conference – Northfield Inn, Springfield
- Northern Illinois Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting – DeKalb Farm Bureau, Sycamore
- UNO Charter High School (Ag Ed resources, program startup) – Chicago
- TREES EFE P&CC Meeting – Silver Spoon Restaurant, Joliet
- Section 8 Landscape Design CDE – Lockport Twp. High School, Lockport
- LaSalle-Peru HS/Ag Alumni Program Re-start meeting, Delaney's Restaurant, Oglesby
- District 2 FFA Parliamentary Procedures CDE – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet
- STEM Learning Exchange Leadership Meeting -- Commercial Club of Chicago, Chicago
- PARCC & CCSS/NGSS Leader Cadre Workshop – Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- NAAE Teach Ag State Recruitment Grant Teleconference
- Yorkville Christian HS Program Startup – Chili's Restaurant, Morris

Other Activities

- 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 - 1649

Commentary

Most Agriculture teachers consider February to be one of the busiest months of the year, and the same is true for FCAE Staff. School visits, assisting schools who plan to start new Ag programs, posting and seeking candidates for open positions, and collecting and analyzing data from both high school and community college programs. I look forward to further development of the Ag Ed curriculum to address the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards, and to the continued professional development of our teachers in order to remain an integral part of the education of Illinois students. Our teacher candidate shortage continues to concern me, and I have been seeking possible candidates to fill our vacancies by Provisionally Licensed teachers as a "backup" plan for the upcoming available positions.