

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (12) High Schools (1) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Chicago HS for Ag Sciences
Heyworth HS
Joliet Jr. College
Lexington HS
Lockport Twp HS
Momence HS

Olympia HS
Oswego HS
Serena HS
St. Anne HS
West Chicago HS
WILCO Area Career Center HS
Woodland HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 5 Participants – 249

- Section 6 Winter IAVAT Meeting – Rosita’s Restaurant, DeKalb – 16
- Section 8 Winter IAVAT Meeting – Neuqua Valley HS, Naperville – 12
- Careers in Agriculture – Waubonsie Valley HS, Aurora – 95
- Section 7 Winter IAVAT Meeting – Somonauk HS, Somonauk – 14
- Careers in Agriculture & Ag History – Metea Valley HS, Naperville – 112

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- University Council AgEd Meeting – IAA Headquarters, Bloomington
- Tour NIU Hotel/Prep for STAR Bus Trip in September, DeKalb
- NSERVE Summer Ag Program Meeting – Starbucks, Wilmette
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Old Mill Alternative School exploratory Ag program – Old Mill School, Addison
- ILCAE & FFA Alumni Conference – Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign

Other Activities

- Prepared packets for section IAVAT Winter meetings.
- Communicated with future AgEd students and Admins at schools with openings
- Organized industry volunteers for Illinois FFA Food and Vet Science CDE
- Prepared materials for State Food & Vet Science CDE
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1483

Commentary

I’m optimistic about the opportunities we have to start new and non-traditional program designs at schools in urban parts of District 2, our struggle will continue to be the need for teacher training. Several of the options I see for starting non-traditional designs will require professional development for teachers to learn about Ag Education.