

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (9) High Schools (2) Community College (3) AITC Coalition

Chicago Vocational HS	Lincoln-Way West HS
DeKalb AITC	Marengo HS
DuPage AITC	Peotone HS
Hinckley-Big Rock HS	Sycamore HS
John Marshall HS	Technology Center of DuPage (HS)
Joliet Jr College	Triton College
Kane AITC	Waubonsie Valley HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 4 Participants – 54

- Section 6 Winter IAVAT Meeting – Cabanna Charlie’s, Sycamore – 14
- Section 7 Winter IAVAT Meeting – Hank’s Farm Restaurant, Ottawa – 17
- Section 8 Winter IAVAT Meeting – John Marshall HS, Chicago – 8
- Section 10 Winter IAVAT Meeting – Central HS, Clifton – 15

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 9

- PARCC Administrator Update Conference – Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington
- West Chicago HS (New Program Startup Pitch) – West Chicago HS, West Chicago
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Somonauk Christian School (New Program Startup Pitch) – Somonauk Christian School
- 212 Conference Workshops – Chicago Marriott, Schaumburg
- DuPage County AITC Coalition Meeting – DuPage Farm Bureau, Carol Stream
- Judge Section 7 FFA Public Speaking CDE – Seneca HS, Seneca
- Judge Illinois PAS Ag Sales CDE – Northfield Inn, Springfield
- Illinois FFA Alumni – Northfield Inn, Springfield

Other Activities

- Prepared packets for section IAVAT Winter meetings.
- Manage IL Ag Education GoToMeeting, Facebook, Twitter accounts
- 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 - 1821

Commentary

I continue to reach out through mutual contacts or cold calls to schools in my region who either used to have Ag programs (West Chicago) or are interested in starting programs. I plan to contact Science department chairs of Suburban community colleges to recruit students for Ag Ed- I hope to find at least 1 student per college to become Ag Teachers. After discussing Comm. College needs with several of those faculty members, I plan to organize a suburban Ag College meeting this spring for idea sharing and to encourage PAS and IACCAI Participation.