

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
Luke Allen, District II Program Advisor
June 2018 Report

On-Site Assistance – (4) High Schools	(0) Community College	(1) AITC Coalition
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Cook Co AITC	Lexington HS
Burlington Central &U46 HS	Peotone HS
East Aurora HS	

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 4 Participants – 76
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- Livingston Co AITC SAI – Livingston Co Farm Bureau, Pontiac – 16
- Using National Program Quality Standards – IAVAT Conference, Decatur – 13
- Marketing your Ag Program – IAVAT Conference, Decatur – 17
- Developing a welcoming and inclusive classroom – Cultivating Change Summit, Des Moines – 30

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 5

- Governor’s Rural Affairs Council Education Committee teleconference
- Judge IL FFA Ag Communications CDE – Lincoln Land College, Springfield
- Illinois FFA Convention – Bank of Springfield Center, Springfield
- IAVAT Conference & ILCAE Meeting – Decatur Conference Center, Decatur
- Cultivating Change Summit – Downtown Marriott, Des Moines IA

Other Activities

- Incentive Funding Grant and 3 Circle Grant assistance
- Assisted provisional teachers with licensure process.
- Assisted admins at new Ag programs with grant paperwork/applications
- Purchased materials for new Ag programs
- Enter & review AgEd enrollment and program data for accuracy
- 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 - 1650

Commentary

At the end of June almost all Ag programs had their IFG submitted and almost all data was complete. I am planning for 3 new Ag programs next year (Marquette, Grundy AVC, and Donovan) and 2 new Ag Literacy Coordinators for next year. My goal next year is to move all school visits to the fall during chapter visits then re-visit when needed, but that should make it easier to visit everyone. I am excited about the AET implementation rollout and that we will no longer be collecting rosters each year. After participating in the Cultivating Change Summit I have developed some ideas that Illinois can implement to make our state a more welcoming place for both Ag teachers and FFA members, partly including a recommendation to adopt an inclusion and non-discrimination policy for both IAVAT and Illinois FFA which would be easy to find on websites.