

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (15) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Addison Trail HS	John Marshall HS (2x)
Chicago HS for Ag Sciences	Indian Creek HS
Clifton Central HS	Kaneland HS
Evanston Twp. HS	LaSalle-Peru HS
Glenbrook South HS	Newark HS
Genoa-Kingston HS	Tinley Park HS
Hinckley-Big Rock HS	Yorkville Christian HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 2 Participants – 135

- Proviso West HS Career Fair, Proviso West HS, Hillside – 75
- Chicago Ag Science HS Career Day, Chicago – 60

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 5

- DuPage County AITC Coalition Meeting, DuPage Farm Bureau, Carol Stream
- Section 8 Vo-Ag Fair, Chicago Ag Science HS, Chicago
- Chicago Ag Science HS- Senior Exit Interviews -- CHAS, Chicago
- FCAE Staff Meeting – Bevier Hall, UIUC, Urbana
- IL AITC Coordinator Meeting – IAA Headquarters, Bloomington

Other Activities

- Work with administration to finalize new program startup paperwork.
- Actively outreach to Ag community and others to search for possible teacher candidates.
- 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 - 1718

Commentary

One of my big goals at this time of year is working with those schools who are “on the fence” about starting an Ag program to get them to commit to completing the paperwork during May. I’ve actively encouraged administration to attend the IL FFA Convention in June, and one school (Yorkville Christian) has agree to do that. Another school, Addison Trail, is working with their teacher to determine if she has enough work experience. Starting new programs continues to be a project I am committed to, and I am hopeful that the STAR (State Teach Ag Results) program will help us with both short- and long-term increases to teacher supply.