

FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - 3 MAY 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR JENNIFER WATERS

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 0 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 1

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COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – *Adams
*Virtual Meeting

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 9

Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meeting Conference Calls (4)
IL FFA Agriscience Fair Written Report Conference Call with Dr. Erica Thieman
Adams County Ag in the Classroom Advisory Board Meeting Conference Call
State Ag in the Classroom Coordinators' Virtual Meeting
IAVAT Legislative Conference Call
National Chapter Award Judging Webinar

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 0

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 16

Reviewed Course Enrollments, Contacted Teachers, and Made Adjustments and Notes as Needed
Assisted Teachers and Students with IL FFA Agriscience Fair Display Submissions
Developed Interview Schedule for IL FFA Agriscience Fair and Shared with Participants & Judges
Finalized List of Judges for IL FFA Agriscience Fair
Tabulated student scores for IL FFA Agriscience Fair Written Reports
Communicated with Programs Regarding Vacancy Postings
Answered Questions Regarding Ag Incentive Funding Grant / 3 Circles / National Chapter Award
Updated Supply & Demand Document Along with IL Ag Ed Website Vacancy/Candidate Pages
Viewed and Asked Questions for Weekly Facebook Live Career Corner Chats
Participated in Weekly Ag Ed State Staff Ag Teacher Conference Call Chats with Ag Teachers
Researched and Developed Agricultural Processing Course Outline
Communicated with CASE to Enroll Teachers in IL AgriBusiness BriefCASE for CORTEVA Grant
Judged National Chapter Award Applications Round 1
Developed Virtual IAVAT Conference Professional Development Plan & Contacted Presenters
Updated Website with Professional Development Opportunities and Shared on Social Media
Hosted & Assisted with District 2 & 3 Public Speaking Virtual Events

VI. COMMENTARY

In a time of uncertainty, it is nice to know that the world of Agricultural Education and FFA will work to find means to keep programs going and continue to support schools, teachers and students. This month has been filled with opportunities and challenges alike. I have developed and redeveloped plans for the IAVAT Professional Development offerings for this summer and continue to add opportunities as they arise for our teachers. Moving to a virtual format will change “the way we have always done it”, but it will also allow us to archive information to share on our website for years to come. The student competitors in the IL FFA Agriscience Fair continue to amaze me with their dedication and perseverance as they develop, conduct, research and report findings from their homes and often times without the assistance of their instructors. I am proud to report that we are in the process of scoring their written reports with the assistance of university staff members and graduate students. I am also working with the students and our judges to create our schedule for the coming month when students will share their knowledge with our judges. While it is not a typical year, our members and teachers continue to shine and excel due to our combined efforts in agricultural education.