

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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November 2014 Report

On-Site Assistance – (7) High Schools (0) Community College (1) AITC Coalition

Bremen HS	Gardner-South Wilmington HS
Chicago Ag Science HS	John Marshall HS
Cook Co AITC	Oswego East HS
Elgin HS	Peotone HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 4 Participants – 182

- District 2 Food Science CDE (host) – D2 FCAE Office, Joliet – 95
- IAVAT Student Branch Workshop (AgEd Site Resources) – Danville Area CC – 15
- Ford-Iroquois Ag Careers Night – Ford-Iroquois FB – 50
- IL School Board Conference Round-Table Presentation – 22

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 9

- TREES EFE Ag & IT Teacher Advisory Committee – Joliet HS Admin Center, Joliet
- Cook Co AITC Advisory Committee – Cook CFB, Countryside
- Elite Conference – IAA Headquarters, Bloomington
- ISBE Budget Hearing (AgEd Line Item Support) -- Round Lake MS, Round Lake
- Food Science CDE Contest judging-- FONA International, Geneva
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Urban Agriculture Teacher Workshop – Triton College, River Forest
- IL School Board Conference- Ag Ed Booth – Hyatt Conference Center, Chicago
- ISBE Budget Hearing (AgEd Line Support) w/ State Officer – Thompson Center, Chicago

Other Activities

- Prepped for School Board Conference
- 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 - 1642

Commentary

This month I have focused on developing the relationships at schools who have either lost their Ag program (Oswego East) or who have very little participation in AgEd outside of the classroom to increase their numbers and involvement. My goal for December is to continue discussion with those schools to build a recruitment campaign before course signups begin. I was impressed with the Marengo chapter students who spoke on behalf of AgEd at the ISBE Budget Hearing; the chair spoke of the Board's continued support for the great work of Ag Education and commended Marengo students on representing AgEd so well. School Board Conference was a success and the Roundtable Discussions I hosted on PARCC Assessment Examples was very well attended; attendees from each session asked for follow up materials after each round.