

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (7) High Schools (1) Community College (1) AITC Coalition

Chicago Public Schools HS
Gary Comer Youth Center HS
Heartland Community College
Illinois State University
Lincoln Way Central HS

Livingston County AITC
Lyons Twp. HS
Manteno HS
Oswego HS
Parkview Christian HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 2 Participants – 503

- ISU AgEd class presentations – ISU Ropp Ag Building, Normal – 28
- National FFA Convention – Diversity & Inclusion workshops, Indianapolis – 475

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- John Marshall HS Awards Ceremony – Best Western Hotel, Hillside
- IACCAI Annual Conference – Kaskaskia College, Salem
- FCAE Staff teleconference
- NASAE Annual Conference – Westin Hotel, Indianapolis IN
- National FFA Convention – Indianapolis IN
- Governor’s Rural Affairs Council – IL State Capitol, Springfield

Other Activities

- Completed and printed Community College Data report
- 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 - 1328

Commentary

I was very excited by the opportunity to be invited to present about diversity and inclusion at the National FFA Convention this year! We had 450 students and 25 teachers attend our workshops and the National FFA was the financial sponsor of the workshop, so I was able to perform this at no cost to the FCAE project. I have submitted a proposal to IAVAT and IL FFA to present these workshops in Illinois next summer. I have several schools that are already planning to begin new Ag programs next year. I continue speaking about the importance of Teach Ag recruitment everywhere I go. I look forward to presenting with Larry Gossen at IAVAT Conference this summer about the new design of SAE that was shared with us at NASAE Conference- I hope we can get Illinois Team Ag Ed to meet soon so the model can be adopted by Illinois and we begin a true push for 100% SAE involvement at the local level. We need to offer serious incentive to encourage this. I would like to see Illinois pay for the AET subscription as a state AND add additional Incentive Funding points to schools who show increases up to 100% SAE participation under the new model. We also need Universities to step up and offer training on this.