

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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September 2017 Report

On-Site Assistance – (12) High Schools (1) Community College (1) AITC Coalition

Chicago Ag Science HS
Chicago Youth Development HS
DuPage Co AITC
John Marshall HS
Kishwaukee College
Lincoln Way Central HS
Momence (River Valley) HS

Naperville North HS
Southside Occupational HS
St. Anne HS
Tinley Park HS
Thornton Twp. HS
Tri-Valley HS
Yorkville Christian HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 5 Participants – 64

- District 2 Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting – Grundy County Farm Bureau, Morris – 8
- Ag Career Fair (AgEd) – Illinois State University, Normal – 16
- Ag Career Fair (AgEd) – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet – 21
- District 2 New Teacher Mentoring Trip – Pontiac and Streator – 7
- STAR TeachAg Bus Trip – NIU Holmes Student Center, DeKalb – 12

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 4

- TREES EFE: P&CC Meeting, Joliet Jr. College, Joliet
- Section 8 Urban Forestry CDE, Morton Arboretum, Lisle
- National TeachAG pre-event social/dinner – Giordano's, Oak Lawn
- National TeachAG Day Event – Chicago HS for Ag Sciences, Chicago

Other Activities

- Prepared and organized STAR TeachAG bus trip details.
- Organized District 2 new teacher mentoring trip.
- Communicate regularly with new/provisional/online "Assistant FFA Advisors"
- Assisted teachers with Ag Incentive Funding Grant budget process
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1876

Commentary

This was a very busy month with assisting new online programs, grant budget delays, National FFA website technology issues, and assisting new Ag teachers. The STAR TeachAg bus trip had 12 participants and the reviews were overall very positive; I hope the Ag Education professors are able to recommend a better date and more strongly encourage better participation next year. I am eager to assist Grundy Area Vocational Center (GAVC), LaSalle-Peru, and Burlington Central with their new/expanding programs for next year and I hope to visit all of the schools in the North Shore EFE to build demand for the summer Ag course. My goal is to increase demand for the course this year so we can add a 2nd level course and begin our state's first "summer only" ag program.