

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
Luke Allen, District II Program Advisor
February 2015 Report

On-Site Assistance – (8) High Schools	(1) Community College	(0) AITC Coalition
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Beecher HS	Manteno HS
Hinckley-Big Rock HS	Plano HS
Joliet Jr. College	Pontiac HS
Lockport HS	Seneca HS
	Streator HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 9 Participants – 310

- Section 10 Winter IAVAT Meeting – Clifton Central HS, Clifton – 15
- Kendall Co. Farm Bureau Acquaintance Program – Newark HS, Newark – 25
- Chicago Ag HS Ag Education Student Job Shadow Day – Clifton & Peotone – 6
- Bolingbrook HS Career Fair – Bolingbrook HS, Bolingbrook – 115
- Hinckley-Big Rock MS Career Fair – HBR MS, Big Rock – 25
- Naperville Record Book Workshop – NCHS, Naperville – 6
- Sandwich HS Career Fair – Sandwich HS, Sandwich – 65
- Plano School Board Summer Ag Program “Pitch” – Plano – 8
- DuPage Co Teacher Institute Ag Workshop – College of DuPage – 45

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 7

- Illinois AITC Winter Coordinator Meeting – IAA Headquarters, Bloomington
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield
- District 2 FFA Parliamentary Procedures CDE – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet
- Kishwaukee College Hort Advisory Mtg – Kishwaukee College, Malta
- Naperville Central National FFA Officer Visit – NCHS, Naperville
- iLandscape Trade Show & College/HS Student Workshop – Raddison Hotel, Schaumburg
- Section 7 Acquaintance Day & Dr. Steve Brown evening social – Ottawa HS, Ottawa

Other Activities

- Communicate with non-approved school administrators to build case to start Ag
- 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 - 1417

Commentary

This month has been very busy with career fair presentation requests, assisting teachers with Spring CDEs and Record Books and working with administrators who wish to plan for new Ag programs. A core group of Chicago area individuals have organized to start a much-needed Section 8 FFA Alumni and I will organize that in March. We continue to receive more requests for Ag Career Awareness presentations that can be accommodated; it is my hope that we can develop a way to meet those needs at the next District Ag Literacy Coordinator meeting.