

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (7) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Chicago HS for Ag Sciences
Clifton Central HS (x2)
Lane Tech HS

Lincoln-Way Central HS
Streator Twp. HS
Yorkville Christian HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 3 Participants – 49

- Livingston Co Summer Ag Institute – Livingston Co FB, Pontiac – 18
- Cook Co. Summer Ag Institute – Cook Co FB, Countryside – 23
- Ford-Iroquois Summer Ag Institute – Ford-Iroquois FB, Gilman – 8

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- TREES EFE CTE Dep't Chair Meeting, Hero's West Restaurant, Joliet
- New Teacher/New Program, Mike McMahon, Gary Comer Youth Center, Chicago
- Illinois FFA Convention – Prairie Capitol Convention Center, Springfield
- MWE/Briggs & Stratton Teacher Workshop, MWE Headquarters, Aurora
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- DuPage AITC Coalition Meeting – DuPage Co FB, Carol Stream

Other Activities

- Prep Materials for IL FFA Convention Teach Ag Booth
- Update data for Community College and University pages of IL Ag Ed Annual Report
- Work with teachers who are applying for provisional license
- Updated the teacher candidate/vacancy pages on the agriculturaleducation.org website.
- 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 - 1766

Commentary

As of the end of the month, only two of my schools are still looking for a teacher. There could still be more vacancies, but I have confidence we can find candidates to fill these openings. I look forward to at least one new program next year; Yorkville Christian HS completed its' paperwork. Another, Gary Comer Youth Center, is likely to charter an FFA Chapter in Chicago in the fall. All of the provisional teachers joining the district seem willing to take the AgEd 499 Beginning Ag Teacher course, and that feels like a major accomplishment considering the large number of Provisionals in my district next year.