

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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June 2015 Report

On-Site Assistance – (2) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Chicago HS For Ag Sciences

Gary Comer Youth Center HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 4 Participants – 59

- Kane County AITC SAI – Kane County Farm Bureau, St. Charles – 16
- Cook County AITC SAI – Cook County Farm Bureau, Countryside – 21
- Stephenson County AITC SAI – Stephenson Co Farm Bureau, Freeport – 8
- Livingston County AITC SAI – Livingston Co Farm Bureau, Pontiac – 14

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- TREES EFE CTE Department Chairs meeting – Hero’s West, Joliet
- Illinois FFA Convention – Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield
- Peotone HS Ag Program Admin Meeting – District 2 FCAE Office, Joliet
- DuPage Co AITC Coalition Meeting – DuPage County Farm Bureau, Carol Stream
- IAVAT Summer Conference – Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield

Other Activities

- Reviewed IL Ag Ed Plan for updates
- Prepped for SAI Presentations
- Develop new teacher resource binder
- 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 - 1523

Commentary

At the end of June most of our openings have been filled, and our efforts seem to be making progress to recruit more students into Ag Education. Our state’s teacher educators met twice this month and have developed ideas for improvement of mutual effort to grow Ag Teacher Education; I hope these efforts will help us better utilize our STAR and GAST resources to recruit and retain future teachers.

I continue to build relationships with the hope of developing a Chicago-Area FFA Alumni chapter. It is making very slow progress due to the busy summer schedules, but my goal for the group is to “host” the Section 8 Ag Teacher meeting in early September.