Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education

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# On-Site Assistance – (2) High Schools (1) Community College (2) AITC Coalition

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| Chicago Ag Science HS  College of Lake County  Lake County AITC | LaSalle County AITC  Southside Occupational HS |
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# Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 5 Participants – 757

* DuPage County Teacher Inservice – DuPage Co. Farm Bureau, Glen Ellyn – 25
* Newark FFA & Alumni Banquet – Newark HS, Newark – 85
* Bolingbrook HS Career Fair – Bolingbrook HS, Bolingbrook – 47
* Will County AITC Expo- Ag Careers presentation, FCAE D2 Office, Joliet – 300
* Kane County AITC Expo- Soybeans, Mooseheart Fieldhouse, Mooseheart- 300

# Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 7

* IAVAT Prof. Dev. Cmte Teleconference
* TREES EFE P&CC Team Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Joliet
* District 2 FFA STAR interviews, JJC Main Campus, Joliet
* District 2 FFA Proficiency & AgScience Fair, FCAE District 2 Office, Joliet
* College of DuPage Floral Design CDE, Glen Ellyn
* FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
* IL FFA Ag Communications CDE Judge, ISU Campus, Normal

# Other Activities

* Clean, organize Urban office
* Deliver used computer equipment to Momence Ag program
* Collect data for Community College database
* Contact schools without Ag to share Ag Careers & new program startup materials
* Seek out & educate future AgEd candidates for teaching Ag
* 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 - 1276

# Commentary

Schools are still reluctant to consider starting new Ag programs, but my goal has been to work with programs that have been uninvolved to motivate them to participate in at least one event per semester or year. I have been successful at this, which I hope leads to those teachers bringing students to those events next year.