

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
Luke Allen, District II Program Advisor
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On-Site Assistance – (5) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Addison Trail HS (startup)
Belvidere HS
Chicago Vocational HS

John Marshall HS
Somonauk-Leland-Sandwich HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 3 Participants – 1955

- Will County Ag Literacy Expo: Ag Careers – Joliet Jr. College Ag Center, Joliet – 1280
- Kane County Ag Literacy Expo: Soybeans – Mooseheart Fieldhouse, Mooseheart – 500
- CPS- CTE Student Recruitment Expo – UIC Forum, Chicago – 175

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 16

- Section 6 Job Interview CDE Judge – DeKalb High School, DeKalb
- JJC Ag Advisory Committee Meeting – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet
- Section 10 Public Speaking CDE Judge – Herscher High School, Herscher
- Grundy Area Vocational Center (tour, discuss add Ag) – GAVC, Morris
- Hinckley-Big Rock FFA Chapter Banquet – Hinckley-Big Rock High School, Hinckley
- Loyola University Sustainable Ag Program – Loyola University, Chicago
- District 2 FFA Stars Event- Visit with Teachers – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet
- Host District 2 Ag Science Fair & FFA Proficiencies – FCAE D2 Office, Joliet
- Section 8 Floral Design CDE – College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn
- Curriculum Meeting- New Ag Science Curriculum Planning – IL Farm Bureau, Normal
- District 2 FFA Novice Parly Pro CDE Judge – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet
- FCAE Staff Meeting – Farm Credit Services office, Sherman
- Funeral Visitation, Ms. Byrd, CHAS Ag Teacher, Chicago
- IL FFA Ag Communications CDE Judge – Illinois State University, Normal
- Citizen Schools Program Meeting – Cook County Farm Bureau, Countryside
- John Marshall HS School Gardens Meeting – John Marshall HS, Chicago

Other Activities

- Prepared packets for section IAVAT Winter meetings.
- Gathered materials and sent info on State Content Standards to Dick Treat.
- Typed and proofread the minutes for the ILCAE meeting.
- Reviewed and processed amended IFGA budgets.
- Completed several tasks related to the PSAA assessment review process.
- 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 - 1936

Commentary

As a result of the many snow days over the winter, teachers are having a difficult time "catching up" in their courses. This also makes it difficult to schedule visits to schools. My goal is to finish school visits in April. I continue to worry about filling all of our vacancies, and many good programs face a strong possibility of cuts due to the continued budget problems at the local level.