

**Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education**  
**Jennifer Waters, District III Program Advisor**  
**November 2018 Report**

**On-Site Assistance –( 1 high school, 2 AITCs)**

Virginia

Sangamon-Menard-Logan AITC  
Cass-Morgan AITC

**Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 1 Participants – 85**

- Build Conference Teacher Workshops and Tours - 85 teachers

**Meetings/Conferences/Conventions –**

- FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield
- PAS Conference, Springfield
- ICAE Meeting, Champaign
- ILCAE Meeting, Decatur
- BUILD Conference, Decatur
- Professional Development Conference Call to plan 212 Conferences
- Agricultural Education Partnership Meeting, Sangamon County Farm Bureau
- Cass-Morgan Ag in the Classroom Advisory Council Meeting, Jacksonville
- WIU Ag Education Advisory Council Meeting, Macomb
- Cass County Ag Night, Virginia
- Met with Justin Newell at Bethalto Civic Memorial High School regarding starting an ag program for their high school.

**Other Activities**

- 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.
- Assisted programs with completing the National FFA membership information/dues payment
- Contacted teachers regarding status of Ag Incentive Funding Grants.
- Contacted teachers regarding status of FFA Chapter Strategic Plans.
- Prepared materials for BUILD Conference Professional Development.
- Collaborated with presenters regarding the BUILD Conference.
- Contacted teachers regarding signed contracts for sub pay for AGED499 Mentoring Visit
- Developed FCAE Red Flag Report for Ag Incentive Funding Grants
- Entered professional development requirements and distributed CPDUs for BUILD Conf.
- Outlined the Ag Ed Annual Report and located photos and data to be included
- Judged National FFA SAE Grants
- Worked with Illinois Agri-Women to develop professional development opportunities for teachers who will be attending the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Event in March. Developed flyer to be included with registration and completed details with staff at Richland Community College.
- Contacted Lincoln Electric regarding Summer 2019 Welding Workshops

**Miles Traveled - 792**

## **Commentary**

A month full of deadlines for applications, grants, budgets, membership reporting and more combined with the early arrival of snow made for an exciting month. Although I was unable to physically visit as many high schools as I would have liked to during the month of November, I feel like my time in the office and in meetings has been well spent. The deadlines for our teachers and programs this month increased the volume of calls, emails and text messages from teachers and administrators alike. Therefore; while visits were not made to the high schools, a number of programs have been assisted and technical support has been provided. Through the Ag in the Classroom meetings I have attended this month, I am proud to see the number of K-8 students who are exposed to agricultural literacy continue to rise. As a mother, I know the power of these programs and just how important they are when I receive information at home about their visits and receive agriculture lessons at the kitchen table at night. The BUILD Conference was a new experience this year from the professional development side of the position. While we were expecting 30 teachers to attend, 84 attended and were trained in AET from the student record keeping perspective, took part in tours of ADM corn processing plants, and heard from COUNTRY Financial about planning for their futures and retirement. In this, the month of giving thanks, I am thankful to be part of the FCAE Team and to be able to provide support and guidance for a program that I truly believe in and have since I set foot into Introduction to Agriculture class over twenty years ago. We are blessed with the infrastructure to provide services to our teachers and the students they serve and work with some of the best people in the profession.