

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance –(18 high schools, 1 AITC)

A-C Central
Brown County
Calhoun
Camp Point Central
Canton
Capital Area Career Center (2)
Cuba
Franklin
Gillespie
Lewistown
Lincoln
Lincoln MS - Edwardsville

New Berlin
Payson-Seymour
Pawnee
PORTA

Outside of D3:

Central A&M
Taylorville

AITC:

Sangamon-Menard-Logan

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 3 Participants – 181

- Western Illinois University Career Fair – 160 participants
- AGED499 Mentoring Visits to Taylorville & Central A&M – 9 participants
- National AgriScience Fair Preparation Day – 12 participants
- WLDS Radio Interview regarding National FFA Convention with Roger Ward

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions –

- FCAE Staff Meeting, Mattoon
- AEP Annual and Bi-Monthly Meeting – elected to serve at-large and as secretary
- Illinois Association of Community College Ag Instructors Conference
- National FFA Convention – Bus Trip with Taylorville FFA Chapter
- Nutrients for Life Advisory Board Meeting, Bloomington
- Illinois State Board of Education Budget Hearing, Springfield
- Met with teacher and administration regarding retirement at Camp Point

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.
- Reviewed course enrollment data and contacted teachers for verification
- Contacted and assisted teachers in entering student enrollment on AET
- Communicated with school administrators & teachers regarding 3 Circles Grant
- Revised Administrative Code 75 with Dean Dittmar
- Assisted teachers in completing the Ag Incentive Funding Grant
- Posted vacancy notice for two retiring teachers at Highland
- Assisted potential candidates with license with stipulations through ISBE

Miles Traveled – 1694

Commentary

The word of the month seems to be “grants”! This month I have had the pleasure of working with teachers, district bookkeepers and administrators alike to complete the budgets for the 3 Circles Grant. Given that this is the second year of the grant, there are quite a few questions regarding the completion, especially considering a number of applicants are new this year. There are 45 teachers who are able to take advantage of the grant this year. As always, we strive to continue to make improvements to our other grants. Dean Dittmar and I reviewed and suggested revisions to the Administrative Code that deals with the Agricultural Incentive Funding Grant to clarify and hopefully better assist those who are eligible to receive the grant. In addition to the grant work, I also had the opportunity to travel to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN with the Taylorville FFA Chapter. While there I chaperoned students, assisted in preparations for the National FFA AgriScience Fair, witnessed the opening session of convention and met with supporters and sponsors of the local chapter and the Illinois FFA Foundation. While on visits to programs, I have been able to meet with students who are excited to start the process to complete their Illinois FFA State Degree Applications in the coming months, those who are creating in the agricultural mechanics labs, and those who are competing in career development events and celebrating successes. Each month brings an unique opportunity in the classroom and as a FCAE Program Advisor.