

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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September 2018 Report

On-Site Assistance –(11 high schools, 3 Colleges)

Capital Area Career Center
Griggsville-Perry
Highland
Illini West
Jacksonville
Lewistown
Mt. Pulaski
Staunton
Warsaw

District 4 Schools:
Central A&M
Taylorville

Colleges:
Illinois College
John Wood Community College
Western Illinois University

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – Participants – 487

Lincoln Land Community College Career Fair – 382 students
STAR Bus Trip for PreService Teachers – 25 students
ELITE Conference – 80 students

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions –

- FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield
- District III STAR Conference, Perry
- Western Illinois University Greenhand Conference
- District 1 & 3 Meeting at WIU Greenhand Conference
- IAVAT Professional Development Conference Call
- FCAE Conference Call
- Ag Incentive Funding Grant Rules Review Meeting with Kevin Larsen
- Section 14 FFA Officer Team Meeting and Chapter Visit at CACC
- Met with Michael Woods, Illinois College regarding the future of the program.
- Section 12 FFA Officer Team Meeting and Chapter Visit at Lewistown
- Calendar Work Day at the Illinois FFA Center
- IAVAT Legislative Conference Call
- AGED499 First Year Teacher Mentor Visits to Highland & Staunton
- AGED499 First Year Teacher Mentor Visits to Taylorville & Central A&M

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.
- Coordinated with FFA Center Staff for STAR Bus Trip lodging/meals.
- Coordinated meals for the ELITE Conference
- Assisted teachers and administrators to complete the 3 Circle Grant Budget
- Developed updated course outlines for posting to the Ag Ed Website
- Reviewed Ag Incentive Funding Grant for updates/changes
- Delivered Ag Ed Promotional Materials to Michael Woods at Illinois College

- Assisted teachers in completing course rosters on AET
- Follow up with teachers regarding course enrollments in AET for accuracy
- Reviewed Graduate Survey Completion and assisted teachers in the process
- Coordinated AGED499 Mentoring Visits for class members in District III
- Developed Ag Biology course outline by coordinating with CAERT
- Developed Ag Biology course description with input from Biology course outlines
- Provided teacher data to John Heiser for IAVAT purposes of mentoring contacts

Miles Traveled – 1054 miles

Commentary

As our teachers and students have settled into the 2018-2019 school year, the emailed questions are coming, grants are in full swing and opportunities to connect teachers has begun yet again. This month I had the pleasure of meeting with Section Officer Teams to share the message of Ag Education and the role of FCAE in assisting them in their positions. The 3 Circle Grant continues to require a great deal of time with budgets and clarifications as we enter the second year with the grant. Our new teachers have traveled to mentoring school districts to learn about quality programs and gain insights to classroom management, FFA management and how to survive their first year of teaching and beyond. The STAR Grant has allowed us to continue our efforts for teacher recruitment and retention with the ELITE Conference and STAR Bus Trip; it is encouraging to see so many students excited about a future in Agricultural Education.