

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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April 2018 Report

On-Site Assistance –20 high schools

Program Visits:	Okaw Valley HS
Arcola HS	Paris HS
Cerro Gordo HS	Shiloh HS
Dieterich HS	St. Elmo HS
Edinburg HS	Stewardson Strausburg HS
Georgetown-Ridge Farm HS	Urbana HS
Greenville HS	Vandalia HS
Kansas HS	Villa Grove HS
Mattoon HS	New Program Meetings:
Mulberry Grove HS	Hutsonville High School
Nokomis HS	Decatur Public Schools

Workshops/In-services/Presentations (3 Presentations, 53 Participants)

- University of Illinois Ag Ed Class Presentation (Juniors), 16 Students
- University of Illinois Ag Ed Class Presentation (Seniors), 12 Students
- ROE #11 Meeting- 3 Circle Grant, 25 Administrators

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions

- STAR Sub-Committee Conference Call
- FCAE & FFA Meeting, Springfield
- Ag Legislative Conference Call
- DPS/National FFA Foundation Meeting
- FCAE Staff Meeting, Peoria
- Farm Bureau Youth Conference Teach Ag Booth, Peoria

Other Activities

- Assisted with Teach Ag Ambassador Student Application
- Ag Ed CDE lesson plan collection, organization & working with judges
- Assistance with IFG Amendments
- Discussed 3 Circle Grant with a variety of teachers and administrators
- Talked with Chris Kerns/Greg Mast about a potential new private school program at Arthur Okaw Christian School
- Developed postings for job openings
- Developed and distributed survey for prospective STAR Bus Trip Participants
- Added PaCE Framework to junior high course outline
- Worked on developing New Teacher Handbook
- Assisted five new programs with FFA Chartering and IFG Paperwork
- Developed & distributed \$1,000 startup order form for new programs
- Lake Land College prep for a summer in-service teacher registration & logistics
- Developed and posted listserv messages
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled –1989 miles

Commentary

April felt like one of my busiest months to date, with lots of traveling to programs, conferences, workshops! A major focus of this month has been working with districts on their IFG Amendments and working with schools to be able to take advantage of the FY19 3 Circle Grant. All visits in the past month have included discussions with teachers and administrators on the benefits of this grant and assisting them in overcoming obstacles that kept them from signing up this past year. It was also important to check in with those 19 teachers that were able to participate and see if they had any issues and were planning to stay involved with the grant. April also saw a few different workshops with the Ag Ed Students at the University of Illinois. Working with the juniors, we focused on how to develop leadership within an agriculture program, from freshmen through senior year. Visiting with the senior class, we focused on what to do once they had secured a job. A lot of great questions about extended contracts, stipends and the 3 Circle Grant were addressed during the class. This month we also saw the second group to compete in the Agricultural Education CDE. This year there were nearly double the participants as last year. My hope is that we can start looking at having district qualifiers, so that more students are able to participate and teach their lessons. Big thanks goes to Kathy Novotney, Ryan Wildman and Julie Niemerg for spending countless hours scoring all 25 lesson plans!