

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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March 2018 Report

On-Site Assistance – 10 high schools, 2 CC

Program Visits:

Cowden Herrick High School
Heartland Tech Academy
Heritage High School
Monticello High School
Shelbyville High School
St. Joseph Ogden High School
Windsor High School

College/University Visits:

Lake Land College
Richland Community College

New Program Meetings:

Argenta-Oreana High School
Warrensburg High School
Decatur Public Schools (MacArthur)

Workshops/In-services/Presentations (201 Participants)

- Women Changing the Face of Agriculture (150 Participants)
- Opportunities for Cross Curricular Activities Workshop at DPS District Institute (35 Participants)
- Lake Land College Teach Ag Presentation (16 Participants)

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions

- FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield
- District IV Proficiencies, Sullivan
- State Awards Day, Champaign
- ILCAE/ICAE Meeting, Atlanta
- WCFA Pre Conference Event, Champaign
- Ag Legislative Committee Conference Calls
- Decatur Public School Ag Program Celebration

Other Activities

- 1st Farm Credit Services Scholarship Evaluation, Mahomet
- Heartland Tech Academy Invitational Vet Science & Agri-science Fair, Decatur
- District IV Proficiencies, Sullivan
- District IV Parliamentary Procedure & Job Interview, Lake Land College Mattoon
- Assisted at State Vet Science & Food Science, Joliet Junior College
- Ag Ed CDE Promotion & Rules Update
- Preparing for Lake Land Teach Ag Presentation
- Assisting Student Teachers
- Uploading Rosters
- Scheduling ROE Meetings
- Assistance with Grant Reporting
- Developed and posted listserv messages
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled –1834 miles

Commentary

March has went by very quickly with a lot of traveling to various events! Highlights from this month included a lot of New Program activities. Decatur Public Schools has had a number of different events to engage the community, students, parents and business and industry. It has been exciting to see the district come together for this exciting new program. Tied directly to the excitement of the new agriculture programs in Decatur are other schools in Macon county preparing for agriculture programs of their own. Warrensburg had a fantastic turn out for their 8th grade orientation and highlighted the new agriculture program very well. Argenta Oreana is planning on offering an introduction to agriculture class, with the hopes of having a full program in the next few years. This excitement in Macon County has also lead to great discussion on ways to improve the agriculture department/program at Richland Community College. District IV's other new program, Bismarck Henning has hired a teacher and is working with the education foundation on securing grant money to purchase equipment and get the program started on a strong foundation.

Other highlights included presenting to the students at Lake Land College and the teachers are the Decatur Public School's District Institute Day. I always enjoy getting back into "teacher mode" and teaching a lesson or two!