

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
Megan Coy, District IV Program Advisor
October 2018 Report

On-Site Assistance – 13 High Schools

Program Visits:

- Charleston
- Fisher
- Greenville
- Mahomet Seymour (x2)
- Morrisonville
- Mt. Zion
- Nokomis
- Oakwood
- Okaw Valley
- Paxton-Buckley-Loda
- Tuscola
- Unity-Tolono

Non-approved Program:

- Vision Way Christian School Taylorville

Workshops/In-services/Presentations- 108 Participants

- University of Illinois Ag Ed Club Panel Discussion (30 Participants)
- Teach Ag Presentations at Oakwood High School (78 Participants)

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions

- NASAE Conference
- National FFA Convention
- IACCAI Conference
- University Illinois Student Teacher Interviews
- Decatur Agriculture Meeting
- RFD Radio Interview
- University of Illinois Ag Ed Student Lunch

Other Activities

- STAR Budget Work & Final Report
- Developed Fall Checklist to assist teachers in completing rosters, IAVAT membership dues, IFG Budget, etc. on time
- Update Remind.com
- Organized two 1st year Teacher Mentoring Trips
- Worked with DPS on logistics for November ILCAE Meeting
- Contacted programs for the National Officer Experience Week in February and worked on logistics for that event.
- Worked with teachers to get their Ag Rosters completed in AET
- Created and distributed sub plans & activities for 1st & 2nd year to utilize during FFA Week
- Assisting teachers/administrators with 3 Circle Budgets
- FFA Roster Assistance
- Worked on D4 Ag in the Classroom Meeting
- Worked with new teachers on curriculum resources
- Updating & adjusting the STAR ELITE/ GAST Tracking Document
- Developed and posted listserv messages
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled –914 miles

Commentary

October was filled with conferences, grant assistance and working with a variety of teachers and administrators! This month was filled with a lot of important deadlines for agriculture teachers across the state, include FFA Membership deadline, IAVAT membership deadline, 3 Circle Grant budgets due and working on Incentive Funding Grant. Time as spent assisting teachers in getting these completed and developing resources to make it easier for them to find all of the resources they need. I have found making check lists with all of the resources linked has been very helpful in getting District IV teachers through all of the systems in an efficient way. I was happy to see that all programs in District IV submitted their 3 Circle Grant Budgets and FFA Memberships before their respective deadlines. With National Convention and parent teacher conferences, it is a busy time for teachers! This month was another of my favorite events of the year, the 1st Year Teacher mentoring trip. This year District IV has 12 first year teachers, so we traveled on two separate days with different teachers. I am so appreciative of the great experienced teacher that we have who are always welcoming to the new teachers. This year we were able to spend one day with Mike White and Kirsten Wyatt at PBL and Rich McCabe at Unity Tolono. Those experienced teachers share resources, advice and even some of their own plants with the group of new teachers. The following week the rest of the group spent the day with Jennifer Wherley at Mahomet and Jennifer Boberg at Fisher. Teachers left with classroom management ideas and a fantastic landscape project. The end of the month included NASAE conference and National Convention. Both of these events are highlights of the year, as we are able to meet and share ideas with other State Agriculture Education Staff from around the country.