

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

**On-Site Assistance – 9 high schools, 1 Community College**

**Program Visits:**

- Armstrong
- Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin
- Central A & M
- Cerro Gordo
- Dieterich
- Hoopston Area
- Hutsonville
- Sangamon Valley
- Sullivan High School

**Community College:**

- Lake Land College

**Workshops/In-services/Presentations (288 Participants)**

- Bismarck Henning Rossville Alvin Why Not Join FFA? Presentation (57)
- Elite Conference (106)
- STAR Bus Trip (25)
- University of Illinois Greenhand Workshop Session (100)

**Meetings/Conferences/Conventions**

- CCPE Full-Cross Sector Committee Meeting Agriculture High School Endorsement
- Lincoln Land Community College Opportunity Fair
- FFA Center Calendar Day
- University of Illinois Ag Ed Meeting
- Ag Legislative Committee Conference Call
- FCAE Staff Meeting
- Statewide Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting

**Other Activities**

- Elite Registration Communication with Teachers
- Elite College Fair Management
- Created handouts for Teach Ag Videos and General Ag Ed for Elite
- Worked with Heartland Community College and set up, food and tech needs for Elite Conference
- Set up Elite Facebook Group & updated with follow up information after the event
- Worked on Teach Ag materials for Parents to be mailed out following Elite Conference
- Developed, printed nametags/folders/promotional material for Elite
- STAR Bus Trip Social Media Promotion
- STAR Bust Trip contacts with individual students and university/community college personnel
- Updated budget for STAR and organized pictures for report and other agriculture education promotion
- Assisted Section Presidents from District IV in scheduling school visits
- Meet with two perspective ELS Candidates to assist with licensure
- Designed, ordered and assembled STAR Teach Ag Swag Bags (padfolios, bags, etc.)
- Coordinated schedules, assessed needs of teachers to set up Ag Ed 499 Mentoring Trips for the 12 new teachers and district
- Worked with new teachers on curriculum resources
- Updated Remind.com calendar for teachers

- Assisted with 3 Circle Grant questions/budgets
- 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 –1617miles**

### **Commentary**

September has flown by with a number of different events! A large majority of my time was spent getting ready for and hosting the STAR Bus Trip in Central Illinois and the Elite Conference in Bloomington. The STAR Bus Trip saw an increase in participation this year which the staff was very happy about. We were able to take 25 college students, representing the four Ag Ed Universities and three junior colleges, to visit three different agriculture programs. They were able to meet the FFA Center Staff the first evening and get to know one another better as we did a workshop on working with FFA Officer Teams and incorporating leadership/team building into the classroom. The group spent the next day visiting Athens High School, touring the facilities, including the greenhouse and large garden and orchard, observing mechanics and junior high classes and asking questions of the principal about the hiring process. The group then traveled to Mt. Pulaski and received supplies to do a hands on electrical wiring project with Mr. Allen. The final stop of the day was Sangamon Valley High School where Ms. Cowan discussed community involvement, gave the group a tour of the brand new greenhouse and they completed their own wood working/string art project. It was great getting to make early connections with these future teachers. Elite was also a high attendance event. We unfortunately were not able to get all of the 150 students that registered into the conference. We are looking to change some of the registration process next year to ensure more schools are able to send students. The conference hosted 106 students and the college fair had nine universities/community colleges for the students to talk with. Other important things going on this month, included assisting teachers through the 3 Circle Grant budget processes and troubleshooting issues. With this being only the second year of the grant and ISBE being short staffed it has added some additional difficulties in the process. However we are working together to get all of the teachers/administrators questions answered and issues fixed. Looking forward to October, the new teachers of District IV will be going on their New Teacher Mentoring Trips and some of the FCAE staff will be attending NASAE and National FFA Convention!