

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (9) High Schools (1) Community College (1) AITC Coalition

Chicago HS Ag Sciences	John Marshall HS
Cook Co AITC	Kaneland HS
Crane HS	Lockport HS
Grundy Area Voc. Center (GAVC)	Oswego HS
Heartland College	Reed Custer HS
	Somonauk HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 2 Participants – 31

- MACS EFE Elementary Career Educators wkp, Ag Careers & resources, Oak Lawn- 17
- Ag Careers – Niles North HS, Skokie – 14

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 5

- IL AgEd website redesign meeting – IL FFA Center, Springfield
- ISU AgEd Advisory Committee & Student teacher interviews – ISU, Normal
- IACCAI Conference – Lakeland College, Mattoon
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- NASAE Conference & National FFA Convention – Westin Hotel, Indianapolis

Other Activities

- Finalized Community College data summary report
- Assisted teachers with IFGA and 3 Circles Grant, FFA membership, strategic plans, IAVAT membership
- Developed AgEd website sitemap & communicate with Wieghat Graphics for website bid
- Reviewed and made entries in the teacher and program database website.
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email & phone correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1598

Commentary

Our new teachers seem to be doing very well as they finish their first quarter of teaching. The IFG and 3 circle budget process has been very long and time-consuming, and it has been very difficult to track which programs have submitted and which have not. I continue to get many requests for ag career presentations at schools without Ag programs, and I involve county AITC coordinators in as many as I can, but we might need to begin considering additional resources to serve as Ag & AgEd ambassadors in the metro Chicago area. I am looking forward to working with the new website host, Wieghat Graphics, to develop our new website and I am confident that it will increase the efficiency of AgEd state staff and streamline Ag teachers' workflow by providing them with on-demand account balances, membership & registration systems, and professional development