Agricultural Education is excited to welcome 28 new students to the program! This includes undergraduate students (Agriculture Leadership Education, 10; Agricultural Science Education, 10) and graduate students (8).

Willow Krumwiede is a freshman majoring in Agricultural Science Education. She is looking forward to starting this new chapter in her life. After she served last year as the Illinois FFA State Treasurer, she worked with many agriculture educators across the state and saw how big of an impact teachers can have on students’ lives. “As an Agriculture Education teacher and FFA advisor, I want to use what I learn at the University of Illinois to have an impact on my own students’ lives!”

Amy Loschen is a junior studying Agricultural Science Education. This will be her first year in the program after transferring from Lincoln Land Community College. “I am excited about all of the different organizations I can join, as well as the opportunities that come with attending the University of Illinois.” After graduation, Amy plans to become an Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor.

I’m excited to meet the amazing students and faculty. I know many of them will be great people to know during my time on campus and after graduation.”
Treavor Taylor
Agricultural Leadership Education
Transfer student from Lake Land College

The Greenhand Conference will be held Wednesday, September 23rd. The conference is organized and conducted by the Collegiate FFA and Ag Ed Club members. The cost is $10 per member. Registration is due before Friday, September 11th. Register for the conference at http://go.illinois.edu/GH_Conf.

Questions about the Greenhand Conference should be sent to the Conference Coordinator, Shelby Cooper (sccoope2@illinois.edu).
SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR

Scholarships & Awards

Two seniors were recognized this Summer for earning scholarships. Congratulations to Clay Carley for earning the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Upper Division Scholarship and the Illinois Eldon E. Witt Scholarship. Congratulations also goes to Shelby Cooper for earning an NAAE Upper Division Scholarship and a scholarship from the Illinois Agri-Women organization.

Shelby Cooper (third from left) received a scholarship from the Illinois Agri-Women.

Jesse Faber, IAVAT President and UIUC Alum (left) presented the award to Clay Carley, (right) senior in Ag Ed.

STUDENTS HONOR & THANK

Agriculture Teachers

The 2015 Agricultural Education graduates recognized their agriculture teachers, in addition to their cooperating teachers from student teaching, during the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Conference in June. Thank you and congratulations to the Teacher of Teacher Award Recipients!

“It was valuable to learn selflessness and dedication from my cooperating teachers. Being in the real life situation cannot be taught in a classroom setting!”

ASE Graduating Senior
Throughout this experience, I learned a lot about myself – including my strengths as well as areas in need of improvement. Before this internship, I had never experienced – and in some cases never even heard of – the type of work I was doing. It stretched me far outside of my comfort zone and challenged me in ways I had never been challenged before. All of my experiences during this internship combined with a great deal of reflection have led me to determine a more specific career path which is the source of this renewed excitement for the future.”

Abby Marten
Intern at FLM+
Indianapolis, IN

The most important lessons I learned during this experience were to always remain motivated and that persistence is vital.”

Michael Smith
Intern with University of Illinois Research Apprentice Program (RAP)

This internship showed me an entirely new career field that I did not even realize existed.”

Tim Callahan
Intern with Lisa Burgoon
Director of the Minor in Leadership Studies

A total of 16 Ag Leadership Education students traveled out of their comfort zones this summer to complete professional internships in Illinois and beyond. Ag Leadership interns clocked more than 6,000 hours with partnering organizations on independent projects including youth development, crops and drones, urban agriculture mapping, zoo education, and human resources development. Read about their experience at agleadershipinterns.blogspot.com.
FACULTY ATTEND SUMMER

Conferences & Conventions

Agricultural Education faculty attended several conferences and conventions throughout the Summer. Many individuals served as presenters, workshop facilitators, and guest lecturers.

Special congratulations to Lisa Burgoon, Agricultural Education Program Faculty and Director of the Minor in Leadership Studies, who was recognized with the Outstanding Educator Award during the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) conference.

- American Educational Research Association (AERA) in Chicago, IL: April 17-21
- American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE) in San Antonio, TX: May 19-22
- Illinois FFA Convention in Springfield, IL: June 9-11
- Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Conference in Bloomington, IL: June 16-18
- North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference in Athens, GA: June 16-20
- LEAD21 conference in Minneapolis, MN: June 21-26
- National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Region IV Conference in Moline, IL: June 23-25
- National Leadership Symposium in Louisville, KY: July 20-22
- Leadership Educators Academy in Orlando, FL: August 2-5

AG EDUCATION STUDENTS EARN American FFA Degree

Four students from the University of Illinois Agricultural Education Program will receive their American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 31, 2015.

Andrew Klein
Amboy FFA

Willow Krumwiede
Pittsfield FFA

Elizabeth Kueker
Mt. Vernon FFA

Molly Novotney
Seneca FFA

AERA 2015 was very eventful and I enjoyed engaging with academics from across the globe as a representative of AgEd and the University of Illinois!"

Dr. Cecilia E. Suarez, Ph.D.