STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN

Italy Study Abroad

This past May, a group of 16 students spent two weeks in Italy as part of a study abroad program coordinated by David Rosch and Debra Korte. The tour was designed to focus on the influence of leadership styles during the rise and rule of the Roman Empire, the beginning of the Renaissance, the rise of the Holy Roman Empire, and continuing through to today in the European Union. Over the 12 days, students visited Rome, Florence, Venice, and even spent an afternoon on a family-owned winery and olive farm in the Tuscany region. “Italy is such a great place to study leadership,” according to Dr. Rosch. “There have been so many influential leaders from there — Julius and Augustus Caesar, Constantine, the Medici’s and Machiavelli in Florence, two millennia of popes, and the culture that gave rise to Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus in Venice.” During the trip, students attended various seminars focused on specific historic periods or people, and visited corresponding locations, including the Coliseum, Ancient City, and Vatican in Rome, the Duomo in Florence, the Doge’s Palace in Venice.

Four words -- culture, history, leadership and gelato can be used to describe my amazing experiences in Italy.”

Megan Vogt
Ag Science Education

“The environment, the family, the love any student who joins Agricultural Education at the University of Illinois experiences, is what made my choice easy. There’s no place like home, and that’s here.

Alicia Kabat
Ag Science Education

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION Welcomes New Students

The Agricultural Education Program is welcoming 11 incoming freshmen and 21 transfer students to the University of Illinois! The graduate program also continues to grow; this year, there are 11 full-time graduate students on campus and 23 online students. Welcome to the Illinois family!

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JORDAN JOHNS SELECTED AS NATIONAL NAAE TeachAg Ambassador

Jordan Johns, sophomore in Agricultural Science Education, is one of 12 university agricultural education students nationwide selected to serve as a Teach Ag Ambassador for the National Teach Ag Campaign. As an ambassador, Jordan will promote careers in agricultural education and represent the campaign during the National FFA Convention in October. She will also spend part of her year of service inspiring others to pursue a career as an agriculture teacher and help promote the profession through various Teach Ag campaign efforts. The National Teach Ag Campaign is an initiative of the National Council for Agricultural Education led by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. The campaign is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, and is funded by the CHS Foundation, DuPont Pioneer, and Growth Energy.

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT National FFA Convention

Six students majoring in agricultural education at the University of Illinois will receive their American FFA Degree during the National FFA Convention. Students receiving the degree are: Kade Hill, Paxton-Buckley-Loda FFA; Jordan Johns, Pontiac FFA; Alicia Kabat, Mt. Vernon FFA; Kolton Kimpling, Woodland FFA; Meg Meeker, Hartsburg-Emden FFA; and Kaity Spangler, Bushnell-Prairie City FFA.

Kade Hill, freshman in Agricultural Science Education, will represent Illinois as a National Officer Candidate during the 89th National FFA Convention & Expo on October 19-22, 2016, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Kade will participate in several one-on-one and group interviews, in addition to speaking engagements and workshop facilitation. The officer team will be announced during the final convention session on Saturday, October 29. Kade served as the 2015-16 Illinois Association FFA State President and is a member of the Paxton-Buckley-Loda FFA Chapter. Best wishes to Kade during the convention!
The University of Illinois Greenhand Conference will be held Wednesday, September 21st. The conference is organized and conducted by the Collegiate FFA and Ag Ed Club members. Early registration is due Friday, September 9 at a cost of $10 per member. After September 9, the registration cost is $20 per member. The fee includes a meal, t-shirt, and workshop fees. To register for the conference, click this link: http://go.illinois.edu/GHC16. Registration and meal begin at 4 pm; the conference will start at 4:30 pm.

Dave Rosch, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Gary Ochs
Teaching Associate

Amy Loschen
Ag Education Senior

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“...I feel more prepared to train Career Development Teams, thanks to experienced agriculture educators who were willing to share their knowledge.

Shelby Cooper
Ag Teacher, A-C Central

Nearly 40 teachers attended a Career Development Event graduate course last summer, sponsored by the Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education.

Students & Faculty Earn Awards and Recognition

Agricultural Education students and faculty earned recognition for their efforts in and out of the classroom.

Dr. Rosch, Assistant Professor, received the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Educator Award and the Association of Leadership Educators Distinguished Scholar Award. Each award recognized individuals who contributed significantly to the research and scholarship of teaching and learning, particularly in leadership studies.

Gary Ochs, Teaching Associate, received the Illinois Association FFA Honorary State Degree during the State FFA Convention in June. Mr. Ochs was recognized for his many years of service as a high school teacher and university teacher educator, state camp director, and Career Development Event judge at national, state, and local competitions.

Amy Loschen, senior in Agricultural Science Education, earned two prestigious scholarships this summer -- the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Upper Division Scholarship and the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Eldon E. Witt Scholarship. Amy is student teaching in Spring 2017 at the Somonauk-Leland-Sandwich agriculture program with two University of Illinois alumni, Toni Gabriel and Sarah Landers.
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AG EDUCATION STUDENTS COMPLETE Summer Internship Experiences

A total of 17 Ag Leadership Education students completed professional internships last summer. Students partnered with businesses and organizations on independent projects including youth education for crop and animal science industries, human resources employee training, agriculture sustainability programs, and social media marketing plans.

Amy Loschen
National Junior Swine Association

Tim Callahan
GROWMARK, Inc.

Taylor Hardy
COUNTRY Financial

Katie Burns
WYXY Classic 99.1 Radio

Jacqueline Walters
Fair Oaks Farms

Willow Krumwiede
Growing Leaders

Alexa Scampini
ASPCA

Want to learn more? Read more about students’ internship experiences at: agleadershipinterns.blogspot.com

AGRICULTURE TEACHERS RECEIVE IAVAT Conference Recognition

Recent graduates of the Agricultural Science Education concentration recognized their high school agriculture teachers and student teaching cooperating teachers during a special ceremony at the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Conference this summer. New teachers pictured left to right are: Shelby Cooper, A-C Central High School; Hannah Raver, Naperville North High School; Clayton Carley; AgriCorps Fellow; Jacalyn Meisner; Blue Ridge High School; Jacob Meisner, Farmington High School. (Not pictured is Brett Kneeskern, Margareta High School, Castalia, Ohio.) Congratulations to the Teacher of Teacher Award recipients and thank you to all cooperating teachers!