AG ED STUDENTS VISIT

Washington D.C.

For most college students, Spring Break is spent somewhere warm and on a beach. For three Agricultural Education students, Spring Break was spent in Washington D.C. with 17 other members of the ACE 291 class where they met with legislators, agency officials and organization heads directly engaged in the food and agricultural policy process. Andrew Klein, Chandler Bruns, and Kaity Spangler had the opportunity to meet with individuals such as Dale Moore, Executive Director of Public Policy at American Farm Bureau, Chuck Connor, President and CEO of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and Congressman Rodney Davis.

STUDENTS & FACULTY RECOGNIZED AT

ACES Award Banquets

Catherine Riley, CFFA College of ACES Outstanding Advisor Award

Shelby Cooper and Sarah Luce Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Outstanding Seniors

Abby Marten College of ACES Harrison Leadership Award

Sarah Wright and Tim Callahan Orville G. Bentley Award Undergraduate Research Award

Dr. Kari Keating College of ACES Teaching Associate Teaching Award
UIUC HOSTS Ag Ed Day

On Friday, April 15th, 17 high school students and 11 parents and agriculture teachers from across Illinois attended Ag Ed Day. More than 27 Agricultural Education alumni, university faculty, and students presented workshops, provided tours, and answered questions from prospective students.

STUDENTS & FACULTY CELEBRATE ACES COMMENCEMENT

Twenty students and six faculty participated in the University of Illinois College of ACES Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 15. In addition to receiving their diplomas, three Agricultural Education students were recognized at the college level for special awards – Shelby Cooper, James Scholar Award, finalist for the Pioneer Hi-Bred Hugh Morrison Award and finalist for the Warren K. Wessels Achievement Award; Clayton Carley, recipient of the Pioneer Hi-Bred Hugh Morrison Award; and Jacob Dickey, finalist for the Pioneer Hi-Bred Hugh Morrison Award.

Congratulations to the following students who earned their Bachelor of Science or Master of Science degrees:

**Bachelor of Science**
- Jaclyn Benekohal
- Jessica Biernacki
- Clayton Carley
- Shelby Cooper
- Devin Daugherty
- Greg Fassnacht
- Jordan Horwich
- Sarah Luce
- Sarah Luce
- Sarah Luce
- Jacob Meisner
- Jacob Meyer
- Philip Meyer
- Christopher O’Connor
- Hannah Raver
- Nataly Sandoval

**Master of Science**
- Jared Boyert
- Brett Kneeskern
- Jacalyn Meisner
- Catherine Riley
- Elizabeth Shiley
- Ashley Oyirfi
I feel so much more prepared to be in the classroom after teaching lessons to my classmates. Although it may not be the same as a high school classroom, it still proved to be a tremendously valuable learning experience.

Amy Loschen
Junior in ASE

STUDENTS ORGANIZE & FACILITATE

Real World Experiences

Learning by doing, Ag Ed students plan and facilitate workshops in their courses. Students apply classroom knowledge in a variety of settings with real audiences.

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR

Summer Internships

Agricultural Education students are completing professional internships this summer across a wide range of companies and organizations. Thank you to the businesses and community organizations who host students for internship opportunities. We wish them a summer of success and skill development!
DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR

CHS Foundation Room

The Agricultural Education Program was honored to welcome Linda Tank, Senior Vice President, CHS Communications and Public Affairs, along with many students, alumni, and College of ACES faculty to the dedication ceremony of the Agricultural Education and Leadership Learning Space. Thanks to the CHS Foundation, the Agricultural Education Program has a learning environment that is welcoming for future students and upholds the standards of excellence set forth by the University of Illinois as a leader in research and education.

Undergraduate seniors and graduate students returned to campus for seminar sessions after completing their student teaching experiences. This group of future teachers toured high school agriculture programs throughout Illinois, visited with faculty and staff at the Illinois Association FFA Center, and completed professional development workshops with industry representatives. They also participated in discussion panels with high school agriculture teachers and current university students who will student teach next year.

AG LEADERSHIP EDUCATION ORGANIZES

Professional Networking Event

Ag Leadership Education students enjoyed the last day of Dr. Keating’s AGED 310 (Professional Development) class with a networking event. Students met and interacted with professionals from organizations including GROWMARK, Extension, Agrible, Peace Corps, The Career Center, and AgCreate.