FOUR STUDENTS RECEIVE
AGED Scholarships

Students in the Agricultural Education Program are eligible to apply for program-specific scholarships each year. Funds are provided by generous donors of the program who support students’ academic success. This year students received $5,500 in scholarships. The scholarship donors and recipients include: Denver C. & Mildred F. Corn – Jordan Johns; Lloyd Phipps – Willow Krumwiede and Jordan Johns; and Marshall J. Scott – Andrew Klein and Alicia Kabat.

- Jordan Johns
  Corn Scholarship & Lloyd Phipps Scholarship
- Willow Krumwiede
  Lloyd Phipps Scholarship
- Andrew Klein
  Marshall J. Scott Scholarship
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Dr. Jason Emmert, Associate Director of the Agricultural Education Program, attended the NCAC-24 Agricultural Education Research Annual Meeting in Tuscon, Arizona in January. Dr. Emmert connected with leaders from agricultural education, leadership, and communication programs across the country. Emmert said, “It was an honor to represent the University of Illinois and participate in discussions about how we can work together to advance the field of agricultural education.”

STUDENTS TEACH AGRICULTURE CONTENT IN
Ag Science Education Courses

Pre-service teachers in the Agricultural Education Program apply educational theories while using teacher- and student-centered pedagogical practices in a broad range of agricultural content areas. In addition to teaching their peers, students also spend multiple days teaching in high school agriculture classrooms.
ANDREA RAY EARNES COLLEGE OF ACES

Staff Award of Excellence

Andrea Ray, Office Administrator for the Agricultural Education Program, will receive the College of ACES Professional Staff Award of Excellence during the Paul A. Funk Recognition Awards banquet on April 9. She was selected for the award based on her outstanding performance and demonstrated professional excellence in the areas of administration and management. A four-person committee reviewed the application materials, letters of support, and personal contributions statement to select the award recipient. Andrea has been employed at the University of Illinois for 17 years and been a vital part of the AGED Program for nearly 8 years.

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Students Present Workshops

Twelve Agricultural Leadership Education students had the opportunity to present professional workshops to a wide range of audiences on a variety of topics. Planning and facilitating in-person workshops to approximately 25-50 participants for adolescent and adult audiences provides an opportunity for students to develop career skills through real-life experiences. Students presented workshops during the following events: Explore ACES, Women Changing the Face of Agriculture (WCFA), and the Illinois Association of Home and Community Education (IAHCE) Conference.
FIVE AGED STUDENTS SERVE ON Explore ACES Committee

Five students from the University of Illinois Agricultural Education Program (Harley Carlson, Jerry Brockett, Maggi Maxstadt, Oakley Whalen, and Kaity Spangler) served on the 2018 Explore ACES Planning Committee. The College of ACES students who comprise the sixteen-member committee coordinate all details associated with the annual event that draws hundreds of prospective students to campus. Jerry Brockett, AGED junior, described his experience of serving on the planning committee as both humbling and enlightening. Brockett added, "Through my involvement on the committee, I have been able to meet people throughout the college like recruiters, student ambassadors, and prospective students. There is a lot of work put into the event; sometimes it is really tiring and stressful. However, seeing the excitement on kids’ face and their joy at the experiences and opportunities presented here at the college is like nothing else. Explore ACES was the event that helped me decide to come to the University of Illinois, and that was why I joined the committee. I wanted to show the students how great our university is, and I wanted to help the college that has given so much to me."

ALUMNI EVENT

Wednesday, June 20th from 5-6:30 pm
Held in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Conference at the Decatur Conference Center

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM Welcomes New Faculty

Jenn Smist joined the Agricultural Education Program team as an Instructor in January 2018. Jenn will be developing leadership curriculum and teaching courses as part of the new ACES Leadership Academy. These courses will be focused on leadership and personal development topics designed to provide capacity for being better professionals and leaders in learners' communities of practice. The courses will be offered for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as working professionals. Previously, Jenn worked in Residential Life / University Housing at the University of Illinois and taught a section of the AGED 260 Introduction to Leadership Studies course for the past six years.
COURSES PREPARE STUDENTS FOR Human Development Training

"Learner-centered, performance-based" This is the mantra that students learn and live by in AGED 421: Teaching Strategies in AGED for leadership students. In this course, taught by Dr. David Rosch, students are given a platform to explore and experiment with different teaching tools and approaches to better prepare them for their careers ahead. The class takes the form of a learning community, built on support and collaboration.

As a capstone course in human development training, students build on past curriculum and focus specifically on the training experience. Most of the time students are in the front of room, learning from practical application and constructive peer feedback. What makes this course truly unique is the positive environment that allows students the confidence to take chances and the freedom to openly express constructive criticisms and praise for their fellow students. This uncommon, but invaluable, experience provides students the shared responsibility of being both the teacher and learner.

Written by Danielle Brown
AGED Graduate Student

PRESERVICE TEACHERS COMPLETE Experiences with Teachers

First year graduate students and undergraduate juniors in the Agricultural Science Education (teacher licensure) concentration are acquiring experiences in high school agriculture classrooms throughout Illinois this semester. Thank you to the following agriculture educators who are serving as cooperating teachers students:

• Trent Taber, Cambridge
• Jacalyn Meisner, Blue Ridge
• Jessica Collins, Flanagan-Cornell
• Corrine Wascher, Galesburg
• Malory Hughes, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley
• Monty Elvidge, Lincolnwood
• Corrine Batternman, Manteno
• Heather Obert-Belden, Marengo
• Liz Harfst, Normal Community
• Darcy Nekolny, Oakwood
• Bryce Hoffman, Olympia
• Mike White and Kirsten Wyatt, Paxton-Buckley-Loda
• Parker Bane and Jesse Faber, Pontiac
• Britney Cowan, Sangamon Valley
• Casey Bolin, Sandoval
• Riley Hintzsche, Streator
• Don Lockwood, Sullivan
• Rich McCabe, Unity-Tolono
• Callie Parr, Villa Grove