

VAAE September/October Update

Awards & Members in the News

Andy Seibel was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education ACTE Region II Carl D. Perkins Community Service Award. Andy will now represent us at the ACTE Conference November 17-21 at New Orleans!

Ed McCann, Jr. of Appomattox High School was named Region 8 Teacher of the Year! He began his teaching career in Appomattox County Public Schools in 2008. Mr. McCann is an instructor in Small Animal Care, Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural Production Technology, Agricultural Production Management, Foundations of Agriculture, Agricultural Power Systems, and Advanced Agricultural Mechanics. In addition to teaching, Mr. McCann manages a 25 acre land lab for ACPS students. The land lab is home to beef cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens. Students are taught how to raise and show animals across the state.

The following VAAE members/supporters have won the respective National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE) National awards for Region VI and will be recognized at the NAAE Convention New Orleans, Louisiana:

- Teacher Turn the Key recipient is Alison Sutphin. Alison will travel to the NAAE Convention and attend various workshops and professional activities related to agriculture education.
- Outstanding Cooperation recipient is Katie Frazier of the Virginia Agribusiness Council. Katie won the award for her outstanding support to agricultural education. with the Outstanding Cooperation Award.
- Outstanding Middle/Secondary AG Ed program is Central High School. Central High received this award for being an outstanding program in agricultural education and effectively communicating success stories.
- Outstanding Postsecondary/ Adult Ag Ed Program recipient is Dr. Megan Seibel of the VALOR (Virginia Agriculture Leaders Obtaining Results) program. This award recognizes exemplary 2-year postsecondary institutions and full time young farmer and adult agricultural education programs.

Curriculum Review Teams

The following courses are under review and accepting applications. To take a look at the course and competencies currently utilized go to: <http://www.cterresource.org/verso/categories/agriculture-food-and-natural-resources> and select the course you wish to see. If you would be willing to serve on the teacher panel please apply at <https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/cteaps> - if you have any problems, call Ashley at 804-225-2052 or email at Ashley.Brown@doe.virginia.gov. Additionally, if you have suggestions for industry panel participants, please contact Carly Woolfolk at Carly.Woolfolk@doe.virginia.gov.

- Introduction to Plant Systems – 8007
 - Teacher Panel: March 7 – 22, 2016 – Virtual
- Urban Forestry – 8048

- Business/Teacher Panel: Face to Face meeting April 6th with Virtual April 7-20, 2016

Winter In-service

Our 2nd annual Winter In-service will be December 4-5, 2015 at Riverheads High School in Staunton, Virginia. Please check the VAAE website (www.vaae.info) for registration and workshop descriptions.

STAR

The Star team met twice over the summer to identify strategies for recruiting and retaining teachers in Virginia. Each area VAAE Vice President will be handing out flyers at the area meetings to explain our first year strategies which include; Winter In-service, Teach Ag workshop, new teacher welcome packets and many more.

For more information on the star program please visit <http://www.naae.org/teachag/starstates.cfm>

For more information on the Virginia star program please visit <http://www.vaae.info/#!teach-ag/c144t>

Announcements

State FFA Convention is June 20-23, 2016 at Virginia Tech

State FFA Camp – July 11-15, 2016 – Graves Mountain Lodge

VAAE Professional Development Summer Conference – July 18-21, 2016 – Culpeper, VA (Central Area)

VAAE Upcoming Events:

- i. [NAAE Convention](#) – November 17 – 21, 2015 – New Orleans, LA
- ii. Early Teacher's Conference & [Winter Ag Teachers In-service](#) – December 3-5, 2015; Staunton, VA
- iii. [VACTE Leadership Seminar](#) – January 21-22, 2016; Richmond, VA
- iv. Ag Ed Summit – January 26 – 28, 2016; Indianapolis, IN
- v. Middle School Ag Teachers' Conference – March 11-12, 2016; Woodstock, VA
- vi. 2016 VAAE Conference – July 18-21, 2016; Culpeper, VA - Central Area