

VAAE July/ August Update

### **Summer Conference Recap**

Our annual summer conference was held July 13-16, 2015 in Woodstock, Virginia. There were 127 agricultural educators who registered for the conference engaged in personal and professional development opportunities. Conference attendees were able to choose from, and participate in, 29 different workshops and 12 site tours. The VAAE also hosted our annual state banquet in which members and industry leaders received awards and recognition for their respective achievements. The retired Virginia Agricultural Educators Banquet was also hosted by VAAE for the third time with a record attendance of more than 50 retired Ag teachers in attendance. A full list of award recipients can be found on the VAAE website ([www.vaae.info](http://www.vaae.info)).

### **Awards & Members in the News**

Andy Seibel was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education (VACTE) Carl D. Perkins Community Service Award. Jessica Jones was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education (VACTE) Teacher of the Year. Both Andy and Jessica have won the ACTE Region II in their respective award areas!

Congratulations to our Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers Excellence in Agriculture Award winner, Mindy McCroskey of Washington County! Mindy was recognized at the VAFB Young Farmers Summer Expo on Virginia's Eastern Shore and will compete nationally in January.

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 communicate success stories.
- Outstanding Postsecondary/ Adult Ag Ed Program recipient is Dr. 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.

Congratulations to Dr. Megan Seibel Monsanto's Southeast Farm Mom of the Year!

### **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.cteresource.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](mailto:Ashley.Brown@doe.virginia.gov). Additionally, if you have suggestions for industry panel participants, please contact Carly Woolfolk at [Carly.Woolfolk@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Carly.Woolfolk@doe.virginia.gov).

- Agricultural Structural Systems (8017) and Agricultural Fabrication and Emerging Technologies (8019)
  - Business Panel: August 13-27, 2015 - Virtual
  - Teacher Panel: September 17th F/F - October 8, 2015 - Virtual Follow-up
- Agribusiness Fundamentals (8022), Agribusiness Operations (8024), and Agribusiness Management (8026)
  - Business Panel: September 1, 2015 F/F
  - Teacher Panel: October 5 (F/F) - October 20, 2015 - Virtual Follow-up
- Introduction to Natural Resources and Ecology Systems - 8040
  - Business Panel: September 15-30, 2015 - Virtual
  - Teacher Panel: November 4 - 20, 2015 - Virtual
- Land Use and Conservation Management (8047) possible to edit or combine with Intro to NR and Ecology Systems
- Introduction to Plant Systems - 8007
  - Business Panel: September 29 - October 14, 2015 - Virtual
  - Teacher Panel: March 7 - 22, 2016 - Virtual
- Urban Forestry - 8048
  - Business Panel: October 13-28, 2015 - Virtual
  - Teacher Panel: April 6-20, 2016 - Virtual

### **Winter In-service**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Winter In-service will be December 4-5, 2015 at Riverheads High School in Staunton, Virginia. Possible workshops include CNC router, Envirothon, soils, horticulture, Electricity 101, the AET, Proficiency Award Applications, National Chapter Application, Lab Maintenance, Middle School, and Vet Science. Please check the VAAE website ([www.vaae.info](http://www.vaae.info)) for registration and more information as it becomes available.

### **STAR**

The Star team has met twice over the summer to identify strategies for recruiting and retaining teachers in Virginia. Each area Vice President will be handing out flyers at the area meetings to explain our first year strategies which include; Winter Inservice, 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.

FFA Camp will be July 11-15, 2016.

Summer Conference will be July 18-21, 2016.

## **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
- iii. VACTE Conference – January 21-22, 2016
- iv. Ag Ed Summit – January 26 – 28, 2016
- v. Middle School Ag Teachers’ Conference – March 11-12, 2016
- vi. 2016 VAAE Conference Location – July 18-21, 2016; Culpeper, VA - Central Area