

Agricultural Education State Staff Retreat – 2019

Staff present included Jill Sperling, Hugh Mooney, Shay Williams-Hopper, Jackie Ioimo, Dane White, Greg Beard and Charles Parker

Mission Statement

Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resource systems.

Vision Statement

Agricultural Education envisions a world where ALL people value and understand the vital role of agriculture, food, fiber and natural resource systems in advancing personal and global well-being.

Goals

1. To create an environment where every student is valued, respected and engaged in the three-ring model of agricultural education.
2. To provide students with rigorous and relevant education in agriculture in order that they may become career and college ready.
3. To cultivate students' capacity for life-long leadership through character development and skill attainment in integrity, critical thinking and innovative problem solving.
4. Provide experiences for students to develop an understanding of and respect for the agriculture industry.
5. To enhance student learning through financial literacy and resource management.
6. To develop relationships with other organizations that are engaged in aligned work.
7. To connect with stakeholders and the public through multiple media platforms.

Task List

1. AIG recommendations draft to Region Supervisors by September 15 (Hugh)
2. Advisor/Chaperone Expectations (Jackie/Shay)
3. MFE/ALA Talking Points for Region Supervisors by December 1 (Jackie/Shay)
4. Student Code of Conduct (Jackie/Shay)
5. State Officer Candidate Recommendation Form Revision (Dane)
6. Calaged request list to Tyler by September 15 (Charles)
7. Drop down course list recommendations by January 1 (All Region Supervisors)
8. Update ATAC list (Jill)
9. Put certifications on web (Jill)
10. Award date changes (Josiah)

11. Add to sub-committee chair application to include committee chair as well (Josiah)
12. Add to nominating committee application a box to check “if you are not selected a nominating committee member, would you like to be considered as a State Conference Committee/Sub Committee Chair” (Josiah)
13. Contact State Fairs/Shows to ensure official uniform is being adhered too (Charles)

Tyler - Calaged

1. Teachers accessing past year’s data
2. Ease of moving through, having to go back then it takes you to the supervisor page before allowing you to access another teacher/site
3. Accounting page, can we select region to reduce seeing every school in the state
4. Sorting teacher data requested (number of teachers, salary, years teaching, etc.) by Section, Region and State
5. Other than immediate cleanups, all changes/modifications must go through Program Manager

Website

1. More intuitive interface
2. Better marketing tool
3. More inclusive tool
4. Current photos
5. State Conference sub pages?
6. Notification Center is not being used as intended – too many posts and teachers are no longer reading them

Field Day Certifications

1. Email will go to all Field Days that host a Livestock, Ag Mechanics and/or Vet Science Contest letting them know that if they wish to be a qualifier for State Finals they must
 - a. Follow the current Curricular Code (all component s)
 - b. Provide an electronic copy of the results within two weeks of the contest
 - 1) Ag Mechanics – Dr. Greg Schwartz
 - 2) Livestock – Dr. Erin Gorter
 - 3) Veterinary Science
2. Any field days wishing to be added to the list after this initial year (2019-2020) must show evidence that they have conducted the contest(s) following the Curricular Code for at least one year. If selected, they will be required to meet the same conditions as an existing field day.

2020-2021 Calendar

1. Obtain dates for MFE/AL’s – are hotels and dates booked?
2. Calendar dates
 - a. July 6-9 – ROLC
 - b. September 1-3 – State Staff Meeting
 - c. September 12-13 – South Coast SOLS
 - d. September 18-19 – Southern Region CATA Meeting

- e. September 18-19 – North Coast Region CATA Meeting
- f. September 21 – State FFA Executive Committee Meeting/State FFA Advisory Committee Meeting/ State FFA Adult Board Meeting
- g. September 22 – National Convention Delegate Training
- h. September 26 – Central COLC
- i. October 10-11 – South Coast COLC
- j. October 11 – South Coast Region CATA Meeting
- k. October 17 – Southern COLC
- l. October 26-28 – NASAE Meeting
- m. October 28-31 – National FFA Convention
- n. October 31-November 3 – Washington DC Educational Excursion
- o. November 4-5 – New Professional Conference/Emersion Conference
- p. November 7 – State Cotton Judging Finals
- q. November 13 – Superior Region CATA Meeting
- r. November 20 – Central Region Road Show
- s. November 20 – San Joaquin Region Road Show
- t. November 21 – Central Region CATA Meeting
- u. November 21 – San Joaquin Region CATA Meeting
- v. December 14 – South Coast Road Show
- w. January 5-6 – State Staff Meeting
- x. January 7-8 – Student Teacher Conclave/Master Teacher Conference
- y. January 7-8 – CATA Governing Board Meeting
- z. January 15 – Nominating Committee Applications Due/State Officer Applications Due/Committee Chair-Sub-Chair Applications Due
- aa. January 23 – Reedley College Winter Field Day & Natural Resources State Finals
- bb. January 25 – State Conference Registration Due
- cc. February 1 – Star Advisor, Star Administrator, Star Counselor, Star Supporting Teacher and Star Reporter applications due
- dd. February 6 – Winter State Finals (Citrus Judging, Vine Pruning, Fruit Tree Pruning)
- ee. February 8 – Central Region Proficiency Scoring
- ff. February 8 – San Joaquin Region Proficiency Scoring
- gg. February 8 – Southern Region Proficiency Scoring
- hh. February 9 – State Officer Exam
- ii. February 12 – Central Region Speaking Finals
- jj. February 12 – San Joaquin Region Speaking Finals
- kk. February 15 – Regional Proficiency Winners Applications must be Finalized
- ll. February 16 – State Nominating Committee Pre-Screening
- mm. February 19 – Central Region Parli Pro Finals
- nn. February 19 – San Joaquin Region Parli Pro Finals
- oo. February 19 – North Coast Region Speaking and Parli Pro Finals
- pp. February 20 – North Coast Region CATA and FFA Meetings
- qq. February 20 – Central Region CATA and FFA Meetings
- rr. February 20 – San Joaquin Region CATA and FFA Meetings

- ss. February 22 – South Coast Region CATA Meeting
- tt. February 23-25 – State Proficiency Scoring
- uu. February 23-25 – Sacramento Leadership Experience
- vv. February 26 – State Proficiency Finalists Announced
- ww. February 27 – Southern Region CATA and FFA Meetings
- xx. March 5-6 – UC Davis Field Day (Food Science State Finals)
- yy. March 8 – State Finalists Job Interview Materials and Prepared Speaking Manuscripts Due
- zz. March 18 – State Speaking Finals
- aaa. March 19-20 – State Parli Pro Finals
- bbb. March 20-23 – State FFA Leadership Conference
- ccc. April 11 – South Coast State Degree Ceremony
- ddd. April 17 – Fresno State Field Day and State Finals
- eee. May 1 – Cal Poly State Finals
- fff. June 1-3 – State Staff Meeting
- ggg. June 20-24 – CATA Summer Conference

SAE

- 1 Acceptable SAE's
 - a. Mice/Rats for local pet stores
 - b. County Fair Educational Presenter
 - c. Farm Bureau Intern
 - d. Tractor Renovation
- 2 Non-Acceptable SAE's
 - a. Agriculture Department Student Assistant
 - b. Cannabis
 - c. Water Sports
 - d. Non-Agricultural Food Processing (candy making)
 - e. Furniture Making
- 3 SAE hours
 - a. Foundation SAE's (first year students) 10 hours
 - b. Immersion SAE's (continuing students) 50 hours

MFE/ALA On-Site Supervision for 2019-20

1. Regional Supervisor to provide expectations to students
2. Regional Supervisor to meet with teachers and provide expectations
3. Where are the Ag Connections

Ag Incentive Grant

1. Potential Special Projects
 - a. Inclusion (Julie Luxon, Katie Tenneson, Gene Lieb)
 - b. Ag Advisory Committee Handbook/Webinar
 - c. Middle School Curriculum (Clovis, Shannon Spears, Danielle Bower, Sandy Lovfald, Tom Vazquez)
 - d. SAE Kits (Ag Mechanics) (Sam Meredith, Rich Darrach, Luis Guerra)

January State Staff Meeting

1. Include tour of Golden One Arena
2. Invite Hannah to discuss Greenhand Leadership Conference Curriculum and Dates

Road Show Workshops

1. Must Do
 - a. Teacher Tools in SAE (Lauren Peterson, Julie Luxon, Matt Reid, Shelby West, Westley Hunt, Briana Stoops, Nicole Morris, Allison Hoover, Jessica B., Heidi N.)
 - 1) Supervising Projects
 - 2) How to Do Reports
 - 3) Program of Activities
 - 4) Chapter Website
 - b. Ag Advisory Committee Meetings (Sandy Dale, Madera South)
 - 1) Agenda Template
 - 2) Minutes Template
2. Nice To Do
 - a. CDFA “School Farm to Fork” Regulations
 - b. Veterinary Science and Antibiotics (Briana Stoops)
 - c. Inclusion (Kassie Mendes, Jason Ferreira, Kevi Mendes)
 - d. Middle School Curriculum & Inclusion
 - e. Certification (Dustin Sperling)
 - f. UCCI Courses – Story Line
 - g. SAE’s for Agriculture Mechanics
 - h. Question and Answers with Regional Supervisor
 - i. Agriscience Fair (Jordan Albiani)

New Professional Development Ideas

1. Introduction to AET (First Year)
2. Advance AET (Second Year)
3. SAE for All

Responsibilities/Assignments

1. Greg Beard
 - a. Ag Education State Staff Secretary
 - b. Ag Incentive Grant Program Monitoring
 - c. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Office Contract
 - d. Creed Recitation Contest
 - e. MFE/ALA Supervision at Monterey Conferences
 - f. Region CATA Liaison
 - g. Region FFA Management
 - h. Region FFA Officer Team Management
 - i. State Conference Room Set-Ups
 - j. State Conference Workshops
 - k. State Finals Cal Poly
2. Jackie Ioimo-Jones

- a. Ag Incentive Grant Program Monitoring
 - b. Ag Literacy
 - c. Cal Poly Pomona Office Contract
 - d. Impromptu Speaking Contest
 - e. MFE/ALA Supervision at Ontario Conferences
 - f. Region CATA Liaison
 - g. Region FFA Management
 - h. Region FFA Officer Management
 - i. State Conference Buses
 - j. State Conference Tours
3. Josiah Mayfield
- a. Department of Education CTSO Committee
 - b. National Certification (CDE, Agriscience, National Chapter)
 - c. National Convention Delegates
 - d. Regional Officer Leadership Conference
 - e. State Conference Arena
 - f. State Conference Awards (Administrator, Advisor, Counselor, National Chapter, Reporter, Supporting Staff Member)
 - g. State Conference Food
 - h. State Conference Hotels
 - i. State Conference Program
 - j. State Conference Talent
 - k. State FFA Advisory Committee
 - l. State FFA Executive Committee
 - m. State Officer Team Management
4. Hugh Mooney
- a. Ag Incentive Grant Funding List
 - b. Ag Incentive Grant Program Monitoring
 - c. American Degree's
 - d. Chico State Office Contract
 - e. Fairs and Shows Liaison
 - f. Federal Program Monitoring
 - g. FFA Alumni
 - h. MFE/ALA Supervision at Sacramento Conference
 - i. Parli Pro Contests
 - j. Prop 51 Grants
 - k. Region CATA Liaison
 - l. Region FFA Management
 - m. Region FFA Officer Management
 - n. State Conference Student Stars (Star Farmer, Star in AgScience, Star in Ag Business, Star in Ag Placement)
 - o. State Finals Ag Sales Supervision
5. Charles Parker
- a. AET System
 - b. Ag Education State Advisory Committee
 - c. FFA Contract

- d. History Management
 - e. NASAE
 - f. National Awards (Honorary Degree, VIP Citations, Distinguished Service)
 - g. State Conference Nominating Committee
 - h. State Conference State Officer Candidates
 - i. State FFA Adult Board
 - j. State FFA Foundation Board
 - k. Web Page Management
 - l. Wieghat Graphics – calaged
6. Jill Sperling
- a. Ag Education Job Placement List
 - b. Ag Incentive Grant Program Monitoring
 - c. Certification
 - d. Federal Program Monitoring
 - e. Job Interview Contest
 - f. MFE/ALA Supervision at Modesto Conference
 - g. National Convention Trip
 - h. Professional Development Contract
 - i. Region CATA Liaison
 - j. Region FFA Management
 - k. Region FFA Office Management
 - l. State Conference Meet the Candidates
 - m. State Conference Voting
 - n. State Finals Food Science Supervision
 - o. State Scholarships
7. Shay Williams-Hopper
- a. Ag Incentive Grant Program Monitoring
 - b. CASE Advisory Committee
 - c. Extemporaneous Speaking Contest
 - d. Fresno State Office Contract
 - e. MFE/ALA Supervision at Visalia Conferences
 - f. National Proficiency Awards
 - g. Region CATA Liaison
 - h. Region FFA Management
 - i. Region FFA Officer Management
 - j. State Finals Cotton Judging Supervision
 - k. State Finals Fresno State Field Day
 - l. State Finals Natural Resources Supervision
 - m. State Finals Winter Field Day
 - n. State Proficiency Awards
8. Dane White
- a. Ag Incentive Grant Program Monitoring
 - b. Curriculum Liaison
 - c. MFE/ALA Supervision at Redding Conference
 - d. Prepared Public Speaking Contest
 - e. Region CATA Liaison

- f. Region FFA Management
 - g. Region FFA Officer Management
 - h. State Conference Media Room
 - i. Washington DC Trip
9. Others
- a. Hannah Garrett
 - 5) Leadership Continuum (GLC, MFE, ALA, SLE, Senior Conference)
 - 6) State Conference Delegates
 - b. Lynn Martindale
 - 1) Agriscience State Finals
 - c. Katie Otto
 - 1) State Conference Expo
 - 2) State FFA Foundation
 - d. Matt Patton
 - 1) Agriscience State Finals
 - 2) State Conference Ambassadors
 - 3) State Conference Entertainment
 - 4) State Conference Judges Orientation
 - 5) State FFA Adult Board
 - 6) State Finals Uniform Check
 - 7) State Officer Dormitory
 - e. Jennifer Stockton
 - 1) FFA Membership
 - 2) State Conference Registration
 - f. Kerry Stockton
 - 1) State Conference FFA Store
 - 2) State FFA Foundation Awards

State Conference

1. State Office Candidates on Stage
 - a. Video
 - b. Ag Question
 - c. Follow-up from video round
2. Meet the Candidates
 - a. Before ballot is announced
 - b. Scan attendance-must be present
 - c. Suitability evaluation
3. Delegate Operations
 - a. Include in orientation importance of voting
 - b. Should be part of delegate training and Regional Caucuses
4. Nominating Committee
 - a. Potential assistants (Austin, Marcus, Erica)
 - b. More consistency in criteria for nominating committee from year to year
 - c. Less influence from chair
 - d. Reprioritize to focus on heart and potential over current ability
 - e. Make cut relevant to job (more holistic)

5. State Talent – New system to encourage better talent
6. Consider reinstating Awards dinner
7. Arena Stage
 - a. Provide previous year scripts to officers
 - b. Cut unnecessary filler
 - c. No teammate recognition in RA
 - d. RA's to focus on message
 - e. Limit RA intros to 2 minutes
 - f. Plaque reading – cut inside jokes/look at alternatives
 - g. Advisor recognition reorganize with intent
 - h. Theme presentation should be message driven
 - i. State Officer recognition by Assistant State Advisor can be done at the Parent/Officer Dinner with short piece in session.
 - j. Use advisors to check for official dress
 - k. Usher/security orientation
 - l. Look at video transitions and quick transitions from officers that may come from being in the audience.

ROLC

1. Potential workshops
 - a. Engaging/including diverse audiences
 - b. Making introductions and Thanking Guests
 - c. Microphone skills
 - d. Facilitating skills
 - e. Interacting with adults
 - f. Sound media use
 - g. Industry knowledge

FFA Operations

1. Work with Matt regarding vacations – rotate to ensure someone is at the center at all times and vacations are not in critical times
2. Place sign on front door when it is locked
3. Add mail slot if possible

AIG Revisions

It will be emphasized in the final document that it is expected that programs will meet the intent of California Education Code 52454 to maximize funding.

Since its inception the Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant funding has been based on inputs provided by local education agencies. This proposed revision is to transition to an output-based funding system.

The proposal would create a base funding level that programs would qualify for if certain criteria were met. These criteria include:

1. Properly credentialed teachers.
2. A minimum of a three-year course sequence/pathway.
3. Evidence is provided that student participation in FFA and SAE components is graded.

4. The program offers courses that provide an alternative means for students to meet graduation and/or UC, CSU admission.
5. That chapter has a current Constitution/By-Laws that includes a process that describes how chapter officers are selected.
6. The chapter has agendas and minutes to document at least 8 meetings annually.
7. Agendas and minutes are provided for a minimum of two Agriculture Advisory Committee meetings.
8. Each teacher has participated in a minimum of six approved professional development activities.
To include:
 - a) Fall Region Meeting
 - b) Spring Region Meeting
 - c) Road Show
 - d) CATA State Conference
 - e) Skills week
 - f) Student Teacher Conference
 - g) Cooperating Teacher Conference
 - h) New Professionals Conference
 - i) Advanced Leadership Conference
 - j) Section Professional Development Activities
 - k) Other professional development must be approved by the Region Supervisor in Advance.
9. An opportunity will be provided for new programs or programs that have implemented significant programmatic changes to qualify for base funding.
10. Base funding will be based on a formula that will factor the previous year enrollment "R-2" number.

Beyond the Base level funding programs can qualify for additional funding in four different categories.

Classroom Instruction

1. Freshmen retention rate.
2. Percentage of graduates that are Pathway/Program Completers
3. Number/Percentage of students who complete Industry Validated Certifications.

FFA/Leadership Development

1. Members elect the Chapter Officers.
2. Number of members that participate in local FFA Activities.
3. Number of members that participate in FFA Activities above the chapter level.
4. Number of members that participate in Community Service Activities.

SAE

1. Number of members who have project visits and home visits.
2. Percentage of members with acceptable SAEs.
3. Number of hours journaled for SAE's.
4. Number of skills developed and documented.

5. Consistent with SAE for All developed by The Council, Foundational and Immersion SAEs will be accepted. Foundational SAE must be at least 5 hours. Immersion SAEs must be at least 50 hours and ten percent of the hours can be completed in class.

Other

1. The program provides agendas and minutes of at least three Agriculture Education Advisory Committees that identify recommendations for program improvement.
2. Each teacher has participated in more than the minimum six approved professional development activities.
3. Parity of enrollment based on gender and ethnicity.
4. Parity of participation in above activities based on gender and ethnicity.
5. Parity of participation in SAEs based on gender and ethnicity.