

IAAE – Purdue

*“To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world.”
– Dr. Seuss*



2014 IAAE-Purdue Parent-Member Banquet

On April 12, 2014, IAAE-Purdue members gathered to celebrate the past year. The successful Spring Parent-Member Banquet was held at Beck’s Agricultural Center. Members, their families, and special guests enjoyed a nice meal as they watched the presentation of awards. Every year the banquet presents a unique networking experience. This year was no different as each member conversed with the sponsors and special guests.

Many esteemed individuals in the fields of agricultural education came to support IAAE-Purdue. Amongst the guests this year were Dr. Marcos Fernandez and Mrs. Stefany Deckard. Dr. Fernandez is Purdue’s College of Agriculture’s Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs, and Ms. Deckard is the Agricultural Education Specialist at the Department of Education. Needless to say, these individuals are very passionate about agriculture and certainly have impacted the industry.

During the evening, there was an impressive awards ceremony. Class superlatives, outstanding member awards, and distinguished service awards were presented. In addition, 21 scholarships were awarded to some hardworking Agricultural Education students.

Even though it’s difficult to think of a better banquet, the Programs and CDE Committee is already working on ways they can improve the banquet for next year!



“We’ve been #tAGged to teach Ag!”



**Do
What
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Love.
Love
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2014 AG WEEK

See What Ag Gives

Purdue Farmer 5K

The first ever Farmer 5 K was on April 6th with the race beginning at 9:30 a.m. The race was a great success helping to jump start Ag week with a boom! Runners came from all over. On race morning some of the runners came wearing their best “farmer” outfits helping them to win the best outfit awards. This was the first race put on by the Collegiate FFA, but it sure was a success. Runners came excited to help out a great organization and enjoy a nice run on Purdue’s campus. Approximately \$1,000 were raised for Food Finders which will help to feed families. Along the race course, volunteers held up signs that had agriculture facts on them helping to educate the runners. It was a great day and helped to get everyone excited for Ag Week!



Got Milk?...and Grilled Cheese?



Milk Monday was held during Ag week and the Dairy Club represented the dairy industry well for agriculture. They did so by handing out dairy products to educate our fellow Purdue students about different dairy products that can be produced from milk. Members of the club made high quality grilled cheese with fun, interesting dairy facts on the bag. Along with this, milk donated by Prairie Farms was given to students. This event was a success because a lot of the students were interested in being educated about the dairy industry and also were very interested to know all of the fun and exciting things Ag Week had to offer on campus. A huge “Thank you!” goes to the sponsors who helped to make Milk Monday a success!

Are You Smarter Than an Ag Student?

All across campus from April 6th- 11th, the students’ love of agriculture was evident. Even the Bell Tower, fitted with green lights for the week, was displaying ag pride! IAAE joined in by hosting a game similar to “Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader”, but it was played with a twist. “Are You Smarter than an Ag Student” ran from 10:30am to 4:30pm on the Thursday of Ag Week. The booth was stationed in front of Class of 50 with the purpose of increasing agricultural interest and teaching our visitors facts about agriculture.

Students could pick questions from multiple categories, including: United States Agriculture, International Agriculture, Horticulture, and Livestock. When the question was read, both the agriculture student and the booth visitor wrote down their answers on white boards. The answers were then compared, with the winner being closest to the correct answer. To reward the students for stopping by, they were given Smarties and IAAE-Purdue whiteboards. In addition to all of the Purdue students that stopped by, we also received some special visitors at 3:30pm. College Mentors for Kids brought roughly 40 2nd-5th grade students to learn a little about agriculture as well.

The students working at the booth during this time frame were able to work with the kids and hear their answers. One little girl when presented with the question “How many breeds of sheep are there in the United States,” started counting on her fingers and listing off colors. “Well, there are white sheep, brown sheep, black sheep...”As always, we had a great time representing our organization.



Students and Families Enjoy Their Weekend at 2014 Spring Fest



On the weekend of April 12th and the 13th, not only did IAAE-Purdue have their annual banquet but it was also a big weekend for Purdue's College of Agriculture; the annual Spring Fest took place as well. This weekend long event was full of awesome activities that ranged from cricket spitting and a petting zoo, to the numerous informational booths that were hosted by the many clubs on Purdue's campus. This is an awesome event for families in the community to learn many new and exciting things.

Our IAAE booth was one of the many stands involved with this great event. We were able to test the kids on their agriculture knowledge while handing out free candy to those who correctly answered the question they were asked. It was amazing to see the looks on some of the kids' faces when they were able to correctly answer a question. Now as to whether that was because they were getting candy or they actually learned something, that is a tough call to make, but it was still fun either way.

Overall it was a great weekend at Purdue University with all of the different events being held, and the many opportunities that were available to all of the visitors. Be sure to come out to next year's Spring Fest and join in on the fun!

An Abundance of Cheese Calls for One Thing: A Grilled Cheese Social!

On February 19th, the Agricultural Education family gathered at the Agricultural Administration building for our annual Grilled Cheese Social! Each class pitched in items for the event, such as drinks, utensils, and snacks.

February seems to perpetually become one of the busiest months of the year. Sometimes students and faculty need to take a breather and sit down for more than a few minutes at a time to enjoy themselves. Each semester there are new students that join our AgEd family, and it can be hard to keep up with what everyone is doing! Since "social" is in the name of the event, you can always expect to leave with a better understanding of the other students than before. Delicious food is something everyone can agree on, after all. The Grilled Cheese Social served as a wonderful outlet for everyone to relax and relish tasty food. Events like this are also a great way to meet and befriend students in Agricultural Education.



Hearing From Those Who Were Once Stationed By The Owl

A New Perspective

Ambra Tennery visited the YDAE 240 seminar on March 11, 2014. She has experience, not only as an agricultural educator, but also as someone who has thrived in different settings. She has taught at three different schools, one of which was in an urban setting. In fact, she confessed to the class that she would have stayed at the urban school, if she didn't have a family who needs her. She also provided the perspective of a younger female Agricultural teacher.

Mrs. Tennery told us to think about what our favorite advice is, and then told us to apply that advice to our careers. She shared her favorite advice, which is "rigor, relevance, and relationships". On the relationship end, she told the class that our students "won't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." As a teacher, we must show our students that, not only do we care about the subjects we are teaching, but that we care about the students as well.

Ambra Tennery is just one of the many distinguished people that have come into YDAE 240 to speak. She had a story to support all of her points, making it both beneficial and entertaining. Tentatively there are three more seminars left for the spring semester, and the students in YDAE 240 are looking forward to them!



"When you're green, you're growing. When you're rip, you're rot." -Ambra Tennery

Special Guest Speakers Explain Why Ag Education is "Worth it"

In YDAE 240, students had the opportunity to listen to two retired Agricultural Education teachers and hear why they think AgEd is important. Bill McVay was the first teacher who talked about the four things he liked about being an Agricultural Education teacher. These four things included looking back and seeing that he has helped many students, having the respect of his students, peers, and community, and being able to spend time with his family working in this career. The final reason why he enjoyed being an ag teacher was simply the fact that he enjoyed teaching. Bill's best advice was stressed, and it was, "one-on-one with the students is important, and the students need encouragement from their teachers." The second speaker, Jack Simmerman, shared some words of wisdom for the future Ag Education teachers. He advised students of several things. These include being aware of the specialization in each program, and trying every way possible to reach out to each and every individual. They both had very useful tips and our 240 class learned a lot from Bill and Jack.

Extension Education and Programs Through 4-H

On Tuesday, April 8th, our YDAE class had the opportunity to listen to two of Purdue's employees on the subject of Agricultural Education. Steve McKinley and Tony Carrell, whom are both located in the Agricultural Administration Building, spoke to our class about the opportunities that Agricultural Education presents to students interested in youth development via 4-H and other leadership programs. Many people believe that AgEd is only a teaching career, but is much more than that. It involves a community in 4-H projects, volunteer work, and leadership camps.

Each county in Indiana has an extension office designated to agriculture leadership programs for youth and adults. Dr. McKinley and Mr. Carrell both agreed that each county has different agricultural needs. You will never come across an identical program throughout the state. Children in the city will have different resources than the children who live in rural areas, like my hometown of Wolcott, Indiana. Although the employees of an extension office are all hired by Purdue University, they each have different styles of leadership.

In order to have a strong leadership program, you need strong families that in turn build a strong community. Getting people involved in the building block is essential to any great agriculture program, or any community program for that matter. Getting people to volunteer can be done by advertising how many skills and community connections a person can gain by volunteering their time for a local program. Something surprising that was said during the presentation on the 8th was that 4-H is merely a tool to help educate people. Children are only half of your audience. As a 4-H Youth Development Educator, you must also learn how to educate the parents, teachers, and volunteers involved in the activities. Learning how to utilize this tool will determine the greatness of your program.



Spring Word Search

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