

42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL AGRICULTURE ARTICULATION CONFERENCE  
and ICAE/ILCAE SYMPOSIUM  
April 2 & 3, 2009

“BUILDING BRIDGES FOR CAREER PATHWAYS”



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*To be a global leader of profitable food and agricultural production.*



**Illinois Agricultural Education Team**

Illinois Association of Community College Agriculture Instructors (IACCAI)  
Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT)  
Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC)  
Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE)  
Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE)



*“How can labor and education be the most satisfactory combined?  
This leads to the further reflection, that no other human occupation opens so wide a field for the  
profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought, as agriculture.”*  
(Abraham Lincoln, 1859 Address before Wisconsin State Agricultural Society)

## AGENDA

Thursday April 2, 2009

- 9:30 am – 10:30 am      Registration – *Mezzanine Registration Desk*
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am      IAI Agriculture Panel Meeting – *Capitol Room*
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am     Welcome – *Illinois Room*

### University Reports

- Illinois State University
- Western Illinois University
- University of Illinois
- Southern Illinois University

- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm     **LUNCH – *Prairie Room***  
Presentation – “**Vision for Illinois Agriculture Overview**”  
Tom Jennings, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Philip Nelson, President, Illinois Farm Bureau

- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm     **Plenary Presentation – Agriculture and  
Agricultural Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – *Illinois Room***  
Chris Magnuson, IFB; Richard Vogen, U of I ACES; Chris Merrett, WIU

- Agriculture is evolving in a global economy. How is Agricultural Education evolving to meet the challenges?
- The VIA process is a broad coalition of stakeholders who want to ensure that Illinois agriculture has the skills and workforce to be a global agricultural leader.
- Description of the VIA process, stakeholders, and the Smart Agenda ***in general***. Provide preview of VIA progress as illustrated in the Smart Agenda, iBIO and Worknet projects.
- Invite conference attendees to become part of the VIA process by participating in the afternoon breakout sessions. Their mission would be to help shape the ***Vision*** while helping to identify ***concrete strategies*** to achieve that vision:
  - What research questions need to be answered to chart the future of Agriculture and Agricultural Education?
  - What partnerships need to be formed?
  - What are the largest obstacles to the advancement of Agricultural Education?
  - What are the best opportunities for Agricultural Education?

IACCAI ARTICULATION MEETINGS		VISION FOR ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE MEETINGS	
1:35 – 2:35	<b>Subject Matter Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural Economics- <b>Capitol Room</b></li> <li>Horticulture- <b>Plaza 3 Room</b></li> </ul>	1:35 – 2:00	<b>Vision for Illinois Agriculture (VIA) – Illinois Room</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakout Report - Agriculture and Agricultural Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</li> </ul>
2:40 – 3:40	<b>Subject Matter Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soils – <b>Capitol Room</b></li> <li>Animal Science – <b>Plaza 3 Room</b></li> </ul>	2:15 – 3:45	<b>Vision for Illinois Agriculture (VIA) – Illinois Room</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart Agenda and Agricultural Education Chris Magnuson, IFB; Dave Miller, iBio; Robert James, Syngenta; Chris Merrett, WIU</li> </ul>
3:45 – 4:45	<b>Subject Matter Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural Computers- <b>Capitol Room</b></li> <li>Floriculture – <b>Plaza 3 Room</b></li> </ul>		
4:50 – 5:50	<b>Subject Matter Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crop Science – <b>Plaza 3 Room</b></li> <li>Ag Mech &amp; Technology- <b>Capitol Room</b></li> </ul>	4:00 – 5:30	<b>Vision for Illinois Agriculture (VIA) – Illinois Room</b> <p>Providing direction on education &amp; workforce development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iBIO Lifescience Career Pathways</li> <li>Illinois Worknet New Ag Portal</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Rob Rhykerd, ISU; Jeanne Kitchens, Illinois Worknet; Ann Reed, iBIO; Chris Merrett, WIU</p>

**6:00-7:30 pm**

**Banquet – Springfield Hilton – *Prairie Room***

Panel of Agricultural Education Leaders - “Attracting Talent to State’s Food & Agriculture Sector”

- Dean Robert Easter, ACES, University of Illinois
- Kevin Daugherty, Illinois Ag In the Classroom
- Sara Pohl, Illinois Association Community College Instructors
- Morris McClelland, Illinois Association Vocational Agriculture Teachers

**7:40 – 9:00 pm**

**Subject Matter Meeting**

Agricultural Education- **Illinois Room**

- Discussion of “Introduction to Agricultural Education” Course –University & Community College Instructors
- “TeachAg.net” Website Update – FCAE
- Summary of FCAE Elite Conference Participation – FCAE
- GAST Grant Update – ISBE
- National Ag Ed Summit Update

**Friday, April 3, 2009**

**7:00 – 8:00 am – Continental Breakfast – *Illinois Room***

**7:00 – 8:30 am – IACCAI Division Chairs’ Meeting – *Conference Center 2 Room***

**8:30 - 9:30 am – Session – Dual Credit - *Illinois Room***

Rob Kerr – Director of CTE, Illinois Community College Board

**9:40 – 10:40 am – Session – Interdisciplinary “TEAM” Approach To Agricultural Education- *Illinois Room***

Mary Bush, Superintendent, Williamsfield CUSD#2; Jeff Hawes, Black Hawk Community College; Chris Merrett, WIU; Sarah, Hileman, FCAE; Vern McGinnis, VIA

**10:50 – NOON– ICAE/ILCAE Meeting & Reports- *Illinois Room***

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