

National Teach Ag Campaign

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LUKE ALLEN SELECTED AS A 2018 NATIONAL TEACH AG CHAMPION

DES MOINES – As part of the annual National Teach Ag Day celebration, the National Teach Ag Campaign recognizes individuals who play an important role in agricultural education as Teach Ag Champions. These individuals encourage others to pursue a career in teaching agriculture and celebrate the important role agriculture teachers play in the lives of their students – all in an effort to address the national demand for agriculture teachers. The 2018 Teach Ag Champions were also selected based upon their passion and dedication to transforming agricultural education into a more inclusive and diverse profession while cultivating the next generation of agriculture teachers. This year, Mr. Luke Allen, Program Coordinator for Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education in Illinois, was named one of the four 2018 National Teach Ag Champions.

Luke Allen was selected as a Teach Ag Champion for being a dedicated mentor and resource for preservice and early career agriculture teachers in the state of Illinois. He facilitates state-level Future Agriscience Teacher (FAST) Symposiums for agricultural education majors, which focus on making high school agriculture programs more inclusive and diverse. He also coordinates National Teach Ag Day celebration activities across Illinois.

Allen was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments during the National Teach Ag Day live celebration on Thursday, September 20th, at the Corteva Agriscience Agriculture Division of DowDuPont headquarters, in Johnston, Iowa.

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