

National Teach Ag Campaign

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS HONORS THREE OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS AS NATIONAL TEACH AG CHAMPIONS

LEXINGTON, KY – The National Teach Ag Campaign annually selects individuals and organizations who diligently serve the agricultural education profession as National Teach Ag Champions. The campaign, an initiative of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE), honors those who have gone above and beyond to recruit and retain high-quality and diverse agriculture teachers, while fostering positive classroom environments which encourage students from all backgrounds to become involved in agriculture.

This year, the National Teach Ag Campaign has selected three agricultural educators as National Teach Ag Champions because of their mentorship of current and future agriculture teachers, their willingness to step up and lead whenever needed, and their support of the Teach Ag message. The 2020 National Teach Ag Champions are Mr. David Black, Ms. Krista Pontius, and Ms. Rachel Sauvola.

Black, Pontius, and Sauvola have served the agricultural education profession for many years. Beyond the classroom setting, they each serve as NAAE Mentor Facilitators, where their role is to help current and future agriculture teachers develop inquiry-based instruction modules for their students. They are also National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors and facilitate numerous workshops across the country, engaging other professionals in agricultural education in inquiry-based instructional practices and providing their knowledge and experience to budding agriculture teachers.

For their roles beyond the classroom as mentors for current and future agriculture teachers, the National Association of Agricultural Educators and National Teach Ag Campaign are thrilled to recognize Black, Pontius, and Sauvola as the 2020 National Teach Ag Champions.



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The National Teach Ag Campaign will honor its champions as part of the National Teach Ag Day celebration on Thursday, September 17, 2020 from the National Association of Agricultural Educators' (NAAE) office, in Lexington, Kentucky.

National Teach Ag Day is a nationwide celebration that encourages others to consider a career teaching agriculture, while recognizing the contributions that agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities. Agriculture teachers are key to developing essential career and life skills in students, so that they will be successful problem solvers, leaders, entrepreneurs and agriculturalists. To log on to the live webcast, or for resources to help you plan your local Teach Ag Day celebration, visit naae.org/teachag.

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