

National Teach Ag Campaign

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CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES TO HOST EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL TEACH AG DAY LIVE CELEBRATION

Lexington, KY – The National Teach Ag Campaign will go live on Thursday, September 21, 2017 from the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), in Chicago, Ill., for its National Teach Ag Day celebration. The webcast will stream live from 1-3pm EDT and will feature special appearances by leaders in agricultural education, current and future agriculture teachers, as well as highlights of the agriculture program at CHAS.

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 life skills in students so that they will be successful problem solvers, leaders, entrepreneurs and agriculturalists.

“This year’s National Teach Ag Day live celebration will be a unique opportunity to showcase the transformative agricultural education model,” said Ellen Thompson, National Teach Ag Campaign Project Director. “We will be streaming live from an urban public school, where we can interact directly with students who are currently enrolled in agriculture classes and their incredible teachers.”

The National Teach Ag Campaign would like to invite and encourage everyone who is or has been impacted by agricultural education to join in the National Teach Ag Day celebration. Whether by joining the live webcast or hosting a celebration on your own, it is important to recognize the profound impact agriculture teachers make in their schools and communities.

To log on to the live webcast, or for resources to help you plan your local Teach Ag Day celebration, visit naae.org/teachag.

About Teach Ag

National Teach Ag Day is a part of the National Teach Ag Campaign, an effort to raise awareness of the need to recruit and retain high-quality and diverse agriculture teachers, encourage others to consider a career teaching agriculture, and celebrate the positive contributions that agriculture teachers make in their schools and communities. The campaign is

an initiative of the National Council for Agricultural Education, led by the National Association of Agricultural Educators and sponsored by the CHS Foundation, DuPont Pioneer, Growth Energy and BASF as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. For more about National Teach Ag Day and the National Teach Ag campaign, visit naae.org/teachag.

About the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences

CHAS opened its doors in September of 1985 as a means to address concerns about the future of agricultural education and the agriculture industry. The only one of its kind in the Midwest, CHAS provides agricultural education to urban students who are talented in science and mathematics. CHAS currently serves as a model for schools of its kind in cities all across the United States for innovative curriculum, dropout prevention, and exceptional student motivation.

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