Teach Ag Campus Events

Teach Ag Campus VIP Day webinar ★ Amy R. Smith & Sarah Lindholm ★ August 19, 2015

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Program Overview

Located in the Twin Cities – on the St. Paul Campus

Undergraduate programs housed in College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

Current enrollment: 125

4 faculty members: two teacher education, one communication, one leadership
Program Overview

THEN: Two specializations
   Ag Education (Teacher Licensure)
   Ag Communication and Leadership

NOW: Two revised majors
   Ag Education (Teacher Licensure)
   Ag Communication & Marketing
Pathways to Licensure
Our MAIN Events

Fall Semester

Agricultural Education Sneak Preview
November 10, 2014

Spring Semester

Welcome!!
Sunday, April 26, 2015

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Ag Ed Sneak Preview

• Designed for HS upperclassmen/transfer students
• Promoted summer & early fall
• Encourages application to programs
• Fosters connections with students & faculty
• Includes a session geared for parents

Began in 2013
Ag Ed Sneak Preview: 2015

- Friday, September 18th
- Participation Goal: 25
- Aligned with major CFANS event – Celebrate Ag & Food Day Football Game
- Promoted early & often among Ag Ed family
- Partnered with CFANS admissions office to promote widely
Change Lives, Teach Ag

- Held on Sunday afternoon of State FFA Convention
- HS sophomores & juniors nominated by Ag teachers & alumni
- 2 hour-long active & engaging session about the Ag Ed profession and UM Ag Ed program opportunities
- Limited to 50 participants
Change Lives, Teach Ag

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- Participants receive:
  - A Change Lives t-shirt
  - A folder of goodies & information
  - A letter from their teacher (or nominator) explaining why they were nominated or TAgged to Teach Ag
  - A follow up note of congratulations from UM Ag Ed
  - Relevant follow up regarding Ag Ed activities and events

March 14, 2014

Mr. Nick Renner
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Dear Nick,

I hope this letter finds its way to you during the Teach Ag Ed workshop during the Minnesota State Convention.

So often I wish that I were still there with you guys in Red Wing. Being your teacher and Advisor was one of the best things I have ever done. Red Wing was like a family to me. I was and still am so proud of you all, especially the challenging year you have had this year. It isn’t easy to go through a big transition like that, but I’m still confident the chapter will be stronger than ever and your new Advisor will lead you to great things.

I just want to say that I’m so proud of you. Things often don’t go the way you want them to or as you planned, but that never seems to get you down.

I still remember when you came to Red Wing... this awkward little dude with little confidence, but good friends. I’m glad they got you into my classes and FFA. And from there, there was no stopping you! I’ve never seen another student where I had to intentionally ignore during class because you knew all the answers and were so eager for it. You had so much potential. And then at SGLC Right there and then I knew, heck I was convinced this guy could rule the world if he wanted. You have such raw talent. You just need to continue believing in yourself, and maybe have a good coach along the way.

Leaving Red Wing was such a good thing for me. I needed something more and there were barriers in place I couldn’t overcome. I knew you guys weren’t mad at me about it, but I still felt horrible. Sometimes I think I’ve set you guys back, like what would you be if I were still there. But honestly, I don’t think even me leaving could slow you down. You’re gonna go far Mr. Renner.

You’ve gotten off track... but it’s time to believe in yourself again.

I hope you listen well in this workshop. Being a teacher is one of the best things I’ve ever done with my life. There is no better way to spend a day. You impact so many people. I am a teacher, because my own Advisor cared so much about me and made me into the person I am today. I was just one of the hundreds of students he impacted, and because of his influence, I impacted hundreds more.

As a teacher, you never fully understand how many people you touch and help.

I don’t know if you’ve thought about what you want to do with your life, but I hope you consider becoming a teacher. I truly believe you would be incredible.

I may not be the RW FFA Advisor any longer, but I am always your Advisor. I miss you and am so proud of the person you have become and the great things you’ll continue to do. Don’t disappoint.

Christopher Zane Sheehan
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Goldy’s Good Advice

• Maximize participants’ time & travel
• Extend a warm welcome to all
• Involve student supporters & family
• Address misconceptions & myths
• Acknowledge other program/institutions, but…
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