



National Teach Ag Campaign

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TO BE SHOWCASED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL ON NATIONAL AG DAY

This year, when agricultural leaders from all across the nation converge on Washington D.C. for National Ag Day, a group of agricultural education students and teachers will have a very special mission.

Six current agricultural education majors and three mentor teachers will prepare and teach an agriscience lesson in a DC public school on National Ag Day, Thursday, March 8. Their activity and the agricultural education profession will also be highlighted to legislators and industry representatives at the Ag Day luncheon on Thursday.

“This activity is important on so many levels,” said Ellen Thompson, National Teach Ag Campaign coordinator. “We’re giving urban students an opportunity to experience agriculture, pre-service teachers an opportunity to work with experienced mentor teachers, and Washington decision-makers the chance to see up close what agricultural education is all about.”

This event is the result of close collaboration with the National Teach Ag Campaign, Agriculture Future of America, FFA, and the Agriculture Council of America.

“Linking college men and women with learning experiences that will enhance their skills and help them prepare to be pace setters in their careers is at the core of AFA’s mission,” said Russ Weathers, president and CEO of Agriculture Future of America. “AFA is extremely pleased to be a part of this partnership that links these outstanding future agricultural teachers to this urban classroom teaching experience.”

National Teach Ag Day is a component of the National Teach Ag Campaign, an effort to bring attention to the need for more agricultural educators in the U.S and celebrate the 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. The campaign is funded by the CHS Foundation and Landmark Nurseries as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. For more about National Teach Ag Day and the National Teach Ag campaign, visit www.naae.org/teachag. For more information about National Ag Day, visit www.agday.org

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