Agricultural Education at Oklahoma State University Listed in Top 10 by Study

The Midwest AGnet’s article dated November 4, 2009, list of Top 10 agricultural education programs, as determined by a study by Ohio State University ranks Oklahoma State University as number 6. This ranking is out of more than 80 universities offering similar degrees.

To read the entire article by Julie Harker log onto: http://www.midwestagnet.com

Kudos to our Agricultural Education Program!!!

Day at the Capitol

Dr. Christine Ormsbee is coordinating an event where Oklahoma Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (OACTE) members from various Oklahoma Colleges and Universities will be at the Capitol on February 17, 2010, sharing information with legislators about the latest news in professional education. It is the hope that this will result in more support from local legislators for teacher education programs.

College/University representatives are being asked to bring students with them to assist with manning the tables and sharing first hand experiences with the various legislators.

Redefining Teacher Education for Digital Age Learners

PEU Associate Director, Dr. Susan Stansberry, recently attended the “Redefining Teacher Education for Digital Age Learners” Summit at the University of Texas. Key educational leaders offered presentations, discussion papers, and collaborative work on this issue. You are welcome to review videos, papers, and work developed at http://redefineteachered.org/.

Additionally, in an effort to bring this issue home to our own Professional Education Unit, Dr. Stansberry would ask you to collaborate on a description of what we believe a 21st Century teacher looks like. Please make comments/changes/additions on “A Day in the Life of a Future Teacher” at http://simplycurious.net/21centeacher.

England and Costa Rica Student Teachers

Dr. Trish Hughes and Dr. Jeff Hawkins accompanied nine student teachers to Costa Rica to assist them getting settled in for the spring semester.

Dr. Christine Ormsbee recently returned from England where she also helped student teachers prepare to start their experience in Lakenheath.

If you have information you would like to contribute to future issues of this newsletter please email them to kat.colson@okstate.edu.
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Upcoming PEC Meetings

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 4:00 p.m., 010 Willard

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m. 010 Willard (Public Forum)

Important Background Check Information

Beginning with the Spring 2010 semester, the OSU PEU now requires a state level background check (name check) on ALL non-licensed candidates prior to placement in any field experience. Students will receive information about how to complete this process when enrolled in field experience courses.

HOWEVER, it should be noted that programs outside of the professional education unit that require a background check of their students should be directed to the OSBI website (www.ok.gov/osbi/Criminal_History/) for the appropriate forms and information to make the request.

Report Updates

The following reports have been submitted recently:

Part A and B of the AACTE PEDS Report
OSHRE Mid-year Resident Teacher Report
OSHRE Admission Survey for 08-09
Part C of the Annual Report to NCATE
Annual report to OCTP

Residency Committee Numbers

We are currently serving 259 residency committees of which 204 are OSU Graduates and 34 are alternatively certified. The remainder are out-of-state graduates or graduates of other Oklahoma Universities.

Oklahoma State University Agricultural Education Graduates receive National Recognition

The following Agricultural Education graduates were recognized at the National Association of Agricultural Education (NAAE) 2009 national convention in Nashville, TN. Lacy Bangert, Kristi Hollum, Devin Grissom, and Jean Bond. Lacy Bangert and Kristi Hollum teach at Powell High School and Hulett High School respectively in Wyoming. Devin Grissom teaches at Norman High School in Oklahoma and Jean Bond teaches at Hardin County High School in Illinois. These early career agricultural educators were recipients of NAAEs Teachers Turn the Key Award.

The Teachers Turn the Key Award program (TTTK) is a scholarship to allow early career agricultural educators to attend the annual NAAE convention, giving them an opportunity to become involved with their professional association on a national level. TTTK participants take part in a special programming geared toward early career agricultural educators.

Bangert has been the agriculture teacher at Powell High School for one year and taught previously at Chapman High School in Chapman, KS. from 2005-2008. Hollum has taught at Hulett School since 2007 and previously taught in Lawton, OK. Grissom has been employed by Norman Public Schools since 2008 and previously taught at Taloga Schools. Bond has been the agricultural education teacher at Hardin County High School since 2006. Previously she taught at Dieterich High School from 2005-2006.

Each of the Teachers Turn the Key winners received a plaque and a scholarship to cover convention registration, travel expenses, and housing during the NAAE convention. Dodge sponsors the TTTK program as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

NAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators. The mission of NAAE is “professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy, and service.” The NAAE office is located in Lexington, KY.

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Recent Publications by Professional Education Faculty


Christenson, R. (2009). Should students be granted a waiver from physical education if they are involved in other activities? *Strategies: A Journal for Physical and Sport Educators, 22*, 4-7.


