

IATA Winter Update

December 2019

Professional Development

State leaders will be heading to Mid-Winter (details at the end of this update) to plan and organize Summer In-Service and REACH Summer In-Service. Some of the professional development activities include SAE for All (<https://thecouncil.ffa.org/sae-resources/>) and AG 12 (<https://www.naae.org/profdevelopment/agi2.cfm>). Please check out these sites to see if you would be interested in attending prior to filling out the survey. Thank you for helping us develop a productive and valuable conference for you!

Summer Professional Development

Please fill out this survey to help state leaders and site hosts prepare great summer professional development at Summer In-Service and REACH

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NAAE National Convention

The Idaho Agricultural Teachers Association was well represented at the NAAE National Convention in San Antonio Texas November 27-December 1. We had 29 representatives from the IATA attend which was the 3rd largest in the Western Region. Our members participated in the Ag Leadership Summit, XLR8, Teacher Turn the Key, workshop presenters, committee members and the FAST program for pre-service teachers. IATA was also successful in having their members awards go on to receiving Region I Awards:

Jim Summers, Lifetime Achievement
University of Idaho, Outstanding Post-secondary AGED Program
Culver's of Idaho Restaurants, Outstanding Cooperation
Dr. James Connors, Outstanding Service Citation

If you have not had the opportunity to attend an NAAE conference I would encourage all of you to apply for these programs, awards and to serve on a committee. It is a great opportunity to expand your professional tool box and network with other teachers around the nation to share ideas and build relationships.





**Shawn and Eugen
Smith, Idaho
Culver's**

Region I Outstanding
Cooperation



**Dr. Jim Connors,
University of
Idaho**

Region I Outstanding Service
Citation



**Jim Summers,
Westside**

Region I

IATA Ag Teacher Highlight



Katie Cooper

School: Salmon High School

Enrollment in Ag: 145

Enrollment in FFA: 22

District: North Upper Snake River District

Owl Pellet:

I thoroughly enjoy teaching Soil Science by using the Nutrients for Life materials. I use interactive notebooks in all my classes and have flexible seating. I also grade on a mastery basis, so corrections, reflections, and "no zeros" are the expectation in my room. Since instituting these changes a year ago, I truly think my students have gained more ownership in their learning, are more willing to take risks, and overall the comprehension of the material has increased.

Moment:

My favorite teacher memory is definitely when I had a student who had graduated several years prior stop by my classroom. He was one of my most challenging students ever and one that even though I tried and tried I never felt like I was successful with. We would have good moments here and there, but mostly just negative ones. He stopped by to ask if he could show me his "work truck" and introduce me to his wife and two young daughters. He wanted me to know how much my classes and time had meant to him, and that he wouldn't be doing what he is today without it. It never goes to show that we never ever may realize what an impact we are making.

Mentor:

Kevin Fochs is definitely someone I admire in the profession. He was not only my mentor teacher when I student taught, but he has inspired and coached me in so many other ways as well.

Me:

I love to paint. Not art, but big spaces. I also love to clean horse stalls. Too bad it's tough to make a living that way :)

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National FFA Update

We had a National FFA Update at the NAAE Convention. One thing that caught the attention of our members was the FFA scholarship change. It is an external application no longer hosted on the FFA website and the application is more student driven. Students will gain access to the scholarship on the FFA website and will still need their membership number while applying but it will take them to an external site. Teachers will have different access to the application than previous years. For more questions please contact Clara-Leigh.



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IATA/NAAE Awards

Apply for IATA/NAAE awards, you do great things in your classroom and know someone who does! I would like to see the continued recognition of our great teachers and award you for what you do. Please take a moment and look at the award areas and find the one that fits you and apply, we would like to have one application from each district in each area! If you know of someone who needs to be encouraged to apply please send an email to nicole.lebsack@jeromeschools.org and we will contact them. Visit our website www.theiata.com/iata-awards/ to see details for each award and state applications. Applications will be due at SLC or postmarked on April 1st, but don't wait until then you can fill them out and send them in at anytime!

Mid Winter

When

*Thursday, Jan. 3rd 2019 at 9pm to Friday,
Jan. 4th 2019 at 11pm*

Where

*650 West State Street Boise, Idaho
83720*

More information

Holiday Inn Express
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For additional information visit the IATA Website at: <http://theiata.com/midwinter/>