

History

2003 Continued

January

KFAC expands their graduate summer course options for teachers. There were 4 opportunities to attend hands on graduate courses were made available to teachers. June 16-21, 2003 Connecting your classroom to agriculture, Kansas State University, 3 Graduate Hours.

July 14-19, 2003 Connecting your classroom to agriculture, Kansas City, 3 Graduate Hours.

July 21-22, 2003 Advanced Ag Biotech, Kansas State University, 1 Graduate Hour.

July 24-25, 2003 Beginning Biotech, Garden City, 1 Graduate Hour.

February

March

Julie Jahay was announced as the 2003 KFAC teacher of the year. A special presentation was held on March 22nd in Topeka during the celebration of the Foundation's 20th anniversary. Teaching at Anthony Elementary school in Harper County, Julie has incorporated agriculture into her classroom in many ways. She also has attended the KFAC graduate course where she gained ideas and knowledge to take back to her classroom. Julie is to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom conference this summer.

On **March 22, 2003** KFAC celebrated their past 20 years and the future of KFAC at the Historical Museum in Topeka. The morning was spent with the first ever teacher alumni (KFAC summer Session teachers) group meeting. This was a great way for educators to split into small groups and discuss their experiences and how they integrate agriculture into their classroom.

On the same day in March eight students from the grades K-6 were awarded for their fantastic art work from the KFAC's annual Post card Art Contest. The theme was "Agriculture Grows Green to Keep Waters Clean." The students were able to tour the State Capitol and spend time with Governor Sebelius in her office. The students were given certificates from the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture, US Savings Bonds from the Kansas Water Office, and printed copies of the postcard they designed were also given to the students. The Grand Price winner was Riley County 6th grader, Amelia Lewis. Additional winners include Siera Haug, Kindergarten, Riley County; Adam Gray, 1st grade, Riley County; Gary Stewart, 2nd grade, Ford County; Jose Castellon, 3rd grade, Finney County; Samee Sprenkle, 4th grade, Wyandotte County; Sam Small, 5th grade, Reno County; Micah Hartter, 6th grade, Nemaha County.

April

The theme for the 2004 KFAC Post Card Art Contest was announced as "H2O to Grow"

May

June

The first KFAC summer session was held at Kansas State University titled “Connecting Your Classroom to Agriculture.” Teachers were able to experience and learn about the benefits of no-till conservation, walked through fields using different methods of irrigation, watched the process of eggs being graded, learned about the many varied careers in agriculture and agribusiness, toured working farms, searched the Web for ag resources and learned about biotechnology in agriculture! Somehow we were even able to make time to eat at The Little Apple Brewery and sampled some delicious Call Hall Ice Cream.

July

Only one summer session was held during the month of July and this was the held off campus in Olathe Kansas entitled “Connecting Your Classroom to Agriculture.” Educators had the chance to see firsthand how families adapt to the changing communities they farm in. Adapting from fields to streets curbs and neighbors who may not want milk cows who moo and smell or tractors that work all night. They also had the opportunity to see wheat harvest and what products can be made from wheat. A local farmer showed them how cotton can end up being an international business. Educators heard over and over again that its all about the “markets” in farming and how you risk the security of what you know how, but it might not be paying the bills and requires learning new skills or buying new equipment to invest into something that does pay the bills.

August

September

Amy Rugenstein was hired as the Student Assistant

October

Krista Winters was hired as the assembly program presenter

New Kansas Critters Educators’ guide for 3rd and 4th graders was released along with the Kansas Kids Connection agriculture magazine for students.

November

November 17, 2003 was the KFAC annual meeting held at the K-State University Alumni center. Dana Hoffman was nominated and appointed as the chair-elect. Trent Winter was elected member at large of the KFAC board. Trent Loos came and spoke during the dinner portion of the meeting.

December

As the KFAC year came to a close the final total of KFAC impact in Kansas Classrooms in 2003 was:

Educators’ Guides Distributed to Classrooms 1,923

Kansas Kids Connection Magazines Distributed to Classrooms 24,500

Teachers Attending KFAC Summer Graduate Courses 25

Students Taught by KFAC Graduate Course Teachers 650

Post Card Art Contest Entries 1,880

Students Attending 33 Assembly Programs 2,767

Teachers Attending 33 Assembly Programs 158

Total Number of Kansans Impacted * 29,136

**This total does not reflect the number of Students and Teachers reached through county educational events or the Agri-Land Kansas State Fair partnership.*