Agriculture Future of America
Agriculture Future of America (AFA) is a national organization that strives to build bridges to connect students with industry professionals and teach students life skills. Allyson Lintker is an agricultural communications major under the department who is now a Campus Ambassador where she works with 25 others across the country to plan the leaders conference for AFA. She also will work with SIU to have more students to attend the conference.

FFA Co-Op Conference
The Cooperative Conference is an event where FFA members from all across the state come to SIUC to learn all about Illinois Cooperatives. During the event, FFA members will get to travel to the Cooperative Food Market and tour the SIU farms while interacting in their small groups through different activities.

District V Public Speaking
The District V Public Speaking CDE is on April 25th starting at 3 p.m. at SIU College of Agriculture Sciences. Get ready to speak about agriculture topics and to recite the FFA Creed with us in a few weeks!

CFFA and Ag. Ed. Banquet
The SIU Collegiate FFA Chapter and Agriculture Education Club Banquet was April 12th at Giant City Lodge. Members were recognized for their hard work and dedication to Collegiate FFA and Agriculture Education Club.

SIU Livestock and Horticulture Contest
Put your livestock and horticulture teams to the test at the SIU Livestock Judging and Horticulture Contest on April 20th with registration starting at 8 A.M. and the contest starting at 9 A.M.
**Student Teacher Spotlight**

Mitchell Tarr

Mitchell Tarr grew up in agriculture, so when given the chance to start taking ag. classes, he jumped into a new world of education. At the beginning of his senior year of high school, he was asked to help teach a junior high class about the FFA, beef cattle, and wildlife. That is where he got his start in Agriculture Education. After graduating from high school, he spent a year at Lake Land College. From there, he transferred to SIUC. Student teaching in Harrisburg has been a blast as well, as being in the classroom everyday has given him a different respect for what educators do for us in society. In the picture above, they are talking about the different forms of electricity and the students were identifying different household items as alternating or direct current machines. Right now, his students are welding, and repacking bearings in the shop. In other classes, they are learning about livestock evaluation, wild turkeys, and fish as well.

**Student Teacher Spotlight**

Noah Gallion

Noah is currently student teaching in Vienna, IL under Mr. Jason West. His home chapter is Hillsboro, IL. He is currently majoring in agriculture education and agribusiness economics. While student teaching, he is teaching animal science, wildlife management, agriculture mechanics, and introduction to agriculture. Before student teaching, he observed in Mount Vernon and Harrisburg. He also worked near Yellowstone and in the Grand Canyon as a Trail Guide. Noah was also very active in the College of Agricultural Sciences by being involved in Collegiate FFA, Agriculture Education Club, Alpha Tau Alpha, and the Agbassador Program. His favorite classes here were Introduction to Animal Science 121 and Introduction into Physical Principles in Agriculture. Noah’s future plans are to teach in Hillsboro, IL as an agriculture instructor and FFA Advisor.

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### Upcoming Dates

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