

# Washington State Team Ag. Ed.

February E- Meeting

## Greeting from Wenatchee Valley College:

Hope this e-mail message finds you well and anxious for spring. With busy schedules, new roles, and new members, I felt this form of communication update would be the best. Feeling depressed about increasing gas prices, or rumors of pending education budget cuts from Olympia, how about those arousing political debates? We all need a lift in spirits. Obtain, read, and share with your students the Seattle Business Magazine article: [Agriculture is a Growth Industry](#), by Bill Virgin. Definitely a must read and makes us feel proud for being a part of our state's most successful industry.

Gear up for National Teach Ag. Day on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to recognize and encourage your students to look into a career teaching Agriculture Education. The National Teach Ag Day will include rallies, contests, and celebration events. You and your students can log on to a virtual celebration from Buena Park High School on Twitter or Facebook. Also, for added information and activities go online to: <http://www.naae.org/teachag/>. Understanding agriculture is vital to everyone and you can help promote the most important component of that understanding... education.

## Education Partner Updates:

- Agriculture Center of Excellence, welcomes a new Director, Mr. Tony Dunnagan. Tony served as a State FFA Officer while completing his degree in Agricultural Business. Tony operated his own farming operation and managed an agricultural equipment dealership, before returning to college to complete his master's degree in agriculture education. Tony has taught secondary and college agricultural course in North Carolina. Tony brings a unique and diverse background to the Ag. Center of Excellence and a new perspective on the future of agriculture. Tony has worked tirelessly as an industry consultant and educator promoting the progressive development of agriculture curriculums for the ever-changing industry.
- Washington State University, currently, WSU is in the process of developing a new position that will be responsible for overseeing articulation agreements out of our Provost's Office. The Associate Director of Admissions has requested that we hold off on the finalization of new and existing articulation agreements until we know more detail. WSU is currently re-evaluating and making changes to our GER and UCORE, which influences the articulation agreements.
- WAAE, our state WAAE is hosting the NAAE Region I Conference in Bellingham, April 18 through the 21<sup>st</sup>. For information go to the WAAE Website at: <http://waae.wsu.edu> or <http://groupspaces.com/WAAE-WashAAE/> or just contact Tamara Whitcomb, WAAE President at: [twhitcomb@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:twhitcomb@mtbaker.wednet.edu). WAAE summer conference is in Bellingham June 24 - 28<sup>th</sup>. Early registration is encouraged for summer conference and information is available on the WAAE website address.

## Mark Your Calendars:

National Teach Ag. Education Day, March 15<sup>th</sup>. For added information: <http://www.naae.org/teachag/>  
FFA State Convention in Pullman May 10-12<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, <http://www.washingtonffa.org/>  
WAAE Summer Conference in Bellingham June 24-28<sup>th</sup>. For additional information <http://wvata.wsu.edu/>

**Next Meeting:** WAAE Summer Conference, Bellingham June 24-28<sup>th</sup>.