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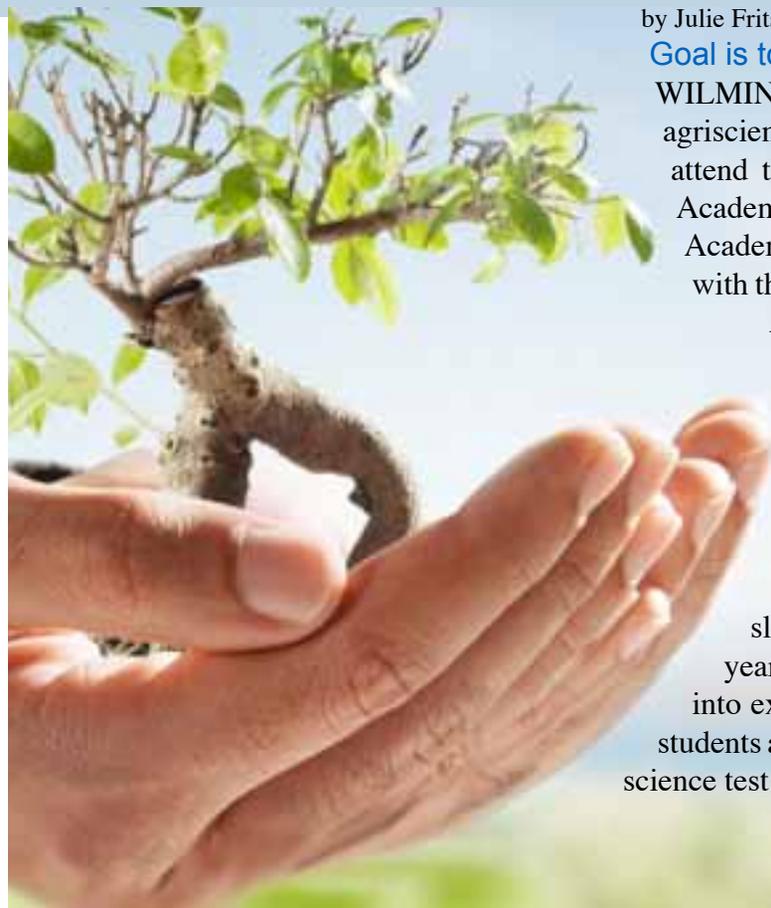
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS FROM 18 STATES ATTEND NATIONAL AGRISCIENCE TEACHER ACADEMY HOSTED BY DUPONT

by Julie Fritsch

Goal is to Incorporate More Science into Existing Curriculums

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 30, 2011 – Twenty of the finest agriscience teachers in the U.S. were selected from 18 states to attend the 9th annual National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy (NATAA) at DuPont’s Chesapeake Farms. The Academy is a professional development program in conjunction with the National FFA Foundation and the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) where agriculture teachers learn new inquiry-based teaching techniques to improve science learning. Ecology, genetics and biofuels were just a few of the subjects investigated this year.

More than 125 teachers have been a part of the Academy since its inception, and interest in the program has exploded. This year there were 140 applicants for the 20 slots – double the number of applicants from the previous year. The goal of the program is to incorporate more science into existing curriculums, make learning fun and challenging for students and, as a result, improve student performance in standardized science test scores.



“The DuPont Ambassador Academy helps agriscience teachers see and connect the bridge between agriscience and agribusiness applications and science and math concepts so that student achievement is enhanced as measured by standardized tests,” said Jay Jackman, PhD, executive director of NAAE. “This program is successful because of the unwavering support of DuPont to agricultural education and innovative professional development opportunities for our teachers.”

“We believe this support of the students through their teachers will help solve a great challenge facing us all – feeding the world,” said Rik L. Miller, president - DuPont Crop Protection. “I am pleased that DuPont, the FFA and NAAE can join forces for this Academy and help advance agricultural science.”

Laura Hasselquist, a high school science teacher from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin said, “The Ag Academy was a tremendous experience. I can’t wait for the school year to start - my students won’t know what hit them! This experience helped remind me that good teaching is an art form.” In October 2011, selected teachers from this year’s class will conduct seminars at the Agriscience Institute during the National FFA Convention, helping other agriscience teachers learn how to teach science more effectively in the classroom. The ambassadors will also conduct workshops at the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) convention this November.

The National FFA Organization, with more than 523,000 members, operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States. FFA membership offers students opportunities that change lives and prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. The FFA organization represents a large diversity of more than 300 careers in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

NAAE is the professional organization in the United States for agricultural educators. It provides its’ nearly 8,000 members with professional networking and development opportunities, professional liability coverage, and extensive awards and recognition programs. The mission of NAAE is “professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.” The NAAE headquarters are in Lexington, Kentucky.

DuPont Chesapeake Farms is a 3,300-acre working farm, showcasing a number of advanced agriculture and wildlife management practices. Chesapeake Farms is devoted to the development, evaluation and demonstration of advanced agricultural practices and wildlife management techniques, designed to be environmentally sound, productive, economically viable and socially accepted.

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It's More Than Just a Grade:

M-DCPS Partners with Local Companies to Provide a Successful Internship Program

Miami, FL – This summer, over 300 high school students participated in a summer internship program at various companies representing hospitality & tourism, engineering, information technology and finance. Even with the economic downturn, the Miami business community (152 companies) showed its support for the program and its students with a 46% increase in the number of paid internships.

Employers, when asked what they liked best about the program replied: "The opportunity to see two young students so eager to learn, responsible, punctual and sensitive to the working needs of others. I hope to keep in touch with them in the years to come," stated Jean Orta, Human Resources Manager, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. Anthony Greenwood Sr., Owner, McDonalds Restaurants, added, "The internship is a successful program because the students apply what they learned in the academy by working on needed projects assigned to them at the company."

Students appreciate this opportunity afforded to them. Amadeus Huff, a student at Miami Beach Senior High School who completed his internship at Sherlock Technology Staffing states, "The internship provides students the experience of working in their desired field to see if this is what they really want to pursue. It also allows students to spend their summer productively while making money at the same time." Adrian Abadie, a student at North Miami Senior High School interned at Odebrecht Construction and states, "The strength of the internship is that it provided me with the real life aspect of how construction management really works." Laysu Borges who attends Hialeah Gardens Senior High School indicated, "The internship gets students



Pictured left to right: David Carballosa, Intern; Jean Orta, Human Resources Manager, GMCVB; Laysu Borges, Intern



Pictured left to right: Anthony Greenwood, Jr.-Director of Operations; Anthony Greenwood, Sr.-President/Owner, McDonald's Restaurants; Pedro Garcia, Regional Director of Operations of South Florida, McDonald's Corporation; Carlos Solórzano, Field Service Manager, McDonald's Corporation; Anthony Perez, Intern; Jennifer Menjivar, Intern; and Ben Abrishami, Business Consultant



Pictured left to right: Francheska Salguero, Intern; Brian Sheinblum, Supervisor-Carlton Hotel; Jose Salyrosas, Intern

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