



Outstanding
Teacher
Mentor

Christa Williamson

Kerkhoven Murdock Sunburg

"I believe strongly that every student, no matter their background has potential, it is my goal as an agriculture teacher to develop that potential in all students."

Overview

- Christa has served as a mentor in many different ways including serving as a Teacher Induction Program region mentor for 2 teachers, Serving as a co-operating instructor for 4 student teachers through the U of M and SDSU and through many local, state and national teachers.
- Christa has had 4 students return to the agriculture education field.
- Numerous high school graduates that enter into agricultural career fields.

Instruction

- Christa has presented 21 workshops at conferences to agriculture or CTE instructors on instruction, curriculum and classroom management.
- Presentations have been hosted at a local level, state-wide, NAAE Region III South Dakota, Wisconsin and NAAE Conferences.
- Co presenter at the Agri-Science inquiry institute in Wisconsin and the food chemistry workshop in Minnesota
- Lead presenter at the Minnesota inquiry institute held in Minnesota with 20 instructors learning about the integration of inquiry.

Experiential Learning

- Christa advises and assists in SAE to instructors among 13 different States
- Developed a website and videos to assist her class and other teachers on the Agri-science fair procedure and paper.
- KMS hosts a prep day for all National Agri-science fair participants in the fall and a state winning proficiency review in the spring

Student Organizations

- Christa believes in sharing curriculum, FFA materials and in assisting other programs in areas that they need assistance in.
- Christa has served as a mentor to many FFA members
- Developed the Pundit Parliament Facebook group for a small group to share all and be a support system to teachers that range from 2nd year instructors on.

Professional Growth

- Christa participates in any organizations such as the Minnesota Soybean Growers International Marketing Program, Agri-Growth, Agri-Women, Minnesota Science Teachers Association, National Science Teachers Association as well as through MAAE, MnACTE, NAAE and ACTE
- Christa has served as a leader through many of these organizations as well as received numerous recognition with these organizations
- Served on the SAE Committee at the state and national level and participated in the National Agri-science Ambassador Program
- Served as NAAE Region III Secretary and the Policy and Bylaws Committee

"Christa is a constant source of support, ideas, encouragement and guidance during my career as an Agriculture teacher. She is a cheerleader for all students, not just her own and genuinely cares about the well-being of others." – Kayla Brune– Willmar High School

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