



Outstanding
Early Career
Teacher

Tyler Warren

Eden Valley–Watkins

“Every student that walks into my classroom has potential– potential to learn and potential to succeed. It is my responsibility to foster a connection with each of my students while providing knowledge, resources, support and motivation.”

Overview

- Eden Valley–Watkins Ag Program currently serves 168 unduplicated students, 80 of which are FFA members.
- EVW offers classes including ag mechanics, Food Chemistry, Animal Science, Natural Resources, Careers, Ag & Food Processing and Intro to Ag.
- EVW implements opportunities for programs of study, articulated and college credit, and through apprenticeship programs
- Tyler works to provide opportunities for students to improve their teamwork, communication, confidence, and other skills that will benefit their future.
- Tyler says he concentrates on executing the three “R’s while connecting those skills beyond the classroom walls!

Experiential Learning

- The work experience program at EVW served 28 students this past year
- A semester long class “Classroom to Careers” is a prerequisite class for work experience, focusing on personality, leadership, communication, job applications, parliamentary procedure and human resources
- Students can participate in a SAE program class for credit, while working on their SAE’s and record books
- Students in the introduction to Agriculture class are exposed to SAE by conducting plant research studies during the plant science unit

Professional Growth

- Tyler has attended workshops and conferences through MAAE and TIES (Minnesota Technology in Education)
- Tyler has served as the Region V assistant advisor and the Region advisor
- EVW has hosted two student teachers within the past two years
- Tyler strives to be the best teacher that he can be five days a week, nine months a year.

FFA Highlights

- National Chapter award received a two star ranking at National FFA
- 10 CDE team qualified for the 2018 State FFA Convention
- 13 EVW Members received their State FFA Degree in 2018
- Members participate in numerous activities such as Corn drive, Adopt a Farm family, conduct Ag lessons with second grade classes and manage a test plot.

Partnerships

- EVW utilizes their FFA alumni for various events such as the test plot, town parade, FFA week and the corn drive fundraiser.
- Partnerships with Ridgewater College has provided concurrent enrollment classes and with Best Prep to provide eMentors which mentors students within a career field.
- Community partnerships has been essential on class projects and class offerings
- EVW uses all opportunities for grants and sponsorships to update facilities.

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn” ~Benjamin Franklin

2018 MAAE Award Winner