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- The AET is incorporated into the curriculum and is the primary tool students use to track their hours.
- Elizabeth incorporates and Agriscience project for all of her 8th graders.
- This past year students completed 20 proficiency applications, 2 state degrees and 1 American degree application.

Professional Growth

- Elizabeth has been an active member of MAAE and attends many of the conferences and professional development workshops provided.
- Elizabeth is CASE certified in AFNR, participated in TIP, attended DELTA and participated in the NAAE Teacher Turn the Key in San Antonio.
- Elizabeth has served as the Region III and Region VI Director and has hosted CDE’s at her schools.

FFA Highlights

- This past year the Tracy FFA Program has 153 FFA Members.
- Tracy area also had 5 CDE Teams qualified for the State FFA Convention and 1 LDE.
- Elizabeth also gave back to the community by sewing masks with the FFA students, making tie blankets and serving meals to different organizations.

Partnerships

- Elizabeth has secured community members to be CDE coaches.
- She has partnered with Wulf Fabrication to offer community education welding classes throughout the summer.
- Elizabeth has received over $57,000 in grants towards the agriculture education program at Tracy.
- Other partners include Ag Country, Minnwest Bank and many others.

“Ms. Johnson is very personable, holds students to high levels of achievement and leads by her work ethic.”

~ Kathy Vondracek—Tracy Area schools Principal

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