that we create to support, encourage, and cooperate with one another for the benefit of our students and community.”

Overview

- Mike has had 7 former students who have become Ag educators
- Mike has hosted 28 observational teach candidates and 5 full time teacher candidates from both the University Minnesota University of Wisconsin
- Mike serves as an MAAE TIP Mentor and has been a TIP Presenter
- Mike has presented an numerous conferences
- Mike has been the MAAE Website Administrator for over 12 years

Instruction

- Mike works cooperatively with his mentees to develop lessons and evaluate performance during the teaching internship experience
- He is also a certified University of Minnesota teaching specialist for College in the Schools and is credentialed at Hennepin Technical College
- Integral part of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education group to create a course outline to meet all Minnesota graduation requirements
- Mike has taken on the leadership role to coordinate all of the CTE programs at Forest Lake Area High School

Experiential Learning

- Mike incorporates SAE into all of his courses that he teaches as well as ensures students are active in the community through a variety of projects
- Mike’s role expanded to teach all of the Work Based Learning courses
- He served on the Minnesota Department of Education in writing the work-based learned frameworks for the state

Student Organizations

- The Forest Lake Area FFA Chapter has grown to over 600 members
- Mike expects his mentees to coach at least one CDE, assist with degree and proficiency applications and attend activities
- Forest Lake has a successful FFA chapter with many accomplishments in Mike’s 17 years, including 89 state participating CDE teams, 21 State Degree Recipients and 4 National AgriScience Fair Exhibits

Professional Growth

- Mike is a member of the MAAE, NAAE, MnACTE, ACTE, Farm Bureau and Washington County Ag Society
- He has attended National NAAE Conferences, NAAE Region III Meetings, CTE Works Conference and Annual MAAE Professional Development
- Some professional Highlights include: MAAE Teacher of Techers, ACTE Region 3 Teacher of the Year, NAAE Teacher turn the Key, Mn State Fair Miracle of Birth Center Manager, MAAE Webmaster, MAAE Secretary National Farm Bureau Excellence In Agriculture Winner

“...Mike exhibits a profound amount of character and grit and inspires me and countless others to do the same.”
- Joe Ramstad, Staples Molloy

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