Our program strives to provide instruction in agriculture that increases student knowledge and appreciation of the importance of agriculture locally, nationally and globally.

Overview

- HLWW has an annual enrollment of 485 students and over 140 of these students are actively engaged in FFA.
- The HLWW Agriculture program delivers instruction to all 6th-8th grade students over one quarter and course offerings in all career pathways for students grades 9th-12th.
- HLWW has 21 course offerings at the high school level with a course aligning with Chemistry requirements and another with concurrent enrollment with the University of Minnesota.

Experiential Learning

- Service learning is integrated into the curriculums in a variety of ways such as landscaping projects, tree planting, native grass plantings, Ag literacy projects, school-wide backpacking and Project Caring.
- A course developed called Building communities to work on current initiatives and identifying additional needs within the community.
- Students apply skills used in the landscape industry through maintaining a 1.2 acre vegetable garden, 15 acre crop variety test plot and work within three different greenhouse structures.

FFA Highlights

- HLWW has been the Minnesota Premier Chapter, consistently in the top ten for Ag Literacy and Service Winner, has had 7 State FFA Officers, 16 Regional FFA officers and 2 State Star Winners.
- On Average, sends over 50 students to the State FFA Convention.
- This last year had an FFA Knowledge team, Ag Communications and Parliamentary Procedure team compete at Nationals.

Partnerships

- Strong partnership with the HLWW FFA Alumni that assists with the 15 acre crop plot, the livestock show at the fair, through the annual auction and local scholarships and sponsorships.
- Partnerships with the Wright County Statewide Health Improvement Program, MAELC and America’s Farmers Grow Rural assist in establishing the school garden program.
- Munson Lakes Nutrition donated a chicken coop to house chickens that provide eggs for class and our CSA customers, Centra Sota Coop provides herbicides and fertilizers for the crop plot, along with numerous other partners.

Professional Growth

- Serve as U of M cooperating teachers, MN FFA Foundation Board of Directors, MN FFA Adult board, MN Farm Bureau, Young Farmers and Ranchers.
- Provide MAAE Professional Development and serve in leadership roles.
- Recognition within MAAE, NAAE, MnACTE and MN FFA Hall of Fame.

“Our instructors have created a premier program based on the love for Agriculture Education but more importantly based on the love for our students and our communities.”

– Jason Mix – Principal

James Weninger and Seena Glessing

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