Teacher Turn the Key

Lisa Orren
Redwood Valley

“It is my mission to engage all learners in challenging academic coursework, through hands on, inquiry based learning experiences, and provide leadership opportunities.”

Overview
- Redwood Valley Agriculture program sees approximately 328 students each year with 153 students in their affiliate FFA membership
- 14 different courses taught including Ag leadership, animal science, intro to Ag, Lifeworks, Small Animal care, Veterinary Science, Work based learning, Wildlife management and Youth Service
- CASE certified in 3 areas and offers concurrent enrollment with other courses

Experiential Learning
- Lisa is a strong advocate for the 3 circle model to be implemented in Ag Ed Programs.
- She requires all of her students to create their own SAE projects.
- Teaching practical skills in veterinary technology through labs such as physical exams, medical charting, nail trimming, vaccinations, blood draws, bandaging and first aid for small animals.
- Has had 26 State Proficiency Applications judged at the state level
- 6 State Degree Recipients

Professional Growth
- Active in MAAE, NAAE, World Food Prize and Local Redwood Falls committees such as the Ag Chamber and Farm Bureau.
- CASE certified in Animal Science, Plant Science and Introduction to Ag, Food and Natural Resources
- Serves on the Minnesota CTE Mentorship Program Leadership Council.

FFA Highlights
- Accomplishments within the MN Youth Institute, Global Youth Institute, National Convention band participants, Farm her Grow Conference Participants, student serve on Nom Com at Region and State Level
- Lisa has assisted in preparing a regional officer

Partnerships
- Partners with local organizations such as the Redwood County Farm Bureau, Redwood Falls Chamber, Redwood County 4H, Bayer/Monsanto, Blossom Town Floral Shop, Redwood Falls Nursery, Runnings and others.
- School administration and School board supports in chapter personal development as well as approving the Orrin Estebo CTE Center
- Wertish Whitetail Deer and Elk Farm and the Redwood Stables provides hands on experience for Lisa’s animal science courses

“On a daily basis, students are engaging in animal anatomy, growing plants, and working on meaningful SAE projects, Lisa is a strong proponent of the Three Circle Model and it is clearly evident in her program.” – Rick Jorgenson– Principal

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