Roger Dyergsten
Grand Meadow

“The Ag Education Program is about creating a challenging learning environment about agriculture, it’s importance, dynamics and career opportunities tailored in developing citizen/scholars.”

Overview
- Roger has hosted 30 observational teacher candidates and 13 full time teacher candidates
- Roger has participated in the MAAE exchange of Ideas over the past 40 years of his teaching career
- Continues to share information through agronomy materials, soil texture samples and parliamentary procedure scripts

Instruction
- Roger has developed and shared his creation of the Business/Leadership Academy that he developed over the last 17 years
- Sharing of his practice schedule in which Roger dedicated 15-18 hours of time each week for small group team practices
- Roger focuses on the importance of speaking skills amongst all students and emphasizes that amongst his mentees

Experiential Learning
- Roger has created mini-internships (work studies tied into their CDE) for students that do not have entrepreneurial or placement experiences
- Ideas shared in student development includes: weekly newspaper articles, chapter scrapbooks, classroom bulletin board/display, proficiency award applications or teacher recognition pictures

Student Organizations
- Assisted 5 instructors in 4 counties to organize and run the FFA tractor driving programs
- Designed and shared the FFA corn tray to exhibit the 10 ear corn sample
- Roger has Led the crop exhibiting display
- Won the Minnesota FFA Premier Crop Exhibiting Sweepstake for 17 consec-

Professional Growth
- Roger has been in the teacher career for 44 years and an active member of MAAE, NAAE, MnACTE and ACTE
- Selected as the Minnesota FFA Advisor of the Year in 2013
- Was a certified crop advisor and served as a bank investor/board member for 8 years
- 37 winning entries, 12 state finishers and 4 overall state winners to compete at Region III conferences in the exchange of ideas displays with the latest being an in depth electrical wiring module center

“His enthusiasm for teaching, his Ag Ed/FFA program, and his students is well-pronounced and clear. Roger spends immense time preparing his students and teams for competitions. When you visit with him, you feel his enthusiasm and passion for the agricultural industry.”
- Nick Schiltz, Riverland Community College

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