

**North Central Region AAAE Report**  
**American Association for Agricultural Education Conference May 2010**  
**Greg Miller – NC AAAE President**

The North Central Region meeting was held September 27-29, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus and at the Embassy Suites Hotel. A total of 107 people registered for the conference including faculty (45), graduate students (30), undergraduate students (26), spouses (2), and others (4). Lloyd Bell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, provided leadership in organizing and hosting the conference. John Ewing, Jackie Bruce, and Rama Radhakrishna, the Pennsylvania State University, coordinated the research conference and Harry Boone, University of West Virginia, coordinated the poster sessions.

**Awards and Recognition**

Early Career Agricultural Educator: John Ewing, the Pennsylvania State University  
Distinguished Teaching: Dan Husmann, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Distinguished Research Award: Rama Radhakrishna, the Pennsylvania State University  
Outstanding Agricultural Educator: Robert Martin, Iowa State University

Outstanding Research Paper Presentation

Winner. Piaget's Stages of Cognitive Development: Have College Students Reached Formal Operations? Daniel Foster, the Pennsylvania State University, M. Susie Whittington, and Jedidah Bookman, The Ohio State University.

1<sup>st</sup> runner up. Effects of Metacognitive Instruction on Secondary Students' Problem Solving Performance. Michael Pate and Greg Miller, Iowa State University.

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up. Analyzing the Attitudes of Agricultural Education Teachers on Diversity Inclusion in Secondary Agricultural Education Programs. Douglas La Vergne, West Virginia University, Alvin Larke, Jr., Wash Jones, and Chanda Elbert, Texas A&M University.

Outstanding Research Poster

Winner. FFA Professional Development Needs of Missouri Agricultural Educators. P. Ryan Saucier, John D. Tummons, Leon G. Schumacher, and Robert Terry, Jr., University of Missouri.

1<sup>st</sup> runner up. Development of an Instrument to Measure the Agriscience Education Self-Efficacy of Middle School Students. Levon Esters, Purdue University.

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up. An Exploratory Study of Students' Oral Presentation Self-Efficacy. Levon Esters, Purdue University.

Outstanding Innovative Idea Poster

Winner. Professional Development through Winter Technical Institutes: Agricultural Electrification. P. Ryan Saucier and John Tummons, University of Missouri.

\*\*1<sup>st</sup> runner up. Development of an Agricultural Mechanics Course for Preservice Teachers. Michael Pate, Greg Miller, and W. Wade Miller, Iowa State University.

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up. Jamaica: Dawn of a New Beginning. B. Allen Talbert, Purdue University, Mark A. Balschweid, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Daniel Gottschalk, Purdue University.

3<sup>rd</sup> runner up. Student Teaching Capstone Expedition. Benjamin G. Swan, James J. Connors, and Kattlyn J. Wolf, University of Idaho.

\*\* Will not be presented at the 2010 AAAE Annual Meeting in Omaha.