

Austynn Gallagher- North Coast Region FFA Vice President

The Eureka High School agriculture department and the Eureka FFA would like to thank our community for your strong support of our program throughout the year but in particular at this year's Eureka Agriculture Boosters Dinner and Auction. With the help of our community through auction donations and your support through the dinner we were able to raise more money than ever before. The funds made at this event go to support the Eureka FFA and the Eureka High School agriculture department. Through the year the Eureka Ag Boosters have purchased, laptops and a laptop cart, construction of a barn on campus for student lamb and pig projects, and materials and supplies to support our students at the local fairs.

The biggest area of support is towards travel for our Career Development teams. Eureka FFA offers many career development event teams such as dairy products judging, dairy cattle judging, forestry judging, floriculture, farm power, small engines, agriculture mechanics and various speaking contests from parliamentary procedure and job interview contest. We have over 60 students competing in Career Development Events where they travel up and down the state at different college field days against other high school students. Eureka has a strong tradition of success on our career development events teams and if it was not for the support of our community it would be very difficult to offer these opportunities to our students. This year we will be traveling and competing in Arbuckle, UC Davis, Chico State University, Modesto Junior College, University of Merced, Fresno State University, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The opportunities for our students to travel are the foundation of success in our agriculture department. We love that we can expose our students to high skill, high wage careers that are in demand locally.

Alissa Sarvinski- EHS Ag Teacher

The agriculture department follows the CTE model curriculum standards in their individual pathways including agriscience and agriculture mechanics. The agriculture department finds imaginative ways to create hand-on learning situations for our students in every class, whether it is shop based or lab based.

The agriscience course curriculum follows the UCCI model of “Biology and Sustainable Ag”, “Chemistry and Agriscience” and “Advanced Agriscience”. These new courses meet Next Generation Science Standards and the agriscience teachers at Eureka High School were part of the original discussions to start this pathway several years ago in partnership with UCCI. Also, the department is a pilot school in the region for implementing this course sequence. Eureka High School as a pilot school has been instrumental in getting these classes approved not only in their own school but in sixteen other high schools within the north coast region. We are helping to raise the caliber of agriscience programs throughout the region. The Biology and Sustainable Agriculture course is dual enrolled with College of the Redwoods Sustainable Agriculture course and collaboration occurs between the college professor and the high school teacher so the curriculum is in sync and at college level.

We could not be more appreciative of our community. Thank you for your support of the Eureka Agriculture Program.