

# David Taylor

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

To employ my skillset in a junior high, high school or junior college level teaching position with a personal focus to develop an education program culminating in student, self, and community growth.

## EXPERIENCE

**September 2014 – present**

**Seasonal Grain Operations Manager – Grainco FS, LaSalle County, Illinois**

Supervision of employees, safety, equipment repairs, and maintenance, grain handling, grain management, reporting and providing customer service at 750,000 bushel grain facility.

**January 2014 - present**

**Volunteer Member - Ottawa Garden Club, Ottawa, Illinois**

Provide gardening technical assistance to members and vice president for the 2016-2017 season.

**November 2013 – September 2014**

**Tile Installer – David Taylor Tile, Ottawa, Illinois**

Installation of ceramic and natural stone tile in various surface applications, pre-work surface prep, job estimation, project planning and design, business management, customer service and sales.

**January 2010 – November 2013**

**Farm Manager – Madison's Restaurant at Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Highlands, North Carolina**

Overall farm operations including strategic planning, budgeting, farm development, planting, irrigation, pest management, customer and chef relations, crop harvest including best practices in post-harvest handling for food service.

- Formation of successful two acre restaurant garden for this Conde Nast award winning farm to table dining establishment.

- Developed tours and farm to table learning opportunities reaching over 500 people annually.

**April 2003 – November 2013**

**Farm Manager/Owner – Taylor Family Farm, Lakemont, Georgia**

Established our family run microfarm specializing in select vegetable and herb varieties. Managed marketing, production, product planning and financial management.

- Increased gross sales from \$3,000 to \$28,000 within 5 years of establishment on a ¾ acre plot.

- Developed community outreach programs including regional farm teaching tours and gardening classes in conjunction with the county extension service.

- Matured our business model to sell to a hand selected group of three star restaurants, spas, and bed and breakfasts.

**January 1997 - November 2013**

**Volunteer Youth Leader - Grace Bible Church, Mountain City, Georgia**

Led groups of children between the levels of third and twelfth grade. This included volunteer training, weekly lesson and activity planning for all age levels, organizing field trips, parent communication, and serving as student mentor.

## Education and Certification

- Bachelor of Science, Illinois State University. Normal, Illinois

- Associate in Arts Degree, Oakton Community College. Des Plaines, Illinois

- Illinois Teaching Certificate - Endorsements in Agricultural Mechanization and Technology, Agricultural Science and Horticulture.