

# Christian Mark Thurwanger

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; Emphasis in Agriculture Education **May 2018**

Minor: Animal Science

Western Illinois University- Macomb, Illinois

## **Teaching Experience:**

AGED 131- Dr. Andrew Baker

- Introduction to agriculture education techniques
- Observed three agriculture education professionals in the classroom setting

AGED 331- Dr. Andrew Baker

- Developed teaching portfolio on Taskstream
- Created lesson plans for St. Paul Elementary School on different agriculture magazine topics

AGED 439- Dr. Andrew Baker

- Created nine lesson plans based on the MyCaert curriculum to teach to peers
- Developed three lesson plans for West Prairie High School classes on agriculture leadership and wildlife

National FFA Organization- Western Illinois University

- Worked with students on developing record keeping strategies
- Discussed the importance of communication in the agriculture industry
- Developed students leadership through conferences and conventions

Ag In The Classroom- DeKalb County Farm Bureau

- Engaged students in activities that related to agriculture in Illinois
- Taught students the importance of agriculture in their daily lives

Summer Enrichment Program- Plano High School

- Assistance in IMSA science curriculum
- Supervision of students during classroom instruction and assistance in instruction material
- Cooperation with administration in developing curriculum for the following summer

## **Professional Experience:**

- Student Worker- Western Illinois University- Dr. Andrew Baker **2013- Present**
- Responsible for organizing events and competitions
  - Make copies for activities and competitions
  - Work with Western Illinois University employees on various tasks
  - Contact Western Illinois University Alumni about upcoming events
- Advanced Crop Care- DeKalb, IL- Mr. Joe Roesch **Summer 2015**
- Organize a spread sheet for crop scouting reports
  - Maintain a work schedule for time reporting

## **Leadership Positions/ Organizations**

- Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity **2013- Present**
- Assist in running both spring and fall philanthropies
  - Communicate with local businesses about sponsorships and donations
  - Hold executive board positions, Noble Ruler and Vice Noble Ruler of Finance
- Collegiate FFA/ PAS/ Ag Ed Club **2013- Present**
- Communicating with local newspapers and writing press releases
  - Appearing on radio stations to discuss upcoming events and competitions
  - Coordinate a Facebook page that students can keep in touch with
- WIU School of Ag-Vocator **2013- Present**
- Arrange classroom visits to talk about attending Western
  - Host an annual open house on campus for potential first year students
  - Give tours of the agriculture facilities and classrooms on campus
- National FFA Organization **2009- Present**
- Held multiple leadership positions at both the local and state level
  - Assisted with the running of Career Development Events
  - National FFF Alumni Organization, Lifetime member
- DeKalb County Pork Ambassador **2011- 2012**
- Promote pork products on both the State and National level
  - Attend classroom visits at local schools to teach children about the importance of pork
  - Attend conferences to learn more about the pork industry

## **Certifications and Proficiencies**

### Paraprofessional License

- Certified through Plano High School (Summer 2017)

### Food Handlers Certification

- Certified through The Change of Pace (May 2017)

## References

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