



2024 CTE Summer Swap Academy

hosted by Maize Career Academy
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2 days: June 3 & 4, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Lunch (on your own) from 11:30 to 12:30 pm both days

Ag Ed Essentials **MCA Room 109**

presented by Stacy Woodard and Chessica Garten
Maize Career Academy Ag instructors

Greenhouse Operations and Management

Join us for a hands-on session where we'll kick off with a greenhouse tour, giving a firsthand look at the ins and outs of greenhouse operations. Moving into the classroom, we'll dive into the art of floral design, with practical sessions on crafting corsages and centerpieces. Finally, we'll discuss the greenhouse plant sale, covering essential tips for preparation and success. Whether you're a seasoned educator or just starting, this workshop offers practical insights to enrich your horticulture program. Don't miss the chance to enhance your skills and bring a creative edge to your classroom.

CTSO success

This session will focus on seamlessly incorporating FFA and other Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) into classroom teaching. We'll discuss practical ways to integrate CTSO objectives into the curriculum, organize trips aligned with CTSO goals, and improve communication with students. The aim is to create a more engaging and hands-on learning experience that benefits both educators and students. Join us for practical insights into effective implementation and maximizing the impact of CTSOs in the classroom

Welding

This welding session will provide hands-on exploration of key aspects in welding education. Dive into lab activities that provide practical insights into welding techniques and safety procedures. We'll discuss effective course planning, helping you structure your welding program for optimal student engagement and skill development. Explore the scope and sequence of welding courses, ensuring a well-rounded curriculum that meets industry standards. The session also features a Q&A time regarding shop courses, addressing your specific queries and concerns. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and create a dynamic learning environment in your welding program.



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Participants will need:

Lesson Swap: Time will be built in to share and trade your favorite lesson plan/lab activity relating to any agriculture course. *Please bring 15 copies of ONE lesson plan/activity!*

Laptop & charger: all participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop and note-taking tools.

PPO: safety glasses, jeans, closed-toe safety shoes (second day only)

About the Presenters

Stacy Woodard is a 5th-year agriculture teacher in a multi-teacher program at Maize Career Academy. While proficient in teaching a variety of agriculture courses, her heart lies in agriscience, where the joy of watching first-year students discover their love for agriculture takes center stage. From cultivating green thumbs in horticulture to navigating the complexities of agribusiness and igniting sparks in Ag Welding 1, she brings a diverse range of experiences to the workshop. With a commitment to sharing practical insights, course planning expertise, and an open Q&A session on shop courses, join her and her teaching partner for a collaborative exploration that aims to elevate agricultural education. Whether you're a seasoned educator or new to the field, this workshop promises a dynamic and enriching experience under the guidance of dedicated teachers and lifelong learners.

Chessica Garten is an experienced teacher with a passion for Agriculture and Career and Technical Education. With 12 years of experience in Agricultural Education and Industrial Technology, Chessica has developed a deep understanding of the subject matter, its corresponding industries and has developed a strong commitment to supporting teachers in all areas of teaching. Chessica currently teaches in the Maize School District as an Agricultural Education Instructor with an emphasis in Welding and Animal Sciences. She believes that a strong agricultural education foundation is crucial for the growth and progression of the agricultural industry. She recognizes that a solid understanding of agriculture and related trades is essential for success in this field. She believes in providing a hands-on and experiential learning environment for her students and believes that students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process and have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in real-world situations. Chessica also emphasizes the importance of promoting intra-curricular opportunities through CTSOs as they promote student leadership, personal growth and career success.