



10 New Agriculture Teacher Tips in

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Minutes

Who is Realityworks?

- Based in Eau Claire, WI
- Established 25 years ago
- RealCare Baby® was our first product!
- Learning aids for CTE pathways: FCS, Health Science, Agriculture and Trade Skills



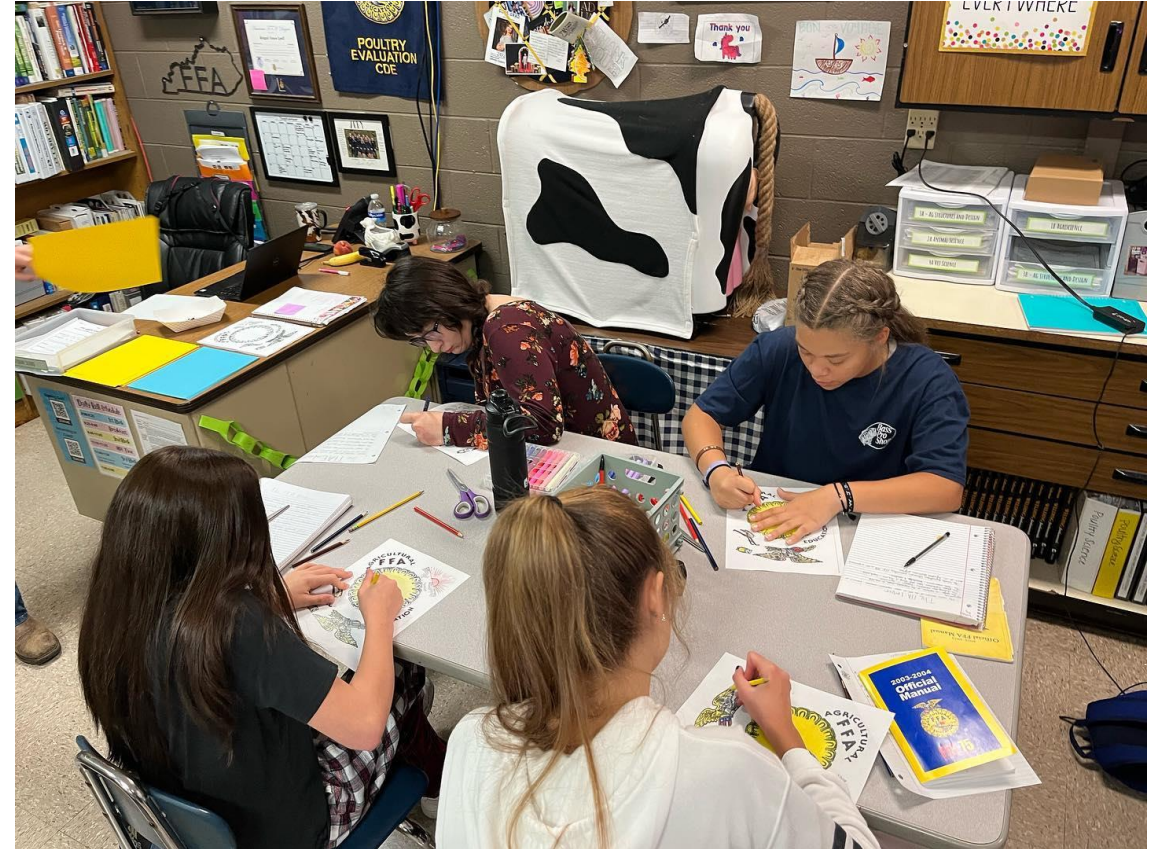
Tip #1: Get social!



- Ag Ed Discussion Lab
- Female Ag Teachers Discussion
- Ag Teacher Share
- Shop Talk: Agricultural Mechanics Help Center
- (State-specific) Ag Ed Discussion Lab - i.e. ND, IL

Tip #2: Ask your students what works

- Ask students directly
- Use a questionnaire
- Encourage honesty



Free quiz options

- **20 questions via EducationPlanner.org:**
<http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/learning-styles-quiz.shtml>
- **Arden University:** <https://arden.ac.uk/what-type-learner-are-you>
- **10 questions via Quizony.com:** <https://www.quizony.com/what-kind-of-learner-are-you/index.html>
- **Robertson College:**
<https://www.robertsoncollege.com/news/studying-at-robertson/what-type-of-learner-are-you/>

Tip #3: Add soft skills!

- **Got 5 minutes?**
 - Bell-ringers, ice-breakers
- **Got 30 minutes?**
 - Think-Pair-Share, small-group discussions
- **Even longer?**
 - Role-play, share real stories

5 Ideas for Incorporating Soft Skills Into Any Classroom

The infographic features a row of icons representing soft skills: a circular arrow for communication, puzzle pieces for teamwork, speech bubbles for communication, a laptop and smartphone for technology, hands shaking for collaboration, and a clock for time management.

Below the icons are four photographs illustrating classroom activities: students at a chalkboard, a teacher and students in a discussion, students working on a laptop, and two students working on a project.

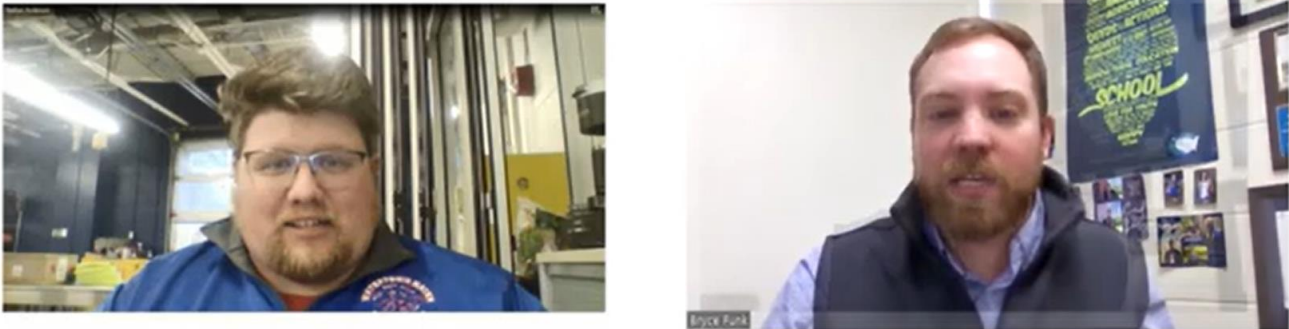
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Tip #4: Watch our free webinars

- Learn from subject matter experts
- Certificates of completion for attendees
- Links to slides, handouts and other resources
- Watch the replay anytime

How do you incorporate simulation in your classroom



Nathan Anderson – AG Teacher & FFA Advisor,
Watertown – Mayer High School (MN)

Bryce Funk – Agriculture Teacher & FFA Advisor,
Campbellsport Middle-High School (WI)

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Watch "Making an Impact on Agriculture Students:"

<https://www.realityworks.com/making-an-impact-on-agriculture-students/>

Tip #5: Get creative on social

Nathan's Tips for TikTok Success:

- Don't show students' faces or share their names to ensure their privacy is protected.
- Coordinate with your administrators
- Post consistently, ideally daily.
- Make several videos at once to save time.
- Feature fun props

Read his story: <https://www.realityworks.com/blog/this-tiktok-teacher-is-using-videos-to-engage-agriculture-students-and-its-working/>



Tip #6: Generate positive press!

“How can we increase awareness so that we open up more resources to make our programs better, continue to get approved to fund things, and our teachers understand we mean what we say when we say this is a team effort? Harnett County is a great place to work, and we want to retain good people. We see a big picture here.”

- Lindsey Spivey Hardee, M.Ed., NBCT, Director of Career & Technical Education, Harnett County Schools



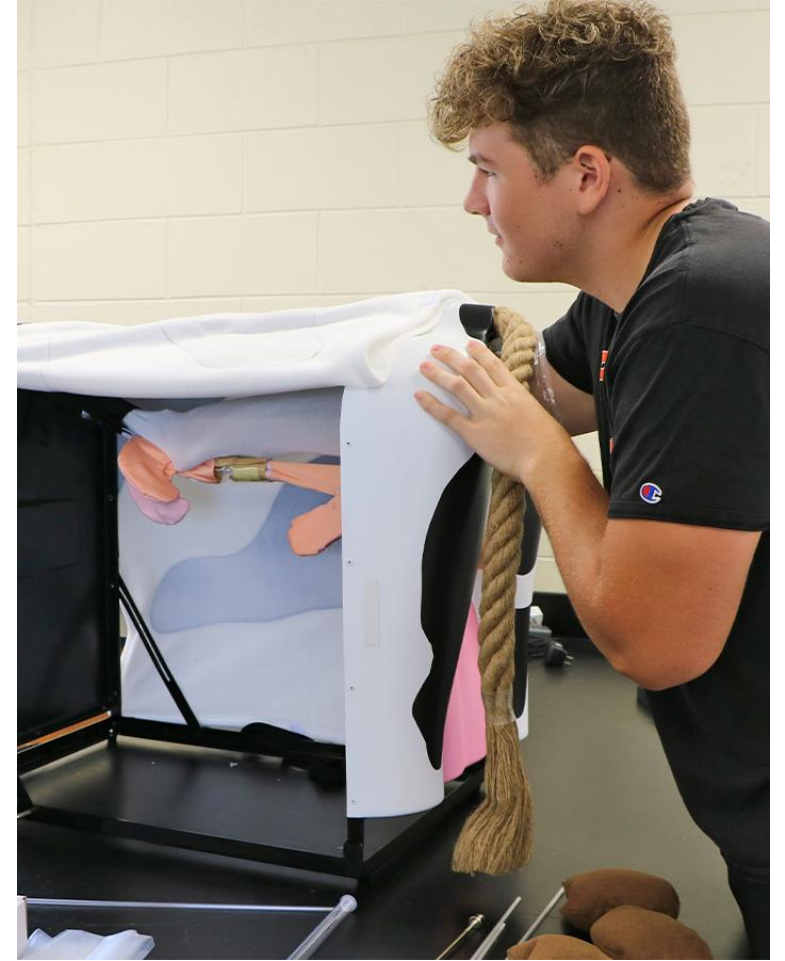
Read her story: <https://www.realityworks.com/stories/awareness-engagement-and-recruitment-nc-cte-programs-trailer-helps-youth-explore-careers/>

Tip #7: Bring in subject matter experts



- Demonstrates relevancy
- Enables real-world connections
- Promotes engaging discussion
- Save time to reflect

Tip #8: Incorporate hands-on learning aids



Why hands-on learning?

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING WORKS



Experiential learning is a more effective way to gaining understanding of materials than lecture-based discussions.

We retain **75%** of what we do compared to **5%** of what we hear.

Source: <https://www.realityworks.com/blog/5-reasons-experiential-learning-works-online-or-in-the-classroom/>

Innovative learning tools for skills training



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- “Our Program Curriculum: The Hidden Gem of Our Hands-On Learning Aids”
<https://www.realityworks.com/blog/our-program-curriculum-the-hidden-gem-of-our-hands-on-learning-aids/>

Tip #9: Attend education conferences

- **Our top tradeshow tips:**
 - Visit with vendors!
 - Dress comfortably (and in layers)
 - Don't forget the giveaways!
- **More tips:**
 - <https://www.realityworks.com/blog/make-it-your-best-education-conference-ever-with-these-tips/>



Tip #10: Explore careers with our free lessons

- Lessons focus on career opportunities within:
 - Agriculture
 - Food science and meat evaluation
 - Culinary arts and food science
 - Veterinary technician
 - Welding
 - Business and marketing
 - ... and more!



Get your lessons:
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Now what?

- Grab your free resources:
 - <https://www.realityworks.com/resources/classroom-ideas/>
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