**Iowa Postsecondary Agricultural Students**

**Fact Sheet**

**The Iowa Postsecondary Agricultural Students (Iowa PAS) is an organization associated with agricultural, agribusiness, and other agriculture related occupations such as horticulture, natural resources, mechanics, floriculture, and food sciences.  PAS is available in thirteen two year community colleges, one four year college, and one four year university in Iowa. It is an integral part of career education at the postsecondary level. It provides the opportunity for those individuals who wish to enhance skill development in leadership, technical knowledge, and personal growth areas.**

**(For state membership information refer to Resources – Iowa PAS Membership Form)**

**Summary of State PAS Yearly Activities**

**State officers and member training – A team building seminar is conducted each year for the newly elected state officers and members on the state and national levels.**

**State officer workshops – These meetings allows for the planning and development of the state activities to be conducted throughout the year.**

**Partnerships visits are conducted with business, industry, and agriculture organization that provide networking opportunities for employment, as well as to acquire support for the organization.  This is one way that demonstrates the organization’s moto of “Uniting Education and Industry in Agriculture”**

**The state officers’ contact individuals and conduct visits to colleges and universities to obtain participation in the organization and to obtain hosts for the Leadership and State Conferences**

**Members are provided the opportunity to participate in a number of Career Program Areas on the local, state, and national level.  They are divided into the two major areas of Individual Career Programs and Team Career Programs which are designed to enhance and improve the participant’s competency levels.  The Individual Career Programs concentrate in the areas of self-confidence, oral and written communications, organization, information gathering, goal setting, presentation and time management.  The Team Career Programs concentrate in the areas of learning communities, process management, consensus problem solving, presentation, information analysis, and time management.**

**(For details on the Career Program Areas refer to Career Programs)**

**A Leadership Conference is held each fall. It consists of seminars, and presentations on personal, technical, and leadership development; social networking; and tours to business and industry sites.  Career Fairs are often included with the other activities.**

**The State Conference is held each February.  It consists of Career Program Areas   competitions, workshops, seminars, speakers, social activities and the delegate business session which includes the conducting of the organizations official business including the election of the state officers.**

**A National Conference is held each March at different locations throughout the United States. Iowa members are encouraged to attend, participate, and to acquire knowledge on agriculture   in different parts of the States. It consists of seminars, tours, keynote speakers, social activities, national Career Program Areas competitions, and conducting of the national business items including the election of the national officers.**

**(For additional information on the national organization refer to** [**nationalpas.org**](http://nationalpas.org/)**)**

**Iowa PAS Member Colleges and University**

**The following Iowa colleges and university enhance their students learning opportunities by sponsoring an affiliate chapter and participating in the Iowa PAS Activities:**

**Des Moines Area Community College**

**Dordt College**

**Ellsworth Community College**

**Hawkeye Community College**

**Indian Hills Community College**

**Iowa Central Community College**

**Iowa Lakes Community College**

**Iowa State University**

**Iowa Western Community College**

**Kirkwood Community College**

**Muscatine Community College**

**Northeast Iowa Community College**

**Southeastern Community College**

**Southwestern Community College**