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# Farming in Cook County...A WONDERFUL Story to Tell!!

#### Agricultural Leadership Academy



Tours this year included learning about horticulture careers at Kennicott Brothers
Floral (shown here) and food science/manufacturing while touring at OSI
Group in Chicago.

# Reaching the Students

#### Ag Days for 3rd graders



Over 800 3rd graders attended Ag Day North and South where they learned from farmers and ag students.

#### **Summer Agriculture Institute 1**

"Engaging Students Through Agriculture"



Tours included Fair Oaks Farm in Indiana and Land O' Frost., a local food processor.

Teachers devoted 5 days to learning about the agriculture industry in our county. Visits include local farms, producers and processers.



# Teaching the Teachers



Our fall workshop on pumpkins and apples included the "Slice of Planet Earth" demo.



In spring teachers learned the importance of insects and pollinators and received books and

seeds.

## 2018 Howard Paarlberg Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship



"Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Howard Paarlberg Excellence in Agriculture award. I am very grateful to the CCFB Foundation for recognizing my passion for agriculture."

-Jonathon Poole

#### 2018 General Scholarship Recipients

Caitlin Bondarowicz Natalie Daniel Olivia Lake Katherine Manika Seeking
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Xavier Morgan Tom Poole Aidan Walton

#### Ag Literacy Intern

We welcomed Brittany Nash to our internship this summer.
She conducted our library programs and assisted with our Summer Ag Institute.
Brittany was a graduate from the Chicago High School for Ag Sciences and is attending Illinois State University.

