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The Agricultural Education Program prepares students for careers that help develop other people, organizations, and communities to solve real-world problems. Our graduates work with people in a variety of settings from high school classrooms to corporate-office training to workshop facilitation.

JASMINE COLLINS (assistant professor)
Dr. Collins applies critical theories and methods to examine college student awareness and advocacy around contemporary social issues. Through her research, teaching, and service, she develops agricultural leaders who are self-and-socially aware, multiculturally competent, and unafraid to tackle big issues.

JASON EMMERT (associate director)
Dr. Emmert provides leadership and mentorship for faculty, staff, and students, and assists with development of additional financial support for the agricultural education program. He also helps the program provide support to local, regional, and statewide agricultural education-related organizations, which also offer opportunities to students in the program.

PRASANTA KALITA (director)
Dr. Kalita leads the Agricultural Education Program in the College of ACES. He oversees the budget, hires faculty and staff, oversees promotion and recognition, recruits students, and manages educational programs within the unit.

DAVID ROSCH (associate professor)
Dr. Rosch explores ways to help high school and college students develop leadership skills to help set them apart from their peers and distinguish themselves as future leaders in the job market. He helps students build their confidence in serving as a leader of their peers and motivates them to become more engaged in their communities.

ERICA THIEMAN (assistant professor)
Dr. Thieman identifies stress and resilience factors that impact teacher development, performance, and reflection. She studies the current U.S. supply and demand crisis to fill secondary education and agricultural education teacher positions. Thieman helps professionals in high-stress careers understand how their lifestyle choices affect their performance and recovery.