



**Outstanding
Teacher
Mentor**

TJ Brown

South Central College

“Starting at the root and building knowledge allows teachers to take what they’ve learned back to their individual schools and transfer the concepts to each building’s unique set of challenges.”

Overview

- Hosted student teachers from the University of Minnesota
- TJ has served as a TIP mentor to 7 different teachers and CTE TIP Mentor
- Served on two school districts AFNR advisory boards
- Serves in a leadership role at the Minnesota State Fair, through professional development, designing a semester long advanced agricultural technician course and developing a Safety Curriculum.

Instruction

- TJ secured a \$500,000 grant for the development and technology for an agricultural technology, automation and mechanics course
- TJ has hosted at least 18 professional development sessions at the State and National Level
- Enhancing opportunities for students and advisors at the Minnesota State Fair through FFA competitions

Experiential Learning

- TJ has been a state leader in the shifting of our SAE model to “SAE for all”
- Was one of the co-creators of the Minnesota Summer Ag Ed Teacher Intern program which is now a successful program supported by the legislator
- TJ was an early adopter and leader in the AET and in presenting AET workshops for current instructors

Student Organizations

- Has been the FFA Minnesota State Fair Superintendent for the past 5 years
- TJ offers guidance to those looking to start an alumni and supporter group
- TJ serves as the co-advisor for the local PAS chapter
- TJ has assisted and supports Career Development Programs at the local, regional and state level

Professional Growth

- TJ has been an active member of MAAE, NAAE, MnACTE, ACTE and the Minnesota Technical Educators Association
- Was selected as Minnesota’s Teacher Turn the Key participant, a finalist at NAAE for Outstanding Young Teacher, and a finalist for Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program
- TJ served on the MAAE officer board and presidential sequence
- TJ has participated in more than 70 industry tours while advising and mentoring students

“Evaluating the depth of his impact on me is unmeasurable. TJ is a mentor for all and agricultural education in our state an nation is better as a result.”

- Ethan Dado, Mankato Area Schools

2023 MAAE Award Winner