

Ag ed has been a big part of SRC & President Oldfield

In 1961, the pre-agriculture curriculum at Canton Community College/Spoon River College was designed to prepare students for transfer to a four-year university and included English, math, science, and social studies. In 1966, Agricultural Technology was added, and the classes were geared towards students who planned to return to the farm or go into some phase of farm mechanics.

Today's Ag education can still take one to a four-year university or back to the farm, and it can also take one to a classroom, an office, or any number of agricultural related businesses and companies.

"Job opportunities in the agricultural industry are numerous; there's research and development, agronomy, public relations, conservation, and more," said Curt Oldfield,

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whose own agricultural education landed him at Spoon River College in 2012 as its

eighth president.

Oldfield grew up working on the family farm in Farmington where he attended high school and was active in FFA as both a Chapter and Section 12 president. His journey in higher education – an associate degree from Spoon River College, bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, and a master's degree from the University of Illinois, all in agricultural education – included involvement in PAS (Postsecondary Agricultural Students), where he continued to gain life skills.

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areas that I use daily in my job as a college president, including public speaking and problem-solving," said Oldfield. "I also learned that it's important to never stop learning, and that it's a small world and we should be respectful to each other."

Oldfield is active in his community and has served on many boards. He credits his time on the Fulton County Farm Bureau Board as being beneficial to him and his career, and he is a past recipient of the Illinois Farm Bureau Ag Excellence award.

"My work ethic, appreciation for being a steward of resources, and gratitude for all that has been given to us is part of my passion for agriculture," said Oldfield, who taught agriculture at Roseville High School and at the College before moving to the administration side of education, first as the dean of instruction at SRC and then as vice-president of academic affairs at Northeast Iowa Community College before returning home to accept the presidency.

"I want non-farm members to know agriculture and farming is a way of life that is guided by strong business principles; that over the years U.S. agriculture has been and continues to be the safest source of food, fiber and fuel, in the world; that technology has changed agriculture, but cannot replace the dedication and commitment of a farmer; and that agriculturists have been and will

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