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## **First Mini-WCFA held at Highland Community College**

URBANA – The first on-campus Mini-Women Changing the Face of Agriculture (WCFA) conference was held on Tuesday, September 6. The event, hosted by the Highland Community College Ag Club and Northwest Region of Illinois Agri-Women, was held at the Highland Community College in Freeport, Illinois.

At the Mini-WCFA event, nearly 100 high school students had the opportunity to meet with 17 women who work in the agricultural industry. These professionals shared information about their agricultural careers and the companies or government entities that they work for.

The event started with student registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. Following the meal, students had the chance to attend a panel discussion. The panel consisted of Anjie Erbsen, Becca Moest, Karen Blatter, Kellie Rahn, Kathy Novotney, and Amy Johnson. These individuals shared their personal experiences with the students, providing insight into what it is like to work in the agricultural industry.

The Mini-WCFA conference concluded with round table discussions. During this segment, students divided into small groups and talked with the industry professionals about their careers.

Women Changing the Face of Agriculture provides career advice and direction for young women in high school and college who are thinking about a career in agriculture. At WCFA conferences, women learn more about careers in the industry, network with women from across the country and interact with others interested in similar careers. To learn more about their annual conference, visit [womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com](http://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com).

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