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California Agricultural Leadership Foundation

The California Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) provides an advanced leadership development experience for mid-career agriculturists who are seen as emerging leaders who will be effective advocates for issues facing agriculture, our communities, the state and nation.

CALP is considered to be one of the premier leadership development experiences in the United States. Through dynamic monthly seminars during an intensive 16-month program participants develop professional, networking, community, and cultural awareness skills that contribute to improved performance as a leader.

Ag Leadership fellows will gain important skills and awareness to enhance their leadership capabilities and effectiveness in a rapidly changing environment. Fellows will be challenged to deal with the complex challenges affecting their business, agricultural associations, community, family and government.

Seminars are delivered by four exceptional partner universities – Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fresno State and UC Davis. Fellows participate in a 10-day national travel seminar during the first year and a 15-day international travel seminar during the second year.

Since the program was first delivered in 1970, more than 1,200 men and women have participated in Ag Leadership and have become influential leaders and active volunteers in agriculture, government, communities, business and education.

CALP is operated by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation.

OUR VISION:
California agricultural leaders united as a catalyst for a vibrant industry.

OUR MISSION:
We grow leaders who make a difference.
Pacific Vineyard Co.

Erin is the assistant vineyard manager for a company that grows more than 1,650 acres of wine grapes, as well as develops new vineyards, on the Central Coast.

Olam Spices and Vegetable Ingredients

Zach is a tomato crop supervisor for a top global supplier of dehydrated vegetables, spices, tomato products and specialty vegetables.

SunWest Foods Inc.

Drew is a field service representative at a firm that purchases, markets, processes and ships California rice to domestic and global markets.

Bypass Farms

Dominic is the farm manager for a family-owned, 6,500-acre farming operation with organically and conventionally grown row, feed and tree crops.

Anthony Vineyards

Domenick is a fourth generation grower who helps manage his family’s 3,720-acre farming operation cultivating table grapes, citrus and bell peppers.

University of California

Josh is an advisor specializing in livestock, range, pasture and natural resources for UC Cooperative Extension in Tehama, Glenn and Colusa counties.

CalAgjobs

Shannon is the owner of a listing and promotion service for career opportunities in California agriculture and an agricultural consultant.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Melissa is a senior director for Global Food Sourcing, which sources fresh fruits and vegetables for more than 4,000 stores nationwide.

Produce Marketing Association

Johnna is the director of food safety and technology for the leading trade association representing the global fresh produce and floral industries.

Westlands Water District

Gayle is the public affairs representative for the nation’s largest agricultural irrigation district consisting of more than 600,000 acres and 700 family farms.

Provost & Pritchard

Randy is a vice president at a firm that offers engineering and consulting services for agricultural, water, dairy, environmental remediation and public works projects.

Bayer CropScience

Sarah is an agronomic development specialist at the global headquarters for the Biologics division of one of the world’s leading crop science companies.

J.G. Boswell Company

Beau is a production agronomist and pest control advisor for a large farming company that grows cotton, processing tomatoes, safflower and pistachios.

Tenalu

Jorge is the operations manager for a fourth generation family farm that produces oranges, lemons, olives, avocados and specialty citrus.

Sunview Dried Fruit and Nut Co.

Heather is the Fresno area manager for a family farm that produces table grapes, raisins, almonds, wine grapes and wine.

Metzer Farms

Marc is the general manager of his family’s duck, goose and game bird hatchery that controls all aspects of nutrition, selection, incubation and hatching.

Fowler Nurseries, Inc.

Denise is the fourth generation co-owner of a nursery that produces more than 1 million fruit, nut and nut trees annually for commercial orchardists.

Joseph and Sons Inc.

Tony is the operations manager of his family’s multigenerational farming operation that produces more than 15 varieties of fresh cut flowers.

Burford Ranch

Sal is the assistant farm manager for a 12,000-acre family operation that farms 13 crops and he is a general partner of the 1,000-acre Coyula Farms.

The Specialty Crop Company

Shaun is the food safety/safety coordinator for a diversified grower/shipper and farm management company that is the world’s largest fig grower.

Secondo Farms LP

Adam is the owner of his family’s 100-year-old farming operation that grows lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, celery and onions. He also owns Secondo Management Co.

Vann Brothers

Blake is the orchard manager for his family’s farming operation that grows 10,000 acres of almonds, 1,000 acres of walnuts, plus tomatoes and other row crops.

Pearl Crop, Inc.

Christian is a grower representative for a family-owned company that offers in-shell and shelled walnuts and almonds, serving upwards of 40 countries.

State Water Resources Control Board

Ashley is a coordinator for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which regulates discharges from irrigated agricultural lands for 40,000 growers statewide.