

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 17-month program, fellows will focus on leadership theory, critical and strategic thinking, effective communication, motivation, change management, complex social and cultural issues, emotional intelligence and other 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. With a strong skill set and strategic ideas, they will be better prepared to assess and 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.

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

**OUR MISSION:**  
*We grow leaders who  
make a difference.*



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**Erin Amaral**  
Grover Beach

**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.



**Zach Bagley**  
Davis

**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.



**Drew Becker**  
Biggs

**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.



**Dominic Bruno**  
Sacramento

**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.



**Domenick Buck**  
Bakersfield

**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.



**Josh Davy**  
Cottonwood

**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.



**Shannon Douglass**  
Orland

**CalAgJobs**

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



**Melissa Heinrich**  
Santa Clarita

**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.



**Johnna Hepner**  
Hollister

**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.



**Gayle Holman**  
Clovis

**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.



**Randy Hopkins**  
Clovis

**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.



**Sarah Hovinga**  
Sacramento

**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.



**Beau Howard**  
Corcoran

**J.G. Boswell Company**

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



**Jorge Inestroza**  
Springville

**Tenalu**

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



**Heather Jackson**  
Madera

**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.



**Marc Metzger**  
Gonzales

**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.



**Denise Moore**  
Newcastle

**Fowler Nurseries, Inc.**

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



**Tony Ortiz**  
Camarillo

**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.



**Salvador Parra, Jr.**  
San Joaquin

**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.



**Shaun Ramirez**  
Firebaugh

**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.



**Adam Secondo**  
Salinas

**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.



**Blake Vann**  
Williams

**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.



**Christian Vellanoweth**  
Sacramento

**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.



**Ashley Zellmer**  
Sacramento

**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.