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California Agricultural Leadership Program's Class 39 Travels to Peru and Ecuador

SACRAMENTO, February 23, 2010 – The 24 fellows of the California Agricultural Leadership Program's (CALP) Class 39 are currently traveling throughout Peru and Ecuador. The group departed on Feb. 13 for a 15-day international travel seminar.

To read daily blog updates and see photos from Class 39's journey, visit www.agleaders.org and click on Class 39 International Journal.

During this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, fellows are exploring political, economic, environmental, educational, historical and cultural issues of Peru and Ecuador. Activities planned during the trip include meetings with U.S. Embassy officials; visiting agricultural institutions and businesses, such as the International Potato Centre, Agrokasa, and Benson Agriculture and Food Institute; and visiting Andean villages, Inca sites, and Amazon Basin communities. Early in the trip, fellows assisted in rebuilding homes in a rural Peruvian (Huamani) village damaged by earthquakes. In the weeks prior to leaving, the class raised money to purchase much-needed building materials for the village.

Since 1970, CALP classes have visited more than 50 countries on five continents.

Class 39 fellows are Jose Aguiar, Indio; Lisa Bodrogi, Santa Maria; Cara Crye, San Luis Obispo; Sara DeForest, Chico; Erin Field Huston, Oxnard; Bryan Foley, Fallbrook; Jonnalee Henderson, Davis; Nick Hill, Kingsburg; Josh Huntsinger, Auburn; Joyce Jong, Riverside; Eric Limas, Tipton; Tina Lunt, Sacramento; Michael Mendes, Valencia; Cannon Michael, Los Banos; Tyler Morgan, Merced; James Rickert, McArthur; Emily Robidart Rooney, Sacramento; John Schaap, Visalia; Tracy Schohr, Sacramento; David Silva, Kingsburg; Rick Stark, Kingsburg; Peter Vallis, Fresno; Ivor Van Wingerden, Nipomo; Greg Wegis, Buttonwillow.

Traveling with Class 39 are Dr. Lester Young, Cal Poly Pomona; Dr. Michael Thomas, California State University, Fresno; and Dr. Robert Flores, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, who represent three of CALP's four partner universities.

CALP prepares men and women in California agriculture for more effective leadership. It is an intensive two-year fellowship that provides individuals with exceptional professional and personal leadership development experiences. The program has more than 1,100 graduates and current fellows, including many influential leaders in government, communities and the agricultural industry.

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