The Circle of Support for Ag Leadership

The time is passing quickly as I learn more each day about my responsibilities and the opportunities connected with being president of CALF. I have already had the chance to attend and participate with the Alumni Council in their “on-boarding” meetings in Pasadena, communicated with the newly selected members of Class 47 in offering my congratulations and educating them on their responsibilities and obligations of being a CALF fellow, enjoyed the fellowship at the NorCal Clay Shoot fundraiser and dined with Region 9 alumni at their annual golf tournament at the beautiful Las Posas Golf Club in Camarillo.

All of these events and meetings solidified my view and understanding of the circular relationship between the four major components of our ag leadership development platform. First, the four outstanding universities that support the foundation and the unified belief in leadership education; second, the exceptional curriculum that has been developed to truly “grow leaders who make a difference”; third, the engaged and energized alumni and their continued valuable role in not only supporting the program but committing to life-long learning; and finally, the need to secure appropriate
and adequate resources to fund this remarkable program in a sustainable manner. Each component leads to the other.

So I look forward to learning more each day to further the mission and vision of CALF and with your assistance, I know we will be successful in that endeavor. Thank you.

Introducing Class 47

We are pleased to welcome 24 exceptional individuals to Class 47 of the California Ag Leadership Program!

- Kevin Antongiovanni, Ten Star Farming Inc., Bakersfield
- Tom Barrios, Barrios Farms Inc., Woodland
- Jared Britschgi, Pearl Crop, Bakersfield
- Casey Creamer, Kings River Conservation District, Fresno
- Chris Drew, Ocean Mist, Castroville
- Ted Grether, Grether Farming Co., Somis
- Randi Gwilliam, Tulare Ag Products, Tulare
- John Hay, Scribner Hay LLC, Bakersfield
- Hans Herkert, Growers Ag Service, Yuba City
- Stuart Hoetger, The Stogan Group, Chico
- Nadav Ichaki, Nut Farmers LLC, Los Angeles
- Tucker Knutz, Harris Feeding Company, Coalinga
- Brad Koehn, Turlock Irrigation District, Turlock
- Jenny Lester Moffitt, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento
- Hunter Lindemann, THL Enterprises, Gustine
- John McKeon, Earthbound Farm, San Juan Bautista
- Jason Miller, Miller Honey Farms, Newcastle
- Darrin Monteiro, California Dairies Inc., Visalia
- Matthew Patton, Elk Grove Unified School District, Elk Grove
- Brad Reinhart, JG Boswell Company, Corcoran
- Jill Scofield, California Beef Council, Sacramento
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<td><strong>Invitation from the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California:</strong> Please join us in welcoming our friend and colleague, Barry Bedwell (Class 13), to our Salinas and Pajaro Valley communities. This August Barry Bedwell joined the California Ag Leadership Foundation, based in Salinas, as its new President, immediately succeeding Bob Gray. Bedwell is responsible for directing all foundation activities and guiding the leadership program. Bedwell was most recently President and CEO of the California Fresh Fruit Association since 2003. He has served in leadership positions for numerous organizations, including United Fresh Produce Association, California Association of Winegrape Growers, Fresno State Bulldog Foundation, Alliance for Food and Farming, Agricultural President's Council and USDA's Agricultural Technical Advisory Council.</td>
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<td>Committee for Fruits and Vegetables. At this reception we will also hold a toast in honor and memory of David Martella (Class 22).</td>
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<td>Monday, October 3, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. 512 Pajaro St., Salinas, CA</td>
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| Dean Brown Golf Tournament (Region 7) |
| When: Friday, Nov. 4  
Where: Santa Maria Country Club |
| For more information: Carson Britz at carsonbritz@gmail.com or (559) 284-9107 for entry, sponsorship and donation information. |

| L4 Seminar with Mark Goulston |
| Just Listen: How to Get Through to Anyone |
| Dr. Michael Thomas, CALF's director of education, has read Goulston's book and shared a favorite sample dialogue from "Just Listen." The excerpt shows the thought process that goes along with some types of empathic listening. |
| "I need to talk to you about something. I was so busy feeling upset with you and then acting impatient and irritated that I stepped on your toes instead of walking in your shoes. When I stopped to do that, I thought if I were you, I'd feel frustrated (scared, angry, etc.) Is that true?"

The next L4 Seminar will feature Mark Goulston, M.D., author of "Just Listen: Discover the Secret to Getting Through to Absolutely Anyone." |
| When: Oct. 21, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
Where: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
RSVP: Elazzerini@agleaders.org or 831-585-1030  

The seminar is free to attend and is open to alumni, fellows, industry, friends, prospective candidates, faculty, staff and students.

>More Information

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Alumni Council Update

Becoming Part of the Movement

In late August, the Alumni Council (AC) met for a two-day on-boarding retreat. During the retreat, the group identified six strategic initiatives that align with the outcomes supported by the board of directors.

The initiatives are:

1. Develop a process to engage alumni to increase participation.
2. Continue to define the structure, roles and responsibilities for the AC.
4. Enhance the pool of applicants to CALP.
5. Create an alumni database with more data points and confirm accuracy of current information.
6. Increase expectations of fellows in each new class and integrate them into the alumni.

The next step will be to begin the process of creating a structure, clarifying and confirming roles and outlining the responsibilities that will support the initiatives set at the retreat. The AC will be calling for alumni to become “part of the movement” by reaching out to all the alumni to ask for their ideas; to learn how they have helped in the past and to identify what time, talent and treasures they can give in the future.

A full recap of the retreat will be featured in the fall issue of Horizons.
Successful Events in September

Thank you to everyone who attended the NorCal Sporting Clay Shoot on Sept. 10 at the Quail Point Hunt Club in Zamora and the Region 9 Golf Tournament at the Los Posas Country Club in Camarillo on Sept. 12.

Join us for a Special Evening: Inauguration and Ag Leadership Award

The Class 47 inauguration event and 2016 Ag Leadership Award ceremony will be held Thursday, Oct. 6 at the Clovis Memorial Veterans Center.

Profile in Leadership Award
Deanna van Klaveren (32)
Generation Growers, Inc., Co-owner

> Invitation

Bedwell to Speak at North State Precision Ag Expo & Farm Business Forum

The Glenn County Fairgrounds, in partnership with Legacy by Design, LLC and CSU Chico College of Agriculture, is pleased to announce the inaugural North State Precision Ag Expo & Farm Business Forum. The two-fold event will feature seminars, workshops and panels about the newest precision ag technologies and best business practices. Attendees will also have access to a trade show, small workshops, continuing education hours, live demonstrations and networking opportunities.

The Precision Ag Expo side of this event is designed to teach today’s farmers and ranchers about what’s new in agriculture technologies. Seminars will expose attendees to the best ways to
use soil monitors, drones for spray applications, ag apps to improve the way farmers and ranchers do business and more.

Running concurrently with the expo, the Farm Business Forum will introduce attendees to successful succession planning, family consulting, financial planning, leadership development, creating a successful business culture, plus additional subjects. The forum is intended to share today’s best farm business practices and give farmers and ranchers the tools to apply to their businesses.

When:
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where:
Glenn County Fairgrounds
221 E. Yolo Street, Orland, CA

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In Memoriam

David Martella, a Class 22 graduate and Region 5 alumnus, passed away on Sept. 13. Our deepest sympathies go out to David’s wife (Melissa), their two sons and family, as well as his classmates and friends. A celebration of life was held on Sept. 16.

>Obituary
>Alumni Spotlight article in Horizons/September 2007

Job Opportunities

Executive director, Central Valley Farmland Trust (Elk Grove) Click here for the position description. Contact: Nancy Painter at nancy@painterexecutivesearch.com or 415-202-6240.

Commodity sales manager, J.G. Boswell Company (Corcoran) For more info email John Ellis: jellis@jgboswell.com, or send your resume to
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American Ag Aviation, Inc.: $1,000
CALAMCO: $1,000 "In memory of David Martella"
Bob and Pat Gray: $1,000 "In Memory of David Martella"
Gail and John Gray: $1,000
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**Loren Booth and Bob Gray Recognition Luncheon, Carmel**  
Sept. 23

**Class 47 Inaugural Seminar, Fresno**  
Oct. 5 - 7

**Class 47 Inaugural Dinner and Awards Ceremony, Clovis**  
Oct. 6

**California Exchange, San Luis Obispo**  
Oct. 18 - 21

**L4 Seminar with Mark Goulston, San Luis Obispo**  
Oct. 21

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