ALUMNI COUNCIL

Strategic Alignment Plans Underway

We grow leaders who make a difference.
LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT THE FUTURE

The title of this article is taken from Marcus Buckingham, a British business writer, and it fits our situation quite well. Most of 2015 has been spent in preparation for an orderly transition to the future.

The calendar year started with a flurry of changes. In January we hired Dr. Jim Ulrich from Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, Pa.) as leadership program manager in anticipation of the eventual full retirement of Dr. Charlie Crabb. Also in January we hired Liza Teixeira Robertson as writer/editor to understudy and largely replace the services of Meredith Ritchie (who stepped down in March), and we anticipate they will share an 80/20 work load going forward. Still in January, we lost the services of A.G. Kawamura from the board of directors as he stepped off the board to pursue some important policy and training projects in Orange County and elsewhere around the country.

We held our first-ever commencement at Fresno State, for Class 44, in February (because of the shorter program—17 months instead of 20 months), on a Saturday morning, and

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had Fresno State President Dr. Joseph Castro as a commencement speaker. This changed what had been a 43-year tradition of graduation ceremonies occurring mid-week (most of the time) in Pomona, but was not done without a full review of the advantages and disadvantages of the change. All things considered, and judging by the turnout, the change was family- and employer-friendly, and at a good central-state location.

By May we had another change at the board level as Rob Yraceburu (formerly of Wells Fargo) surprised us all by joining the Paramount (now Wonderful) organization as COO and eventual president/CEO of Wonderful Orchards. With two company representatives on the foundation board with this position change, Rob stepped down in favor of his new boss, Joe MacIlvaine.

As part of CALF’s plan to continue to improve its programs and resources for alumni and fellows, the Alumni Council is currently going through a strategic plan implementation. Read about their alignment plan on pages 4-7 of this issue.

By the end of the summer we had to get serious about Bob Gray’s planned retirement next year and formed a search committee, hired Mixtec as the executive recruiter and announced the position opening in November. This process will take a few months and we expect to have a new executive in place by the spring, with a period of overlap before Bob goes fishing.

In October we lost Barbara Boswell from the board of directors because of her decision to move back to Idaho. Also in October, as part of a planned and orderly leadership transition, Loren Booth stepped down as foundation board chair and Jeff Elder was elected to succeed her. Jeff tapped Joe MacIlvaine to be board vice chair. Loren will remain on the board until she is termed out by a required break in service in mid-2016. There was an article on these transitions in the last edition of Horizons.

Lots of changes indeed in 2015, but all with a succession plan in mind. That plan involves continuity, stability and an orderly transfer of knowledge and Ag Leadership traditions in the key leadership roles. 2016 promises to see the fulfillment of some of these important changes and preparation for still others. Stay tuned! It is an exciting time for Ag Leadership as we recruit a third generation of program fellows for Class 47.

To me, a year in review is a vision of an agricultural industry facing daunting, unprecedented challenges. The viability and sustainability of California agriculture is being challenged and frustration levels in production agriculture feel overwhelming.

And then, I step back, peer into the California Agricultural Leadership Program and I see hope. I see alumni who are making a difference in their communities, their businesses, their families and their industry. They serve on boards, speak before Congress, build alliances, volunteer their time for causes greater than self and they stand tall to create a vibrant agricultural industry. These alumni all graduated from the “best class,” studied self, leadership and growth. They learned courage, as Winston Churchill said, “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” They learned teamwork, inner strength and the desire to leave our world a better place.

As I look at the “year in review,” all the years begin to blend. As Dr. Seuss said, “How did it get so late so soon? It’s night before it is afternoon. December is here before it is June. My goodness how the time has flown”.

I’m thankful for all the years of Ag Leadership, the lessons learned, the stories told, the lives that were forever changed, and best of all, the friends that I have made. Thank you Ag Leadership for the memories that fill our souls, as we look back to a year in review “that has flown.”
The catalyst for the strategic alignment was the fact that the foundation and the Education Team had gone through their strategic plans, so it made sense for the Alumni Council to align themselves now to the standards that were set by the foundation and program,” said Deanna van Klaveren (32), past chair of the Alumni Council. “What we had before wasn’t fitting in the updated model and now we’re bringing everyone together so the foundation is cohesive.”

The strategic alignment will make the Alumni Council more effective in the way it connects alumni to their regions and to the foundation. The result will be an Alumni Council which will better serve Ag Leadership alumni, fellows and the foundation as a whole by providing opportunities to maintain and enhance connections through networking, volunteering and lifelong learning.

“We want to allow people to connect to alum in their region for recruitment, fundraising, activities, events and networking with good people,” said Matthew Fisher (41), chair of the Strategic Alignment Committee. “All these things keep the program and the foundation vibrant.”

At the Alumni Council’s May meeting, the group discussed the need to evaluate and update its structure. After meeting with the foundation’s board of directors, the decision was made to form a Strategic Alignment Committee which would work to examine the Alumni Council and make recommendations for the alignment process. Under the direction of Matthew Fisher, the Strategic Alignment Committee was formed.

As part of the California Ag Leadership Foundation’s (CALF) plan to continue to improve its programs and resources for alumni and fellows, the Alumni Council has gone through a process of self-evaluation. As a result, they will now move forward with a strategic alignment plan.
“WE HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH HELPING ALIGN THE GIFTS OF TALENTED LEADERS AND PLACE THEM IN THE RIGHT SEATS OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM. WE ALL HAVE GIFTS AND ABILITIES AND NEED TO BE SELF-AWARE OF WHAT THESE GIFTS ARE. THE NEW PLAN WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR ALL OF US TO VOLUNTEER FOR ROLES THAT FIT OUR ABILITIES.”

- MATTHEW FISHER (41)

“We know it’ll be a work in progress as we get started because it’s so different than what we’ve done before,” said van Klaveren. “This plan will support servant leadership opportunities through conduit communication between the alumni across the state, in their regions, through their classes and within our agriculture communities.”

The next step of the process includes fine-tuning job descriptions, developing voting policies and creating appointment procedures. These procedural details will be presented to the Alumni Council for final approval at its meeting on Feb. 5. After the proposal is approved, elections and appointments will begin, with the hopes of having directors in place by May and an on-boarding retreat in June.

— By Liza Teixeira Robertson

After the proposal was presented and discussed, the Alumni Council members who were present at the meeting agreed unanimously to move forward with finalizing the Strategic Alignment Committee’s plan.

“Through consulting with several people, we came up with a good group who gave the committee great perspective,” said Fisher. “The Strategic Alignment Committee includes people from older classes; those who have not yet served on the council, but are active alumni and of course, some who are currently serving on the Alumni Council.”

The Strategic Alignment Committee met Sept. 3-4 in Pasadena to gain a broad perspective of the history, current status and goals of the Alumni Council. At the two-day meeting, the group developed a proposal which was presented to the Alumni Council at its October meeting.

“The Strategic Alignment Committee put everything on the table in Pasadena and we developed our recommendations to help the Alumni Council move forward,” said Fisher. “The plan helps to put the right people in the right seats, so they can do what they’re gifted at doing.”
PROPOSED ALUMNI COUNCIL STRUCTURE — A WORK IN PROGRESS

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**DESCRIPTION**
- Conduit communicators
- Guide volunteers to be servant leaders for the foundation

**CHAIRPERSON**
- Preside over all Alumni Council meetings
- Supervise Alumni Council affairs and programs
- Appoint Alumni Council committees
- Serve in an ex-officio capacity on all committees
- Attend meetings

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON**
- In the absence of the chairperson, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the chairperson
- Perform other duties as requested by the chairperson
- Attend meetings

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**
- Keep minutes of all Alumni Council regular and special meetings
- Serve notice to directors of all Alumni Council regular and special meetings
- Regularly review and update Alumni Council policies and procedures
- Present the council’s annual budget to the Alumni Council as prepared in cooperation with foundation staff
- Assist with Alumni Council fundraising
- Attend meetings

**PAST CHAIRPERSON**
- Provide guidance and mentoring to executive committee members
- Serve as needed on committees
- Serve as oversight chair of D.C. and California Exchanges
- Attend meetings

**SELECTION PROCESS**
- Candidates will be elected by Alumni Council members.

**TERM LIMIT**
- Non rotational, two-year terms

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

**DESCRIPTION**
- One per region
- Serves as a conduit communicator in their region to guide volunteers to be servant leaders for the foundation

**SELECTION PROCESS**
- Candidates will be vetted via an application, then elected by alumni in each region.

**TERM LIMIT**
- Two, three-year terms

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"THE NEW APPLICATION AND ELECTION PROCESS WILL HELP TO MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY; ADD AN UPFRONT APPLICATION PROCESS; DECREASE TURNOVER AND BETTER EQUIP THE DIRECTORS TO SERVE THEIR REGIONS AND THE FOUNDATION."

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**Interim:** Mica Heilman (40)

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**Intermediate Foundation Board Liaison:** Mike Young (35)
Money Doesn’t Solve Problems, People Do

By Jeff Elder (35)
Chair, CALF Board of Directors

As the new chair of CALF’s board of directors, I want to tell you why I believe in supporting Ag Leadership. The reasons below are not only personally important to me, but also important to the future of Ag Leadership and California agriculture. As you consider the significance of Ag Leadership, I ask you to help us realize our goal of a $25 million dollar endowment to ensure the future of the program.

All too often society has decided that the best way to solve problems is through money. But money doesn’t solve problems, people do—people who have the skills and confidence to truly make a lasting and positive impact. Ag Leadership has demonstrated its ability to develop the people (more than 1,200 graduates) who live up to the foundation’s mission statement: “We grow leaders who make a difference.” As alumni, it’s up to us to make sure that Ag Leadership has the resources it needs to continue to advance people who can make a favorable impact on our industry, communities and world.

Giving to Ag Leadership is a chance to be proactive in creating positive change in companies, the ag industry and communities. It is a forward thinking gift, that when added to the gifts of others, will guarantee that another 1,000 plus graduates will advance the common good that our industry gives to society. Agriculture has a permanence that no other industry possesses—that is why I believe it is the bedrock for the health of our state. Please join me in investing in the future by supporting Ag Leadership.
Ag Leadership's mission, "We grow leaders who make a difference," is global in impact. The California Agricultural Leadership Program offers a unique experience, widely regarded as the best of its kind in its niche. Our graduates are found in diverse public and private arenas, some of which stretch beyond the boundaries of our state. For more than 45 years, alumni and fellows have been influential leaders and engaged volunteers in agriculture, businesses, organizations, communities, government and education. They have made a positive impact locally, regionally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

Prior to 2004, Ag Leadership had no long-term endowment and relied entirely on annual operating contributions. Both types of gifts are needed for a healthy future. The CALF endowment has grown rapidly and is vital to the future of the Ag Leadership Program.

For more than four decades, Ag Leadership has been dependent, financially, on a handful of major contributors. This must change.

For many years, the foundation was overly reliant on generous legacy donors to defray a significant fraction of annual operating expenses. CALF did not plan for a future without this type of support. A generous few can create a complacent sense of well-being for the many, who may not feel a need to help. A changed reality is upon us today. Our priority now is to solicit increased donations from the many to boost annual operating support and the endowment.

We are 64% of the way toward our goal of a $25 million endowment.

Since 2009, when the endowment was at its lowest point following the economic turmoil of 2008-2009, the CALF endowment has grown 482%. A capital campaign to address the future started in earnest in fiscal year 2011, after a feasibility study was conducted in the summer of 2010. From a starting point of $3.3 million, the endowment has grown to just under $16 million, including multi-year pledges not yet paid (received between June 30, 2009 and October 31, 2015).

Ag Leadership’s endowment covers only about 30% of the operating budget today.

More than two of every three dollars needed for the program must come from other sources, today, because the endowment is not yet fully funded (about 20% of the total remains to be paid over the next few years). The amount of endowment income spent each year (approximately 5%, as determined by the board and in conformity with state law) is carefully calibrated to enable these funds to support their purposes in perpetuity.

Financial bridge to the future: we must increase annual operating support until the endowment matures.

While we are about two-thirds of the way to our endowment goal, we literally have millions of dollars yet to be contributed (over $9 million as of this month), and then invested, and working on behalf of Ag Leadership. This creates a short-term gap in operating support from the endowment that will diminish when these outstanding pledges are paid and as the endowment matures. There is a 36-month period ahead of us where we need to build a financial bridge to the future, based on increased annual operating support while the endowment grows.

We receive no state or federal funding. We rely entirely on private philanthropy, and have done so since the 1960s.

Loren Booth Matching Challenge Grant

Now is the time to really make a difference with your donation! Approximately $110,000 of a $1 million dollar-for-dollar matching challenge grant is available to be matched under an incredibly generous offer from Loren Booth, former CALF board chair and Class 27 alumna. This grant is aimed at new or increased giving, based on last year’s contribution.

Example: You gave $500 last year and you plan to give $750 this year. The increase of $250 gift would be matched, for a net effect of $1,000!

If you are a lapsed giver, your contribution will be deemed “new.” So now is the time to reconnect and make a difference. Loren Booth’s gift will be made, when matched, as a lump sum contribution, in her father’s memory, to the CALF endowment.

Be a part of our incredible success story.

For decades, we have relied on the generosity of those who know and understand the value of this premier leadership program. We welcome others to learn about and better understand our outstanding program and leadership journey – we call it “leadership from inside out.”

Each gift, regardless of amount, is very important and greatly appreciated.

Most gifts made to Ag Leadership are around $1,000. Those donations add up to a total that makes a real difference to people, families, businesses and the agricultural sector of our economy. If $100 is important to you, it is equally important to us.

No gift is insignificant. Thank you for including Ag Leadership in your philanthropy!

"IT TAKES SIGNIFICANT TIME AND DOLLARS TO EDUCATE AND DEVELOP LEADERS, WE CAN’T DO OUR WORK WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN DURING OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL, AND HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE – IN YOUR BUSINESSES, COMMODITY GROUPS, COMMUNITIES AND ELSEWHERE. WITH YOUR HELP, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

-Jeff Elder
CLASS 44’s SERVICE PROJECT

BOOKS FOR AFRICA

When Paul Parreira (44) and his 23 classmates stepped off the bus in the small, rundown community of Kliptown, at the outskirts of Johannesburg, South Africa, they had no idea how profoundly affected they would be by their international seminar.

Parreira used every resource he could think of, and even enlisted the help of a friend who is an export shipping professor, but still had no luck.

“We contacted the consulate and used all the resources we could think of, but it just wasn’t going to happen,” said Parreira. “We literally could not find a freight forwarder who would handle the shipment.”

Seeing that there was no way to get the books directly to Kliptown, the class decided to find another way to donate the books. After a vote, it was decided to send the collection to Books for Africa, a U.S.-based non-profit organization that collects, sorts and ships books to children in Africa, with the ultimate goal of ending the ‘book famine’ on the continent.

“In true Ag Leadership resilient fashion, we kept going and we found Books for Africa, and through a coordinated effort with them, we’re sending 47,500 pounds of books to Africa,” said Parreira.

The books were sent by truck from Los Banos to Books for Africa’s warehouse in Atlanta, Ga.

When they arrived, the books were sorted by category and repackaged to be included in a number of separate shipments to Africa.

“When the books arrived from Paul, they were sorted into our general inventory and will be included in shipments to any African country that places an order with us,” said Carole Patrikakos, deputy director, Books for Africa. “This week we’re filling orders for Zanzibar, Sierra Leone and Somalia.”

Parreira and his classmates are thankful to everyone who supported their effort and who helped them complete the project.

“At the end of the day, Class 44 still reached its goal of supplying a container load of books to Africa,” said Parreira. “The positive twist on this is that Class 44 didn’t lay down, we still got something done and ultimately the books are going to Africa. In Ag Leadership, you don’t quit, you just keep going until you get the goal reached—and that’s what we did.”

— By Liza Teixeira Robertson
Books for Africa is the largest shipper of donated text and library books to the African continent. They have shipped more than 34 million books to 49 different countries since 1988. Over the past 12 months, they have shipped 2.4 million books, 665 computers and 200 e-readers containing 1.6 million digital books, as well as five new law and human rights libraries to 21 African countries. More than $2.3 million was raised last year to ship books to students in Africa.

Books donated by publishers, schools, libraries, individuals and organizations are sorted and packed by volunteers who carefully choose books that are age and subject appropriate. Books sent from the United States to Africa are on once-empty library shelves, in classrooms in rural schools and in the hands of children who have never before held a book. When the books arrive, they go to those who need them most: children who are hungry to read; hungry to learn and hungry to explore the world in ways that only books make possible.
“There’s a crisis in the perception of American leadership, a perception of being a little bit adrift,” said Rosa Brooks, who spoke at the Life-Long Leadership Learning (L4) seminar on Oct. 19 at the University of California, Davis.

Brooks’ presentation – “Fixing What’s Broke: Restoring American Leadership in the Age of the Long War” – offered insight into the role and leadership of the United States, U.S. foreign policy and strategy, and accelerating rate of change and disruptive change in various sectors. Many of her points could be applied to leadership and strategic planning for businesses and organizations.

“[With] the messiness and confusion of the world, the world has become more uncertain,” she said. “The bigger the mess, the bigger the uncertainty. It’s hard to predict the future when there is so much uncertainty. How do you craft a leadership strategy when you can’t predict the future?”

Comparing 100 years ago, 50 years ago and today, Brooks spoke about global changes and advancements in business, health, military, war, communication, transportation, technology and forms of power. (“The farmer of 1850 had more in common with people of 500 B.C. than with many people today.”)

Brooks said that we are in a confusing moment in every possible way. She pointed out disruptive changes in the economy and businesses: Alibaba, the world’s largest online retailer, does not own stores; Facebook, the world’s largest social media company, does not produce content; Uber, the world’s largest taxi service, does not own cars; and Airbnb, the world’s largest lodging system, does not own hotels.

With international governance, Brooks said there is much more of it today than in the past, as well as greater global connectivity. “Where is the U.S. in all of this? The U.S. remains an incredibly powerful nation,” she said. “However, its global influence and ability to lead have been declining. Domestic decline can lead to being less of a global power. What will our future be like?”

Brooks said it is better to live in a world where you have peers and collaborative partners.

“We need to have a peaceful and equitable system for international order, for sharing global wealth and for sharing global resources,” she said. “We need to focus on nation-building at home. There needs to be universal engagement, humanitarianism and cultural exchange. The U.S. needs to do a better job of tapping into our great resource: a diverse population.”

Brooks also offered historical perspectives to shed light on current issues, conflicts and challenges. “Will it take a global catastrophe to make a radical change? Maybe a series of smaller shocks will lead to effective tinkering.” Referring again to the uncertainty of the world, she asked the audience, “How confident are you in predicting the future of your industry and your business?” She said leaders should invest in the institutions they’re a part of, “in resilience, agility, flexibility, tools of character and personality – habits that enable us to respond rapidly to the unexpected.”

Brooks said, “The American people want leaders who can articulate and consistently follow sensible principles for deciding when America should act in the world and refrain from acting, when we should lead or step back.”

Brooks is one of the nation’s most highly respected commentators on foreign policy, national security, politics and law. She is an expert on international law, constitutional law, law of war, human rights and national security law. Brooks is a senior fellow at the New America Foundation and a tenured law professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. She also writes about war, politics and the military in a weekly column for Foreign Policy. Her forthcoming book is “By Other Means: How Everything Became War & the Military Became Everything.”

— by Meredith Ritchie

>>Audio excerpts from Brooks’ speech can be accessed at www.agleaders.org

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RECENT EVENTS

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October 13
Class 46 Seminar Dinner
Thank you to Jim Maxwell for hosting and sponsoring the seminar dinner.

October 14
Class 46 Seminar Dinner
Thank you to Mike Young (35) for donating wine for the reception and to Jon Reelhorn (38) for donating dinner centerpieces.

November 2
Dean Brown Golf Tournament
Lino Bozzano (38)
Carson Britz (43)
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James Ontiveros (31)
Brenda Ouwerkerk (28)
Jim Stollberg (35)
Rosemary Talley (19)
Michael Testa (42)

November 13
Fifth Annual Jim Manassero Memorial Luncheon
Jerry Diefenderfer (2)
Karen Lowell
Thank you to Paraiso Vineyards for the wine donation.
Thank you to Laura Giudici-Mills (29) and Tedd Mills for their Scotch donation.
Thank you to Mary Zischke for creating the photo tribute slideshow.
Ahlem Farms Partnership – a 6,000-cow registered Jersey dairy owned by Bill Ahlem (2), Carolyn Ahlem and Sabino Ahlem-Herrera – was honored by the National Dairy Shrine with the 2015 National Dairy Shrine Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder Award.

The Prather Ranch, a working cattle ranch owned and managed by Jim Rickert (16) and his wife, Mary, received the 2015 California Leopold Conservation Award. Administered by the Sand County Foundation, California Farm Bureau Federation and Sustainable Conservation, the award honors private landowner achievement in the voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources. They were honored on Dec. 7 at the CFBF annual meeting.

Fred Hooker (16) was named third vice president of the California Rodeo Association. He has served in numerous volunteer and leadership roles with the California Rodeo for the past 38 years.

Terry Stark (18), retired CEO of the California Association of Pest Control Advisors (CAPCA), was presented with CAPCA’s Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture Award at its annual conference in October.

Sarbjit Johl (23) and his wife, Prabhjot, were recognized by the Rideout Foundation with the Philanthropist of the Year Award for their exceptional generosity and outstanding support of Rideout Health.

Tim O’Halloran (25), general manager of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, was named the Woodland Chamber of Commerce’s Agri-Business Person of the Year. He was honored at the annual Farm-City Harvest Celebration on Oct. 29.

Scott Deardorff (26) and his brother, Tom, co-owners of Deardorff Family Farms, received the Ventura County Excellence in Agricultural Stewardship and Sustainability Award from the Ventura County Resource Conservation District.

George Gough (29) is the incoming 2016 chair of the Western Plant Health Association board of directors.

James Ontiveros (31) was the featured subject of a Nov. 12 article in the Santa Maria Sun: “Santa Maria’s native son James Ontiveros celebrates 10 years of the winery he helped found, Alta Maria Vineyards.”

Jack Vessey (34) was named first vice president of the 2015-2017 board of directors for the Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association.

Michael Frantz (36) was re-elected district 1 director for the Turlock Irrigation District.

Randy Lange (14), Brad Lange (17), Ann Kraemer (19) and Nicholas Miller (36) were among those selected for Vineyard & Winery Management’s “20 Most Admired Grapegrowers in North America.” A special 21-page issue (Nov-Dec 2015) featured articles about all of the honorees.
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