

Dear Ag Leadership Program Alumni, Supporters and Agribusinesses:

California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF) Region 1 is hosting its second annual Alumni Reconnect Dinner on **Thursday**, **June 22**, **2023 at Granzella's in Williams**. Last year, the event was a huge success with about 75 alumni and guests gathering to share their experiences in the program and become inspired. Once again, we are NOT expecting this to be a fundraiser; instead, the intention is to have a relaxed social time together, explore a local partnership between agriculture and the environment and enjoy a hearty meal. To keep costs reasonable and help offset the expense of the evening, we are reaching out to request financial support through sponsorships. Every small amount matters! If just 10 people contribute \$250, we will reach our goal of \$2,500. Please review the sponsorship opportunities online and consider a donation today!

Picture a late afternoon stroll along the beautiful Sacramento River, listening to songbirds and learning more about the partnership between the rice industry and environmentalists working to increase salmon and riparian habitat in Northern California. Following this optional adventure, take a short drive to the iconic Granzella's off I-5, where you can enjoy a meal with friends and alumni while sharing lively conversation. Tired afterward and don't feel up to traveling home until the next day? Take advantage of the special group hotel rate and stay there! The dinner ticket price is only \$55 and invitations will be sent out in May. No silent auction, no live auction, no raffle – nothing but an honest good time and maybe a few surprises thrown in! The evening's keynote speaker will be CALF Director of Education Dane White. Get ready to get inspired about the foundation's direction and plans for the future. If you think a nature walk is cool, just wait to see what possible international travel trips might be in store for alumni!

For over 50 years, the Ag Leadership Program has provided an advanced leadership development experience for emerging leaders who desire to be passionate and effective advocates for issues facing agriculture, our communities, the state and nation. In addition to regional dinners, golf tournaments and clay shoots, Ag Leadership alumni collaborate on numerous events around the state each year, including the Colusa Farm Show and World Ag Expo breakfasts. Continuing education and fellowship remain a common bond that hold alumni of the program together. As a graduate, YOU are an important link.

We sincerely hope you'll consider attending AND contributing to our Region 1 Alumni Reconnect Dinner on June 22 to help make this a truly successful annual event. *Any small financial support is greatly appreciated!*

Warm Regards, Region 1 Alumni Reconnect Dinner Planning Committee

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