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California Agricultural Leadership Program

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For more than 55 years, the California Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) has provided an advanced leadership development experience for emerging, mid-career leaders in agriculture.

Our premier program – highly respected and the longest-running of its kind – teaches fellows leadership skills that help them expand their impact, increase their leadership capacity and tackle complex challenges. Over the course of the intensive 17-month program, fellows are immersed in numerous topics, including leadership theory, effective communication, motivation, critical thinking, change management, emotional intelligence and other skills and tools that contribute to improved performance. Fellows engage in situations and discussions focused on complex social and cultural issues, providing them with an opportunity to build enhanced critical thinking skills that, combined with a broader perspective, help graduates guide creative solutions throughout their lives.

Five exceptional partner universities – Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fresno State, UC Davis and Chico State – deliver integrated, comprehensive and diverse curriculum at the seminars. Fellows learn from first-rate educators, subject authorities and individuals

from diverse professions and backgrounds. National and international travel seminars provide further opportunities to use critical thinking to work through complex issues, understand interconnected systems and governments, gain confidence in how to engage in various processes, compare and contrast cultural dynamics, immerse oneself in different cultures and dialogue with policy leaders.

Through our high-impact curriculum, a balance of dynamic classroom presentations, case studies, experiential learning opportunities, individualized executive coaching and selected readings, fellows acquire important tools to enhance their leadership skills. They become lifelong leaders who individually and collectively act as a catalyst for a vibrant agricultural community and make a significant difference in the agricultural industry, their businesses, organizations, communities and families.

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Drew is president and CEO of Crane Mills, a family-owned, multi- generational natural resources company.



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Lisa is the co-owner and winemaker at Tolena Winery, a small family-run estate in Suisun Valley.



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Logan is the executive director of Sequoia Riverlands Trust, serving the southern San Joaquin Valley and Sierra Nevada foothills.



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Tommy is a first-generation farmer, he owns and operates Tremont Farms LLC in Dixon, farming 5,000 acres of diversified crops.



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Cesar is a senior business representative for BASF Agricultural Solutions. He manages a \$32 million crop protection budget the second largest in the U.S.



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Sadie is a sixth-generation rice farmer, controller and office manager for her family's business, Strain Farming Co., in Colusa County.



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