

The California Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) provides an advanced leadership development experience for mid-career agriculturists who are seen as emerging leaders who will be effective advocates for issues facing agriculture, our communities, the state and nation.

CALP is considered to be one of the premier leadership development experiences in the United States.

Through dynamic monthly seminars during an intensive 17-month program, fellows will focus on leadership theory, critical and strategic thinking, effective communication, motivation, change management, complex social and cultural issues, emotional intelligence and other skills that contribute to improved performance as a leader.

Ag Leadership fellows will gain important skills and awareness to enhance their leadership capabilities and effectiveness in a rapidly changing environment. With a strong skill set and strategic ideas, they will be better prepared to assess and deal with the complex challenges affecting their business, agricultural associations, community, family and government.

Seminars are delivered by four exceptional partner universities – Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fresno State and UC Davis. Fellows participate in a 10-day national travel seminar during the first year and a 15-day international travel seminar during the second year.

Since the program was first delivered in 1970, more than 1,300 men and women have participated in Ag Leadership and have become influential leaders and active volunteers in agriculture, government, communities, business and education.

CALP is operated by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation.



OUR VISION:
*To be a catalyst for a vibrant
agricultural community.*

OUR MISSION:
*We grow leaders who
make a difference.*



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We grow leaders who make a difference.



Brean Bettencourt
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Brean is the wholesale accounts manager for a processor of dried cherries, apples, peaches, pears, blueberries and citrus that supplies large retailers and manufacturers.



Adam Borchard
Davis

Association of California Water Agencies

Adam is a regulatory advocate for an association representing 400+ public water agencies that deliver about 90 percent of the water to farms, cities and businesses.



Luis Calderon
Oxnard

Reiter Affiliated Companies

Luis is the southern district partnership manager for the world's largest fresh multi-berry producer that grows strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries.



John Dmytriw
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John is a senior business specialist for a grower-owned cooperative that is a packer, shipper and marketer of avocados domestically and internationally.



Steven Dodge
San Francisco

Acuity Agriculture

Steven is the co-founder of an agriculture technology company that provides a sensor, data and management platform for farms.



Miranda Driver
Woodland

CalAgJobs

Miranda is a co-founder of a business that offers employment services for the California agriculture industry and a consultant for an agriculture and water economics firm.



Lesa Eidman
Sacramento

Superior Farms

Lesa is the director of producer resources and sustainability for a company that is North America's largest and most sustainable processor and marketer of lamb.



Kate Elmore
Brawley

Vail Ranches

Kate is the chief financial officer for her family's fourth-generation 7,000-acre diversified farming operation and for Sahara Packing, her family's produce label.



James Ewart
King City

Delicato Family Vineyards

James is the director of winemaking on the Central Coast for a fourth-generation family owned and operated grape grower and winemaker.



Brittany Fagundes
Gridley

California Olive Ranch

Brittany is the raw olive purchasing agent for a 20-year-old extra virgin olive oil company and she farms rice and walnuts with her husband.



Steven Filter
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Filter Farms

Steven is a fourth-generation grower who manages his family's 900-acre farming operation that grows walnuts, cling peaches and prunes.



Cherie France
Visalia

Homegrown Organic Farms

Cherie is the marketing manager and citrus category manager for a company that represents 180 organic growers and markets fresh organic fruit.



Daniel Hartwig
Fresno

Woolf Enterprises

Daniel is the resource manager for an operation that grows tomatoes, almonds, cotton, wheat, winegrapes and pistachios, and a partner in Hartwig Brothers Farms.



Alyssa Houtby
Visalia

California Citrus Mutual

Alyssa is the director of government affairs for a voluntary nonprofit trade association that represents about 2,500 California citrus grower members.



Betty Lindeman
Los Banos

James J. Stevinson

Betty is the water resource supervisor for an eighth-generation dairy farming corporation and general manager of the Stevinson Water District.



Melissa Macfarlane
Cottonwood

Driscoll's

Melissa is a senior nursery manager for a berry company's nursery that grows and distributes proprietary berry varieties globally. She also raises Hereford cattle.



Adam Martinez
Salinas

Driscoll's

Adam is the strawberry business manager for the world's largest supplier of fresh berries that has been family owned and operated for more than 100 years.



Daryn Miller
Paso Robles

Monterey Pacific

Daryn is an irrigation manager and viticulturist for a company that provides professional applied agricultural expertise for vineyards on the Central Coast.



Sara Neagu-Reed
Sacramento

California Farm Bureau Federation

Sara is the associate director in the federal policy division of a nonprofit organization that works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 40,000 members.



Laura Pires
Tulare

Cargill Animal Nutrition

Laura is the marketing communications content lead for the U.S. commercial dairy business of a global company that offers animal feed products and services.



Jared Plumlee
Porterville

Booth Ranches

Jared is the vice president of farming for a family owned and operated citrus operation founded in 1957 that specializes in navel and Valencia oranges.



Taylor Serres
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Serres Ranch

Taylor is the company officer of her family's diversified fifth-generation farming operation that produces winegrapes, blueberries and commercial beef cattle.



Mark Unruh
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J.G. Boswell Company

Mark is the water department manager for a company that produces Pima cotton, processing tomatoes, pistachios and safflower.



Jake Wenger
Modesto

Wenger Ranch

Jake is a fourth-generation grower and vice president of his family's 700-acre farming operation that grows walnuts, almonds and corn.