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2010 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference: Celebrating Change Heroes of Agriculture, Food and Environment Awards Award Winners

Honolulu, HI.....We asked, and you answered! What an awesome response to a simple widely distributed survey asking everyone whom they think is befitting of these awards. Diversity abounds! We were looking for the behind the scene heroes and wanted to be inclusive versus exclusive. Thanks all for your help in finding and acknowledging many who remain key to the health of our community. The Heroes of Agriculture, Food and Environment are given in memory of A. James "Jim" Wriston III and supported by his friends and partners: Stephen Nimz, Alan Gottlieb and Stephen Swift.

Announcing the 2010 Heroes of Agriculture, Food and the Environment.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEROES IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Hawai'i's Oldest Commercial Farm

- Isaac and Gladys Kanoa, Taro Growers, Maui
- James Peterson Jr. and Alan Peterson, Petersons' Upland Farm, Oahu

Next Generation Taking Over the Farm Operation

- Shin Ho and Neal Ho, Ho Farms, LLC, Oahu
- Eric Tanouye, Green Point Nursery, Hawai'i
- Sabrina White, Ponoholo Ranch, Hawai'i

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Employees that Support Farm Owners and Contribute to Farm Excellence

- Ben Grice and Herman Calpito, Carmencita Calpito Pacific Produce Inc., Maui
- Carolyn McNally and Shannon Gilbertson, Mountain View Anthuriums, Hawai'i
- Cheryse Sana and Manny Miles, MA'O Organic Farms, Oahu

Farmer-Entrepreneurs doing Business with Excellence

- Lisa Asagi, Asagi Hatchery, Oahu
- Al Galimba, Kuahiwi Ranch, Hawai'i
- Joel and Salvadore Gil, Coca Farm, Maui
- Tom Greenwell, Greenwell Farms, Hawai'i
- Richard Ha, Hamakua Springs Country Farms, Hawai'i
- Chris Kobayashi and Dimi Rivera, Wai'oli Farms, Kauai
- Chris and Dimi are examples of how ten years of perseverance can turn a farm around. They went from poor Glenn Martinez, Olomana Gardens, Oahu
- Gerry Ross, Kupa'a Farm, Maui
- Dick and Heather Threlfall, Hawai'i Island Goat Dairy, Hawai'i

Food Business or School Doing Business with Excellence.

- Lloyd Fischel, Lanikai Farms, Maui
- Ed Kenney, Town & Downtown Restaurant, Oahu
- Donna Mitts, Paauilo Elementary and Intermediate School, Hawai'i
- Vicki and Thomas Nelson, Puna Kamali'i Flowers, Inc., Hawai'i

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Environmental Supporters doing their Work with Excellence

- Mark Cummings, Hawaiian Earth Products, Oahu
- Dr. Kioni Dudley, Friends of Makakilo, Oahu
- Home Le'amohala, Onipa'a - Center for Sustainability / Optimum Living Alliance, Maui
- Nancy Redfeather, Kawanui Farm, Hawai'i
- Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, Hawai'i
- Pacific Whale Foundation, Maui

Government, Non-Profit, or Individual Supporter of Agriculture, Food or the Environment

- Chef Susan Teton Campbell, Maui
- Stuart Funke-d'Egnuff, Tri Isle Resource Conservation and Development, Maui
- Desiree Hikuroa, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), Oahu
- Dr. Kevin Hopkins, Pacific Aquaculture Resource Center at the University of Hawai'i-Hilo, Hawai'i
- Ken Love, Executive Director Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers, Hawai'i
- Vincent Mina, Maui Aloha Aina, Maui
- Lydi Morgan, Hawai'i Farmers Union, Kokua Hawai'i Foundation and Green House of Hawai'i, Oahu
- Norman Sakata, Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, Hawai'i
- David Santistevan, Laulima Eco-friendly Alliance of Farms, Oahu
- Stephanie Whalen, Hawai'i Agriculture Research Center, Oahu
- Dr. Lyle Wong, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, Oahu
- Kokua Hawai'i Foundation (KHF), Oahu

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These awards are sponsored in memory of **A. James “Jim” Wriston III**, by his friends and partners Stephen Nimz, Stephen Swift and Alan Gottlieb. Jim, an Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i alumnus, lifelong agriculturalist and entrepreneur, lived a short but very full life. His friends remember Jim as a “really good guy” who liked to hang with his family and friends, fish and drink beer. His fun approach to life was liked by all. Jim's entrepreneurial spirit and environmental vision, his love for the land and his strong sense of right and wrong, his respect for others and the strength of his word are all qualities to be remembered as we honor others in this sector who contribute to its sustainable growth

The 2010 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference: Celebrating Change is presented by the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i. The conference planning committee members, comprised of Agricultural Leadership Program alumni, are working closely with Hawai'i Department of the Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture (Farm Services Agency, Rural Development and Natural Resources Conservation Services), University of Hawai'i-College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawai'i Agritourism Association, University of Hawai'i Social Science Research Institute, Hawai'i Rural Development Council, Kanu Hawaii, Kokua Hawai'i Foundation and Armstrong Produce. For up to date information about the speakers, concurrent sessions, equipment and tradeshow, special luncheons and receptions please visit the conference website: www.hawaiiagconference.org

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