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**Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i introduces  
Class XII from the Agricultural Leadership Program**

The Agriculture Leadership Foundation is proud to introduce Class XII of the Agriculture Leadership Program. The participants have been meeting since July of 2008 and are looking forward to Seminar 4 on the island of Kauai in January.

- **Luisa Castro**, Assistant Water Quality Coordinator, CTAHR, UH Hilo
- **Laurie Goodwin**, Hawaii Outreach Manager Syngenta Seeds Inc
- **Marissa Harman**, Land Asset Manager, Kamehameha Schools
- **Kylie Matsuda**, Managing Director, Kahuku Farms
- **Mark Lopes**, Manager, Harvesting and Field Preparation Department, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar
- **Thong-Teng Neo**, Manager, Asia Pacific Flowers, Inc.
- **Eden Peart**, Organizer, Hawaii Farmers Union / Owner-operator Kawaiholehole Farm
- **Irene Plunkett-Mina**, Co-owner Kahanu Aina Sprouts
- **Michael Shimatsu**, Roast Master, Kauai Coffee Company
- **Ron Weidenbach**, Co-Owner, Hawaii Fish Company
- **Sabrina White**, Assistant Manager, Ponoholo Ranch, and
- **Randy Yokoyama**, Operation Manager, Monsanto Company

The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i, a Hawai'i not-for-profit organization founded in 1982, was established to develop and support effective leaders in the agricultural industry, through a multi-disciplinary leadership-training program. The leadership training program was designed to expand the participant's access to beneficial resources, build confidence, enhance leadership skills, broaden the participant's perspective of statewide agriculture, understand common problems and to envision community based solutions. The Foundations goal is to develop leaders who are able to understand, articulate and build collaborative strategies to address Hawaii's agriculture issues and problems. For more information call (808) 947-2914 or visit [www.agleaderhi.org](http://www.agleaderhi.org).

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