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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i**

#### **Recruiting for Class XIII of the Agriculture Leadership Training Program**

The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i has posted on its website recruitment and application information about the next Class of its Agriculture Leadership Training Program: [www.agleaderhi.org](http://www.agleaderhi.org).

The Foundation will conduct a 16-month program of excellence for at least 12 promising leaders from Hawaii's agriculture, natural resources management and rural community sectors. By combining strong leadership development content with exposure to organizations, agricultural operations and community networks, participants have an opportunity to understand the complex relationships that create challenges which demand innovative thinking and collaborative decision making for leaders in this State. Through this Program, leaders will develop the knowledge, relationships, tools and skills that will enable them to be more successful in their work and all community endeavors. Class XIII starts in September 2010 and will end November 2011.

*The program is composed of a series of six four-day seminars and a two-week national trip. The core curriculum includes training in group process, facilitation and strategic planning using a conceptual framework that highlights the importance of leadership, collaboration and systems thinking. Educational field trips to farms, ranches, aquaculture and ag-forestry businesses, nurseries, watershed protection areas, cultural projects and other rural community endeavors are also essential to the program. Through visits to the State Legislature and Washington, D.C., participants also gain first-hand exposure to government policy-making.*

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PROVIDING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HAWAII'S AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

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*An ideal cohort for Class XIII includes participants from large, medium and small for profit production and management endeavors. A representation from the nonprofit and government support groups and agencies also is key to developing resources and relationship.*

The Foundation will hold a series of informational meetings on each island throughout the month of June. Please join the program co-directors, Donna Ching and Pauline Sato, and alumni from the program to answer your questions and discuss details and personal experiences relating to the Agricultural Leadership Program.

### **Informational Meeting Dates**

#### **West Hawai'i**

June 9, 2010, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Kealakekua, location tbd  
Garrett Webb, 960-3650 (cell)

#### **East Hawai'i**

June 10, 2010, 5:30-7:00 pm  
Kamehameha Schools, East Hawaii Regional  
Resource Center, 160B Kea'a Street, Hilo  
Marissa Harman, 895-1865

#### **Oahu**

June 14, 2010, 7:00-8:30 pm  
UH Magoon Greenhouses , 2717 Woodlawn Dr.,  
Honolulu  
Donna Ching, 956-2255; Pauline Sato, 497-5323

#### **Maui/Moloka'i/Lana'i**

June 15, 2010, 5:30-7:00 pm  
Kahului Extension Office, 310 Kaahumanu Ave,  
Bldg. 214, Kahului  
Luisa Castro 878-1213x27, Mark Lopes 870-8881

#### **Kaua'i**

June 22, 2010, 4:30-6:00 pm  
Lihue, location tbd  
Liz Ronaldson, 822-2367

Please visit our website to review and download application materials, [www.agleaderhi.org](http://www.agleaderhi.org). All applications and letters of support must be received or postmarked no later than July 2, 2010. You may contact Kim Coffee-Isaak at (808) 947-2914 or [kim@agleaderhi.org](mailto:kim@agleaderhi.org) for more information.

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