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Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i 2011 Board of Directors

The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i announces it's 2011 officers and board of directors: **Melvin Matsuda**, Matsuda Fukuyama Farms is the new Board President, while **Mark Cummings**, VP of Operations at Hawaiian Earth Products is the Vice President, **Diane Ley**, Executive Director of USDA Farm Service Agency continues as Secretary, **Matt Smith**, C & S CPA'S, Inc. is the Treasurer and **Stevie Whalen**, President of Hawaii Agricultural Research Center, is the Assistant Treasurer.

The balance of the board of directors includes: **Corky Bryan**, Haupu Ranch on Kauai, **Luella Costales**, Executive Director of Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, **John Henshaw**, Director of Conservation at The Nature Conservancy, **David Kaapu**, Esq., **Steve Kai**, Plant Manager at Pioneer Hi-Bred, Int. on Kauai, **Wayne Katayama**, President and General Manager of Kauai Coffee Company, **John Mc Hugh**, Agronomist at Pioneer Hi-Bred, Int. on Oahu, **Loren Mochida**, Director of Ag Operations at WH Shipman, Ltd., **Tim O'Connell**, USDA, Rural Development, **Dr. Bob Osgood**, Agriculture Consultant, **Kapu Smith**, Senior Land Assets Manager with Kamehameha Schools, **Eric Tanouye**, Vice President and Sales Manager at Green Point Nursery, **Lani Weigert**, Director of Marketing, Sales and Public Relations at Alii Kula Lavender and **Carleton Williams**, CWAssociates CPA's.

Mahalo Nui Loa to outgoing board members **Andy Hashimoto** former Dean of CTAHR at the University of Hawaii Manoa, **Sandra Lee Kunimoto**, former Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and **Alika Napier**, Pioneer Hi-Bred, Int. on Oahu for their many years of exceptional service to the foundation.

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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. Through this Program, leaders develop the knowledge, relationships, tools and skills that will enable them to be more successful in their work and all community endeavors. 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.

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