



Agricultural Leadership Program Class XIII Summary Workshops, Presentations and Site Visits

Class XIII Participants

- Bradley K. Fox an Aquaponics Extension Agent at UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Oahu
- Michelle M. Galimba, a rancher from Kuahiwi Ranch, Hawaii
- Matthew B. Johnson an Agriculture Consultant and Owner of SustainProManagement and O'ahu Fresh, Oahu
- Perry H. Kealoha, a Land Manager with Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii
- Keone Kealoha the Executive Director of Mālama Kaua'i, Kauai
- Jonathan Kanekoa Kukea-Shultz a Marine Coordinator at The Nature Conservancy and the Executive Director at Kako'o 'Oiwī, Oahu
- Chris Lee the Kailua-Waimānalo Representative at the Hawai'i State Legislature (program completion status pending), Oahu
- Palo Lockett the President of Pacific Light & Power Inc., Kauai
- Lydi B. K. Morgan-Bernal the School Garden Coordinator with Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation, Oahu
- Mark Ross Stoutemyer a Scientist and Site Manager at Pioneer Hy-Bred Inc., Kunia site, Oahu
- Pomai Weigert, Marketing Consultant with the Hawai'i Agritourism Association, Maui
- Joan M. Yoshioka the Coordinator for the Plant Extinction Prevention Program at Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii

Seminar 1, September 9-12, 2010

1. Workshop: Group Process and Finding Group Values
2. Onemea Orchards, Pepeekeo, Hawaii
3. Hamakua Heritage Farm, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii
4. Hawaiian Vanilla Company, Paauilo, Hawaii
5. Malaai-Waimea School Garden Program, Waimea, Hawaii
6. Parker Ranch, Waimea, Hawaii
7. **Hualalai Resort Natural Resources Program, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii**

Seminar 2, November 4-7, 2010

8. Workshop: Facilitative Skills for Collaborative Leaders
9. Maui Community College, Culinary Arts Program, Kahului, HI
10. Upcountry Farm Specialties, Kula, Maui
11. Alii Kula Lavender, Kula, Maui
12. Ulupalakua Ranch, Inc. Kula, Maui
13. Kipahulu Ohana, Hana, Maui
14. Hana Fresh/Hana Health, Hana, Maui
15. Kahanu Gardens, NTBG, Hana, Maui
16. Haliimaile Pineapple Company, Haliimaile, Maui

Seminar 3, January 6-9, 2011

17. Pioneer Hybrid Int., Kekaha, Kauai
18. M&H Kaneshiro Farm, Kalaheo, Kauai

19. Kokee State Park, Alakai Swamp Trail, Kokee, Kauai
20. Kane Taralde, Hanapepe Salt Ponds, Hanapepe, Kauai
21. Jerry Ornales, East Kauai Water Users Cooperative, Kapaa, Kauai
22. Kauai Coffee Company, Kalaheo, Kauai
23. 22 North Restaurant and Farm, Kilohana, Kauai
24. Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge, Hanalei, Kauai
25. Limahuli Garden and Preserve, Haena, Kauai
26. Waipa Foundation, Hanalei, Kauai
27. Kilauea Community Garden/Regenerations Seed Bank, Kilauea, Kauai
28. SOS Farms (Sato's Sustainable and Organic Farms), Kilauea, Kauai
29. Kaua'i Fresh Farms, Kilauea, Kauai
30. The Garden at Common Ground, Kilauea, Kauai
31. Guava Kai/Common Ground/Malama Kaua'i, Kilauea, Kauai

Seminar 4, March 1-4, 2011

32. Armstrong Produce, Honolulu, Oahu
33. Young Brothers, Honolulu, Oahu
34. Nalo Farms, Waimanalo, Oahu
35. CTAHR Waimanalo Experiment Station, Waimanalo, Oahu
36. MAO Farms, Waianae, Oahu
37. Sugarland Farms, Kunia, Oahu
38. Mari's Garden, Mililani, Oahu
39. Mililani Ag Park, Mililani, Oahu
40. Legislative Briefing and Legislator Shadowing, State Capitol, Honolulu, Oahu

Seminar 5, August 4-7, 2011

41. Kona Blue Water Farms Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
42. NELHA (Natural Energy Laboratory) Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
43. Kona Queen Bee, Captain Cook, Hawaii
44. Kona Pacific Farmers Cooperative, Captain Cook, Hawaii
45. South Kona Fruit Stand, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
46. Kuahiwi Ranch, Ka'u, Hawaii
47. Rusty's Hawaiian Coffee, Pahala, Hawaii
48. Green Point Nurseries, Pana'ewa, Hawaii
49. Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Hakalau, Hawaii

National Trip, September 17-October 1, 2011

Washington DC:

50. DC Central Kitchen
51. American Farm Bureau
52. USDA
53. Senate Ag Committee
54. House Ag Committee
55. National Farmers Union
56. Congressional Delegates: Sen. Akaka, Sen. Inouye, Rep. Hirono, Rep. Hanabusa
57. Let's Move

New Mexico:

58. Dreaming New Mexico
59. Farm to Table
60. University of New Mexico Cooperative Extension
61. Santa Cruz Farms

62. Comida de Campos
63. La Montanita Coop
64. Romero Farms
65. Tesuque Seed Banks
66. La Quivira Coalition
67. Mora Fish Hatchery
68. Taos Food Center
69. Mobile Slaughter House
70. Red Willow Farms
71. Taos Pueblo & San Geronimo Festival

Seminar 6, December 1-4, 2011

72. Workshop: Facilitating Strategic Thinking and Planning
73. Hui Ku Maoli Ola-Native Plant Propagation, Heeia, Oahu
74. Windward Community College aquaculture complex, Kaneohe, Oahu
75. *Kako'o Oiwi-Wetlands Restoration Project, Heeia, Oahu*
76. *Paepae o He'eia-Fish Ponds, Heeia, Oahu*

Highlights of Class XIII included herding cattle on Kuahiwi Ranch and working in a taro loi on Maui. The class learned about mushrooms, pigs, vanilla, chickens, salt, bees, pineapple, lavender, tropical fruit, wine and coffee. Community projects were inspiring on every island. Cutting edge technology was demonstrated with renewable energy, genetic modification and aquaponics systems. School gardens and tropical flowers shipped around the world showed the awesome diversity of this industry.

Strategic Planning and Facilitation workshops demonstrated tools and taught skills that were practiced throughout the program. Conversations with business and community leaders on each island, in our state legislature and with our national congressional delegation demonstrated clearly what works -and what doesn't.

Camp outs in Kokee on Kauai and Hakalau on Hawaii bonded friendships and deepened connections to this special chain of islands in the middle of the Pacific. The diversity of Class XIII was a distinctive feature and provided a unique opportunity for learning and systems thinking around some tough agricultural issues.

The Agricultural Leadership Program is an experience of a lifetime; an experience that teaches one important skills to better lead businesses and communities; it provides opportunities to not only learn but to understand the intricate linkages that contribute to challenging issues in the agriculture sector and some ways to deal with them. And most importantly the program introduces one to a network of committed leaders from across the state representing every aspect of the sector.

For additional photos and commentary about Class XIII's activities over their 16-month please visit their blog <http://alpclassxiii.blogspot.com>.