

## **Agricultural Leadership Program - Class XIV Capstone Projects**

Every Class XIV member of the Agricultural Leadership Program (ALP) was required to complete a Capstone Project (either individually or in small groups) in order to fulfill graduation requirements. Some class members partnered with ALP alumni who were willing to be mentors.

### **Capstone Project Learning Objectives**

1. Synthesize learning from all sessions into an individual project that presents a solution to a specific agricultural issue or “pain.”
2. Gain insight and contacts through working with ALP alumni.

### **Assignment**

1. Write a 3-page research paper and/or bones of a business plan, and/or make a video and/or Power Point presentation on the issue and solution. Examples include:
  1. Developing and advancing policy and or legislation
  2. Outreach and or education projects on behalf of specific or general ag/nrm or industry/commodity issues
  3. Developing and implementing an ag/nrm related project (facilitation, a film, blog, marketing project, youth ed, etc)
  4. Analysis of industry issues (i.e. livestock, floriculture or tropical fruits)
2. Present the project to the class and potentially the public.

During the last seminar of the program, all participants provided a presentation on their capstone projects. Presentation materials are/will be on a publicly accessible website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/agleaderhi.org/alp-class-xiv-capstone-projects/>

### **Acacia Implications in Hawaii**

**Project Participant:** Tyler Jones

Alumni Support: N/A

Project Deliverable: Report from IUFRO Conference in Vietnam

### **Enhance Taro Farm Economics**

**Project Participant:** Judith Rivera

Alumni Support: Landis Ignacio

Project Deliverable: Task Force developed and working

### **Fish to Fertilizer**

**Project Participant:** Jennica Lowell, M.S.

Alumni Support: N/A

Project Deliverable: Business plan to determine project feasibility

### **Hawaii Access Land Project**

**Project Participant:** Cynthia Nazario-Leary

Alumni Support: N/A

Project Deliverable: Research similar “listing” and “linking” programs currently in use nationwide. Assess utility of programs in Hawaii and identify strengths and weaknesses.

### **Kakaako Food Hub**

**Project Participant: Lisa Zeman**

Alumni Support: Jerry Ornellas

Project Deliverable: Beginnings of a business plan

### **Local Finished Beef Summit**

**Project Participants: Ashley Stokes, Chris English, Brandi Beaudet and Sydney Keli'ipuleole**

Alumni Support: Alan Gottlieb, Corky Bryan, Keoki Wood, Sabrina White, Bobby Brooks, Michelle Galimba

Project Deliverable: A summit report

### **Mapping the ALP Alumni**

**Project Participants: James Kwon & Miki Tomita**

Alumni Support: Diane Ley

Project Deliverable: Interactive map of ALP Alumni, new website more responsive to organization's needs

### **Moving High School Ag Education into the 21st Century**

**Project Participant: Derrick Kiyabu**

Alumni Support: N/A

Project Deliverable: An assessment of need and a plan to address need

### **Orchid Nursery Business Plan**

**Project Participant: Elton Mow**

Alumni Support: Eric Tanouye, Neo TengThong

Project Deliverables: A Simple Business Plan for small startup growers

### **Pesticide Search Web APP**

**Project Participant: Christina Bauske Zimmerman**

Alumni Support: N/A

Project Deliverable: wWeb/phone application development plan

### **Seed Companies and Forage Value Cover Crops**

**Project Participant: Kirby Kester**

Alumni Support: N/A

Project Deliverable: Report on viability