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The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i was established in 1982 to facilitate the development of leaders to sustain and enhance Hawai'i's agricultural sector and rural communities. To achieve its mission, the Foundation created the multi-disciplinary Agricultural Leadership Program. While the Foundation is best known for this Program, over the years other programs (e.g. Rural Community Leadership) and educational outreach (e.g. Ag Day and Ag Conference) have also been sponsored by the Foundation.

The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is committed to the preparation of students and all citizens of Hawai'i for life in the global community through research, instruction and extension programs supporting tropical agricultural systems that foster viable communities, a diversified economy and a healthy environment. The college has provided support for the Agricultural Leadership Program since its inception. Currently, the co-director of the Program is an extension specialist in the college.

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The Need for Leadership



Our world is changing rapidly. Today's agricultural workers, natural resource managers and rural community entrepreneurs have the challenge to address our State's need for a healthy balance between increasing supplies of locally produced food, improving alternative sources of energy and energy efficiency, protecting our unique environment, and maintaining a strong economy.

We believe that people involved in Hawaii's agriculture, natural resource management and rural community sectors are dedicated and highly productive. They are independent farmers, conservationists, rural entrepreneurs and community organizers who have extremely varied backgrounds and form a diverse group with a wide range of interests based on many shared values. Collectively we must become more effective at coordinating sector-wide planning and have a greater impact on public policy.

Without question, the future success and strength of our agricultural and natural resources base depend on highly qualified, effective leaders. These leaders must bring people together to address key issues and seize new opportunities as the economic vitality of agriculture and rural communities has reverberating effects throughout our society.

The Agricultural Leadership Program



The Agricultural Leadership Program is for 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. The training is designed for individuals who have already demonstrated a commitment to lead in their line of work or community activities and is not a program in farm production.

The Program is composed of a series of six seminars and a two-week national trip held over a period of 16 months. The 4-day seminars are held around the State about every eight weeks. Participants are actively involved in designing seminars.

The core curriculum includes training in:

- Group process
- Facilitation
- Collaboration and systems thinking
- Strategic planning

Educational field trips take participants to:

- Farms
- Ranches
- Aquaculture and ag-forestry businesses
- Nurseries
- Watershed protection areas
- Cultural projects
- Other rural community endeavors

Through visits to the State Legislature and Washington, D.C., participants also gain first-hand exposure to government policy-making. The national trip to another state selected by the class provides a broader perspective on agriculture and rural communities. Overall, the Program develops a network of leaders who are committed to using what they have learned to facilitate positive change in their communities.

Meet Class XIII



Luella Costales

Executive Director, Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation, 2343 Rose Street, Honolulu, HI 96819. Luella serves as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation, which represents approximately 1600 farm & ranch families statewide, and advocates at the national, state, and county levels. She has a BA in Communication/Visual Arts from the University of California at San Diego.



Bradley "Kai" Fox

Postdoctoral Researcher, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, PO Box 1346, Kāne'ohe, HI 96744. Kai participates in extension outreach, and conducts research in integrated farming technology at Windward Community College. He has a BS in Biology, a MS in Animal Science, and a PhD in Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering. His primary goal is to transfer sustainable farming technologies to the public to help increase Hawaii's food independence.



Michelle Galimba

Rancher, Kuahiwi Ranch, PO Box 294, Na'alehu, HI 96772. Michelle helps to manage her family's ranch in Ka'ū on Hawai'i Island. She has a Doctorate and MA in Comparative Literature and a BA in Asian Studies. She is president of the Hawai'i Cattlemen's Association and serves on the Hawai'i Board of Agriculture.



Matthew Johnson

Owner, Sustain Pro Management, LLC—a project development and management company for ag, rural, and energy initiatives, Co-Owner, O'ahu Fresh — a farmers' market delivery service in Honolulu, 876 Curtis Street #608, Honolulu, HI 96813. Matt also lectures on ag entrepreneurship at Leeward Community College. Matt is the Treasurer for Hawai'i Rural Development Council, a statewide rural development organization.



Keone Kealoha

Executive Director, Mālama Kaua'i, 4900 Kuawa Road, Kilauea, HI 96754. Keone focuses on catalyzing community abundance through relocalization and aloha 'āina. He has initiated many agriculture-related projects, including a 4-acre community garden, the Kaua'i school garden network, farm worker housing solutions, and preservation of critical irrigation systems. Keone is a native Hawaiian committed to bridging the knowledge and wisdom of the past with new, innovative approaches to sustainable solutions.



Perry H. Kealoha

Land Asset Manager, Kamehameha Schools Land Assets Division, 78-6831 Ali'i Drive, Suite 235, Kailua Kona, HI 96740. Perry manages Kamehameha Schools' South Kona and North Kohala land assets that include agricultural, residential, pastoral, mixed and conservation uses. He is also the sector leader for Kamehameha Schools' statewide regional graze land planning. Perry has a BA in Political Science.



Kānekoa Kukea-Shultz

Executive Director, Kako'o 'Ōiwi and Kāne'ohe Bay Marine Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy, 923 Nu'uuanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817. Kānekoa coordinates projects in Kāne'ohe Bay and assists in a partnership for the restoration of He'eia Wetlands and the non-profit, Kako'o 'Ōiwi. His focus is to balance food security alongside strategies that enhance sustainable management and biological resources. He opens up lo'i kalo and loko i'a in He'eia with his family. Kānekoa received his BA from Occidental College and a MS in Botany from UH-Mānoa.



Chris Lee

State Representative-District 51 Kailua & Waimānalo, 466 Paumakua Place, Kailua, HI 96734. Chris has a BS in political science from Oregon State University and was elected to the State Legislature in 2008. He has been working to change our social, political, and economic structure to prepare Hawai'i for the challenges of the 21st century.

**Palo Luckett**

Founder, Pacific Light & Power Inc., PO Box 261, Anahola, HI 96703. On graduating from Tufts University, Palo returned to Venezuela to manage his family's farm, was a partner in a venture capital firm in Buenos Aires, and co-founded and served as principal broker for Koa Properties. His renewable energy development company is currently working on a 10 MW solar thermal facility, a 5 MW Biogas facility, and an 8 MW Hydroelectric facility on the Westside of Kaua'i.

**Lydi Morgan-Bernal**

School Garden Program Coordinator, Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation; Vice President, Hawai'i Farmers Union, 2891 O'ahu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822. Lydi works with O'ahu schools to bring gardening experience and education to students, teachers, and communities. She is helping to grow an island-wide and state-wide network of school gardens and farmer training programs. Her work with the Farmers Union is bringing communities together for the creation of vibrant local food systems.

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**Pomai Weigert**

Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator & Lavender Lifestylist, Ali'i Kula Lavender on Maui, 1100 Waipoli Road, Kula, HI 97690 www.aklmaui.com. Pomai is a Director in training to a multi-generational, family-owned, Native Hawaiian Agri-Tourism Business. Her goal is to build economically sustainable & culturally aware communities in Hawai'i through education and collaboration on local & global levels.

**Joan M. Yoshioka**

Statewide Plant Extinction Prevention Coordinator, PEP Program, 19 E. Kawili St., Hilo, HI 96720. Joan manages a statewide conservation program that strives to prevent the extinction of Hawaii's rarest plant species. Joan received her bachelor's degree in Botany from the University of Hawai'i and has spent the past 25 years committed to preserving Hawai'i's natural legacy by protecting its native plants, animals, and ecosystems.

Mission statement for Class XIII of the Agricultural Leadership Program

Class XIII will learn and practice collaborative partnership by being open to diversity, respectful communication, and by facilitating the group dynamic in a manner that best utilizes the collective strengths of the individuals involved.

We strive to restore and sustain 'āina momona through a collective emphasis on:

- cultural, natural resource, and agricultural diversity;
- decentralized community-based management;
- enhanced food sustainability through the ahupua'a system and aloha 'āina;
- development and utilization of best management practices to create economically, socially, and environmentally viable models; and
- practicing pono stewardship at all levels – as individuals, within our organizations, and throughout our communities.