

Ag One

Benefiting, promoting and supporting the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, its students and programs since 1979

Winter edition, 2013



Upcoming Events

Community Salute honoring

John P. "Phil" Larson
Fresno Convention Center
March 14, 2014

18th Annual Common Threads Luncheon

Fresno State
March 27, 2014

Stanislaus County Alumni & Friends

Durrer's Barn
Modesto, CA
Spring, 2014

43rd Annual Turf Day Golf Classic

Madera Golf and Country Club
Madera, CA
May, 2014

North Bay Alumni & Friends

Windsor, CA
Summer, 2014

37th Annual Ag Boosters BBQ

Rancho Vista del Rio
Madera, CA
September 7, 2014

Kern County Alumni & Friends Luncheon

Fall, 2014

Ag One and the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology have experienced exciting growth and change. New buildings dedicated and new construction yet to break ground will help to revitalize and expand our facilities, research and academic environment; students and clubs continue to excel and travel the nation to experience opportunities far and wide; and Fresno State welcomed its 8th president and valley native, Dr. Joseph I. Castro, just to name a few. Throughout this and much more, Ag One strives to provide students with the highest-quality teaching and learning experience possible. As a member of Ag One, your support helps to ensure this success.

Leading the way in research and technology, the Jordan Research Center is due



to break ground in the spring of 2014. The project, made possible by a generous gift from the Jordan Family, will strengthen relationships with educational partners and leaders across multi-faceted industries through research opportunities and collaborations. While funds have already been generously donated to construct this new leading-edge research center, the university seeks further philanthropic support to ensure the laboratories in this building will remain the most technologically advanced while providing modules and interactive spaces conducive to a comfortable, collaborative learning environment.

This first-of-its-kind research center on a California State University campus will be designed to change and grow with science, linking students and faculty with industry leaders in various fields to nurture a cohesive, knowledge-sharing environment through interdisciplinary collaboration and research.



Foster Farms Poultry Education and Research Facility

was dedicated on the farm at Fresno State earlier this year. Jordan College dean, Dr. Charles Boyer joined Foster Farms CEO Ron Foster and others on March 11 to dedicate the research facility, a first of its kind at a University. This state-of-the-art poultry facility, made possible by a gift from Foster Farms, is the first in the nation to receive certification from the American Humane Association™ (AHA). The 16,320 square-foot building houses an eco-friendly research and training center that replicates professional poultry production for more than 500 students in the Animal Sciences and Agricultural Education department. It features advanced temperature control, monitoring and feed delivery systems.



L-R: AHA CEO Robin Ganzert, US Rep. Jim Costa, Foster Farms CEO Ron Foster, former Fresno State President Dr. John Welty, Sec of Agriculture Karen Ross and Jordan College Dean Dr. Charles Boyer

Campaign Highlights

In April, University officials announced the Campaign for Fresno State shattered its goal by raising \$214,222,190. The Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology attracted the most support, raising more than \$51 million! In addition to the building and research projects made possible by these gifts, the college received funding for several chairs and established significant scholarship endowments.

New Gibson Farm Market opens on campus



L-R: Pat Ricchiuti, Dr. Charles Boyer, Beverly Knobloch, Earl Knobloch, Dr. John Welty, Jennifer Sobieralski and Mike Mosinski

On March 18, the university celebrated the grand opening of a new Rue and Gwen Gibson Farm Market on the Fresno State campus. The new 4,800 square foot market has 2,500 square feet of retail floor space, nearly double that of the original facility. New features include a hand-dipped ice cream counter and wine tasting room. The market is open 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm, Sat and 11am - 4pm, Sunday.

The new market was made possible because of a \$1.5 million dollar bequest from the estate of Joyce Mae Gibson. When the gift was announced in 2008, the Farm Market was renamed to honor her parents, Rue and Gwen Gibson.

Club Highlights

Getting involved is what makes college a memorable experience while giving students the opportunity for a more hands-on experience within their major. Our twenty-five clubs and organizations work with alumni and industry, providing valuable information and building contacts for the future.

Special congratulations to **Plant Science Club** President, Elizabeth Mosqueda, who placed 2nd



among some of the top schools in the nation in November while presenting for the President's Speech Trophy at the ASA-CSSA-SSSA International meeting in Tampa, Florida. The club

was fortunate to receive IRA funding, industry and department support which enabled them to send 10 delegates to this prestigious international conference. It was a unique and exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their talent and network with leading researchers in the world.

The Livestock Judging Team is back at Fresno State. After an absence of 10 years, the Jordan College is excited to bring back the competitive livestock evaluation program. In October, the team took 1st place at the Big Fresno Fair Livestock Contest and has future competitions planned for Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Missouri and Kentucky (pending funding). Coach Brad Mendes, a valley native and graduate student at Fresno State, is leading the way to success.



2014 Fresno State Livestock Judging Team

Ag One Welcomes new staff to the team:

Shannon Fast (class of 2000), Associate Director of Development and Sadie Hemsath (class of 2012), Assistant Director of Development; both are Fresno State graduates.



L-R: Kristine Nunes, Ryan Jacobsen, Sadie Hemsath and Shannon Fast

Shannon will focus her efforts on fundraising while Sadie will manage the signature and special events that support the College.

Ag One

In 1979, several faculty, alumni and friends of the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology had a million-dollar idea - to start a foundation that would benefit, promote and support the college and its programs. Today, Ag One has raised more than \$16 million in endowed funds and will provide over \$500,000 in student and program support during the 2013-14 academic year.

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