

Ag One **Connect**

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

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Upcoming Events

North Bay Alumni

& Friends Dinner

Rodney Strong Winery

Healdsburg, CA

July 15, 2014

37th Annual Ag

Boosters BBQ

Rancho Vista del Rio

Madera, CA

September 7, 2014

Livermore Alumni &

Friends Winetasting

Concannon Winery

Livermore, CA

October 4, 2014

Kern County Alumni &

Friends Luncheon

Grimmway Farms

Bakersfield, CA

October 15, 2014

PMA Fresh Summit

Alumni & Friends

Social

Anaheim Hilton

Anaheim, CA

October 17, 2014

Fresno-Madera Alumni

& Friends Winetasting

Fresno State Winery

Fresno, CA

October 24, 2014

Inaugural Trap Shoot

Kingsburg Gun Club

Kingsburg, CA

November 20, 2014

Ag One and the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology continue to experience exciting growth and change. New construction breaking 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 Ag One welcomes new executive officers, just to name a few. Throughout this and much more, Ag One strives to provide students with the highest-quality teaching and learning environment possible. As a member of Ag One, your support helps to ensure the future of our academic programs, student achievements and college's success.



L-R: Beverly Knobloch, Earl Knobloch, Elena Aguaron- Fuentes, Dr. Harry B. Moordigian, Jr., Dee Jordan, Dr. Joseph I. Castro, Dr. Charles Boyer, Dr. Jim Kennedy, Dave Watkins, Sandy Schubert

The Jordan College celebrated ground-breaking for the 30,000-square-foot Jordan Research Center on June 13. A first-of-its-kind for the CSU system, it has been designed to foster collaboration among students and faculty in agricultural sciences and technology, engineering, science and mathematics. The state-of-the-art research center is set to open in the fall of 2015.



Partners in the project, **Olam Spices and Vegetable Ingredients**, a global provider of agricultural products and food ingredients, provided support to the sensory evaluation, tasting and preparatory laboratory; retired dentist and alumnus **Dr. Harry B. Moordigian, Jr.** gave in support of the microbiology laboratory to conduct research in food and wine production; and alumni **Earl and Beverly Knobloch** gave in support of the instrument-robotics laboratory space to develop and test the next generation of sensors for real-world applications.



German Marquez Alcala, of Tulelake, was selected as President's Medalist, the university's top academic honor for an undergraduate student. As a student of the Jordan College, Alcala has engaged in research in both agricultural business and philosophy through the



Produce Marketing Association and the College of Arts and Humanities Honors Program. Alcala plans to research international agricultural trade models and policy with an emphasis on Latin American countries after pursuing his Ph. D in agricultural economics at Purdue University.

The President's Commission on the Future of Agriculture



at Fresno State has engaged the community, Jordan College faculty and staff, as well as the industry at large. Discussions will take Fresno State even farther, becoming known for the best institution in the nation for agricultural education. The college is already recognized for its world-class offerings and unique, hands-on practical education. The commission now looks to strengthen and enhance our reputation and capabilities by focusing on key areas such as water, industry partnerships, internship programs and expanding the number of



our faculty and students. Dr. Charles Boyer will continue to guide the commission along with President Joseph Castro and the Commission co-chairs.

Five Valley Women have Common Threads



L-R: Juliet Campos of Caruthers, Alice Saviez of Fresno, Helen Sullivan of Hanford, Lorraine Machado of Merced, RoseAnn Serrano of Le Grand

Five San Joaquin Valley women were honored with the 18th Annual Common Threads Award Luncheon on March 27. The award recognizes women in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced and Tulare counties for their agricultural, philanthropic and community service and is a collaborative effort of the Ag One Foundation, the Jordan College and the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation.

Ag One hosts 2014 Community Salute to



L-R: Ryan Jacobsen, Phil Larson, Chris Daugherty, Levy Randolph

recognize and honor long-time Valley agricultural advocate, leader and friend, John P. "Phil" Larson. Phil, who spent over 40 years as a pest control advisor for the Wilbur-Ellis Company and

has been a Fresno County Supervisor since 2002, has dedicated his life to serving his agricultural community. He was honored on March 14 by Ag One.

Awards and Honors

Fresno State students received national recognition from the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, a professional co-ed Agricultural Fraternity, at the National Agricultural Leadership Conference in Ames, Iowa on March 29.

Brittany Hitchcock, an Agricultural Education major, was recognized as the national organization's Censor of the Year for educating and guiding new and prospective members within the Jordan College. **Beatriz Rodriguez**, also in Agricultural Education, was recognized as Chronicler of the Year.



The Fresno State Winery puts a cork in the competition by adding a gold medal for its locally-grown 2007 Saviez Syrah at the Pacific Rim Wine Competition in San Bernardino on April 24. Over 30 professional wine judges conducted blind tastings of more than 2,000 wines. Fresno State wines also secured two silver medals for newer vintages.

Ag Business Students have been industrious with international travel as they enjoyed a week-long trip in China; the second journey this year. They were able to visit many culturally-rich places and learn how the Chinese produce agriculture different from the U.S. They brought back a great deal of knowledge to share and work with.



Ag One Congratulates this year's new executive officers who began their term on July 1. **Jason Karr**, of Fresno, was elected as the new president of the Ag One Foundation at Fresno State. Karr spent 12 years working in agricultural finance with Bank of the West and in 2012 entered the tree nut export business with Derco Foods in Fresno. **Debbie Raven**, CEO of Valley Small Business Development Corporation, was elected Vice President. **John Migliazzo** of the law office of Michael J.F. Smith, was elected Treasurer. **Don Parreira**, co-owner of Ultra Gro Plant Food, was elected Secretary.

AG One

In 1979, several faculty, alumni and friends of the Jordan College 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 and has established over 100 endowed funds. For the 2014-15 academic year, Ag One will provide over \$500,000 in student and program support.

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