

# Stan State Agriculture Program Grow With Us Gazette

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- Reminders:**
- Ag Expo is on February 13th-15th and we need volunteers.
  - Internship opportunities are available. Apply to be a Student Research Assistant after January 1st.

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It is so hard to believe we are nearing the end of yet another, successful semester! Fall 2017 has been a busy semester full of activities, meeting and events. This semester the Agriculture Department first Agriculture Industry Professionals Networking Diner and we couldn't have done it without your help. Aside from the dinner, we were happy to engage with students at the 1st Annual Meet and Greet earlier this semester and hope this event was as beneficial to you as it was to us. I am so very thankful for each and every one of your help this semester! Our department wouldn't be able to continue to grow without your help and dedication. As colder weather continues to approach us, the department will be concluding Stan Fresh for the year but is already planning for great things, next year. Again, thank you to all of the students who put in their time and efforts in the garden, Stan Fresh, and the CSA. We hope all of you are able to take a moment away from all of the holiday craziness to reflect on not only our department's accomplishments, but your own accomplishments as well.

We are finally in finals week! Winter break is so close and throughout all of this we hope you're able to stay focused and push through finals with booming grades. Remember to set aside time for yourself to rest and eat appropriately so you're fully energized and ready for those finals! Apart from that, we are looking forward to the spring 2018 semester and all of the exciting events to come. Don't forget to check your emails frequently for updates and announcements for not only meeting and social events but for internships and job opportunities.

**Best of luck to everyone and we hope you all have a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you in January!**

**By Sarah Baskins**

## **Stan State Agriculture Apparel Sale!**

We have grey and black women's and men's sweatshirts (\$25), T-Shirts, and a selection of hats (\$15) currently in stock.

Get in contact with the officer team to make purchases.

Help us advertise our Agriculture

**FUN FACT: CHRISTMAS TREES ARE PRODUCED FOR SALE IN 45 STATES WITH OREGON BEING THE TOP PRODUCER.**

## Tastes of the Valley



On October 5<sup>th</sup> the Stanislaus State Agriculture program held its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Tastes of the Valley Wine and cheese event. Some of the vendors in attendance included wineries, breweries, local cheesemakers, and restaurants. Live and silent auctions were held to raise money for student scholarships and support the agriculture program. This event gives students an opportunity to network with industry representatives and inform guests about our expanding department.

-Angelica Covello

## StanFresh Market




As a result of the dedication of students in the Agriculture Markets and Pricing course, three StanFresh markets were held during this fall semester in the campus quad. Led by Dr. Shrader, the instructor, students were guided through the process of creating market strategies and establishing fresh market prices based on supply and demand. The wide variety of produce sold was grown in the sustainable campus garden. The market was brought to fruition with the assistance of students from other agriculture courses that were trained and participated in the harvesting of the produce. The proceeds of market sales are used to support student activities and purchase of supplies for the sustainable garden.

## StanFresh Experience

This year in Dr. Shrader's Markets & Pricing class we were able to learn about the effects of supply and demand and its relationship to price. Our class was able to market and sell produce that was grown from Stanislaus State's Sustainable Garden, which is located right on campus! As a class, we learned how our consumers were going to react to our prices and make pricing decisions based on the supply we had. We experienced and participated in three StanFresh Markets held on campus in the quad. We used innovated marketing skills to organize and promote the StanFresh produce by offering incentives and recipes that included the produce sold in the market. I particularly enjoyed the days of the market, because I was able to learn about all the different varieties of vegetables and fruits that the Sustainable Garden supplies to our market. It was great to see staff, students, and members of our community supporting the Ag Program with the purchase of locally grown, fresh produce. Overall, working the StanFresh Market allowed my classmates and I to use what we learned from class and apply it to a functioning market in agriculture.



By Ashton Frampton



## **Thank you for the donations at the Agriculture Thanksgiving Food Drive!!**

**For the past couple of years, the Agriculture department at Stanislaus pairs up with The United Samaritans and puts together food boxes for the less fortunate. The donations were dropped off this year, and The United Samaritans dispersed the boxes. The boxes contained donated turkeys, waters, sweet potatoes, butter and rolls.**

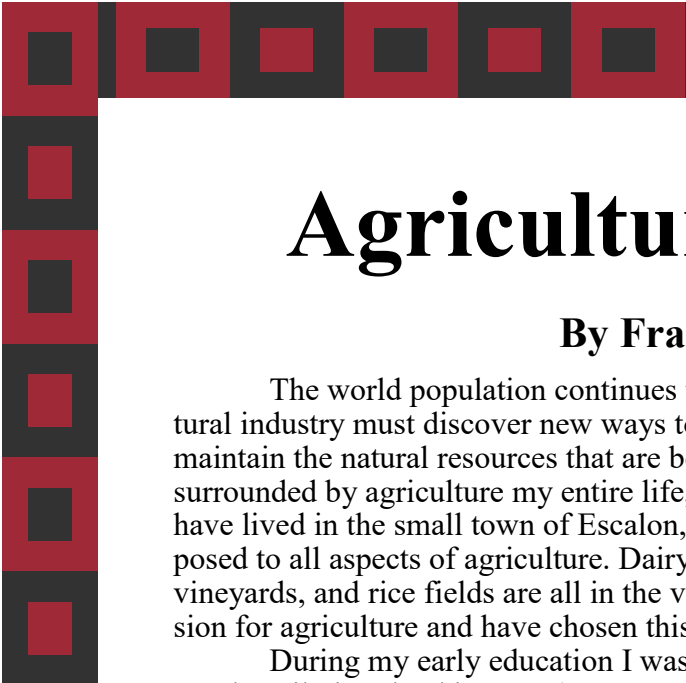
**The Agriculture Department held its first student ran networking event, where students were able to meet and talk to professionals from various Agriculture sectors. As students dined with the professionals, they were able to hear the empowering speech from Steve Malanca about creating the saying, My Job Depends on Ag. Steve talked about how he wanted to show how many people's lives are related, connected, and dependent on Agriculture. Students also received prizes, so if you are able to attend next year, just remember free food, prizes, and job opportunities.**

**By Sean Kinsley**

**MY JOB DEPENDS ON...**

**AG**





# Agriculture as a Career

**By Frankie Bowers**


The world population continues to grow at an increasing rate, and the agricultural industry must discover new ways to provide food globally, while attempting to maintain the natural resources that are becoming scarce. As someone who has been surrounded by agriculture my entire life, I understand the importance of this issue. I have lived in the small town of Escalon, California my entire life and have been exposed to all aspects of agriculture. Dairy and poultry farms, almond orchards, grape vineyards, and rice fields are all in the vicinity of my home. This is why I have a passion for agriculture and have chosen this path for my career.

During my early education I was involved in 4-H. Throughout high school I was heavily involved in FFA (Future Farmers of America). During my four years of FFA membership, I grew to love agriculture and the opportunities it has to offer me. I was involved in many activities such as the community service committee, participating in field days, attending conferences, and competing in agriculture science projects. As a sophomore, I wrote a research paper about the therapeutic utilization of equines in the improvement of mental, physical, and emotional health. I entered my FFA project in several college competitions including Fresno, Chico and Davis. I received first place in the state competition and was able to compete nationally in Kentucky. I won 7<sup>th</sup> place nationwide and I was very proud of this accomplishment. I really enjoyed sharing my idea of how to help others through agriculture.

While receiving my AS degrees in both Agriculture Science and Animal Science at Modesto Junior College, I was a member of Young Farmers of America. This membership allowed me to participate in various leadership events in agriculture. For example, I was co-chairman of the 2015 MJC Field Day competition judging vegetable crops. Also, during the MJC Parliamentary Procedure competition for local high school FFA students, I was a proctor. These activities, as well as others, provided me with many opportunities to learn about agriculture and meet with numerous individuals involved in the industry.

Since enrolling at CSU, Stanislaus as an Agriculture Studies major I have had many positive experiences. My professors have a passion for teaching and I have learned a significant amount of information about the agriculture industry in a very short time. The instructors provide us with many opportunities to network with individuals that we may someday seek employment with. One such networking event was the Taste of the Valley gathering held at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. During this event numerous companies from throughout California came to display information about their business. This allowed me to interact with people in the industry and expand my agricultural knowledge and contacts.

My career goals for the future are to provide new solutions to conserving natural resources while maintaining economic efficiency. I look forward to working with the USDA this summer as an intern in order to broaden my experiences and knowledge for my future career. This next step in my educational preparation will offer me invaluable information to utilize in my employment field.



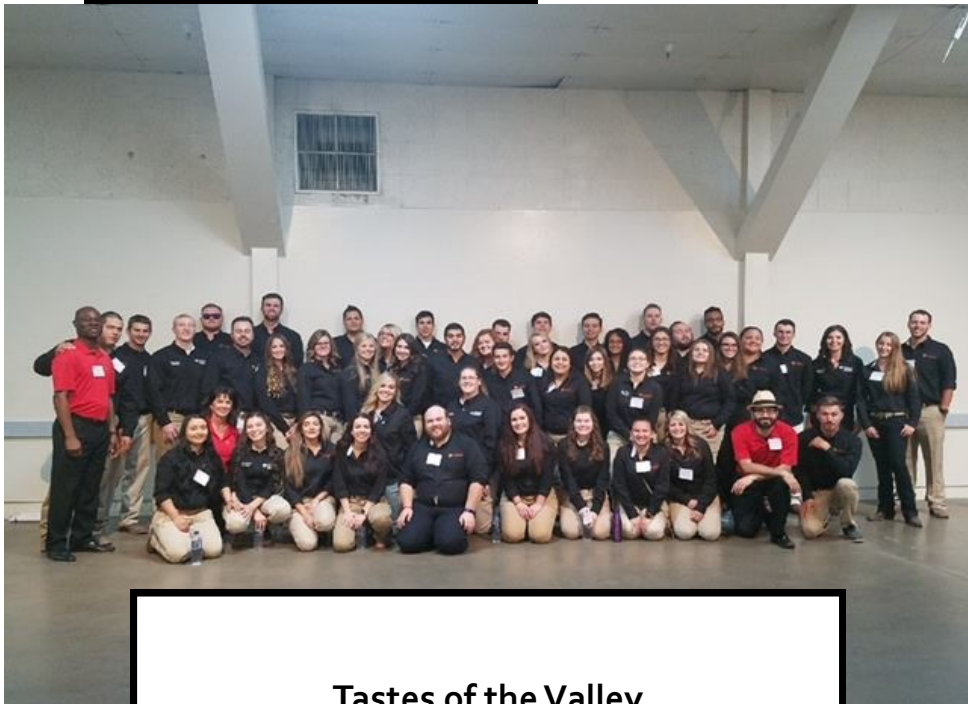




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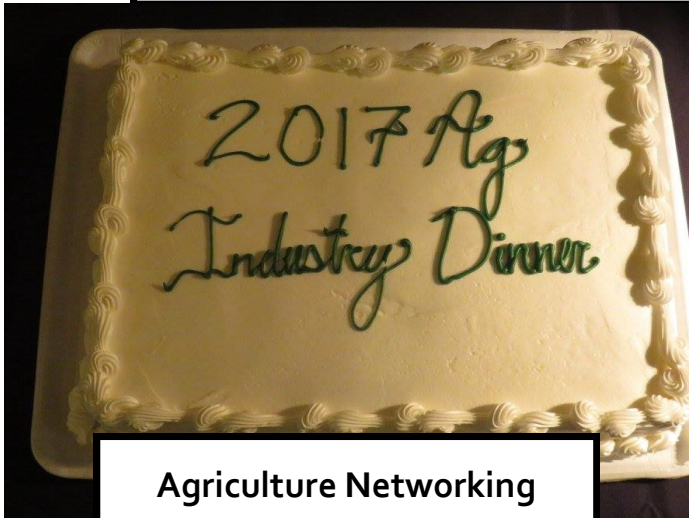
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