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The Stanislaus Agricultural Studies Department now has a **Facebook** page! SeLike our page and stay updated on upcoming events and meetings. Search for: CSU Stanislaus Agriculture Studies Program

We are excited to announce that our bulletin has a new official title! Thank you to all who contributed names for the contest. Congratulations to our \$250 winner **Corrine Roberts** whose name suggestion received the most votes!

CSU Stan Ag Apparel Sale!

Special thanks to Juan Rios for being the creative genius behind our new Ag apparel! We appreciate your help! We have grey and black women's and men's quarter zip sweat shirts (\$25) and a selection of hats (\$15). Get in contact with the officer team to make purchases. Help us advertise our Agriculture Department on and off campus!



EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Campus Outreach	22-April	11am-2pm	Quad
Fertile Ground Mixer	25-April	9:00am-11:30am	Main Dining
Ag Studies Appreciation Reception	6- May	6pm-8pm	MSR 130
Ag Edventure	8- May	9am-12pm	Turlock Fair Grounds
Ag Meeting/ Elections	14-April	5:00pm	Bizzini 111

Past Events: Fertile Ground Workshop #2 Recap

The mock networking mixer workshop took place on February 27 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.. Professionals from a wide variety of fields and businesses were present including Foster Farms, Gallo, TID, Stanislaus Farm Supply and Stanislaus County. Students were able to talk casually with professionals to work on their networking skills and at the end of the mixer were given feed-

back on how they can do better in future networking opportunities. This workshop was in preparation for the Fertile Ground Networking Mixer on April 25.



Come grow with us!

Thank-you...

Thank you to all the students and faculty who attended the candidate lectures on February 26th and March 3rd. The department appreciates your feedback. Working with the Sustainability and Biology Concentrations, the chosen candidate will begin teaching plant science related courses in August.

Congratulations to our student chosen for the USDA Forum

One of our Ag Studies students, Petros Maskal, applied and was chosen to attend the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum. Below, he accounts why he applied and the details of his application essay:

After attending local agricultural conferences in the San Joaquin Valley and keeping abreast with some counties food production issues, it only made sense to tune into agricultural issues nationally. If I am looking to contribute to solving agricultural challenges I must understand the national and local agricultural climate. To apply, I submitted an essay on "Agriculture as a Career." I feel the knowledge I gain through my education will help me explore ways in which to propel national and international restructuring of agricultural systems toward sustainability. Granted developments are already

underway in American communities across the United States is necessary. I intend to spend my career working towards this mission. My first step would be working with the public sector in an area of conservation project planning, construction and management and to serve local farming communities in sustainable AG transition on the ground. From here I would like to take these project skills abroad in a leading role as part of a U.S International agency. The goal would be to strengthen food systems abroad in a sustainable manner to improve U.S foreign trade and partnership expansion. As this work strengthens and economic growth and collaboration between countries my last goal would be to establish an educational center in the U.S that focuses on sustainable integration. I am optimistic for the future restructuring of

food systems and the positive effects it will bring to the whole socioeconomic system. As current leaders keep charging forward I look to get involved in areas of agriculture, commodities and resources related to sustainable projects and policy analysis.



Petros Maskal pictured with the acting Chief Economist of the USDA, Rob Johansson.

Meet Alumni and Students from Ag Studies...

Ariah Hume

Class of: 2010

What was your favorite part of being at CSU Stan?

The closeness of the Ag community and the ability for the students to get hands on learning. I enjoyed the program because we were a unit and helped each other grow as students and people. I still keep in contact with those that I worked with. CSU Stan was a good choice for me because of the internal support and the ability of the teachers to constantly challenge students but also provide articulate guidance and help.

How has your CSU Stan education benefitted you?

It made me a stronger person and has allowed me to explore the world and help out where I can. The department helped me hone my business skills and kept me in a field that I love. I am a better person for having received my education from Stan State.

What advice would you give graduates of this program?

Follow your heart and never settle. The Ag industry is vast, it can take you around the world. Chase those dreams and see where they will take you. CSU Stan will always be there to support you as you travel, reach out, and expand the Ag community at home or around the world.

Steven Baptista

Class: Junior

Concentration: Ag Bio

What do you like best about the program?

"The best part has been the opportunity to network and we are provided with ample opportunities and support to help us be successful."

Darren Jones

Class: Junior

Concentration: Ag Bio

What has been your most memorable part being in the Agriculture Department?

"The most memorable part for me has been the people, the tight-knit community of ag students is unlike any other school"

Tim Glenn

Class of: 2014 (Ag Economics)

What was your favorite part of being at CSU Stan?

The devotion of both the department and the program to networking and professionalism.

How has your CSU Stan education benefitted you?

The whole education program, especially the 2+2 program with MJC, has benefitted me by giving me exposure to agricultural subjects and practices.

What advice would you give graduates of this program?

Cherish your education. Your degree is only as valuable as you make it. You have to take it to the next level using it as a tool to make use of the education you obtained at Stanislaus.