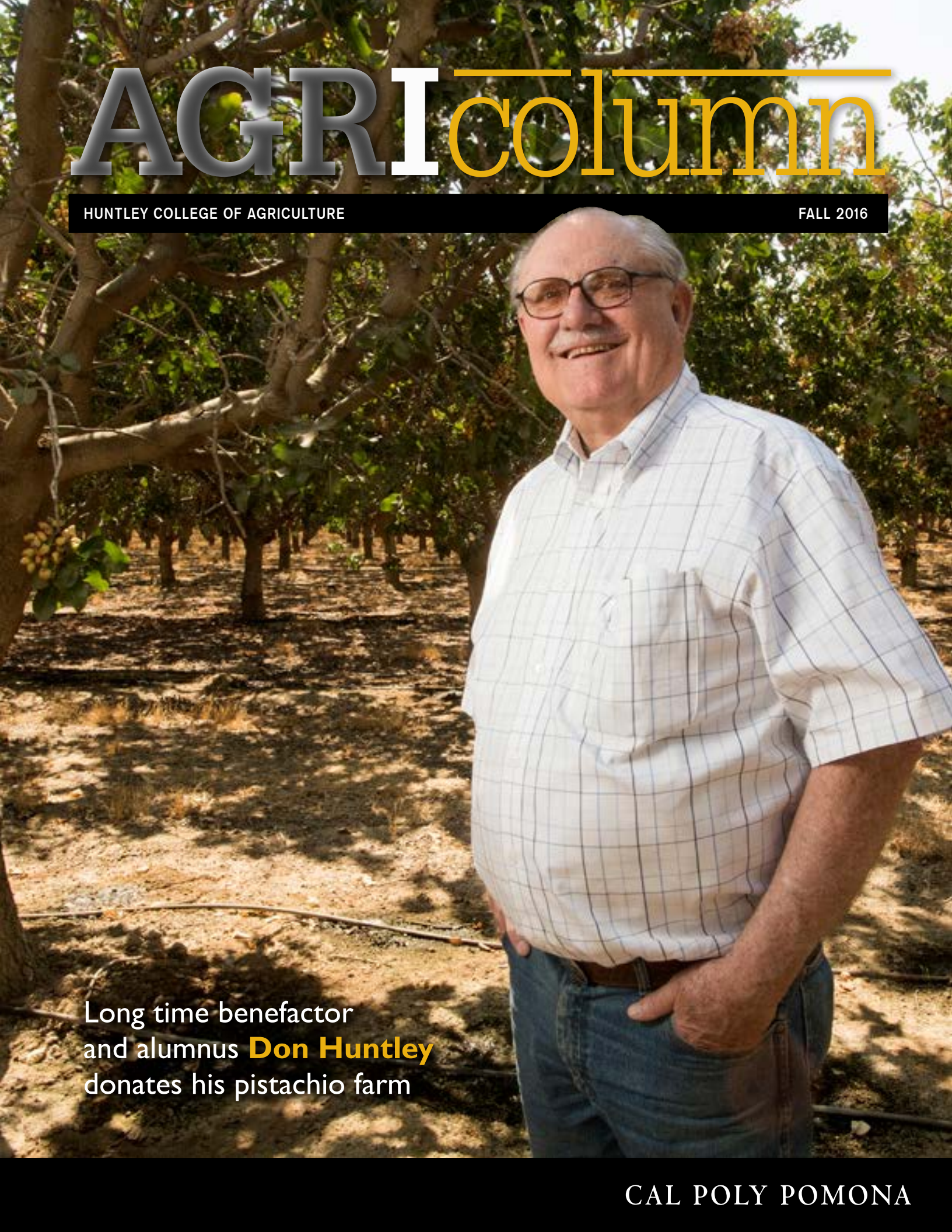


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A photograph of an older man with glasses and a mustache, smiling, standing in a pistachio orchard. He is wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt with a thin blue grid pattern and blue jeans. His hands are in his pockets. The background shows rows of pistachio trees with green leaves and some yellowing fruit, under bright sunlight.

Long time benefactor  
and alumnus **Don Huntley**  
donates his pistachio farm

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*On the cover:* Longtime benefactor and alumnus Don B. Huntley is pictured at his 475-acre pistachio farm in Fresno County.



The wine grape harvest in September gets student volunteers up before dawn to pick grapes at the Huntley Vineyard. Chris Van Norden is a plant science major.

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## MESSAGE *FROM THE DEAN*



Mary Holz-Clause, Dean  
Huntley College of Agriculture

### **I** has been a landmark year for the college.

In September, the CSU Board of Trustees approved the naming of the college in honor of Don B. Huntley, an alumnus ('60, animal husbandry), a successful farmer, businessman, longtime supporter, and philanthropist who has pledged his \$16.4 million pistachio farm to the college.

A naming of a college is a very significant event for a university as it marks a donor's decision to make a transformative investment in the institution. The naming of the college of agriculture will provide funding for research assistantships for undergraduates and graduate students, enhancements of classrooms, and development of more experiential laboratories. It can spur on innovations in the world of agriculture, food production, and safety.

Don's gift can transform the college, enhancing students' learn-by-doing opportunities and preparing them to become industry leaders for generations to come. In many ways, he is following the example of W.K. Kellogg, whose gift of his Arabian horse ranch laid the foundation for today's Cal Poly Pomona.

And our newly named college is growing. The Huntley College of Agriculture enrolled 2,062 students for the fall quarter of 2016 – a 10 percent increase over last year. This is the largest number of students we've had to date.

We also welcomed six new assistant professors and eight new lecturers to keep up with the enrollment growth. However, striving for improvement means we must look continuously for other resources to provide our students the skills they need to succeed. Collaboration, partnership, and leadership are critical.

Be sure to read how benefactors and industry partnerships are helping the college in its educational mission. I challenge you to join us in supporting the next generation of industry leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Holz-Clause".

Mary Holz-Clause, Ph.D.  
Dean, Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture

# *They are our Future*



## Derby Day GARDEN PARTY

### AHC HOLDS DERBY DAY GARDEN PARTY

The W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center celebrated Derby Day this year with its first Garden Party.

About 75 guests attended the party, which included a viewing of the Kentucky Derby, as well as a preview of the Gladys Brown Edwards and Cecil Edwards collection. Edwards worked with Kellogg's horses in the 1930s and is an icon in the Arabian horse industry. The W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Library is organizing her collection.

Guests also enjoyed mint juleps and other southern specialties on the lawn of the horse center while getting a first look at the 2016 foals.

**Next year's Garden Party will be May 6 at the AHC.**



Heart of Haute owner Teresa Becker (left), AMM student Jessica Isago, and Dean Mary Holz-Clause.



### ARMY MEDICS TRAIN AT COLLEGE

Nine U.S. Army combat medics received training in basic veterinary aid Feb. 19 at the Huntley College of Agriculture.

Staff from the Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences and Western University of Health Sciences provided the training, which focused on small animals and ruminant animals. The medics got to work with dog dummies for the small animal session and with live cows in the afternoon session.

The training is intended to give the medics the ability to provide basic veterinary aid for the Army's security and bomb-sniffing dogs and assist indigenous populations with their larger animals during overseas deployments. The goal is to be able to stabilize animals until a veterinarian is available.





## CAPLAN HONORED AT SPRING HARVEST

The Huntley College of Agriculture honored industry leader Karen Caplan at its 2nd Annual Spring Harvest Farm to Table Dinner in April.

Caplan, who is president and CEO of Frieda's Specialty Produce in Los Alamitos, received the Jim Hicks Agricultural Achievement Award. Caplan is a leader in the specialty produce area and a role model for many.

The reception was held inside AGRIsclapes, while the dinner took place under a tent outside the building. Despite the rain, the 200 guests still had a great time!

## AIR RESOURCES BOARD CHOOSES RIVERSIDE

After much deliberation, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) chose a Riverside site for a new facility.

By an 8-3 vote, the ARB selected a Riverside site for its new \$366 million state-of-the-art facility for motor vehicle and engine emissions testing and research. The board had considered a 17-acre site on Spadra Farm.

The university is in the process of launching three planning initiatives, including the university strategic plan, the academic master plan, and the campus master plan. The Huntley College of Agriculture will have the opportunity to participate in these processes and in planning the future use of Spadra.

The Huntley College of Agriculture is expected to have continued access to Spadra until the planning initiatives are completed and the recommendations are approved.

## AVS MARKS NATIONAL PET WEEK

In honor of National Pet Week, the Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences held its first Pet Expo and Pet Spa Day and Vaccine Clinic.

The Pet Expo was held on May 4 on the Quad and featured Pumba the Pig, Dan the Lamb, a Pomona police K-9, agility demonstrations by dogs, and an Instagram contest.



The Pet Spa Day and Vaccine Clinic was held May 5. Faculty, staff, and student pet owners brought 50 dogs and cats to receive low-cost vaccinations, and free nail trimming and anal gland expressions from Animal Health Science students.





Omelets are prepared with fresh produce at Los Olivos Dining Commons.

## FARM SUPPLIES PRODUCE TO LOS OLIVOS

The Huntley College of Agriculture is now supplying Spadra Farm produce to the Los Olivos Dining Commons on campus.

Cal Poly Pomona has joined the Real Food Challenge campaign, the largest national student organization working for a more just and sustainable food system. The campaign seeks to incorporate 20 percent of the university's food sources from local, fair, ecologically sound, and humane food sources by 2020.

The fruits and vegetables that are delivered to Los Olivos depend on the season. The dining commons is operated by the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation Inc., which will pay the Huntley College of Agriculture for the produce.

## DEAN'S COUNCIL ADDS MEMBERS

The Dean's Council has added six new members this year. They are:



**Jeff Burch** is Managing Director/team lead of Bank of the West's Southern California Agribusiness Banking & Nursery Greenhouse Group.



**Karen Caplan**, President and CEO of Frieda's Specialty Produce, which is known for introducing the kiwifruit and other specialty produce to the United States since the 1960s.



**Suzanne Kellon** is an alumna and the Associate Director for the Nutrition Services Department at San Antonio Regional Hospital in Upland and oversees the daily operation of both clinical and food service programs.



**Joshua Klockmann**, a fifth-year senior majoring in Plant Science and Agricultural Science, is a former Ag Council president, and current ASI senator representing the Huntley College of Agriculture.



**Carol Berg Sloan** is a registered dietitian/nutritionist and Health Research Director for the California Walnut Commission research program.



**Benjamin Steiner** is an alumnus ('16, Foods and Nutrition) and graduate student in Nutrition and Food Science.





## PROFESSOR CREATES SCHOLARSHIP FOR AHC

A Cal Poly Pomona professor has established a scholarship for students interested in studying the bond between humans and equines. Aptly, it is named after one of the university's Arabian horses.

Christina Sims, a sophomore majoring in animal health science, was the first recipient of the \$750 CP Metropolitan Amber Equine-Human Animal Bond Scholarship, which will also be awarded the next two years.

Education Professor Aubrey Fine, a clinical psychologist and a pioneer in using therapy animals, named the scholarship for CP Metropolitan Amber after developing a connection with the mare two years ago when he did a keynote lecture for the Professional Association of Therapeutic Riding.

« Professor Fine with CP Metropolitan Amber.

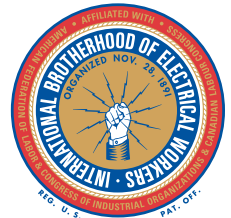
## PUMPKIN FESTIVAL DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Thousands of people turned out on Oct. 8-9 for the 24th Cal Poly Pomona Pumpkin Festival at AGRIsapes.

Families picked pumpkins, tried the corn maze, rode Arabian horses, and petted and fed sheep and goats. Guests also enjoyed live music and numerous food vendors, and learned more about farming in Ag Discovery Lane.

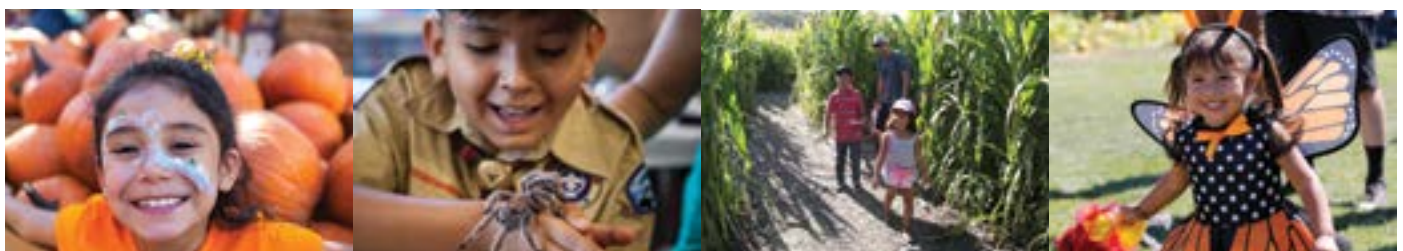
This year the annual Insect Fair returned as part of the festival. Dozens of people crowded into the AGRIsapes Visitor Center to see live and preserved insects.

A big thanks goes out to this year's sponsors. We appreciate their generous support.



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Pumpkin Festival pictures by Greg Schneider





# An UNPRECEDENTED Gift

## Don B. Huntley's Gift to the College of Agriculture will Benefit Many Generations to Come

*by Dan Lee*

For decades, Don B. Huntley has generously given to his beloved alma mater, Cal Poly Pomona.

He has supported research programs, provided scholarships for students, donated pieces from his Western art collection, and funded the creation of an on-campus vineyard, to name just a few.





But now he has taken his generosity and philanthropy to an entirely new level. Huntley has pledged his 475-acre pistachio farm in the San Joaquin Valley as an estate gift to the Huntley College of Agriculture.

According to Huntley, “Cal Poly Pomona is a fantastic university with a beautiful campus and a unique history. The students who graduate are making an important impact in California, and I want to support them and provide new opportunities. We need Cal Poly Pomona students and faculty to continue making advancements in agriculture, biotechnology, science, and other research. I’m going to support the school for as long as I have the ability.”

In response, the California State University Board of Trustees approved in September the college’s new name: the Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture. It becomes the only college to be named after an alumnus and only the second named college at Cal Poly Pomona, following the Collins

College of Hospitality Management. This distinction also marks it as the second college of agriculture in the 23-campus CSU system to be named, following the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at Fresno State.

Dean Holz-Clause shared, “Naming the college after Huntley is a fitting tribute because his gift will bear fruit for years to come. It will provide resources for students beyond what state appropriations or student tuition fees can cover.”

“We envision building more cutting-edge laboratories and hiring new faculty – all of which will provide students with the types of science that they are going to need going forward to be successful in their futures and careers.”

The university and the College of Agriculture are sponsoring a **Nov. 18, 2016 CELEBRATION** to honor Huntley at the AGRIsapes facility. The event is open to the public.

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ALUMNUS



FARMER

## Who is Don Huntley?

Huntley grew up in the San Gabriel Valley as an only child. He was raised by his mother after his father's passing when he was a young boy.

Los Angeles County was still an agricultural center in those days, and Huntley dreamed of one day owning a cattle ranch. From an early age, he was enamored with rural America and the romance of the Old West.

"I just think the West to me is more beautiful," Huntley says. "There are scenic parts of the West that are found nowhere else in the world."

He enrolled at Cal Poly Pomona and studied Animal Husbandry in pursuit of his dream. Huntley's senior thesis focused on a blood disease in cattle called anaplasmosis. He graduated in 1960, after the San Bernardino (10) Freeway was built and suburbia began to replace farming in Los Angeles County.

When Huntley started his career, he worked in animal health sales for the American Cyanamid Corp. in the San Joaquin Valley. He sold animal health products to cattlemen and farmers for the company, which was later absorbed by Pfizer.

After several years, the company wanted to send Huntley to Louisiana. However, he had already become established in the city and community of Fresno. At this time, he also concluded that his dream of owning a cattle ranch was unlikely to become a reality.

"I thought I'd never have the capital to buy a cattle ranch," Huntley says. "A cattle ranch to me required owning many thousands of acres in order to raise a commercial herd of cattle."

Instead, he decided to stay in Fresno. Following in his mother's footsteps, he acquired a real estate license and sold agricultural and hill-country land. When California's

pistachio industry started to take off in the late 1970s and early 1980s, he did his research and entered the industry as a farmer, businessman, and pistachio enthusiastic.

"I thought that going into pistachios would be a good deal. It's a tree that may not produce if you have a terrible drought, but it won't die. It's a hardy tree. That's opposite to an almond orchard. They don't last if they don't get water."

Huntley's farming ventures soon blossomed. In addition to his 475 acres of pistachios, he also acquired 140 acres of cherries, grown on some of the richest soils in California.

The bulk of his pistachios were sold under the Huntley-Moore Farms label to clients in Russia, Hong Kong, China, Canada, Israel, and India. He also sold them to gourmet food retailer Williams-Sonoma, the Farm Store at Cal Poly Pomona, and to private corporate clients.

Huntley grew 20 varieties of cherries, experimenting to find the best-tasting type, before selling his cherry orchards in 2013.

He is an investor who is meticulous when it comes to research; he reads up on the latest news and calls companies and universities to get more information before making investment decisions. He wants to know how things work, why things work, and what else is on the horizon.

"I got interested in biotechnology. It was a new industry, and there have been some unbelievable developments in medicine through the junior biotech companies in the United States and foreign countries. To me, it's an exciting industry. I think biotechnology has made huge strides in saving lives. The whole industry of medicine has advanced tremendously in the last 20 years."





## ART COLLECTOR

### Renaissance Man

When he's not overseeing his farming operations or selling land, Huntley engages in several passions – all of which has been pursued with the same determination, appetite for knowledge, and experimentation that has made him successful at business.

He collects rocks and gemstones and is fascinated with mining. He once visited one of the largest gold mines in California, the Sixteen-to-One Mine in Allegheny. When the sport of rock climbing was in its infancy, Huntley climbed at Joshua Tree National Park with nylon rope, carabiners and pitons.

He also collects fine wine, and while he did not become a cattle rancher, Huntley has continued his romance with the West by amassing a collection of Western artwork, ranging from oils on canvas and gunpowder art, to bronze sculptures and other Western and Native American art memorabilia. Many of the works were created by rising and established contemporary artists.



Huntley with a painting and branding iron from his western art collection on display at the Huntley Gallery



## PHILANTHROPIST

### Philanthropist

Huntley has generously shared some of his passions and beloved treasures with his alma mater.

He contributed funding for research into growing disease-resistant and more nutritious varieties of lettuce, sponsored student scholarships, and supported agricultural literacy efforts. He also supported the creation of the 14-acre Huntley Vineyard on the Cal Poly Pomona campus, from which the college harvests grapes to make Horsehill Vineyards wine, which is served at the Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch and sold in the Farm Store.

**“Some of the biggest things he's given to us are improvements around the AGRIsapes area and actually the Farm Store,” says Dan Hostetler, professor and chairman emeritus of the Plant Science department. “He's one of our best customers at the store.”**

He has given and loaned pieces from his art collection for display at the Huntley College of Agriculture, at the Huntley Art Gallery on the fourth floor of the University Library, and at other venues across campus. He has supported scholarships, special projects, and enrichment programs in the colleges of science, engineering, and environmental design, as well as the Native American Pipeline and Pathways to Graduation program in the College of Education & Integrative Studies.

**“His motivation is that he just loves this place. He loves telling stories of when he was a student,” says Wayne Bidlack, a former dean of the College of Agriculture. “He has adopted us, essentially, we're his children.”**

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University President Emeritus Michael Ortiz can attest to the friendship he and Huntley share. Whenever Huntley visited campus, he would bring pistachios and on occasion, some of the 100-point-rated Washington State wines from his collection, knowing that someone would enjoy his hobby of collecting “grape juice.” He, in turn, would replace the wine with a jar of Chef Jose Rodriguez’s salsa from Kellogg West.

“His contributions to the university have been varied and significant and are emblematic of his great taste.” Ortiz says.

University President Soraya M. Coley met Huntley shortly after her appointment in 2014.

“He understood how important Cal Poly Pomona has been in his life. It was clear that he was proud of the education he received at our university and recognized that education helped prepare him for success as a leader in business.”

Huntley’s affinity and admiration for the university shows through all of his gifts and through the people he interacts with.

“I think the thing that motivates him is seeing student success. And I’m not necessarily talking about having a 4.0 GPA,” says Hostetler, who was introduced to Huntley about 15 years ago by Bidlack and counts the alumnus as a mentor. “I’m talking about the kids that come out of here with a 2.5 that go on and do great things in this industry in the future.”

For his efforts, Huntley was named the college’s Distinguished Alumnus in 2004 and awarded an honorary doctorate from Cal Poly Pomona in 2009. He is also a member of Cal Poly Pomona’s Founders’ Society, the university’s highest honor recognizing individuals and organizations for lifetime giving.



Don Huntley with President Coley shortly before her investiture ceremony in February

# Chapter 3

## A New





The gift of Huntley's pistachio farm will transform the college.

Ownership of the farm will transfer to the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation at his passing. Under the terms of the agreement, the foundation will continue to operate the farm for at least 20 years.

Sixty percent of the net operating revenue from the farm will go to the Huntley College, while 30 percent will support research projects in agriculture and science. The remaining 10 percent will support scholarships.

Dean Holz-Clause stated that funding is critical in an era when state support for public universities across the country has declined.

**"If we are going to remain a country that is competitive and producing students who are trained in cutting-edge technology, it is so important that we have the philanthropy of gracious individuals like Don Huntley and others, as well as industry, to help provide needed support."**

Holz-Clause also added that with funding from industry, alumni, and philanthropic support, the Huntley College of Agriculture can continue to provide exceptional, workforce-ready graduates who will become industry leaders.

Huntley will join the ranks of visionary philanthropists like W.K. Kellogg, Charles Voorhis, and Jim and Carol Collins, each of whom made significant impacts and left a legacy of excellence for Cal Poly Pomona.

"Don is living proof of the value of a Cal Poly Pomona education. He's living proof of a good, hands-on, experiential education," Hostetler says. "Don was a graduate of here, did very, very well in his industry, and is a great success story. And it's a great success story for future students."

President Coley says she appreciates Huntley's humility and recognition that each person's path will be different.

"He's unlike some people who will say, 'Well, I made it, so everyone else can make it.' On the contrary, he recognizes that someone said 'yes' to him, someone here at Cal Poly Pomona cared enough to give him a sense of confidence and direction, and the skills to make it happen. He sees his gift as a way to 'pay it forward' for future generations," President Coley says. "His gift will live on, such that 20 to 30 years from now, we're still going to be talking about Don Huntley."

For his part, Huntley wants to see the university and its alumni gain greater recognition, particularly as a world leader in agriculture education.

"I don't hear much about Cal Poly Pomona students in the San Joaquin Valley," he says. "I'd like to see Cal Poly Pomona have a greater presence or knowledge out there for the students."



Don Huntley's beloved mother Alys B. Huntley

The naming of the college is something that Huntley finds himself humbled by and somewhat overwhelmed.

"I only wish my mother were still alive to see this," he says. "She'd be thrilled."





Karen Azurin interned in Thailand this summer



Research greenhouse for the Asian Citrus Psyllid

# Donor HIGHLIGHTS

## Donors, Industry Partners Help Expand Educational Opportunities

**As state funding for higher education has declined in California, donors and industry partners are ever more important to the College of Agriculture as a means to support academic programs and learning opportunities.**

**This fact was exemplified this year, not only by longtime benefactor Don Huntley, but also as major gifts to expand outreach programs and industry partnerships that helped establish a new research greenhouse and begin restoring a farmhouse owned by Cal Poly Pomona.**

Sunset view of the Huntley pistachio farm.





Children's Garden at AGRIsapes



Pine Tree Ranch renovation

**Earlier this year, agriculture businessman Jim Hicks and his wife Neta**, longtime supporters of the college, gave \$800,000 to expand educational outreach programs at AGRIsapes and create an endowment to support plant science and agribusiness students.

The gift supports plans for a heritage discovery farm at AGRIsapes, marketing, animal care, garden farming, and the creation of student and docent programs for tours and school outreach programs.

The goal is to connect schoolchildren with the rich agricultural heritage of California and increase their knowledge of food, farming, and agriculture, in the hopes they will become Huntley College of Agriculture students and future industry leaders.

The endowment will provide financial support to plant science and agricultural business students for tuition, books housing and travel to internships.

**Meanwhile, Santa Paula-based Calavo Growers** gave the college \$100,000 to begin restoring Pine Tree Ranch in Ventura County.

Carlton Wasmandorff, the previous owner, had donated the 53-acre ranch to the college in the 1970s. About 160 students learned how to manage the avocado and citrus orchards there from 1977 until 2003, when budget cutbacks forced the college to stop sending students to the ranch.

Although students were no longer working there, the ranch remained a viable facility for commercial tree crop production. The fruit that was grown there was sold to various juicers and growers, including Calavo. The California Avocado Commission also entered a 20-year lease with the college to conduct research on 11 acres at the ranch.

The Calavo funding will help the college begin to renovate the two-story, 1920s vintage Colonial Revival-style home on the ranch. The goal is to allow students to come back, live in the house, and manage the day-to-day operations and crop production at the ranch.

**A \$400,000 grant from the citrus industry came to fruition** with the opening in July of a new 5,040-square-foot greenhouse on campus dedicated toward Asian Citrus Psyllid research.

The psyllid is an insect that carries a disease, Huanglongbing, which has devastated the Florida citrus industry and threatens California's \$3 billion citrus industry. The disease is difficult to detect and ultimately fatal to citrus.

Citrus growers can spray their groves to stop the psyllid, but many California homes have citrus trees that can serve as breeding grounds for the psyllid.

The California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) is breeding and releasing *Tamarixia radiata* wasps as a less intrusive means of stopping the psyllid in residential areas. The wasps kill the psyllids, either by eating them or laying their eggs on them thus letting the larvae consume the psyllid.

The greenhouse will provide the CDFA and Cal Poly Pomona's Plant Science department a safe, contained environment to raise the wasps and the psyllids. The CDFA estimates that the new greenhouse could produce up to 30,000 *Tamarixia* per week, depending on the season.





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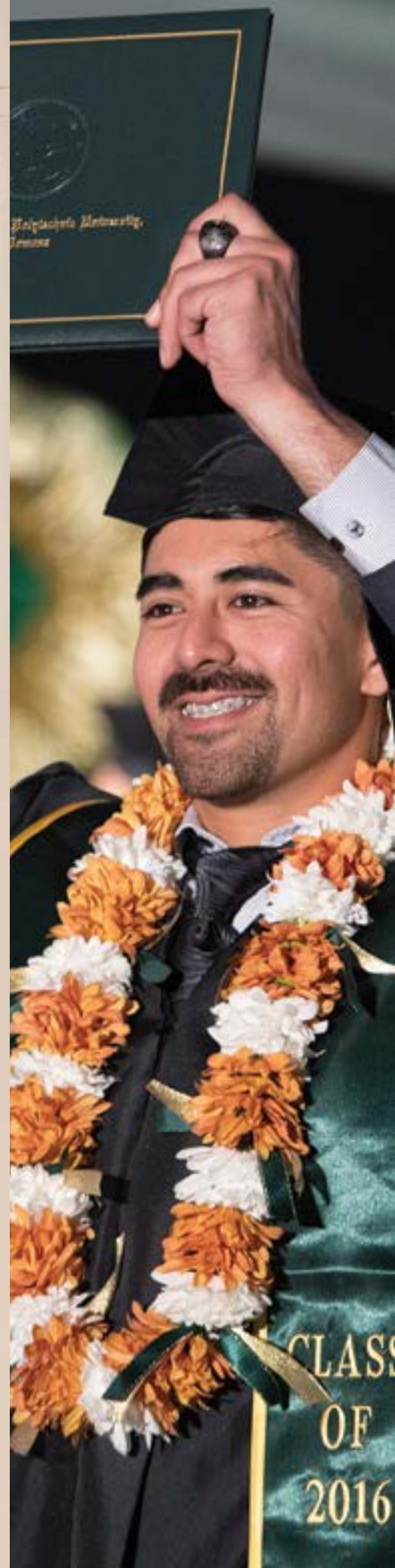
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Assistant Professor, ABM/AG SCI Department



**Steven Archambault** is a new assistant professor in Agribusiness and Food Industry Management/ Agricultural Science. Archambault comes to Cal Poly Pomona from New Mexico State, where he was an assistant professor of agricultural economics and agricultural business.

## ONDIEKI GEKARA

Assistant Professor, AVS Department



**Ondieki Gekara** is a new assistant professor in the Department of Animal & Veterinary Science. Gekara comes to us from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where he was an associate professor of animal science.

## CORD BRUNDAGE

Assistant Professor, AVS Department



**Cord Brundage** is a new assistant professor in the Department of Animal & Veterinary Science. Brundage earned his DVM last year at Colorado State University. After earning his degree, he worked as a small animal general practice veterinarian for animal hospitals in Colorado.

## NANCY HAHN

Lecturer, AMM Department



**Nancy Hahn** is a lecturer in Apparel Merchandising and Management. She is the founder and owner of Cut Sew Stitch Sewing Studio and has taught fashion at Mt. San Antonio College as an adjunct professor.

## LAUREN CORONA

Administrative Support Coordinator, AHC



**Lauren Corona** is the new administrative support coordinator for the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. Prior to coming to the Arabian horse center, she was the events coordinator for the Career Center. Lauren also has worked in the Art and Landscape Architecture departments.

## EVA JAEGER

Registered Veterinary Technician, AVS Department



**Eva Jaeger** was hired as the new registered veterinary technician working for Animal & Veterinary Sciences. She is a CPP alumnus who previously worked as the lead RVT and clinic manager at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society. She was also an RVT at Western University of Health Sciences.



## GOLANDAM KHAYEF

Assistant Professor, HNFS Department



**Golandam Khayef** is an assistant professor of Human Nutrition and Food Science and director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Nutrition and completed her Dietetic Internship Program at Cal Poly Pomona

## LAUREN MEEKS

Lecturer, HNFS Department



**Lauren Meeks** is a lecturer in Human Nutrition and Food Science. Previously, she was a teaching associate for the nutrition education lab and the introductory agriculture course at Cal Poly Pomona.

## BEN LEHAN

Lecturer, ABM/AG SCI Department



**Ben Lehan** is a lecturer in Agribusiness and Food Industry Management/Agricultural Science. An alumnus in Business Administration who also earned his master's in Agricultural Science, Lehan works as an agricultural and standards investigator for the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner.

## JAN SALCIDO

Lecturer, AMM Department



**Jan Salcido** is a lecturer in Apparel Merchandising and Management. She has worked in the Los Angeles fashion industry since 1984. She earned a fashion degree from Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from American InterContinental University.

## SAEMEE LYU

Assistant Professor, AMM Department



**Saemee Lyu** is an Assistant Professor in Apparel Merchandising and Management. The South Korean native earned her doctorate earlier this year studying apparel product development at the University of Minnesota.

## SALLY SALEH

Lecturer, HNFS Department



**Sally Saleh** is a lecturer in Human Nutrition and Food Science. An alumna in Foods and Nutrition with an emphasis in Dietetics, Saleh also completed the Estudiante de Dietética program. She works for Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital in Compton.

## ANNA SOPER

Assistant Professor, Plant Science Department



**Anna Soper** is a new assistant professor in the Department of Plant Science. Previously, she was a lecturer and undergraduate research director for the department.

## KARLIA VILLALOBOS

Outreach Assistant, AGRIsclapes



**Karlia Villalobos** was hired as the new AGRIsclapes outreach assistant. Karlia is an alumna in Communications who worked as a web content writer, researcher and administrative assistant for the university's IT Applications while she was a student.

## MARYAM TNGRIAN

Lecturer, AVS Department



**Maryam Tngrian** started teaching meat science in March as a lecturer in Animal and Veterinary Sciences. Since 2012, the alumna in Animal Science has worked for Farmer John.

## DONNA WILLIAMS-HILL

Lecturer, HNFS Department



**Donna Williams-Hill** is a lecturer in Human Nutrition and Food Science. Since 2000, she has worked for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration as a microbiologist-analyst, supervisory microbiologist, and microbiology branch director.

## DIANNE TRINH

Lecturer, HNFS Department



**Dianne Trinh** is a lecturer in Human Nutrition and Food Science. Trinh has bachelor's and master's degrees in food science from Michigan State. She is the owner and senior consultant of ViNa Cuisine Enterprises Inc. and previously worked for Coca-Cola and Kellogg.

## RETIREMENTS

**RICHARD KAAE** is retiring after 44 years as a professor of Plant Science.

**MICHELE RASH** has retired as an associate professor of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.



## LISA KESSLER NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN



**Lisa Kessler** was appointed as Associate Dean of the Huntley College of Agriculture after holding the post in an interim capacity since July 2013. Lisa began working at the college as an assistant professor in the Human Nutrition & Food Science Department in 2007. Her specialty area is community nutrition.



## DAVID STILL TO LEAD CSU ARI

Former Plant Science Professor David Still has been appointed the new executive director of the California State University Agricultural Research Institute (ARI).

The ARI helps create university-industry partnerships to support research on high-priority issues facing California agriculture. The ARI allocates about \$4.3 million in research funding annually from the CSU general budget that is matched at least one-to-one by external sources.

## NOTES

**\*MARTIN SANCHO-MADRIZ**, professor and chair of the Department of Human Nutrition & Food Science, recently graduated as a Foods Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) Fellow. As part of the program, Sancho-Madriz conducted a project assessing Academic Affairs aspects of the University Strategic Plan in collaboration with one of his program mentors, Shanthi Srinivas, Associate Vice President for Academic Planning, Policy and Faculty Affairs.

**\*JIANGNING CHE**, an assistant professor in Apparel Merchandising and Management, was awarded a \$5,000 summer stipend by the Council for Graduate & Faculty Scholarship to study the properties of textile materials for precise color management.

**\*BROC SANDELIN**, professor and chair of the Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences was a co-author of an article that was published in the Journal of Medical Entomology. The article, "Seasonality and Diapause of *Musca autumnalis* (Diptera: Muscidae) at its Southern Limits in North America, With Observations on *Haematobia irritans* (Diptera: Muscidae)," was published in the November 2015 issue.

## *Awardees* HONORED AT COMMENCEMENT



**BEC MCDORMAN**

**The John E. Andrews Graduate Student Leader of the Year Award** goes to Bec McDorman, who earned her master's degree this year in agriculture with a subplan in nutrition and food science. McDorman excelled in school while balancing a job, an internship, serving as a leader in student clubs, and becoming a teaching assistant in the Nutrition Education Laboratory.



**BRET TIMMONS**

Agricultural Science student Bret Timmons was named the 2016 **John E. Andrews Undergraduate Student Leader of the Year**. A Marine veteran, Timmons was one of two students who converted two cargo containers at AGRIsclapes into hydroponic growing areas. He also served as secretary of Agricultural Council.



**SCOTT ROSAS**

**The Julian A. McPhee Award** for the Class of 2016 was given to Scott E. Rosas, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Foods and Nutrition. After ending a successful career as a kitchen manager, Rosas returned to school to learn more about his favorite subjects, food and physical fitness. He credits his instructors and the support of his fellow students for his success at Cal Poly Pomona.

## LEADERSHIP CLASS VISITS SACRAMENTO



**The 2016 College of Agriculture Leadership Class** culminated its fall quarter with a trip to Sacramento to observe state government, industry leadership, and local agriculture.

They visited the Center for Land-Based Learning, a 40-acre farm in Winters, Calif., which is the headquarters and the home of the California Farm Academy; UC Davis; and The Cannery, a new agriculturally-based concept community development in Davis; and Sacramento meetings with industry leaders, legislators, and regulators.





## IFTSA PLACES 2ND AT COLLEGE BOWL

The team of Jaynie Tao, Michelle Ecarma, Kristine Frohnauer, William Krieger, Casey Knox, and Giselle Hernandez finished second behind only the host team, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, in the Pacific Southwest College Bowl.

It is Cal Poly Pomona's highest finish in the Institute of Food Technologists Student Association (IFTSA) competition.

Ecarma also was elected IFTSA Pacific Southwest Area representative and will organize the next College Bowl, which Cal Poly Pomona will host in 2017.



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## GET FASHION WITH "URBAN SCHOLAR"

If you want to look like a fashionable college student, check out the "Urban Scholar" fashion line at the Bronco Bookstore.

The "Urban Scholar" is the latest line from AM2, the registered brand name for the annual apparel production capstone project in the Department of Apparel Merchandising and Management.

Starting in the winter quarter, students conducted market research through online and in-person surveys. They then brainstormed about the type of products, styles, and graphics they would use in the line, ultimately they chose a bomber jacket, a hoodie, T-shirts, jogging pants, a duffle bag, and a convertible laptop tote/backpack.

After successfully pitching the line to the Bookstore, they spent the spring quarter producing the fashion line.

University President Soraya M. Coley, center, was one of the first customers of the "Urban Scholar" line, buying several items at the bookstore.



## STUDENTS PLACE 2ND AT TURF BOWL

A team of Cal Poly Pomona students took second place in the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America's Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition.

The team of Oscar Del Real, Sean McLaughlin, Kamrin Campbell and Mark Nakatsui scored 418 points to finish second. It's the highest finish for any Cal Poly Pomona team in the Turf Bowl, and it came with a \$2,000 prize.

A total of 62 teams from 33 different schools participated in the Feb. 11 competition, which was held at the Golf Industry Show in San Diego. A team from Penn State University won the contest, with teams from Auburn, Iowa State, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Michigan State University, Rutgers, and Penn State rounding out the top 10.

A second Cal Poly Pomona team of Eric Green, David Avila, Donald Quickly and Ashley Herman finished in 13th place.

"All of the students performed very well," says Priti Saxena, a lecturer in the Department of Plant Science and the team's adviser. "They worked really hard and studied really well."

The competition tested the students' knowledge of turf management, including irrigation, water and business management, weeds, diseases, insects, and fungicides. It included an essay addressing a case study scenario; the 2nd place Cal Poly Pomona team had the highest score on the essay portion at 70 out of 75 possible points.

# STUDENT

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\*A team of students from the Huntley College of Agriculture took sixth place at the 40th annual National Collegiate Landscape Competition at Mississippi State in March. One student, Robert Williams, finished with a 10th place overall ranking among the nearly 700 students in the competition. Ivan Velazquez took third place in the exterior landscape design event, while Williams took second place in the tractor loader backhoe operation event.

\*The Cal Poly Pomona Livestock Show Team took home several awards at the Porterville Collegiate Livestock Show in March. The team won in the Supreme Champion Ram, Champion Registered Yearling Ewe, and Champion Registered Ewe Lamb categories. The students also won various awards for showmanship and market classes for both sheep and pigs.

\*Students Amelia Warner, Emily Cashman, and Katelyn Chang competed in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships at Kentucky Horse Park in May.

\*Graduate student Dani Ruais and undergraduate plant science student Hung Yuen Wong both received awards at the GrowRIVERSIDE Conference in March for their posters on the Asian Citrus Psyllid.

# NOTES

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\*Ryan Anderson, a Plant Science major, and Bret Timmons, an Agricultural Science major, converted two cargo containers into hydroponic pods at AGRIsapes last fall. The Marine veterans wanted to create a place where students could do their own research and grow plants without fear of outside contamination in a mobile, self-contained, cost-effective production facility. The cargo containers remain at AGRIsapes, after Timmons and Anderson graduated, giving future generations of students a chance to learn about hydroponics, urban agriculture, and research.

\*Ashley Van Vliet won her category at the 4th Annual Cal Poly Student Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference. She gave a presentation on "Knowledge of California Residents on Citrus-Greening Disease" in the behavioral and social science, humanities and letters category.

\*About 120 volunteers from all over the Cal Poly Pomona campus taste tested a food product made of insect flours by human nutrition and food science students in April. The experiment grew out of an IFTSA's product development competition, which had the theme "Developing Solutions for Developing Countries."





Tony and Sue Godfrey own Olive Hill Greenhouses in Fallbrook where they grow indoor tropical plants.

## COUPLE NAMED DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Tony and Sue Godfrey, who own a nursery in Fallbrook, were named the Huntley College of Agriculture's 2016 Distinguished Alumni.

For more than 40 years, the couple has owned Olive Hill Greenhouses in Fallbrook, Calif., which grows indoor houseplants such as bromeliads, anthuriums, ferns, and pothos. It has been recognized as one of the 100 largest-grossing nurseries in the country.

The floral connection between the two began in the 1960s at Cal Poly Pomona. Tony earned a bachelor's in Agronomy in 1969 and the former Sue Boyer received a bachelor's in Foods and Nutrition in 1970. Along with other activities, the two ran the campus flower shop for a year.

Married for 42 years, the couple has two daughters, Denise and Kristina, both of whom are involved with agricultural endeavors.

## IN MEMORIAM



**David Lannom**, the 1996 Distinguished Alumnus from the Huntley College of Agriculture and its first greenhouse manager and technician, died on May 12. He was 70.

Mr. Lannom came to Cal Poly Pomona after earning his associate's degree in Ornamental Horticulture at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) in 1966. He earned his bachelor's degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona in 1970.

After working at Cal Poly Pomona for eight years, Mr. Lannom left for the nursery industry. He later returned to Mt. SAC to teach horticulture.



**D. Arthur (Art) Boster**, a former lecturer in the Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences, died on Sept. 3. He was 73.

Mr. Boster taught sheep classes at Cal Poly Pomona after his retirement as professor at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) in 2001. He had worked at Mt. SAC for 29 years.

He was active with Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H students across Southern California. In 2000, the FFA honored Mr. Boster with their Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Boster raised sheep for 68 years, raising Suffolks, Rambouillets, and Cotswolds. He was president of the National Cotswold Breeders Association.

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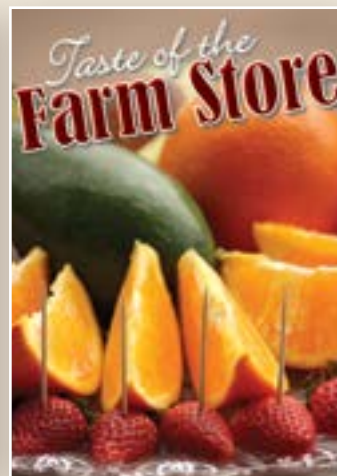
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Bronco Student Center



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March 4, 2017  
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## **TASTE OF THE FARM STORE**

March 4, 2017  
Farm Store at AGRIscales



## **SPRING HARVEST DINNER**

April 22, 2017  
AGRIscales



## **DERBY DAY GARDEN PARTY**

May 6, 2017  
Arabian Horse Center



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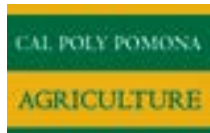
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