It’s hard to imagine how far the College of Agriculture has come since its inaugural year of 1953. I recently read some clippings from the college’s archives that contained interesting pieces of information, including a brief mention of a triple wedding of three sisters in 1953, a 1956 Pioneer Days advisory about how to get a “side-arms” permit (bring your gun, but no bullets, blanks, or empty shells allowed!), and a timely reminder for petitions for Sherriff and Little Nell. Pioneer Days are a thing of the past, but we have The Chico Experience Week each fall when we get to name our Hall of Honor recipient, and Founders Week in the spring when we have the pleasure to name and celebrate a College of Agriculture Distinguished Alum. But at the heart of it all, whether it was 1953 or 2013, we have been and continue to be about celebrating our students, past and present.

Speaking of students, we continue the trend of increasing enrollment. We have approximately 720 students in the college now, and we anticipate having more than 1,000 students within the next two or three years. Wow! And the fact that we’ve experienced this growth with the same number of tenure-track professors, helps us to understand and appreciate the dedication each of them has shown toward student success. We received approval from the provost for three additional tenure-track hires, and the search is on! By this time next year, we’ll have new professors in agricultural business, animal science, and plant science. Our faculty finally have a sense that relief is on its way. The metaphor I’ve used is that the light at the end of the tunnel is the cavalry, not an oncoming train as it has been these past few years.

We have many things to celebrate this year, as you will read about in the pages of this magazine. We are incredibly grateful to Dan Giustina for his vision and generosity for the $2 million gift he presented to the University in late August to make the Bell Family Presidential Scholarship possible for up to four fortunate and very bright incoming freshmen in agriculture each year. The size of this gift is truly transformative and has the potential to change lives and influence students’ futures. We are also confident that Dan’s gift will change the college’s fortunes by helping to attract the best and brightest students to this college and will be a contributing factor in continued student success.

You’ll also read articles in this magazine about the successes of some of our student teams who work and practice together for months to achieve success, and we are so very proud of them. But I want to tell you about six of our students who through their academic excellence alone shone a bright spotlight on the college when they scored higher than any other group of students from the other six colleges across campus in a standardized test taken by graduating seniors across the country. The test is called the Collegiate Learning Assessment, and it has been administered across the CSU and the nation for the last five years. The purpose of the test is to try to determine the added value of a college degree. On this campus, the college with the students who have the highest collective score get the bragging rights of the “Deans’ Cup” trophy, which sits in the dean’s office of the winning college. The College of Agriculture now houses the Deans’ Cup, and we are very pleased to have the college’s name inscribed on this traveling trophy. Stop by the college’s office sometime this year if you want to see it in person. Naturally, we are hoping to have it again next year!

We are so pleased with the growth we’ve experienced over the past five years. It validates the hard work of our faculty and staff in supporting student success. Please keep sending us your best and brightest, and keep us in mind for those students who may be eligible to receive a Bell Family Presidential Scholarship.

Best,

Jennifer Ryder Fox
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The Chico State Discussion Meet Team won the California Young Farmers and Ranchers Collegiate Discussion Meet Championship in Pasadena on Dec. 1, 2012. Coach Mollie Aschenbrener, assistant professor in ag education, prepared the team for the contest, which evaluates contestants’ cooperation and communication while discussing agriculture issues. The team consisted of CSU, Chico students Derek Eid, Kristen Moran, Natalie Oelsner, and Lia Van Egmond. Butte College student Jacob Vasquez also trained with the team. Oelsner, Van Egmond, and Vasquez made it to the Elite Eight. Vasquez and Oelsner continued on to the Final Four, where Oelsner placed first, earning a trip to Phoenix for the national discussion meet contest, and Vasquez placed second.

Seven CSU, Chico agricultural business students participated in the Academic Bowl held at the annual Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) meeting in Washington, D.C., Aug. 4–5. Senior ag business major Ryan Scaglotti was elected secretary/treasurer of the student section of AAEA. The team representing CSU, Chico was Amie French, Mary Herigstad-Franz, Brittany Krueger, Michael Phillips, Ryan Scaglotti, Kim Tracy, and Cecelia Wilson. The Academic Bowl is a double-elimination Jeopardy-style competition that tests the competitors on their knowledge of several different aspects of agricultural business and economics. Scaglotti is the first Chico State student to be elected to an office of the national association.

On June 10, the 18th annual Superior Ag and Tri Counties Bank Golf Classic raised over $50,000 to benefit scholarships and academic programs in the College of Agriculture. The tournament was held at the Butte Creek Country Club. Thirty-three teams of six golfers each played in the tournament. The North Valley Nut team of Mike Perry, Mike Hart, Randy Hart, Bill Minkler, Bennie Walters, and Curtis Avrit won the overall tournament. The raffle grand prize of a flight for four to Sun River, Oregon, for a game of golf went to Joel Lundberg.
Leading Urban Farming Authority Lectures at CSU, Chico

The Butte County Farm Bureau (BCFB) and the CSU, Chico College of Agriculture teamed up to present Will Allen as guest lecturer and keynote speaker for the Farm Bureau’s Annual Dinner on Feb. 7 at the CSU, Chico Bell Memorial Union. Allen, son of a sharecropper, former professional basketball player, ex-corporate sales leader, and now farmer, is the founder and CEO of Growing Power Inc., a farm and community food center in Milwaukee. Allen is widely considered the leading authority in the expanding field of urban agriculture. At Growing Power and in community food projects across the nation and around the world, Allen promotes the belief that all people, regardless of their economic circumstances, should have access to fresh, safe, affordable, and nutritious foods at all times. Allen presented an open lecture in the Bell Memorial Union Auditorium for the campus and community, followed by a keynote speech during the BCFB Annual Dinner that evening.

Star Students and Club of the Year Announced

On May 15, the annual student lunch was held by Dean Jennifer Ryder Fox to celebrate the conclusion of the semester and to announce the 2013 Star Students and Club of the Year for the CSU, Chico College of Agriculture. Every year, faculty from each of the four degree areas of the College of Agriculture nominate one student to showcase as a Star Student. The 2013 Star Students are listed below, and each star student is profiled on the College of Agriculture website.

This year, the Chico State Stock Dog Association was chosen as the College of Agriculture’s Club of the Year. The group, dedicated to promoting the use of working dogs in the livestock industry, received a $500 award from Superior Ag for its efforts in community service, agricultural literacy, and recruitment of new members.

Animal Science Students Compete in Academic Quadrathlon

Four students from CSU, Chico competed in the Academic Quadrathlon at the Western Section American Society of Animal Science annual meeting in Bozeman, Montana, June 18–19. Seniors Corey Carpenter, Mariah Fischer, Katherine Dykier, and Kate Daley represented CSU, Chico in the grueling two-day competition, which included a laboratory practicum, written exam, oral presentation, and quiz bowl. CSU, Chico’s team earned second place in the oral presentation with a presentation about the use of subtherapeutic antibiotics in livestock production. Coach and lecturer Kasey DeAtley said, “I could not have asked for a more dedicated, professional team. Their thoughtful, informed presentation about a controversial subject was a true testament to our coursework in agricultural issues at Chico State.” It was the first time CSU, Chico has fielded a team in the regional competition. Other teams competing included New Mexico State, University of Arizona, Colorado State, Montana State, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Oregon State, Utah State, and University of Wyoming.

Take a Look at Our Star Students

Each year, the CSU, Chico College of Agriculture recognizes one exemplary student within each discipline as a Star Student. To view the complete articles on all of our past Star Students, visit our website at www.csuchico.edu/ag/about/star-students.

Christie Hobby
MAJOR: Agricultural business
HOMETOWN: Hughson

Trevor Airola
MAJOR: Agricultural science and education
HOMETOWN: Angels Camp

Sarah Holloway
MAJOR: Animal science; crops, horticulture, and land resource management
HOMETOWN: Corning

Kristina Moore
MAJOR: Crops, horticulture, and land resource management
HOMETOWN: Ventura
Standout Students
Agriculture Students Receive Campuswide Recognition for Leadership and Excellence

Junior agricultural education major Trevor Airola was recognized for his role as a leader in the College of Agriculture at the University Awards Reception on April 9. The reception is held annually during Founders Week to honor students campuswide for their achievements and contributions to CSU, Chico. Each of the seven colleges recognizes one Outstanding Student Leader for their contributions and leadership skills.

Airola has been active in nearly all of the College of Agriculture’s clubs throughout his past three years at CSU, Chico. He has served as treasurer for Alpha Zeta, the professional honor society for students in agriculture, and Inter Club Council (ICC) representative for Alpha Tau Alpha, the club for agricultural education students going into the credential program. He is also a member of the CSU, Chico Young Cattlemen’s Association and serves as the state secretary for the Young Cattlemen’s Committee of the California Cattlemen’s Association. Airola has been involved with hosting the annual CSU, Chico and Butte College Field Day for the past three years as well. His first two years he served as co-chair for the poultry-judging contest, and in 2013 he was a member of the FFA Field Day Leadership Team, where he and his committee were in charge of registration.

Airola plans to graduate a semester early in the fall of 2013. He will then enter the credential program to receive his single-subject teaching credential and agriculture specialist credential. Airola then hopes to continue his family’s cow-calf operation back home. His dream is to return to his alma mater, Bret Hart High School, to help run its agriculture program.

Luke Milliron got into research to help prepare him for graduate school, and so far the effort is paying off. The Chico native, who graduated this spring in agriculture with an option in crops, horticulture, and land resource management, earned a number of awards and recognition for his undergraduate research. In February, Milliron learned that he was nominated by College of Agriculture faculty to receive the Wes and Jane Patton Student Advancement Award, which came with a $500 cash prize. The Pattons established the award to encourage students to advance their education by attending professional meetings or traveling to visit graduate schools.

With the support of the Patton Award, Milliron attended the Agronomy Society Plant and Soil Conference in Visalia. The conference consisted of seminars geared toward issues in the crop industry, innovative dairy technologies, plant nutrition, crop production and mechanization, water management, and soil salinity and quality. In addition to the seminars, the conference facilitated a student research poster contest where top placed entries received monetary awards. Milliron won first place and another $500 in the undergraduate category, competing against 15 other entries from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fresno State, and UC Davis. His poster was titled “Stem-Water Potential Reading Variability in Olive” and chronicled the research he had conducted with plant science Professor Rich Rosecrance on irrigation management technologies that can help counteract the issue of water insecurity.

A month later, Milliron competed in the 2013 CSU, Chico Student Research Competition and was selected as one of 10 finalists, earning him a trip to Pomona to compete in the 27th Annual Statewide CSU Student Research Competition at Cal Poly Pomona May 10–11.

Milliron is now attending graduate school at UC Davis in agronomy and horticulture with the eventual goal of earning his PhD and becoming a college professor. Milliron attributes his success at CSU, Chico to the hands-on learning experiences that were provided and the excellent advising that he received from faculty.
Dan Giustina is not a Chico State alumnus. He didn’t grow up in the Chico community, nor does he make his living in California agriculture. But on Aug. 22, Giustina made a $2 million donation to the CSU, Chico College of Agriculture to establish the largest scholarship endowment in the University’s history.

Giustina, managing general partner of Giustina Resources, an Oregon-based timber products company, established the Bell Family Presidential Scholarship Endowment to honor his friend and mentor Tom Bell; Tom’s wife, Dorothy; and his sisters, Claudine Bell and Helen Head. Tom Bell managed the Bell Ranch, which was founded in Butte County by his grandfather in 1875. The Bell Ranch spanned more than 16,000 acres in California and Oregon before Tom’s death in 1987.

“When Tom passed away, followed by his wife Dorothy, and more recently by Claudine and Helen, I wanted to do something to honor our friendship. I wanted to do something that would last, that would create a legacy for the Bell family,” Giustina said.

The Bell Family Presidential Scholarships will be available to students in CSU, Chico’s College of Agriculture. Two new students next year, and up to four in each subsequent year, will receive $5,000 per year as Bell Family Presidential Scholars. The college will have up to 16 scholarship recipients at any given time.

“I hope the Bell Family Presidential Scholarship Endowment will bring the best and brightest agriculture students in California to Chico State,” Giustina said. “Our higher education system is the envy of the world, and student scholarships play an important part in maintaining that level of excellence.”

“Chico State has a long and important history with ranchers and farmers in the North State,” said College of Agriculture Dean Jennifer Ryder Fox, noting that Tom Bell’s aunt Ada attended the University in 1889, only two years after its founding. “We have deep roots and a bright future, made even brighter by Dan Giustina’s wonderful gift.”

Giustina was the recipient of the University of Oregon Presidential Medal in 2007 for “long-standing and extraordinary support” of the university, where he received his bachelor’s degree and MBA. He was a main donor to Oregon’s Ford Alumni Center, which opened in 2009.

“Dan Giustina is one of the leading philanthropists in the West supporting excellence in higher education,” CSU, Chico President Paul Zingg said. “The fact that he has chosen to start this new scholarship fund speaks to his exceptional generosity and to his identifying Chico State as a leader in California higher education.”

Students who apply to be Bell Presidential Scholars must have strong academic backgrounds and a commitment to agriculture as well as demonstrate a history of leadership and service. The first scholarships will be awarded to freshmen entering CSU, Chico in the fall of 2014.
It has been nearly 50 years since George Buonaccorsi grew his first barley project on the Chico State Farm, but the 1966 agriculture graduate remembers the experience well. “I made money in the first year, then lost it in the second,” Buonaccorsi recalls. “It was a good lesson in farming.”

For many College of Agriculture alumni, the opportunity to grow their own crops or manage a livestock unit at the University Farm is one of the most memorable and educational aspects of their college careers. While the format of the courses that deliver these experiences has changed, the emphases on practical skill development and hands-on learning ensure that the Directed Work Experience classes continue to have a lasting impact on the students who take them.

While the 800-acre University Farm is central to laboratory activity for courses throughout the agriculture curriculum, the Directed Work Experience courses (ANSC 110 and PSSC 309) are specifically designed to give students an active role in running the farm. The University Farm features multiple fully functioning enterprises that give students the experience of an average day in an agricultural operation. At each unit, students are accountable for the day-to-day management and production of that enterprise. Farm staff and faculty guide and advise the students, while the students invest the majority of the labor.

Besides the obvious differences of focusing on field and row crops versus livestock, PSSC 309 and ANSC 110 vary somewhat in the way they are administered. Students enrolled in PSSC 309 are typically juniors and seniors who have already taken some plant science coursework. While gaining hands-on experiences working in a variety of field and row crops, the students can earn up to $500 each semester based on their contribution and the crops’ profitability. ANSC 110 is often taken by freshmen and sophomores, and those who excel in and enjoy the class can progress into paid positions at the University Farm.

“[I hear, I forget. I see, I remember. I do, I understand.]”
— Chinese Proverb

Senior agricultural education major Trevor Airola believes that the Directed Work Experience classes allow students to work in a real production environment that brings to life the lessons they learn in the classroom. “[The experience you gain from these classes helps you understand the practical application of the concepts we are learning in class],” said Airola. “Sure, you could read this material in a book, but until you actually get out of Plumas Hall and do it yourself, there’s going to be a piece missing from the puzzle.”

In PSSC 309, students gain occupational experience in operating tractors and machinery used in the crop and orchard fields at the University Farm. At the end of the semester, students receive a portion of the generated income from their assigned crop. The University Farm currently grows a variety of field and row crops, mainly wheat, corn, and sunflowers. The farm also grows seed crops such as safflower and a variety of vineseed crops under contract for outside companies.

Airola plans to apply what he has learned in the class to his future role as an agriculture teacher by sharing his experiences with his students. “[There will be times in the future when I will be teaching students about plant science and need to find a way to make it applicable to farming and agriculture],” said Airola. “There isn’t a better way to make my knowledge more applicable than to have done it myself, firsthand. I have truly learned by doing, and I can now pass those experiences on to my future students.”

Students enrolled in the class have responsibilities that vary with the season. Tasks include organizing supplies in storage areas, preparing the fields for incoming crops, planting and harvesting those crops, and cultivating the land. In previous years, each student has been responsible for a particular piece of land that has a specific crop grown on it. The class now works more as a cooperative, and all students work together to manage and produce the crops. Students meet for discussion once a week and then are required
In the spring of 2010, CSU, Chico launched the Pastured Poultry Project to be administered at the University Farm as an extension of the Organic Dairy Unit and under supervision of animal science Professor Cindy Daley. The project consists of laying hens that are rotated through the pastures with the farm’s certified organic dairy cows. Originally the project was initiated to collect research and to study the hens’ impact on fly larvae as well as the overall production efficiency of using an organic and free-range system. The project has evolved into an integrated production unit at the University Farm. The hens are moved from pasture to pasture in their mobile red chicken coop following the rotation of the organic dairy cattle. Each night, the Rock is put safely back into its barn coop to prevent loss of hens to predators, and it is let back out in the morning. Four student employees along with four Animal Science 110 students are responsible for feeding the chickens, collecting and washing eggs, and selling the eggs at the various outlets.

Eileen Whitcomb, a 2010 animal science graduate, started the project as a student with a flock of 100 Black Australorp chickens. Today, the project consists of 85 Rhode Island Red and leghorn hybrid laying hens. The hens produce consistently at 85 percent production year-round with the help of lights installed in the mobile coop. Eggs are sold on campus Wednesdays at the Organic Vegetable Project farm stand, Thursdays via personal delivery to campus offices, and at the University Meats Lab and Farm Office during regular business hours. The pastured poultry student managers are always looking for new markets and partnerships to expand the project.
In 1953, Dwight D. Eisenhower was inaugurated as president of the United States and Queen Elizabeth II was crowned the queen of England. Gas cost an average of 20 cents per gallon, a new car cost $1,650, and the first color television sets sold for $1,175. At Chico State College, as it was then called, enrollment hit 1,371 students, tuition was $14 per semester, and President Glenn Kendall hired Loren D. Phillips to start an agricultural program that would become a cornerstone of agricultural education in California.

Phillips would come to be known as the father of the agriculture program at Chico State. A personable, gregarious man, Phillips was known for his strong leadership and phenomenal recruiting skills. He would drive to farms up and down the Sacramento Valley, pulling up to young men on tractors and informing them they were coming to Chico State. On more than one occasion, Phillips recruited students by telling them he was the football coach. It wasn’t until they arrived on campus ready to practice that they learned his true identity. Under Phillips’ leadership as department chair from 1953 to 1965, enrollment in agriculture would grow from seven majors the first year to nearly 300.

What began as a two-year agriculture program in 1953 soon grew to a four-year bachelor’s degree program thanks to the persistence and persuasiveness of Phillips, his fellow faculty, and Knudt Anderson of Vina, who represented Chico State College on a laymen’s committee of the state Department of Education. The laymen’s committee still was not certain for Chico State’s agriculture program. The California State Board of Education chairman, James Mussatti, opposed the program, believing that it would duplicate and perhaps even damage the agricultural program at the University of California, Davis. In the summer of 1956, Phillips, Kendall, and the chairman of Chico State’s agricultural advisory committee, Florence Tarr, visited Mussatti and persuaded him that the two programs would serve different critical needs within the region.

As a result of their visit, the State Board of Education met at Chico State on Nov. 9, 1956, and unanimously approved a four-year agricultural program to include majors in animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, general agriculture, farm mechanics, and crop production. A year later, a major in agricultural business was added.

With the agriculture program’s future sealed, Phillips and his staff, which included Ken Bensel, Jack Nolan, and Bob Wallace, set to work securing land on which to establish a permanent college farm. In the program’s early years, students and faculty used the Diamond Match Company property south of Chico for hands-on education. In 1957, State Sen. Paul Byrne procured $500,000 from the state to purchase land for a Chico State College Farm. In August of 1958, the Joint Legislative Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, over strong objection from the state finance office’s legislative analyst, unanimously affirmed the decision to purchase up to 700 acres of land for the college farm.

In April of 1960, the agricultural department moved onto the 644-acre Navarra-Hengst Ranch on Hegan Lane. Doug Flesher, a soon-to-be agriculture graduate who had just been hired by the college as an equipment operator, had the privilege of driving the first college tractor from the Diamond Match property to the new farm.

“We started with nothing but a couple of old shops,” Flesher said. “There were no livestock units, storage barns, or anything. We had to build all of that.”

Flesher was quickly promoted to head farmer, and he recalls his time on the college farm as one of the best learning experiences of his life.

“The farm just mushroomed in those first few years, and it was my responsibility to make the work happen,” Flesher said.

That meant managing the original crop program,
which expanded in 1963 with the purchase of a 48-acre almond orchard and in 1964 with the 110-acre Schouten Ranch. Both of these purchases were made through the Chico State College Foundation Agricultural Fund, meaning that the present-day University Farm includes a mixture of both state-owned and foundation-owned property. As head farmer, Flesher also worked with faculty to oversee the growth of the college's livestock program, which included beef, sheep, swine, and dairy.

“One of the highlights for me was, after Ron Hutchings came on as the livestock professor, Mrs. Gladys Cooper came in and donated a beautiful herd of Hereford cattle,” Flesher said. “In one year, we took those cattle to 24 different livestock shows as an advertisement to showcase the program. That’s what really started putting Chico State on the map as an agriculture school.”

In 1966, Flesher left the farm at the urging of the faculty to pursue his agriculture teaching credential at UC Davis. He taught high school agriculture in Yuba City for four years and then began a 43-year career as a faculty member of the Butte College Agriculture Department that continues to this day. He credits his professional and personal success to his experience at Chico State and to his wife’s support.

Much of the planning and labor for building the farm fell to faculty and students. Professor Bob Wallace built a machine storage barn that now serves as the beef preview barn. He also built two dairy barns and many other structures throughout the farm. Bern Busic, with the help of students, constructed the swine unit.

Agriculture graduate Stan Hodges, class of 1960, would not have traded his experience during the hectic and challenging time of the agriculture program’s inception for anything, he said.

“The program was just getting started and growing, so there were a lot of opportunities for us as students to grow with the program,” Hodges recalls. “The staff was excellent, and we students could really appreciate the work they were putting into building the program.”

Like Flesher, Hodges also went to UC Davis to earn his teaching credential and taught at Yuba City High School for a couple of years. In 1965, he was hired by Modesto Junior College as an agriculture mechanics instructor. He became chair of the department in 1974, then vice president of instruction for the entire campus in 1982 before taking the reins as president four years later. Hodges served as president of Modesto Junior College until his retirement in 1996. He continues to consult for community colleges throughout the state and has served in several interim leadership roles.

In 1963, the farm was named the Paul L. Byrne Memorial Chico State College Farm in honor of Sen. Byrne, who had died the previous August. Before his death, Byrne had raised more than $1 million for the purchase and development of the college farm.

While the farm was swiftly expanding, changes were happening at the main campus as well. Agriculture faculty, who had initially been spread out in offices across campus, came together in 1962 with the completion of the Physical Sciences Building, which also housed the agriculture department. The facility, however, was not a sufficient match for the rapidly growing program. The Brief History of the Agricultural Program at Chico State College laments that “Although the facility is an excellent one, on a laboratory by laboratory basis, it was barely of sufficient scope in 1962 and is in need of twice the number of laboratories that are available today.” In 1972, Plumas Hall was completed and the agriculture program finally had a permanent home with ample offices, laboratory, and classroom space to serve its growing enrollment.

In the 60-year history of the College of Agriculture, perhaps no period was more turbulent or trying than the early 1990s. Chico State President Robin Wilson drew intense fire for his proposal to address a $10 million budget deficit by closing the College of Agriculture and Human Environmental Sciences and transforming the farm from a student laboratory to a profit-making venture.

Agriculture supporters fought back. A May 26, 1992, rally at the University Farm drew more than 200 people, including state Sen. Mike Thompson, who told the crowd, “To cut agriculture from Chico State would be the same as taking computer science from San Jose State.”

A group of 32 state legislators, including Chico State alumnus Rusty Areias, sent a letter to California State University Chancellor Barry Munitz supporting the agriculture program at Chico State and questioning Wilson’s leadership as president of the University. Letters and phone calls poured into Wilson’s office in support of the agriculture program. On June 8, 1992, Wilson responded with a letter to lawmakers announcing his decision to keep the college open.

Two decades later, the 1992 crisis is still on the minds of many in the agriculture community. “I continue to get questions from people I meet asking if the program is still in peril,” said current College of Agriculture Dean Jennifer Ryder Fox. “The irony is that we are stronger than ever now, thanks to attention and support the college garnered through that crisis.”

One outcome of the crisis was the establishment of Superior Ag, a group of supporters whose sole mission is to bolster the College of Agriculture through advocacy, fundraising, and counsel. The organization hosts an annual golf tournament that has raised more than half a million dollars for scholarships and academic programs in the College of Agriculture since 1996.

The past 20 years have also seen an investment in faculty, students, and facilities that has grown enrollment in the College of Agriculture at rates not seen since the program’s inception. Degree programs currently include animal science, agricultural business, and agriculture with options in ag science and education as well as crops, horticulture, and land resource management. The newest degree program, an online master’s program in agricultural education, launched in 2012.

“When this college started, it was all about preparing students to be leaders in agriculture and in their communities. That focus has not changed,” Fox said. “Graduates from the 1990s talk about how amazing the faculty were at that time, and students and graduates today still credit the faculty and staff for their success.”

With an all-time-high enrollment of 720 students this fall, a vibrant hands-on learning facility at the University Farm, a healthy job market for agriculture graduates, and three tenure-track faculty searches under way, Fox believes the College of Agriculture is well-positioned for the next 60 years.
Ray Griffin didn’t start out as an agriculture major at CSU, Chico. But as a resident of the salad bowl of the world, the Salinas Valley, he was aware of the opportunities available in the agriculture industry. So during his junior year at CSU, Chico, Griffin made the decision to switch his major to agricultural business, and he hasn’t looked back since.

The 2013 Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Agriculture grew up in Chicago and moved with his family to Salinas during high school. Upon earning his associate degree at Hartnell College, a trip to Chico sold him on the decision to transfer to CSU, Chico. Attracted by the beauty of campus, he entered as a business major with an emphasis in marketing.

Griffin was active in the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), which is the nation’s largest association for professionals in marketing and agribusiness. He was also a part of the Red Barn, a non-Greek, coeducational social club that engaged in community service. Pioneer Week was still an important and esteemed tradition at the time, and Griffin has fond memories of the event and the sense of community it built for all students.

“My experience at Chico State really helped develop my social skills,” Griffin said. “[The Chico Experience] teaches students how to connect with others, build relationships, and work together, skills which are critical in business and in life.”

While visiting CSU, Chico to accept his Distinguished Alumni award, Griffin advised current students to maintain friendships with fellow students who will one day be alumni. “One day you’re going to rely on them as a networking resource,” he said.

He says his most memorable classes were those that gave him a sense of what the real business world would be like. A commodities trading course stood out to Griffin and kick-started his interest in understanding and following markets, which he says built the foundation for his knowledge today. In the class, students had to hypothetically purchase and invest in various commodities and monitor their investments’ performance throughout the semester.

After graduating in 1986, Griffin returned home to the Salinas Valley, where he began working for large-scale family farms. His first job out of college was at Merrill Farms, where he was exposed to real international trade for the first time as a sales coordinator. After six years at Merrill Farms in international marketing, he went to work at Salyer American Fresh Foods, where he built up a sizeable export program for their produce. The crash of the Asian market in the mid-1990s was a make-or-break moment in Griffin’s career. Griffin saw the opportunity in the emerging organic market, where he was instrumental in introducing prepackaged fresh organic salads into Canada.

In 1998, Griffin and a colleague struck out to start their own produce marketing company, which Griffin described as a daunting experience.

“I had kids, a mortgage, and car payments, and no guarantee of a stable income,” he recalls. “We started FoodSource with a folding table and a couple of chairs.”

The company gradually grew and transitioned into a full-service fresh produce sourcing and supply chain management firm headquartered in Monterey. Griffin served as vice president for seven years until 2005, when FoodSource was acquired by C.H. Robinson, a Fortune 300 company. Griffin stayed on as general manager and today leads a team of 136 employees with five offices throughout the United States.

Griffin attributes his success to tenacity and hard work, and he encouraged students to show employers how they can be an asset to the company.

“Employees need to have passion and an appetite for hard work,” he said. “So take initiative and constantly look for ways to make an impact wherever you go. I look for employees who can take leadership and problem-solve on their feet.”

Griffin has sat on boards with United Fresh and Fresh Cut Processors. He has also attended the United Fresh Washington Public Policy Conference and participates in the Produce Marketing Association. He is active in his local community, supporting Boy Scouts, Relay for Life, Little League, and local migrant-worker programs. Griffin is a father to three children, Steven, Kelly, and Jennifer.

Each college within the University selects a Distinguished Alumnus or Alumna to honor each spring. Griffin was honored as the 2013 College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumnus at a ceremony in the Bell Memorial Union on April 5.
When he first arrived on the Chico State campus in the fall of 2011, Sierra College transfer student Derek Eid didn’t know many people. He was new to the agriculture field, having grown up in Granite Bay with no background in agriculture, but he noticed that many of his fellow ag students seemed to have a tight bond.

“I asked a student in my finance class how he met a lot of people in the College of Agriculture, and he suggested that I join S.A.M. I went to a meeting during the spring semester and joined shortly thereafter.”

Once he joined the Society of Ag Managers, it didn’t take Eid long to build the connections he had observed in his fellow students. “I found myself becoming involved with a wide range of events throughout the College of Agriculture,” the 2012–2013 S.A.M. president said. “My involvement in the college presented me with chances to meet a lot of people in agriculture, but he noticed that many of his fellow ag students seemed to have a tight bond.

“Even though our enrollment has doubled, we still want to maintain the family-like environment that allows students to feel like they belong,” Fox said. “Clubs are a great place for students to find their niche and build a support system.”

For many students in the College of Agriculture, student organizations are a way for them to meet others who share their interests. Agricultural education graduate Kim Macintosh, class of 2013, originally joined Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA), the club for future agriculture teachers, because she wanted to socialize with other students who also wanted to become ag teachers. “I thought it would be a good idea to start networking with people with whom I will be teaching in the future,” she said.

What Macintosh found in ATA was a place to develop her leadership abilities and cement her desire to teach. “It has made me a better person for my career choice because I have been able to listen to a variety of guest speakers who have been honest about the career path I have chosen, and it has helped shape me into the person I am today and the teacher I will be in the future.”

Like Macintosh, crops, horticulture, and land resource management graduate Jackie Buffham found a greater sense of confidence in her chosen field through her involvement in the Crops and Horticulture Club.

“I’ve played a role in increasing the volume of plants that the club grows in the greenhouses and in our section of the Organic Vegetable Project, which has only made me more certain that plant production is the career path I want to take, whether it be in crop production or in nursery production.”

Sara Avila, a senior agribusiness major from a cattle ranching family in Tulare, joined the Young Cattlemen’s Association as an extension of her involvement with the local CattleWomen association back home.

“My biggest passion is for the beef industry and keeping its traditions alive,” Avila said. “I feel I have become a better leader and role model for the future.”

As she moved up the ranks within the College of Agriculture’s largest student organization, eventually becoming president in 2012, Avila learned leadership skills that she never anticipated. “I once thought I was the best fit for a leadership position in YCA, and I have had a reality check the past two years. I have learned how to actually listen and let others figure things out on their own, give credit where credit is due, be appreciative for everything, respect others feelings, and realize that communication is key to success.”

Next to the 80-member Young Cattlemen’s Association, the Chico State Stock Dog Association may appear small. But the seven or eight active members who meet weekly during the school year to practice working their stock dogs have proven that they are mighty. The Stock Dog Association was named the College of Agriculture’s Club of the Year for 2013. While presenting the award at the annual student awards lunch in the spring, Dean Fox said the club’s community outreach efforts, including stock dog demonstrations at local events, really set it apart.

“All of our clubs have done fantastic things this year. They all serve the college and community in some way or another. However, it was a unanimous decision in selecting the Stock Dog Association,” Fox said. “They demonstrated the most community
service across the board, most of which was completed outside of the College of Agriculture, and that stood out to us.”

Animal science Professor Celina Phillips, who advises the Stock Dog Association, finds that students who join college and campus organizations tend to get the most out of their college experience. “Clubs provide a great support system to help students connect with one another and with their interests,” Phillips said. “I encourage students to get involved in College of Ag organizations, but also to look at the other 240 clubs across campus. If they want to be in the Harry Potter Club, that’s great, as long as they are able to connect with their interests and develop leadership skills. By getting involved in something that interests them, they will have a greater chance to succeed with their academic work as well.”

Three organizations that have seen significant growth in the past couple years are the Sigma Alpha sorority, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and Alpha Zeta honor society. Both Sigma Alpha and Alpha Zeta nearly doubled in the spring 2013 semester with unusually large rush classes. Alpha Gamma Rho’s past president Michael Phelan believes that the increase in club participation is directly related to the increase in enrollment numbers. “With so many people joining the College of Ag, there are more people interested in being involved,” Phelan said. “We have 38 members currently, and that is the largest group of brothers we have had in the past five years.”

Despite a growth in membership across nearly all student organizations in the College of Agriculture, student leaders and advisors recognize that getting students to join a club is one thing, but motivating them to be active and involved requires strong leadership and good preparation. Macintosh was active in Alpha Tau Alpha for all of her four years at Chico State, and during that time, her interest in the organization evolved. “When freshmen come to Chico State and join a club, they are all about the games, activities, and meeting new people,” Macintosh said. “Towards the end of our time here at Chico, we are more interested in listening to guest speakers and being able to ask questions that will help us become successful in our own endeavors.”

Ag education Professor Brad Dodson has worked closely with the Alpha Tau Alpha officers to focus the club’s activities around preparing members for the credential program and student teaching. “We want to make each meeting for ATA have a purpose,” Dodson said. “I believe that it benefits our students to have the meetings be more of a supplement to classroom material.”

Whatever motivates a student to join a club in the first place, it’s how they spend their time in the club that will make a difference when they graduate, said Eric Houk, an ag business professor and the advisor of the Society of Ag Managers. “Student organizations can help distinguish the more active students from the less active ones,” Houk said. “They are great for résumé building, and they really help students stand out in the job market.”

Jackie Buffham agrees that clubs are what students make of them. “Involvement truly depends on the people in each club, and right now I believe there is a really fantastic group of hard-working, motivated people in the College of Agriculture that have great ideas, work ethic, and attitudes,” Buffham said. “Being involved has become a natural and normal part of every College of Agriculture student’s life.”
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- Swather/mower (pull behind rather than self propelled)
- Troy-Bilt walk-behind rototiller
- Hay squeeze
- New cultivator
- Dump trailer or set of doubles
- Pipe and cable for fencing
- Small farm implements for smaller pastures
- Gator/mule type vehicles
- Gated aluminum pipe
- Nut harvesting equipment
- Three-row, 60-inch bed Johnson Manufacturing MD Series Mulcher
- Johnson Manufacturing Vine Trainer (60-inch beds)
- Harrowbed
- Small refrigerated truck or van
- Bale Buster to chop hay
- Sheep and goat showing/fitting equipment (clippers, stands, etc.)
- Small portable cement mixer (for feed trials)
- Nut processing and packaging equipment

Meats Laboratory
- Large bowl chopper
- Tipper Tie machine
- pH meter
- Pathogen testing supplies (enzyme linked fluorescent assay)

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UPCOMING events

January
21 Spring classes begin
31 Ag Social at the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale

February
5 Alumni Breakfast at the Colusa Farm Show
8 Sheep and Goat Day
14 Invitational Parliamentary Procedure Contest
19 Career and Internship Fair

March
1 FFA Field Day
17–21 Spring Break

April
4 Ag Day

May
17 Commencement

June
9 Superior Ag Golf Tournament