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30TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT HONORS SUPPORTERS

PEBBLE BEACH, CA- The California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom will celebrate its 30th anniversary at Poppy Hills golf course in Pebble Beach on Thursday, July 28. Friends will gather to honor the Foundation's accomplishments and the dedication of local donors.

The special event at Poppy Hills will serve as an opportunity for long-time supporters and new donors to celebrate the 30th anniversary and to look ahead to future success. The event will start with a luncheon at 12:00 p.m. and shotgun tee off at 2:00 p.m. Lunch speakers include Jaden Fontes, the sixth-grade winning author in the organization's 2015 *Imagine this... Story Writing Contest*.

Longtime donors will be recognized at the luncheon, including Legacy Award recipients—Bob Johnson and the Oreggia Family Foundation. Bob Johnson of Pacific Grove has supported the organization since before it was even formally established in 1986.

"I like all the Ag in the Classroom programs, and I am very supportive of the teachers," said Bob Johnson. "Without the teachers, we have nothing. They are the faucet through which all ag knowledge flows."

The Oreggia Family Foundation has supported Ag in the Classroom since 2009, including funding the annual *Literacy for Life* grants awarded to K-12 teachers throughout California.

"We support Ag in the Classroom because it reaches the education system in a meaningful way," said Bob Taylor of the Oreggia Family Foundation. "We hope to continue to support the teacher grant program."

Additionally, Ag in the Classroom's 30th Anniversary Apple Awards will be presented to individuals and organizations who have contributed \$30,000 or more to the Foundation over the past 30 years.

"We are grateful for our donors," said Judy Culbertson, executive director. "Events like the Poppy Hills golf tournament allow us to stay connected with our supporters and friends. We enjoy taking time to reflect and celebrate our accomplishments, inspiring us as we continue to serve the future generation of Californians."

For the past 30 years, the Foundation has provided free, high-quality, teacher-tested, and standards-based materials. The valuable training opportunities and resources have promoted integrating agricultural education into K-12 classrooms and afterschool programs, touching the lives of more than 15 million students. For more information about the golf tournament at Poppy Hills, please visit www.LearnAboutAg.org/30years.

Sponsorship and ticket information is available online or you can contact Judy Culbertson at (916) 642-2999.

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