

Literacy for Life



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Agriculture in the Classroom
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2006

Welcome...



As a child, I learned invaluable life lessons working on the farm alongside my father. He didn't say much, nor did he have to. Growing up in the fields and orchards was an education in and of itself. Out there, I learned by doing.

I can remember driving the family truck along the dirt road that crossed our farm as a young man, and feeling satisfied in knowing I was, and would always be, a steward of the land. While other boys at school talked of becoming astronauts, or firemen or baseball stars, I dreamed of being a farmer like my father, and like my grandfather.

Reflecting on such memories reaffirms my belief that teachers in our society have never been as important as they are today. We live in the nation's most agricultural and most urban state, and in order to remain productive and competitive in the future, we must teach our children and grandchildren how to exist in these two contrasting realities. At Ag in the Classroom, we believe that teachers are our best chance.

I have been fortunate to meet with teachers from all across California, from diverse backgrounds and experiences, and despite the growing challenges and limitations these educators face, they all have in common the belief that the effort they put forth in their classrooms today will contribute to a better tomorrow.

In the following pages you will meet several exceptional individuals who are today significant contributors to the world of agricultural literacy. From the son of an immigrant field worker, convinced he would never follow in his father's footsteps, to a first-year teacher who discovered that agriculture was an undying gift he could give his students.

These are only a few examples of the lives being touched by Ag in the Classroom. California students are introduced to agriculture every day, and similar stories of inspiration and opportunity will continue to come to light, thanks to your help.

We are grateful for your generous support of our organization as, together, we contribute toward making a lasting impact on the future of California.

Respectfully,

Doug Mosebar

President, California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom



California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

Increasing awareness and understanding of agriculture
among California's educators

and students educators and students for more than 20 years.

Creating an appreciation of agriculture by all.

...to a world
where agriculture
inspires literacy...

Your support allows us

What did you help us accomplish this year?

At Ag in the Classroom, we strive to make our resources and programs as pertinent to state teaching standards as possible. Our straightforward, classroom-friendly materials, teacher resources, and diverse programs allow California's thriving agricultural industry to be easily incorporated into classrooms anywhere in the state.

In 2006, AITC programs continued to grow and improve. Teacher ambassadorship increased by 11%, and our representation in California schools reached a remarkable 40%. The Foundation's Web site, www.cfaitc.org, is now recognized as a leading resource for ag education, hosting more than 9,000 visitors per month. Additionally, demand for AITC resources increased to a record high of more than 200 monthly requests.

The October release of our educational newspaper supplement, *What's Growin' On?*, was another high point. We are extremely proud of this fifth edition, and anticipate it reaching 500,000 students statewide.

Our Educational Resources Committee convened in Woodland and Tulare in 2006, continuing the tradition of productive bi-annual meetings, where educators, organizations, volunteers, ag industry leaders, and

government agency representatives meet for a collaborative exchange of ag-related programs and ideas.

While celebrating our achievements, we also look forward to improving further. We plan to make positive advances in several areas in 2007, including our Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards program. We believe in rewarding teachers who embrace agriculture in their classrooms, and hope to expand outreach efforts to new potential applicants.

Additionally, our University Student Teacher program is worthy of attention. We anticipate broadening relationships with California universities in order to better connect teaching students with our resources as they acquire their credentials. When introduced to our programs, university student teachers are overwhelmingly supportive, and very likely to utilize our materials when they have classes of their own.

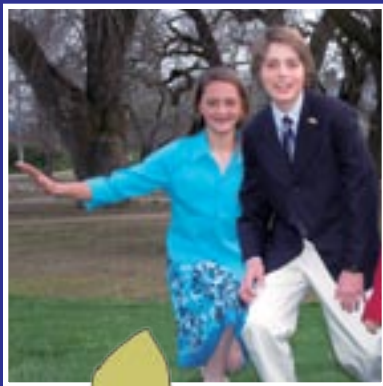
Among others, these programs contribute to the success of our organization, and our strength as a distinctive source of information and ideas for more than 20 years. We are dedicated to providing educators with the resources and opportunities they desire, and the support they deserve.



to strengthen literacy.



Literacy and agriculture come together each year with *Imagine this...*



Perfect Eggs

by Megan Harlander
3rd Grade, Kern County
Valley Oaks Charter School

The Grape That Couldn't Decide What to Be

by Riley Tomczak
4th Grade, Amador County
Ione Elementary School

The Adventures of Compost Man

by Daniel Kaplan
5th Grade, Los Angeles County
Fremont Elementary School

Forest Friends

by Mackenzie Allen
6th Grade, Siskiyou County
Grenada Elementary School

Remembering

by Kaelin A. Swift
7th Grade, San Bernardino County
Home Choice/Washington Alternative

What's the Difference?

by Tyler Sweet
8th Grade, Siskiyou County
Grenada Elementary School

Since 1993 our *Imagine this...* story-writing contest has given 3rd-8th grade students an opportunity to write creative stories about agriculture. One statewide winner is selected from each grade level to have their stories animated and produced on film. The six winners also receive a trip to Sacramento for themselves, their parents, and their teacher to attend an awards ceremony where they are rewarded with certificates, medals, and free resources. Congratulations to our 2005–2006 winning authors!

*Artwork, animation and voice talent courtesy of Center High School, Franklin High School, Inderkum High School, and Sheldon High School.





Ambassador Debbi Hoy



What: 6th-8th Grade Teacher

Where: Grenada Elementary School, Grenada, CA

Why: Three years ago Debbi introduced CFAITC's *Imagine this...* creative writing contest to her Language Arts class. Since then, two of her student authors have been named statewide winners for their agriculture-related short stories. Debbi has also contributed to past editions of our *What's Growin' On?* educational newspaper supplement.

Ambassador Doni Rosasco



What: Volunteer, Cattle Rancher and Mom

Where: Rosasco Ranch, Jamestown, CA

Why: Nearly 13 years ago Doni's love for agriculture inspired her to volunteer for CFAITC. Since then she has served on state and local AITC committees and has helped form the Tuolumne County Ag in the Classroom Committee. She is an *Imagine this...* regional coordinator and also volunteers at each Conference.

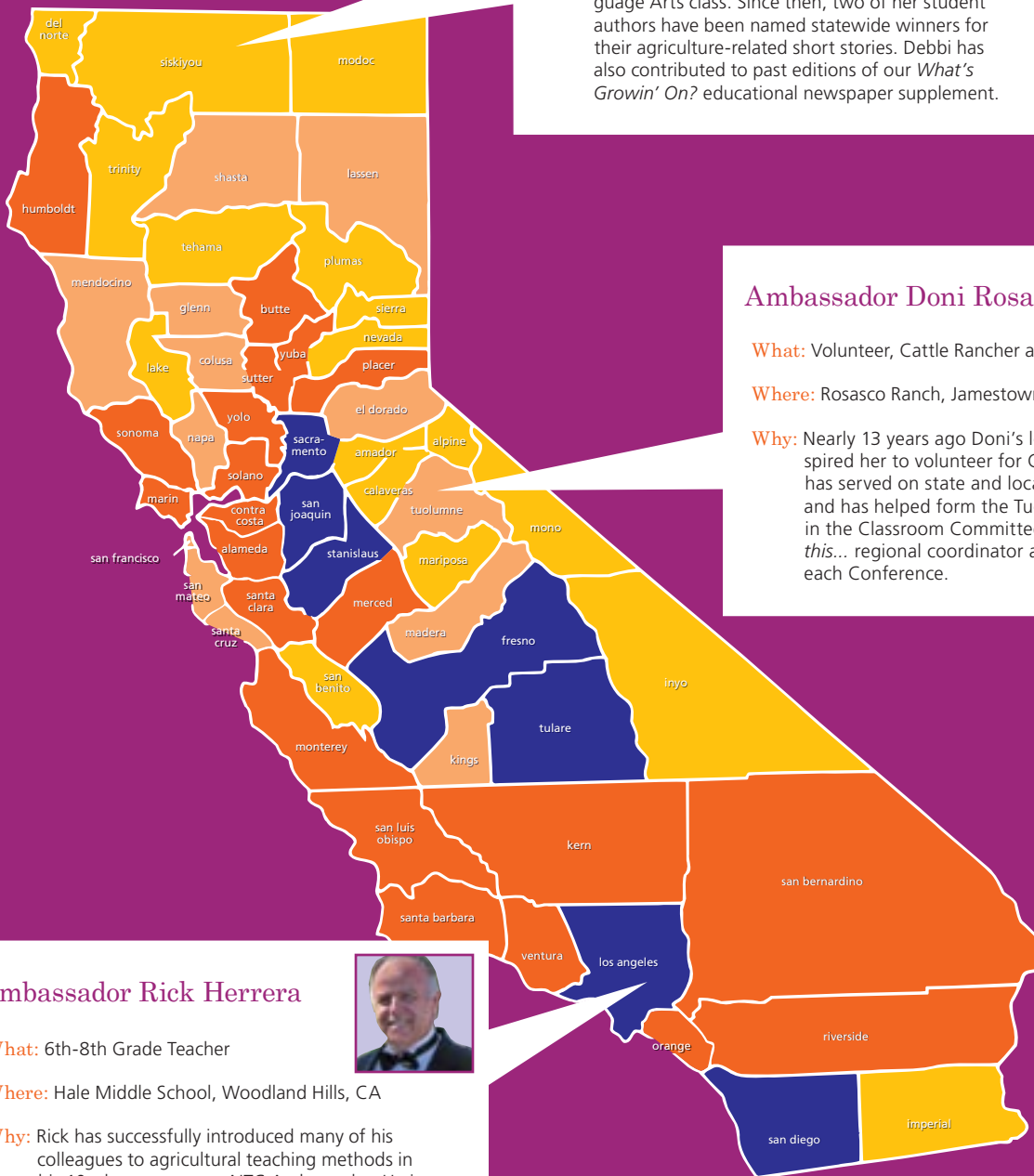
Ambassador Rick Herrera



What: 6th-8th Grade Teacher

Where: Hale Middle School, Woodland Hills, CA

Why: Rick has successfully introduced many of his colleagues to agricultural teaching methods in his 10-plus years as an AITC Ambassador. He is a school garden advocate and regular Conference presenter. He says his greatest motivation is learning that former students have pursued careers in teaching or agriculture.



We can't spread the word alone.

Statewide representation of AITC Ambassadors

AITC Ambassadors are our most direct and effective means of enriching the lives of California students with the gift of agricultural consciousness. Thanks to these devoted educators, administrators, parents, and community volunteers our unique curriculum and engaging resources have reached, literally, every corner of the state, from the Siskiyou County forestland to the Central Coast "Salad Bowl of the World," and down to the southern Imperial County line.

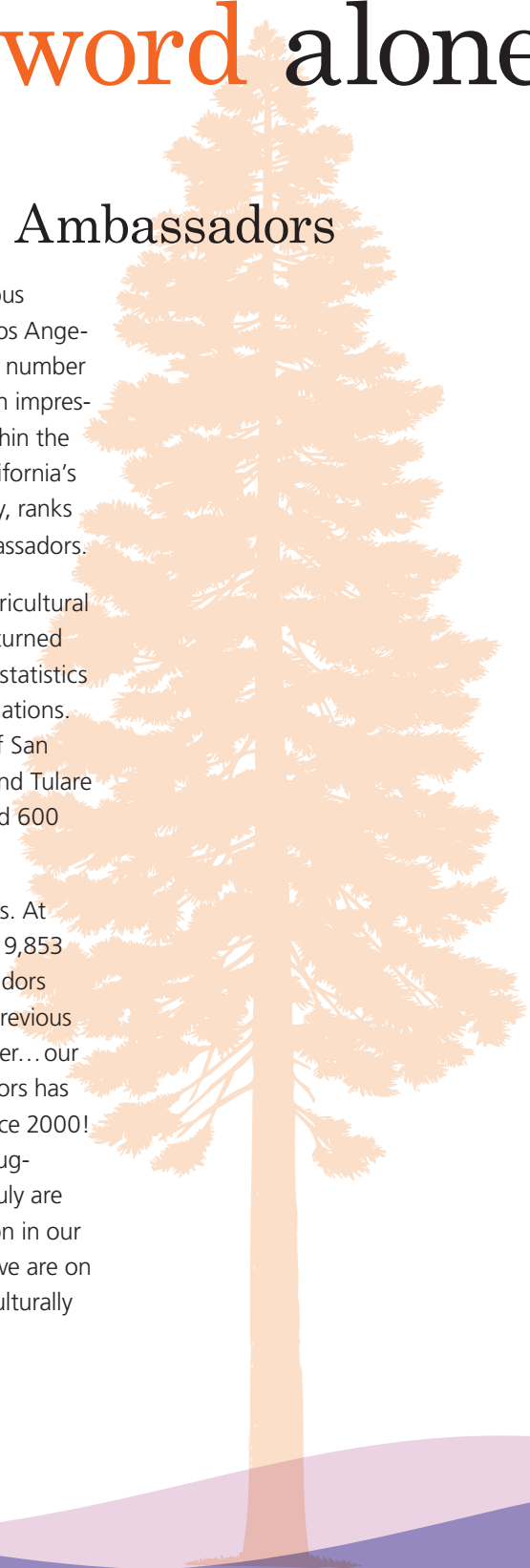
We are pleased to know that our organization is represented in every county in California, and are grateful for our Ambassadors and volunteers who are out teaching, supporting and encouraging agriculture education in the urban centers and rural towns throughout California.

The Ambassador Map, at left, is a geographic illustration of our Ag in the Classroom Ambassadors by county. Within the next several years, we will work to color more counties blue—by increasing outreach efforts and Ambassadorship numbers within specific regions.

Being the state's most populous county, it is no surprise that Los Angeles is also home to the largest number of AITC Ambassadors, with an impressive 1,688 representatives within the county lines. Sacramento, California's eighth most populated county, ranks second with over 1,200 Ambassadors.

Many of California's more agricultural and rural counties have also turned out remarkable Ambassador statistics despite relatively lower populations. The Central Valley counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Fresno, and Tulare all maintain between 300 and 600 Ambassadors each.

Ambassador growth continues. At the end of 2006, we counted 9,853 Ag in the Classroom Ambassadors—an 11% increase from the previous year. Looking back even further... our current number of Ambassadors has increased by nearly 400% since 2000! Such extraordinary statistics suggest that our Ambassadors truly are changing the face of education in our state. We are confident that we are on our way toward a more agriculturally aware society!



“AITC has completely changed my life!”

Lance Omeje’s life is literally a world away from where it began nearly 50 years ago. Lance was born in Amuria Village in eastern Uganda, where he spent his childhood shadowing his father as he farmed, using a metal plow pulled by oxen, looking after goats and herding cattle on his family’s subsistence farm.

As a teenager, he was selected to study abroad and spent 12 months living in the Sierra foothill town of Auburn. Lance knew from this experience that he would one day call California his home. He immigrated to the United States in the early 70’s, determined to make the most of the educational opportunities being offered to him.

Lance completed his college education and spent 10 years as a consulting Agronomist/Entomologist before recognizing that his true place was in the classroom. “I loved being in the fields with the soil and crops, but I felt it was no longer enough. I was keeping this scientific wonder to myself, when I wanted to share it with others,” he says.

Lance traded his soil probe for a teaching credential and began his current career 11 years ago at Turner Elementary School in Fresno. It was one particular experience during Lance’s first year as a teacher that made him realize how he could apply his agricultural knowledge in the classroom.

“One afternoon, a student noticed a plant growing below the classroom steps and brought it to my attention. We identified it as a pumpkin seedling, and agreed to watch it grow. A week later, the student sadly reported that the young plant had been crushed, and was lying limp. We dug out the injured seedling, planted it in the school garden, and after tender care the plant successfully recov-

ered. The next fall, we harvested eight healthy pumpkins in time for Halloween!”

Since that day, Lance has used gardening to keep students active in their own education. From a neglected dirt patch on campus, Lance brought to life The Environmental Center at Turner Elementary, an outdoor “living laboratory” now a dynamic, year-round, state of the art school garden.

Through lessons in the garden, standards in nearly every subject are turned into actual practices, helping students connect their physical actions to what they are learning in the classroom. The garden also supports the school’s favorite fundraiser, the Annual Salsa Fest. Nearly the entire student population assists in growing, harvesting, preparing and selling homemade salsa each year utilizing the fresh fruit and vegetable crops from the garden.

In 2006, Lance accepted a unique and exciting challenge when he began teaching at Yokomi Elementary, a new science and technology magnet school in downtown Fresno, where he is leading the development of an advanced, ultra-modern, garden-based learning program.

When Lance became a teacher over a decade ago, he had never heard of Agriculture in the Classroom. Since then he has graduated from the AITC Summer Ag Institute, is a popular presenter at AITC Conferences, and works with many agricultural organizations including the Fresno County Farm Bureau. Lance’s dedication to ag education earned him the title of CFAITC’s 2006 Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and later the National Agriculture in the Classroom’s 2006 Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award in Atlantic City, New Jersey.



Lance Omeje

“Discovering Ag in the Classroom has completely changed my life! Through this organization I have found a way to connect my students to the world of agriculture, traveled to places I never imagined, met incredible people, and most importantly, I have learned how to be a better teacher.”

“It started with a story I my chicken,

As a child, Jonnalee Henderson imagined living a quiet, dreamy existence far out in the countryside, where she could envision dramatic storylines, develop complex characters, and allow her writing to be inspired by the beauty that nature had to offer.

She never believed her career would place her in and around the bustling Capital City. These days, she can be found jetting across the state, spending days with legislators and agriculture-industry advocates, and attending meetings on behalf of her employer, the state’s leading expert in his field. Jonnalee works directly with the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, A.G. Kawamura, and her office is only steps from the Capitol grounds in Sacramento. She is a policy analyst for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Jonnalee’s introduction to Ag in the Classroom was in the eighth grade when she submitted her story, “Harvest Laughter” to the Foundation’s *Imagine this...* creative story-writing contest. She was named the regional winner in her grade-level that year. When asked about her award-winning story, she smiled widely and said with pride, “It was a story I wrote about my chicken, Jim. I loved that guy.” She admits that being selected as a winner in the *Imagine this...* contest affirmed her confidence as a writer, but also convinced her that her agricultural upbringing would anchor whatever her future held.

After graduating from Pierce High School, Jonnalee left her northern California hometown of Arbuckle and attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where she majored

in Agricultural Business and became an Ag Ambassador for the university, promoting higher education and the study of agriculture.

After college, Jonnalee had the opportunity to blend her writing talents with her knowledge of agriculture as editor for the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau’s *Farmer & Rancher* magazine. She also interned at the California Farm Bureau Federation’s *Ag Alert* newspaper, where her debut article covered the appointment of CFAITC Executive Director Judy Culbertson to lead the National Ag in the Classroom Consortium.

Jonnalee continues to be a strong agricultural education advocate, evident by her close professional and personal ties to Ag in the Classroom and other organizations such as the California School Garden Network, and the California Farm-to-School Taskforce.

“Education in this country has historically been tied to agriculture, back when most children were raised on family farms, and working the ranch or field was their livelihood. Even though this is no longer a reality for today’s students, there are so many life lessons that can be learned through a basic understanding of the food system,” she says.

She explains that the most memorable moments of her education took place in her family’s orchard. “I learned how to care for and sustain life, and the virtue of patience and responsibility, all through this connection to the walnuts, almonds and peaches we grew, and the animals we raised.”

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Jonnalee Henderson

“Ag in the Classroom has touched so many students, and introduced them to a completely new way of looking at the world. I wish I could tell every teacher about it!”





Lonna Torrico

Lonna's inspiration are students who have developed a passion for agriculture and created a life around it. She proudly reports that many program graduates now have careers in teaching, government, and ag industry while others have pursued higher education in agriculture.

The seeds of a teacher's enthusiasm for agriculture.

Lonna Torrico had her career path designed early in life... she believed. By the time she was four years old, she knew she wanted to be a teacher. Although the youngest of the group, she would gather children from her Fresno neighborhood on the closest curb or front lawn, and proceed to "teach" them, explaining and talking about whatever came to mind.

Like most Central Valley residents, she remembers visiting roadside produce stands as a child. She also recalls her family's small backyard garden, but preferred spending time reading and writing rather than exploring the garden plot. As a student at Fresno High School, she had no interest in agriculture classes, and to this day cannot recall if such courses were even offered.

As she grew up, Lonna's plan appeared to be right on track. The first in her family to go to college, she attended California State University, Fresno where she obtained her Bachelor's degree and teaching credential. When Lonna began teaching elementary school as a 20 year-old in the Fresno Unified School District, she was still unaware of the impact agriculture had on the Central Valley.

"Growing up in the nation's most productive agricultural area does not make a person agriculturally aware. It didn't do it for me and it won't for other educators nor for our students," Lonna explains.

After 20 years as a teacher and administrator in Fresno, Lonna's first true exposure to agriculture was in 1984 when she was urged to attend CFAITC's Summer Ag Institute for educators, an experience that radically changed her life. She suddenly recognized the extraor-

dinary teaching and career opportunities available in the orchards, farms and fields of her own hometown.

Lonna barely remembers the drive home from Sacramento as her mind raced with plans to share her newfound awareness of agriculture with everyone at home. She describes the Summer Ag Institute as being an exceptional educational experience, one that inspired her to develop what is now the enormously successful Ag Summer Bridge Program, part of the Central Valley Ag Literacy Program at the College of Agricultural Science and Technology at CSU Fresno.

As Director of the Ag Summer Bridge, she hopes to provoke similar enlightenment in incoming college-age students, many of whom harbor unfavorable views of agriculture as a career option. Lonna introduces Ag in the Classroom programs and resources to her students, as an example of motivational and accessible agriculture education.

Funded by the USDA, WK Kellogg and CAST, the Central Valley Ag Literacy Program works to increase enrollment in agriculture-related fields at CSU Fresno by hosting select groups of traditionally under-represented students for one or two weeks during the summer before they enter college. For eight years the Ag Summer Bridge has offered students agricultural enrichment activities, academic advisement and career exploration in addition to campus orientations, ag industry tours, motivational activities and guest speakers. "We are very lucky to have this vibrant industry right in our own backyard, and should help young people recognize it as a promising career path," Lonna says.

A long-time Ambassador and friend to Ag in the Classroom, we acknowledge Lonna Torrico as one of California's most instrumental ag literacy advocates. We are pleased to have been the seed of her enthusiasm for agriculture.

“It’s my life, and I’m proud my muddy boots at the

Julio Fernandez thanks his parents for his successful agricultural career although he admits during his upbringing, he was at odds with them over plans for his future. The son of an immigrant farm laborer, Julio was raised with the understanding that he would not follow in his father’s footsteps working in the fields. Growing up in the small, agricultural town of Riverdale in the Central Valley, Julio understood and respected agriculture. It was everywhere, yet it was out of his reach.

As a child, he was always told that when he grew up he would not have to come home from work covered in dirt like his father. Both his parents shared the hope that their son would take a different career path. They urged him to study business or engineering. They imagined Julio sitting at a desk wearing a suit and tie, far from the fields and the dirt and the elements where his father spent his days.

High school granted Julio numerous opportunities to grow his interests, including football, tennis, music, and mechanics. “I was sure I would study engineering in college and would have my dream job—designing engines and cars for NASCAR,” Julio recalls.

Julio’s plans changed at California State University, Fresno, where he met Lonna Torrico of the Central Valley Ag Literacy Program, whom he now calls one of his mentors. She encouraged him to enroll in the well-known Ag Summer Bridge Program to explore a different agricultural perspective.

For Julio, the summer he spent learning about the variety of agricultural careers available to him was monumental in determining his future. His introduction to agricultural literacy included learning about Ag in the Classroom as an impor-

tant educational base for all California students. Years after his own participation in the Ag Summer Bridge, he returns as a volunteer, visiting Central Valley high schools to familiarize students and teachers with AITC resources.

Ag in the Classroom helped Julio realize that agriculture can easily be taught to children of all ages. He tells us that several of his fellow Summer Bridge colleagues are now teachers, spreading ag literacy and awareness to a new generation of students.

After an internship at the USDA’s Animal and Plant Inspection Service, Julio was determined that agriculture was indeed his calling. When met with objections by his parents, Julio says, “I had to prove to my mom that working in agriculture doesn’t have to mean ten hour days in the heat bent over with a shovel and a hoe.”

Today, Julio is a Fresno State graduate, owner of a Horticulture degree, and works as a food safety manager at River Ranch Fresh Foods, one of the largest fresh produce processors of lettuce, spinach and cut vegetables in the country. Julio travels frequently to assess field safety in the company’s Salinas and El Centro facilities, and works to implement newly mandated food safety regulations. Particularly in light of the spinach scare of 2006, Julio feels even more determined to assure consumers that California grown produce is safer than ever.

He says about agriculture, “I won’t ever leave it. I love the contact with the soil, the food, the people. It’s my life, and I’m proud to kick off my muddy boots at the end of a work day.”

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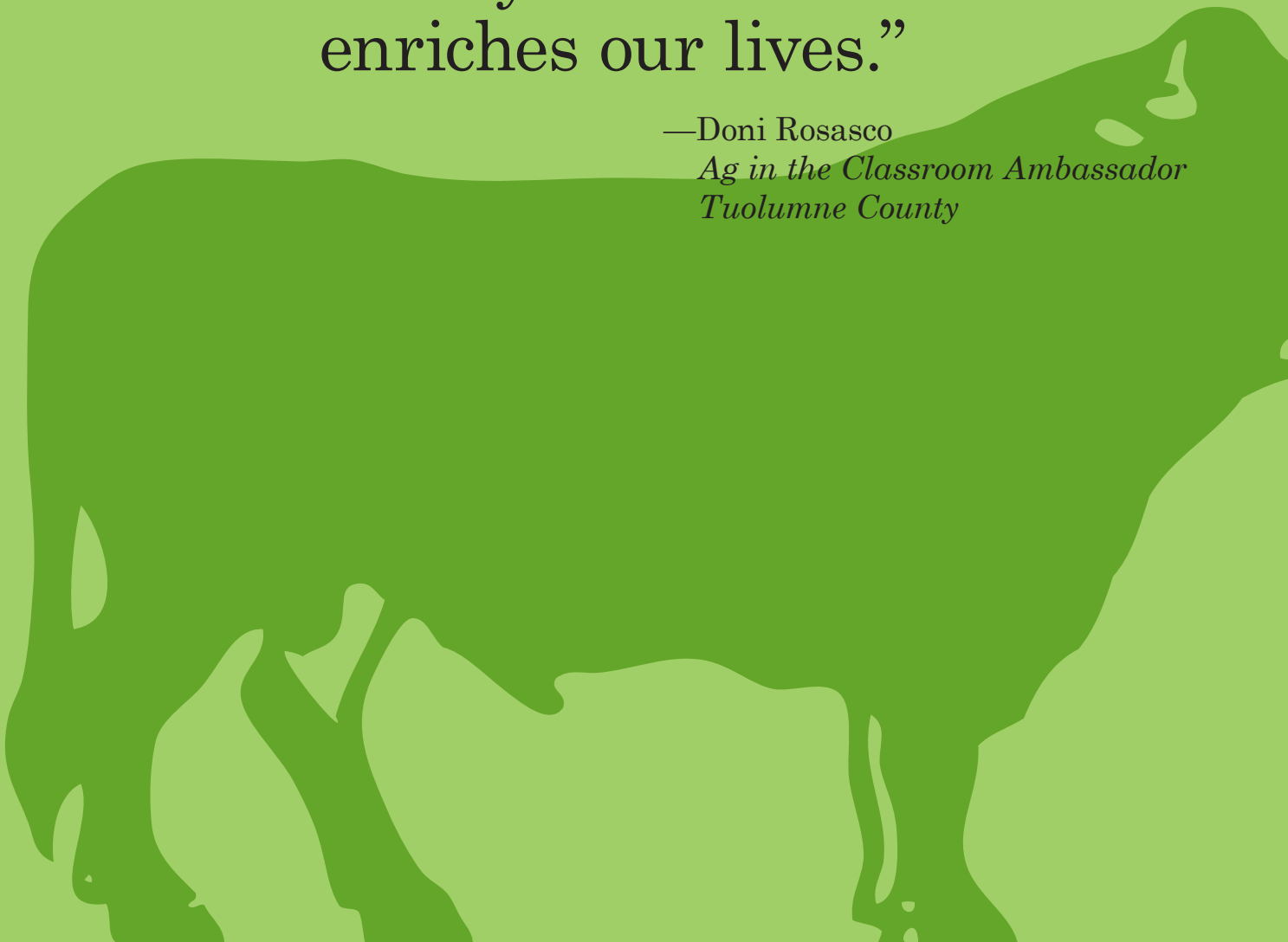


Julio Fernandez
“My parents are proud of me,
and I think in a strange way,
proud that I am carrying on
a family tradition of working
in the fields. I believe that I
helped them understand that
there is no shame in this
work. This is good, honest,
important work that af-
fects a lot of people, and
I am grateful to be a
part of the process.”



“The impact of
Ag in the Classroom is undeniable.
The students and teachers
we touch gain an awareness
and appreciation of the bounty
that not only feeds us but also
enriches our lives.”

—Doni Rosasco
*Ag in the Classroom Ambassador
Tuolumne County*



Financial Highlights 2006

Public Support & Revenue

	2006	2005
Contributions	\$ 880,870	\$ 822,688
Special Event Revenue (net of direct benefits)	330,199	251,859
Program Fees	48,675	39,805
Investment & Other Income	52,801	32,569
Net Assets Released from Program Restrictions	110,668	82,574
<i>Total Unrestricted Public Support & Revenue</i>	<u>\$ 1,423,213</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,495</u>

Expenses {see fig. 1}

Program Services	\$ 876,336	\$ 827,855
Promotion & Fundraising	240,314	198,361
Management & Administration	67,163	66,503
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$ 1,183,813</u>	<u>\$ 1,092,719</u>

Statement of Financial Position

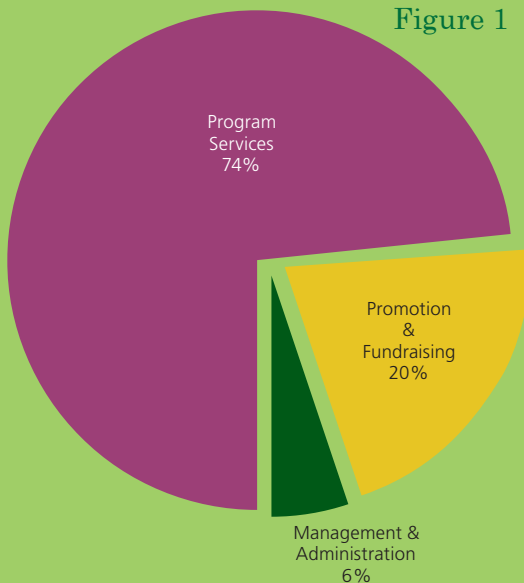
Assets

Current Assets	\$ 1,083,936	\$ 951,192
Endowment	84,463	84,463
Investments	68,260	—
Property & Equip., net	178	711
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 1,236,837</u>	<u>\$ 1,036,366</u>

Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	58,841	67,102
Net Assets, Start of Year	969,264	813,462
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	239,400	136,776
Increase (Decrease) in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(30,668)	19,026
Increase in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	—	—
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>1,177,996</u>	<u>969,264</u>
<i>Total Liabilities & Net Assets</i>	<u>\$ 1,236,837</u>	<u>\$ 1,036,366</u>

Figure 1





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California Association of
Winegrape Growers
California Canning Peach
Association
California Cantaloupe
Advisory Board
California Cherry Advisory
Board
California Cotton Growers &
Ginners Association
California Grape and Tree
Fruit League
California Orchard
Company/Salinas Land
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Corp.
Ramos and Kley Ranches
Ranchers Cotton Oil
Rancho Esquon, Inc.
The Rawlings Foundation,
Inc.
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Riverbend Dairy
SafeGuard
Sakata Seed America, Inc.
San Bernardino County Farm
Bureau
San Joaquin River Exchange
Alan Sano
Rinks and Helen Sano
Scheid Vineyards and
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Scott Brothers Dairy Farms
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Stanton Lange Vineyard
Mgmt.
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