

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:



Bob Mattive
Class 11
Monte Vista, CO

Hi, I'm Bob Mattive. I live in the San Luis Valley and am a partner in our family farming operation; Worley Family Farms, LLC. My wife Gail and I farm with our two sons, Grant and Reid, Gail's sister Carla and our nephew Matt Smartt. We raise Potatoes, Barley, Quinoa and Cover Crops and operate a potato packing shed that packages and ships our potatoes nationwide and to Mexico.

I was in Class 11; I came into CALP a little later in life than most. Life was busy growing our farm and raising our family, so when the boys returned to the farm it provided an opportunity for me to expand my horizons. CALP was great; it allowed me a chance to meet some wonderful people and to grow personally. The training I received, the classmates I had and the places we went and the people I met throughout the program inspired me, gave me the confidence boost and skills to pursue other

leadership opportunities. Our International trip to China (a place I had never envisioned traveling to) was both enlightening and fun. In addition to farming almost fulltime, I now serve on several Boards including the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee as Chair of Governmental Affairs, I am a Delegate and Executive Committee member on the Council for Agriculture Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) representing Colorado State University, I ran for State Representative in House District 62 in 2016(I lost but I learned a lot), I served on the State FSA committee, I am currently serving as the President of the Colorado Seed Growers Assoc. and I am a Vice-President of the National Potato Council chairing the Environmental Affairs Committee and I play in a Band. I also enjoy serving on the CALP Board of Directors. The CALP program really helped prepare me for these roles that I now serve in and I would and do recommend the program to others, not only in my area but wherever I can. The Leadership Team is great, the program is constantly improving and CALP is very well respected as a premier leadership program statewide. Thanks CALP!

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.” – George Bernhard Shaw

YOU'RE INVITED TO NOMINATE!

EXCELLENCE IN CALP AWARD




THE COLORADO AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A CALP ALUMNUS THAT EXEMPLIFIES LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY, THEIR INDUSTRY OR THEIR COMPANY.



TO BE AWARDED MARCH 2, 2022 AT
COLORADO AG FORUM
RENAISSANCE STAPLETON HOTEL
3801 QUEBEC ST.
DENVER, CO 80207
12:00 PM



TO NOMINATE SOMEBODY, PLEASE RESPOND WITH A SHORT NARRATIVE AND RETURN TO DANI TRAWEEK BY EMAIL AT DANI@COLOAGLEADERS.ORG OR MAIL TO PO BOX 1183, CORTEZ, CO 81321 NO LATER THAN JAN. 28, 2022. NOMINEES SHOULD EXEMPLIFY AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

-  Leadership, participation and support of Colorado Ag Leadership Program.
-  Participation and leadership in civic, political, community and other areas.
-  Involvement and leadership in the Agriculture Industry.



Daniel Ray, Class 15

In this past year of my CALP experience "challenging" would be the best adjective I could use. I have had the opportunity to befriend several people of differing outlooks and ideologies from my own. Not only have I had the chance to hear their views and they mine, but we have in many, if not most cases, found common ground somewhere in the middle. I came to this program looking for new challenges (and some travel) and I can assure you I am getting it! CALP is definitely an awakening experience for someone like myself who finds themselves caught in a rut of daily work with the idea of "all for nothing". As we near the halfway point in our CALP class, thanks to my classmates (and our fearless leader) I'm beginning to think "rewarding" is becoming my new adjective.



**Nationwide Preemption Ban Reintroduced in Congress
Colorado Pesticide Applicators**

Legislation for a nationwide preemption ban has been reintroduced in Congress. The Protect America’s Children from Toxic Pesticides Act (PACTPA) was reintroduced on November 23, 2021. If passed this legislation could have significant impacts on the Pesticide Regulated Community and we encourage industry advocacy on these issues. For more information on potential impacts please read the National Pest Management Association press release here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vfnTCSclAXabyhKJL8BD5pTwthRoNqRa/view?usp=sharing>

View the complete bill text here:

<https://www.booker.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/PACTPA%202021.pdf>



**Belgium
Class 14**



THE AGVOCATE



by *Dusty Johnson*
Class 14

The mission of AGvocate is to be an advocate for agriculture.

Find us on Facebook @AGVOCATECO

State News -- The Colorado State Legislature will convene at 10AM on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, for the second regular session of the Seventy-Third General Assembly. Be sure to stay engaged with the different ag-organizations that you are a member of to see what bills need testimony and/or outreach (emails, calls, letters) to legislators. We may see legislation

on limiting or controlling the usage of water rights due to the past water-short years.

Federal News -- A food (safety) fight is beginning to heat up in Washington over salmonella as a group of consumer advocates urge the USDA to label certain strains of salmonella as adulterants, which would make them illegal in meat and poultry. While salmonella is already illegal in the rest of the food supply, tension is growing around the meat and poultry industry as debates continue on the best approach.

Holiday Facts -- A handful of "holiday" candies that we wouldn't have without agriculture are Candy Canes (sugar beets/sugar canes), Carmel Corn (corn crops and sugar), Chocolate Covered Cherries (cherry tree orchards and sugar), and Fudge (cocoa and sugar). Any candy you name needs agriculture!

The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program is a 501c.3 non-profit organization with the mission to develop leaders that will become a strong, unified voice for agricultural issues.

DANI TRAWEEK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PO Box 1183, Cortez, CO 81321

(303) 547-5963 * dani@coloagleaders.org

DECEMBER 2021

Mar. 2, 2022



Sat. April 23, 2022

Class 15 Fellow Morgan Weinrich looks forward to producing this event for a 2nd year as her personal project. It will be an alumni event. Look for additional activities to be added on this date for alumni to connect later in the day as well.



AGRICULTURE
OUR WISEST
PURSUIT

CLASS 15 SCHEDULE

- March 1-3, 2022 - (Ag Forum, March 2)
- April 24 - 26, 2022 - Seminar 7 (Fort Morgan)
- June 12 - 14, 2022 - Seminar 8 (Cortez/ Durango)
- Sept. 18 - 20, 2022 - Seminar 9 (Alamosa/Monte Vista)
- TBA - Seminar 10 (International Trip)
- Feb. 21 - Feb. 23, 2023 - (Ag Forum and Graduation)

ALUMNI SCHEDULE

- March 1 & 2, 2022 - Reception & Colo. Ag Forum (Denver)
- April 23, 2022 - CALP Clay Shoot Classic (Wiggins, CO)



THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS:

PREMIER



COLORADO
Department of Agriculture

GOLD



SILVER



SUPPORTERS

