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COLORADO'S AGRICULTURAL
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Excellence in CALP



Kara Smith, Class 13
Akron, CO

2023 AWARD RECIPIENT

Kara Smith, alum of CALP Class 13, has shown not only outstanding ability in her chosen professional field, but also incredible innovation in what started as her CALP project. Her desire to provide gate to plate home grown beef from her own family's ranch has taken on a life of its own. Colorado Craft Beef is a local company providing exceptional beef all over the country. Their phenomenal product quality coupled with leading edge marketing and world class customer service has brought their company to the forefront of these types of businesses. What started with a local customer base has exploded into influencer status on Instagram and strategic partnerships with other companies in the real food health space. In addition to this ever-growing achievement, Kara maintains a full time position in the animal health industry with great success and customers who will do business with no other rep. She is also an involved wife and mom to two adorable little girls who will no doubt follow in her footsteps in being changemakers in the industry. In addition to all of her

other activities, Kara always finds time to participate in local industry groups and is always ready to lend her perspective and expertise to friends and industry colleagues alike. Kara's passion and devotion to the animal ag industry, along with her determination to drive change for the better on behalf of livestock producers is why Kara Smith is our Excellence in CALP award winner. She is also an exceptional representative of the agriculture industry as a whole.



"LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING ARE INDISPENSABLE TO EACH OTHER"

- PRESIDENT JFK



Bruce Vincent was the keynote speaker for this year's Colorado Ag Forum at the Weston Hotel in Westminster, CO, this year. His message of learning from the logging industry was well-timed and openly received by an audience of 370 farmers, ranchers, policy-makers, agricultural educators, students and businesses.

Other speakers and topics rounding out this year's Ag Forum were Colorado's Governor Polis, Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg, USDA Under Secretary Mae Wue, Wildlife and Western

Lands Management, Water Congress on the Colorado River, Debunking Myths in Agriculture, Sustainability in Animal Agriculture, Agroterrorism, Farm Bill Outlook, Pesticide Pre-emption, Food Policy work, Inflation Reduction Act, Ag Literacy and Carbon Markets.

The 2024 Colorado Ag Forum is scheduled for Feb. 29, 2024 at the Weston.

GREG BLOOM, CLASS 12, WAS HONORED TO HAVE JERRY SONNENBERG AS A GUEST ON FOOD CHAT RADIO RECENTLY.

HERE'S THE LINK.

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Jessica Bradshaw, Class 15

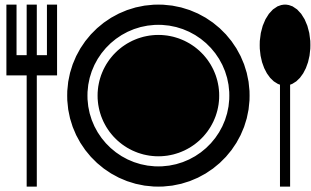


My 2 years as a fellow of CALP flew by! As I reflect on this leadership program and the last two years, I'm blown away by the amount of knowledge and friendship I gained. CALP exceeded my expectations, because I not only learned about the diversity of ag, water and terrain throughout the state of Colorado, I also learned so much about being involved, advocating for ag and educating people on the importance of a strong ag industry. I look forward to continuing to learn and grow throughout the Colorado Ag Industry and the opportunities that await because of my involvement in CALP—I'm also super excited to be an alum of a great program and continue to encourage young leaders to develop and grow through this program.

You're Invited!

ALUMNI SOCIAL

THE ALUMNI COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO PUT TOGETHER MORE ALUMNI EVENTS AND WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO DINNER WITH THE CURRENT CALP CLASS 16.



WHERE: HIRAKATA FARMS
22161 COUNTY ROAD CC
ROCKY FORD, CO 81067

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 24 @ 6:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP TO AMY AT AMY@COLOAGLEADERS.ORG OR
970.739.5670.

THANK YOU TO MICHAEL HIRAKATA, CLASS 12, FOR HOSTING THIS AGAIN AND THANKS TO THOSE AREA ALUMNI THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING.
FOR THOSE WHO CAN NOT MAKE IT, DON'T WORRY! WE'LL HAVE AN ALUMNI DINNER @ PALISADE IN JUNE & FT. COLLINS IN NOVEMBER.

THE AGVOCATE



by Dusty
Johnson

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

Class 14

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State News -- We have less than 46 days left of the 2023 Legislative Session.

The State Senate was able to have conversations across the aisle to ensure that Senate Bill 23-038, concerning a prohibition on slaughtering equines for human consumption, was lost during 2nd readings. This bill was a

specious measure that would have done nothing but add more regulations on the horse industry. The sponsors of this failed legislation neglected to acknowledge that it is already illegal to sell a horse for commercial human consumption in the United States and we already have federal regulation dealing with the transportation of animals to ensure their welfare (Twenty-Eight Hour Law). The only good thing that came from these bills were they fostered a stepping stone towards bridging the urban/rural divide.

Federal News -- U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that the USDA's Forest Service will be investing \$197 million in 100 project proposals, which will benefit 22 states and 7 tribes, as part of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant program. One of these projects that will receive funding is the Wildfire Adapted Partnership, Archuleta County Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan here in Colorado.

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.

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CLASS 16 SCHEDULE

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| April 23-25, 2023 - | Seminar 2 Pueblo/La Junta |
| June 11-13, 2023 - | Seminar 3 Palisade |
| Sept. 17-24 - | Seminar 4 National Trip |
| Nov. 12-14, 2023 - | Seminar 5 Ft. Collins |
| Feb. 28 - 30, 2024 - | Seminar 6 Denver Ag Forum |
| April 21-23, 2024 - | Seminar 7 Ft. Morgan |
| June 9-11, 2024 - | Seminar 8 Durango/Cortez |
| Sept. 18-27, 2024 - | Seminar 9 International Trip |
| Nov. 10-12, 2024 - | Seminar 10 Alamosa/Monte Vista |
| Feb. 19-21, 2025 - | Seminar 11 Ag Forum & Graduation |



ALUMNI SCHEDULE

- April 24, 2023 - Alumni Dinner @ Hirakata Farms
- June 12, 2023 - Palisade Alumni Dinner @ TBD
- November 13, 2023 - Ft. Collins Alumni Dinner @ TBD



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