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COLORADO'S AGRICULTURAL
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:



*Dusty Tallman, Class 3
Brandon, CO*

Dusty and his wife Charlotte live on the 5th generation family farm, where he was born and raised near Brandon, Colorado. Together they have six children and 18 grandchildren which should keep the family farm alive for years to come. Tallman's farming operation is a partnership with several family members, growing mainly wheat, some milo and hay, as well as a cattle operation. Dusty attended Cheyenne Wells public schools and is a graduate of the University of Denver with a BSBA in Management. Being a part of the Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program, Class III 1989-1990 gave Dusty the opportunity to be in leadership roles for several different organizations. The CALP program strengthened his leadership abilities providing education in government, team building and working with groups and individuals. The class also created long lasting relationships with class members and alumni. He served on the CALP alumni organization and the Governor's Agricultural Outlook Board for several years. Class III had the unique experience of being unfunded for the second year, and the class made a decision to find and raise the funds

to complete the program. On our International trip were guests of the Soviet Union Department of Agriculture and after our graduation we hosted 30 Russian farmers on our farms in Colorado. CALP is an invaluable program to the future of Colorado agriculture. Dusty has been a member of the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers (CAWG) for 35 years and served as their 1999-2000 president. He served as Chair of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) Domestic Policy Committee 2005-2007. Dusty served as the 2001 President of National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), as well as NAWG Vice-President 1999 & 2000, and NAWG Past President 2002. The National Association of Wheat Growers Foundation, President 1999, Secretary/Treasurer 1997, and Vice President 1998, and many other positions in NAWG and the Foundation. Other accolades include Kiowa County Conservation District board from 2002 to present and a member of Colorado Farm Bureau and Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. Dusty has strong interests in agriculture, rural Colorado and protecting both as well as his family's way of life, staying active in his community and was a member of the Cheyenne County Board of Education for 14 years. Dusty was awarded the Colorado Wheat Person of the Year in 2002, Kiowa County Soil Conservationist of the Year in 1988 and participated in the 1995 American Cyanamid Ambassador's Program and from 1997-1998; participated in the Monsanto Wheat Leaders of Tomorrow Program.

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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From the Director

CALP is moving full steam ahead, post pandemic. We are in the midst of recruiting Class 16 applicants and look for a very diverse pool of applicants to apply this year. We're asking you to help us in that process of recruiting. Applications close Sept. 1. Feel free to reach out to me with potential applicants and I'm happy to get in touch with them.

Agriculture has taken center stage as grocery store shelves empty and prices of groceries rise. That's what makes people start to ask why. That's where CALP comes in. Our mission of creating leaders in agriculture is more important than ever. As a result, as I am made aware of openings in local, state and national agricultural boards, committees and advisory organizations, it will be my goal to ensure we nominate at least one or more CALP Alumni for any open position. Conversely, if you are aware of boards with openings, please feel free to share them so we may start being part of the solution and fulfill our mission of creating a strong, unified voice for agricultural issues.



THE AGVOCATE



by *Dusty Johnson*
Class 14

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

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State News -- The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has released a draft of the 2023 Colorado Water Plan. This updated plan is the state's second edition and will be open for a 90-day public comment period - from June 30 until September 30. To add your comments on this proposed draft plan, you can go to: <https://engagecwcb.org/comment-on-the-draft-2023-colorado-water-plan>

Federal News -- This fall (August through November), the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting a monthly Agricultural Yield survey in the Mountain Region states. The purpose of this survey is to help NASS track changes in yields for row crops that can occur from factors like weather, pests and disease. The data collected from this survey will be used to both help farmers and ranchers make sound business decisions and assist other USDA agencies in determining program benefits, such as crop insurance and disaster aid payments.



Matt Lopez, Class 15

I don't really get to engage with our Ag communities through my role as an enforcement arm of CDA, so this opportunity to get to know some of our farmers and ranchers without the tension of my work has been incredible. While I've always known that without farmers there would be no food, through CALP I've gained an understanding of some of the issues and hardships our Ag producers face and I've been able to raise these issues within CDA. It's my hope that every new CALP class is attended by CDA, because the more we at CDA learn, the better we can serve.

CLASS
16

APPLICATIONS OPEN

PLEASE
SHARE!**APPLY ONLINE AT [COLOAGLEADERS.ORG](https://coloagleaders.org)****WHO
WE
ARE**

CALP is a competitive two-year leadership program that develops and enhances the leadership capabilities of diverse men and women committed to the future of Colorado's agricultural and rural communities.

**WHAT
WE
ARE**

Fellows attend 10 seminars with 41 days of intense training. They will hear over 135 speakers, work with current leaders in agriculture, attend on-site agricultural operation visits, receptions and discussions, produce the Governor's Ag Forum and enjoy a network of over 300 alumni. CALP Fellows travel around the state, to Washington D.C. and internationally to study agriculture issues, political processes, development of leadership skills, team building, fundraising and communications.

**WHY
WE
ARE**

CALP answers the call to create and nurture leadership skills of agricultural individuals through a hands-on, interactive program dedicated to producing graduates with the vision and commitment to lead change and ensure the sustainability of Colorado's agricultural economies and rural communities.

DEADLINE IS SEPT 1, 2022**Is there an age limit?**

While CALP does not enforce an age limit, individuals should be in the early or middle phase of their leadership career and looking for that next level of training or experience.

What is the cost?**FAQ**

Each participant is required to provide \$3,500 tuition, either raised through fundraising or paid through personal channels.

Who should apply?

CALP and its supporters recruit enthusiastic Coloradoans committed to agriculture and rural Colorado. They should be recognized as emerging leaders who are directly involved in agriculture, agribusiness, rural industries, rural communities or natural resource management.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Feb. 21- 25, 2023	Class 16 orientation	Feb. 21 - 24, 2024	Colo. Ag Forum
April 23 - 25, 2023	Colo. Seminar	April 21 - 23, 2024	Colo. Seminar
June 11 - 13, 2023	Colo. Seminar	June 9 - 11, 2024	Colo. Seminar
Sept. 17 - 24, 2023	National Seminar	Sept. 22 - 24, 2024	Colo. Seminar
Nov. 12 - 14, 2023	Colo. Seminar	Date TBA	International Seminar

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Feb. 23, 2023



CLASS 15 SCHEDULE

Sept. 18 - 20, 2022 - Seminar 9 (Alamosa/Monte Vista)
Oct. 18, 2022 - Class 16 interviews/Board meeting
Nov. 6-15, 2022 - Seminar 10 (International Trip)
Feb. 21 - Feb. 23, 2023 - (Ag Forum and Graduation)



CLASS 16 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1, 2022 - Class 16 Applications Due
Oct. 18, 2022 - Class 16 interviews/Board meeting
Nov. 1, 2022 - Class 16 Acceptance
Feb. 21 - Feb. 23, 2023 - Ag Forum
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



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