

Future Volunteer Leaders

Class IV Bios

- 1. Ben Barnard** is Senior Director of Operations and Business Development for Mission Produce, a grower and shipper of avocados in Oxnard, CA. Ben manages all ripening, packing and distribution facilities across the U.S., Canada, Europe and China. He has previously participated in the PMA Leadership Program. Ben is a graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he earned his B.S. in Agricultural Business and Management.
- 2. Domenick Buck** is Ranch Manager for Anthony Vineyards, a grower of table grapes in Bakersfield, CA. In this position, he manages all aspects of table grape production. Domenick is a Certified Crop Adviser and certified Pest Control Adviser. He is a member of Class 46 of the California Agriculture Leadership Program and serves on the board of the David Moore Agricultural Scholarship Fund. Domenick earned his B.S. in Viticulture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.
- 3. Ross Franson** is Corporate Counsel for Woolf Farming & Processing, a grower and processor of almonds, tomatoes and other commodities in Fresno, CA. In this position, he is the sole in-house attorney serving the business and legal needs of his family business. Ross serves on the Board of Directors for the Aliso Water District and is a steering committee member for the Fresno County Bar Association Business Law Section. He received his J.D. from the UC Hastings College of Law and his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 4. Greg Lewis** is Production Manager for Duda Farm Fresh Foods in Oxnard, CA. In this role, Greg is responsible for management of the entire supply chain and oversees the production of fresh-cut and value-add celery, head lettuce, romaine, leaf lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, citrus and other commodities. He serves on the board of directors for the Ventura County Agriculture Association and Treasure our Farms. Greg received his B.A. in English from U.C. Santa Barbara and his J.D. from the Santa Barbara College of Law.
- 5. Brent McKinsey** is Ranch Manager for Mission Ranches, growers of diversified vegetables in King City, CA. His duties include overseeing all aspects of the production of head lettuce, romaine, broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, spinach and spring mix. Brent is currently the Second Vice President of the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau. He attended C.S.U. Fresno where he studied Mechanized Agriculture.
- 6. Sutton Morgan** is the owner and CEO of Oasis Organics, a grower of certified organic vegetables, feed and seed in Brawley, CA. Sutton began Oasis Organics in 2009 to better serve the international organic community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association. Sutton earned his B.A. in Business Economics from U.C. Santa Barbara.

- 7. Heather Mulholland** is COO of Mulholland Citrus, a family-owned citrus grower, packer shipper and nursery operation in Orange Cove, CA. In this role, Heather oversees the field, packing and planning operations. She was a participant in the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (Class 44) and Leadership Fresno (Class 29). Heather serves on the California Citrus Mutual Marketing Committee and is a member of the California Agricultural Leadership Alumni Council. She is a graduate of California State University, Fresno, where she earned her M.A. in International Relations and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she earned her B.A. in Political Science.
- 8. Eric Reiter** is VP of Operations, Southern District and Santa Maria, for Reiter Affiliated Companies (RAC) in Oxnard, CA. In this position, Eric is responsible for the financial results and all aspects of his family's strawberry, blackberry, blueberry and raspberry business. He serves on the board of directors for RAC and Oxnard/PV Ag Owners, and is an alternate board member for the California Strawberry Commission. Eric attended the University of Southern California where he earned his B.A. in Business Administration. Fight on!
- 9. Kyle Richardson** is Ranch Manager for Garry Richardson Farms, growers of fresh peaches and clementines in Bakersfield, CA. In this role, Kyle manages the day-to-day operations of the farm. He is also farm manager and partner in Rich-Pak Farms, growers of fresh clementines. Kyle is a member of the California Fresh Fruit Association Stone Fruit Export Program. He earned his B.S. in Agricultural Business from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.
- 10. Chris Rotticci** is Director of Automated Harvest Equipment for Taylor Farms, suppliers of value-added fresh produce to the retail and wholesale food industry, in Salinas, CA. In this role, he manages innovations in harvest solutions for romaine, spring mix, spinach, celery and cabbage. Chris is an active member of the Monterey County Farm Bureau. He earned his B.S. in Agricultural Management from U.C. Davis.
- 11. Kelly Strickland** is V.P. of Operations for Five Crowns Marketing, growers and shippers of melons, citrus, asparagus and corn in Brawley, CA. In this position, he oversees the general operations of the Five Crowns family of businesses. Kelly volunteers with Coaching Corps and Brawley Parks and Recreation, and serves on the boards of the Del Rio Country Club and Gateway Church. He attended Azusa Pacific University where he earned his B.A. in Business Administration.