

LIA Class 46

These quality men and women come from diverse backgrounds and regions, but all share a common commitment to agriculture and rural Idaho. Upon graduation, they will join the ranks of nearly 1,200 alumni who are currently making a difference locally, regionally, and nationally. This network of graduates provides leadership to a wide range of organizations and industries.

 = INVOLVED IN PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE



Sydney Anderson
Idaho Barley Commission
Comm./Program Manager
Boise

Manages communication & program outreach to support growers, promote Idaho barley and foster research & innovation.



Valerie Arechiga
Glanbia Nutritionals
Sr. Research Manager
Twin Falls

Leads research & development for natural cheese.



Jordan Bowen 
Innovative Food Solutions
Sr. Research Manager
Oakley

Oversees daily operations, contracting, and the movement of milk and dairy products.



Dustin Camphouse 
Great Western Malting
Farm Business Manager
Idaho Falls

Assists in the purchase of 250,000 metric tons of barley for malting & manages inbound truck logistics.



Brandon De Los Reyes
JR Simplot Company
Area Sales Manager
Chubbuck

Responsible for supplying nitrogen & phosphate inputs to Ag retailers & feed mills in the mountain west area.



Armando Falcon-Brindis
University of Idaho CALS
Researcher & Ext. Specialist
Parma

Oversees the entomology program at the Parma R & E Center and connects with ag producers across Idaho.



Katy Fitzgerald 
4-Bros Dairy
Manager
Shoshone

Manages youngstock, leverages dairy data, & implements training on family dairy.



Ben Goode
Itafos Conda LLC
Financial Operations Director
Soda Springs

Manages accounting & finance for an integrated phosphate mining & fertilizer manufacturing operation.



Katherine Haile
JR Simplot Company
Range Monitoring Specialist
Grand View

Oversees range monitoring on approximately half of Simplot's public grazing allotments.



Erik Heiss
Conquest Insurance Agency
Agent
Boise

Provides agriculture producers with risk management solutions.



Denise Helsley
Tri-County Noxious Weed
Superintendent
Gooding

Assists landowners, canal companies, & highway districts to control noxious weeds in Gooding/Lincoln/Jerome counties.



Ryan Holm
Darigold
Bulk Milk Services
Meridian

Buys and sells bulk milk, cream and condensed milk across the Pacific Northwest.



Dena Jarolimek 
Cassia County
4-H Program Coordinator
Burley

Works with youth throughout the community teaching life skills using the 4-H positive youth development principles.



Lane Justus
Western Landowners Alliance
Idaho Resources Coordinator
Boise

Connects producers with programs, policies, & funding that support working lands & rangeland stewardship.



Lindsay Koby
Anheuser-Busch
Agronomist
Paul

Maintains contract program for Anheuser-Busch and relationships with barley producers in Southern Idaho.



Nick Luth
Agropur
Milk Procurement
Buhl

Helps dairy farmers with industry problems & challenges to ensure they meet the market standards.



Sue Lux
Idaho Agritech Academy
Founder & Executive Director
Meridian

Founder of charter school focused on agribusiness, STEM, and hands on career and technical education.



Frankie Martinez
AgWest Farm Credit
Sr. Vice President
Kimberly

Provides financing to Ag Producers and food processors to support their growth & success.



Dylan Orr
Idaho AgCredit
Branch Manager
Chubbuck

Works with farmers, ranchers, & dairymen across Southern Idaho to provide tailored operational financing.



Justin Pease
Valley Agronomics, LLC
Technology Manager
Star

Oversees the strategy, implementation, & adoption of precision ag and emerging technologies.



Devin Peterson
Rocky Mountain Agronomics
Chief Financial Officer
Hazelton


Manages the financial operations & strategic direction in the areas of fertilizer, crop protection, and seed.



JC Price 
Bayer
Manufacturing Coordinator
Geneva

Sixth generation farmer/rancher that oversees maintenance for plant to produce elemental phosphorus for glyphosate.



Rohan Raath 
Grant 4-D Farms
Farm Manager
Nyssa, OR

Farms potatoes, onions, beets, corn & wheat in the Treasure Valley.



Noe Ramirez
USDA Rural Development
Western Area Director
Caldwell

Administers home loan programs & infrastructure improvements to enhance the quality of life for rural communities.



Chelsea Romano
Idaho Department of Lands
Sr. Land Resource Specialist
Jerome

Manages grazing & crop land leases on state endowment land in South Central Idaho.



Paul Rosenwinkel
JR Simplot Company
Sr. Business Partner
Boise

Provides financial support of Simplot's Global Food operations.



Brian Slabaugh
Idaho State Dept. of Ag
Division Administrator
Boise

Oversees pesticide compliance initiatives and stewardship focusing on education, practical regulation & collaboration.



Bailey Storms
AgWest Farm Credit
Relationship Manager
Idaho Falls

Works with East Idaho producers on their financing needs with a focus on assisting young, beginning & small operators.



Dino Vinci
University of Idaho CALS
Sheep Center Manager
Moscow

Manages the UI Sheep Center, involved in National & State Associations focusing on improving education opportunities.



Patrick Williamson 
Williamson Vineyards
Manager & Co-Owner
Caldwell

Manages & maintains worker safety training, food safety records, and spray applications for all fruit production of the farm.

About LIA

Leadership Idaho Agriculture is recognized as a premier leadership development program in the state of Idaho. LIA is the only leadership organization in Idaho that works to directly cultivate leaders in agriculture, the state's biggest and most influential industry. Since 1985, LIA has been offering concentrated study and hands-on experiences that enhance skills for future leaders in agriculture, rural communities, agribusiness, and governmental agencies. The program builds and sharpens personal leadership and communication skills through tours, guest speakers, panel discussions, and group interaction. LIA has been developing advocates for agriculture and rural communities who will serve as a voice for the industry for generations to come.

Program Objectives:

- 1) Improve personal leadership skills, enhance self-confidence, and develop agriculture and natural resource awareness
- 2) Encourage a network of leaders to take an active leadership role in community, state, and national issues
- 3) Promote Idaho agriculture and the development of strong rural communities
- 4) Continue to build a network of informed, trained, and motivated rural leaders in Idaho

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Our Mission

*To educate and equip
a network of leaders
who advocate for
Idaho agriculture.*



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