

## AG DIGEST

### California Farm Bureau Federation to honor Martin

The California Farm Bureau Federation will hold its 98th annual members meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey, Dec. 4-7.

This year's theme "Ag Unite: Keep Your Farm in the Fight" highlights the need for state farmers and businesses to defend California's agriculture.

Though the meeting spans four days, Monday Dec. 5 is particularly full of events. There will be several breakout sessions offering the latest information on issues affecting local farms, a keynote speaker session, and the annual awards banquet.



Martin

One of the highest honors at the annual meeting is the Distinguished Service award. This year's recipient is Monterey County Farm Bureau member Bob Martin, 2008 recipient of the Monterey County Agricultural Leadership Award.

Registration is \$100. Those interested should register online at: [www.eise](http://www.eise)

[verywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=196007&](http://verywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=196007&), or contact Kim Taylor at 1-800-698-3276.

— Aylin Woodward

### 4-H program directors win national diversity award

Directors of the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources 4-H Youth Development Program received a diversity award for their efforts to increase intercultural competence for their staff, according to Pamela Kan-Rice in the UC ANR Cooperative Extension News.

The National Extension Diversity Award, presented by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Cooperative Extension System, and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, was last awarded to a Californian group – the University of California Small Farms Program – in 2010, according to the APLU website.

The 4-H Youth Development program aims to make 4-H more accessible and has been doing pilot after-school programs in communities across California, including in Monterey County. Through these programs students learn subjects,

such as science and life skills, that are taught in the traditional 4-H program.

— Sarah McQuate

### Western Growers seeks scholarship applicants

Calling all ag start-ups! Western Growers is offering a scholarship for individuals or companies that have ideas or new technology that will increase the production of fresh fruits, nuts and vegetables and reduce waste products.

Western Growers is planning to fund up to 10 scholarships. Each will provide winners up to \$3,000 for networking opportunities, training and mentorship, classes and workshops, and an office setting in the Western Growers Center for Innovation & Technology in Salinas.

Western Growers is a group of farmers from Arizona, California, and Colorado. This scholarship opportunity is funded by a grant from Wells Fargo.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30. For more information, visit: [https://www.wga.com/sites/wga.com/files/WGCIT\\_Scholarship.pdf](https://www.wga.com/sites/wga.com/files/WGCIT_Scholarship.pdf).

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