

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM



# AgCelerate

46TH ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 2026

Allegretto Vineyard Resort  
Paso Robles, California

## PRESIDENT & CHAIR MESSAGE

# WELCOME

This year, we're not just moving forward, we're accelerating. AgCelerate is more than a theme; it's momentum in action. Together, we're driving innovation, sparking collaboration, and transforming agriculture with purpose and urgency.

Since our last conference, the pace of change in our industry has only accelerated. New technologies, shifting markets, and evolving challenges demand bold ideas and bold action. That's exactly what we're here to explore. Over the next few days, we'll share knowledge, exchange insights, and spark solutions that will shape the future of agriculture.

This is our moment to think bigger, move faster, and lead boldly. Each conversation, each connection, and each idea has the power to turn vision into real-world impact. Together, we're building a stronger, more resilient, and sustainable agricultural community for today and for generations to come.

So let's embrace the energy in this room. Let's collaborate, innovate, and push the boundaries of what's possible. The future of agriculture is in motion... and it starts here, now, with us.

**Welcome to AgCelerate! Let's accelerate together!**



**Kirti Mutatkar**  
President & CEO



**Eric Bream**  
BOD Chair

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To bring innovative health benefit solutions to agribusiness by meeting our members' employee benefits needs, advocating for ag with lawmakers, and helping them comply with regulations.

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

<b>AEF SILENT AUCTION</b> SEQUOIA LIBRARY	<b>8:00 AM - 8:00 PM</b>
<b>WINERY TOURS</b> - PEAR VALLEY VINEYARDS & HOPE FAMILY WINES (OFFSITE)	<b>2:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b>
<b>WELCOME DINNER</b> OLIVE ORCHARD	<b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b>

## THURSDAY, APRIL 30

<b>BREAKFAST</b> - COURTYARD	<b>7:00 AM - 8:30 AM</b>
<b>AEF SILENT AUCTION</b> SEQUOIA LIBRARY	<b>8:00 AM - 6:00 PM</b>
<b>ANNUAL MEETING &amp; KEYNOTE</b> VENETO BALLROOM	<b>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b>
<b>SESSION 1: AG HEALTHCARE INNOVATION SUMMIT</b> - VENETO BALLROOM	<b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>
<b>ANNUAL LUNCHEON: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE &amp; THIS IS AG!</b> - VENETO BALLROOM	<b>12:30 PM - 2:00 PM</b>
<b>SESSION 2: ACCELERATING ADVOCACY</b> VENETO BALLROOM	<b>2:15 PM - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</b> - COURTYARD	<b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>
<b>ANNUAL AWARDS GALA DINNER</b> VENETO BALLROOM	<b>7:00 PM - 9:30 PM</b>

## FRIDAY, MAY 1

<b>3RD ANNUAL PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT</b> HUNTER RANCH GOLF COURSE (OFFSITE)	<b>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM</b> <i>Check-in starts at 8:00 am</i>
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*Registration Desk* is located in the **Dylan Room**, open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 29 and 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (closed 9:00 am - 10:00 am) on Thursday, April 30.

*Breakfast and Lunch* will be served in the Courtyard.



# Welcome Dinner LA DOLCE VITA

Wednesday, April 29 | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Olive Orchard

Kick off the conference in true La Dolce Vita style at our Welcome Dinner, celebrating UnitedAg's 46th Anniversary in the stunning Allegretto Piazza. This elegant, open-air evening invites you to slow down, connect, and enjoy great company, refreshments, and reflection in a setting inspired by old-world Mediterranean charm.

Together, we'll honor UnitedAg's 46-year legacy, recognize our 2025 Sales Award winners for their dedication to serving members, and celebrate our Member Ambassadors with Impact Awards, champions of health and wellness making a meaningful difference. We are also honored to welcome Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer, as our guest speaker, sharing insight on California's economic landscape and what lies ahead.

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# WELCOME DINNER SPECIAL GUEST



## FIONA MA, CPA

CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER

### STATE TREASURY UPDATE

Wednesday, April 29

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Olive Orchard

Fiona Ma, CPA, is California's 34th State Treasurer, first elected in 2018 and reelected in 2022. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to hold the position.

As the primary banker for the world's fourth-largest economy, Treasurer Ma's office processes approximately \$3 trillion in transactions annually and oversees an investment portfolio averaging \$165 billion. She also serves as agent of sale for all State bonds and trustee for billions in state indebtedness.

## ANNUAL BREAKFAST KEYNOTE

### DAN HEATH

*BESTSELLING AUTHOR, SPEAKER & THOUGHT LEADER ON CHANGE AND INNOVATION*

### RESET—HOW TO CHANGE WHAT'S NOT WORKING

Thursday, April 30

9:00 am - 10:00 am | Veneto Ballroom

Dan Heath is the #1 New York Times bestselling author or co-author of six acclaimed business books — Switch, Made to Stick, Decisive, The Power of Moments, Upstream, and his newest release, Reset (January 2025). His books have sold over 4 million copies worldwide, and earned honors including Best Nonfiction, Best Audiobook of the Year, and the Owl Award for Best Business Book. He also hosts the Top 5 Apple Careers podcast, What It's Like to Be..., featuring interviews with professionals ranging from a couple's therapist to a homicide detective and cattle rancher.



# SESSION 1: AG HEALTHCARE INNOVATION SUMMIT

Thursday, April 30 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | Veneto Ballroom

Agricultural employers face unique healthcare challenges: seasonal labor, language and access barriers, rising costs, and limited administrative capacity. As technology reaches a tipping point, this session cuts through AI hype to highlight practical, real-world solutions already in use today.



**Dean Noble-Tolla** *Chief Product & Analytics Officer, Prealize Health*

Dean Noble-Tolla is Chief Product & Analytics Officer at Prealize Health, where he leads development of advanced AI models. With 15 years of experience, he helps health plans and providers turn complex data into actionable strategies and scalable solutions.



**John Petito** *Chief Strategy Officer, TailorCare*

John is Chief Strategy Officer at TailorCare, leading enterprise strategy, marketing, and corporate development. He brings 20+ years of experience advising payers and providers, with prior leadership roles at SCAN Group, Oliver Wyman, Strategy&, and Aetna.



**Meni Shikhman** *SVP, Customer Strategy & Growth, TytoCare*

Meni brings 20+ years of experience in medical devices and digital health, with leadership roles at Abbott Diagnostics and CareDox. He is Senior Vice President of Strategy and Growth at TytoCare, leading global growth and commercialization of AI-powered virtual care solutions.



**Santiago Martin, Jr.** *President, Trilogy Personnel & Land Management, Inc.*

Santiago “Chago” Martin, Jr. is President of Trilogy Personnel & Land Management, Inc. In 2009, he founded Cal Ag Resources, Inc., a single-source partner for ag personnel management and compliance solutions. Chago joined the UnitedAg Board of Directors in 2023 and was appointed Treasurer in 2024.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION



**Dhiraj Jeyanandarajan, MD** *Founder & CEO, Qneuro*

Dr. Dhiraj Jeyanandarajan is a board-certified neurologist and former USC Keck School of Medicine instructor who founded Qneuro to bring clinically grounded brain technology into everyday life, creating NeuroState for real-time insights on focus, stress, sleep, and performance.

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## Annual Luncheon PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & THIS IS AG!

Thursday, April 30 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | Veneto Ballroom

Kick off the Annual Luncheon with a special President's Message from UnitedAg President & CEO, Kirti Mutatkar, setting the tone for an engaging mid-day program.

Experience the energy of This is Ag! during a featured conversation with Tom Nunes, President of The Nunes Company, as he shares insights, perspectives, and leadership shaping today's agricultural industry—reflecting the collaboration, education, and advocacy at the heart of the series.



**Tom M. Nunes** *President, The Nunes Company, Inc.*

Tom M. Nunes is a fifth-generation president of The Nunes Company, Inc., a leading grower-shipper of conventional and organic produce under the Foxy® brand. Since becoming president in 2019, he brings over 20 years of experience and is focused on honoring his family's legacy while advancing innovation and stewardship for future generations.



**AJ Cisney** *General Manager, Rancho Guadalupe, LLC*

Aaron "AJ" Cisney is General Manager for Rancho Guadalupe, LLC and Managing Partner of Blair Crop Services. A past Chairman of the UnitedAg Board of Directors, AJ was appointed to the UnitedAg Board of Trustees in 2022 and was appointed Treasurer in 2024.

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# SESSION 2: ACCELERATING ADVOCACY

Thursday, April 30 | 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm | Veneto Ballroom

Community engagement is key to advocate and represent agriculture and healthcare in this rapidly changing environment. We invite you to join us and our panelists to move agriculture and healthcare forward in this discussion of legislative, regulatory and election strategy.



**Louie A. Brown, Jr.** *Partner, Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP*

Louie A. Brown, Jr. manages the firm's Sacramento office and the Government Relations Group, representing clients before the California State Legislature and various state administrative agencies.



**Jeff Aiello** *Owner-Executive Producer, 18Thirty Entertainment*

Jeff Aiello is an Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker and producer with over 35 years of experience in broadcast and cable television. He spent 15 years at ABC 30 and The Walt Disney Company, leading creative initiatives in content development.



**Lynette R. Jacquez** *Principal, CJ Lake, LLC*

Lynn Jacquez is Managing Partner and Principal of CJ Lake LLC with decades of experience in federal service, government relations, and law. She served as counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, helping draft the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and later co-founded CJ Strategies.



**Joshua C. Walters** *Chief of Strategy, Alliance of California's Farmers & Ranchers*

Joshua C. Walters is a seasoned political professional and attorney with nearly 20 years of experience in campaigns, legislation, and advocacy. A skilled crisis manager, he crafts winning strategies, builds coalitions, and develops impactful messaging for leaders and organizations.



**Jaycob Bytel** *Principal, Paragon Communications, LLC*

Jaycob Bytel is a communications strategist and public affairs professional specializing in messaging, policy, and public engagement. As Principal of Paragon Communications, LLC, he leads work in public affairs, media relations, and crisis management, bringing a strategic, results-driven approach to complex challenges.



**Eric Bream** *President, Bream Family Farms, Inc.*

Eric Bream is a third-generation family farmer in Tulare County. He is a board member at Tulare County Farm Bureau, Board of Directors Chair at UnitedAg and administrator for My Job Depends on Ag. Eric joined the UnitedAg Board of Directors in 2019 and was appointed Chair in 2024.

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# Annual Awards Gala Dinner

## A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Thursday, April 30 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Veneto Ballroom

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Courtyard

Dress Code: Formal or Cocktail Attire

The Annual Awards Gala Dinner will wrap up our 46th conference festivities. Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring special guest speaker Chris Devers, CEO of Rancho Cielo Youth Campus. Don't miss this special evening to celebrate the hard work and commitment of our community as we conclude this special anniversary celebration!

### HONORING ACHIEVEMENT & IMPACT

#### Impact Awards

Recognizing two exceptional UnitedAg employees who embody our mission and vision, making a meaningful impact through their leadership, dedication, and commitment to advancing the well-being of our members and community.



#### Awarding Education & Honoring Leadership

Celebrating this year's WomenAg graduates while recognizing outstanding scholarship recipients—emerging leaders who represent the future of agriculture and a continued commitment to growth, education, and industry excellence.



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# ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Wed, April 29 - Thu, April 30 | 8:00 am - 8:00 pm | Sequoia Library  
*Live Auction will be held at the close of the Annual Gala*

Join us in raising \$20,000 for the Agribusiness Education Foundation (AEF) at this year's Silent Auction. All proceeds support students pursuing careers in agriculture and related fields—helping turn their goals into reality.

Since 1989, AEF, a 501(c)(3), has awarded over \$2.1 million in grants to more than 1,200 students, funding higher education and vocational training. Explore an exciting lineup of silent and live auction items, from exclusive getaways and fine dining to one-of-a-kind ag-themed treasures.

Don't miss the Live Auction during the Annual Gala—an exciting opportunity to bid on featured items and elevate your impact. Hosted by our resident auctioneer, Louie A. Brown, Jr., it's a high-energy experience. Bid high, bid often, and invest in the future of agriculture. Preview items in the auction brochure or visit: [unitedag.org/silentauction](https://unitedag.org/silentauction).

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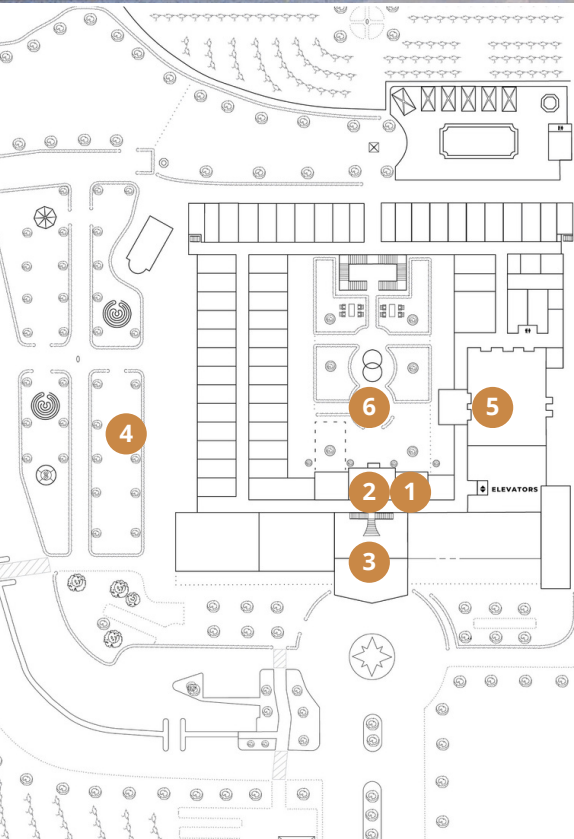
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- 1 Conference Registration**  
*Dylan Room*  
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Thu., April 30: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
(Closed 9:00 am - 10:00 am)
- 2 AEF Silent Auction**  
*Sequoia Library*  
Wed., April 29: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Thu., April 30: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- 3 Allegretto Lobby**  
*Pickup area for Winery Tours*  
Wed., April 29: 2:00 pm
- 4 Welcome Dinner**  
*Olive Orchard*
- 5 Annual Breakfast, Session 1 & 2,  
Annual Luncheon and Annual  
Awards Gala - Veneto Ballroom**
- 6 Gala Reception**  
*Courtyard*