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CLIENT CORNER

The Morrison Client Corner is a regular feature of our newsletter. Here, you'll find updates on what a number of our clients are up to, their achievements and milestones, and the generally great things happening in their companies or organizations.

If you're a client of ours, we'd love to stay up to date with what is going on within your organization and invite you to share your highlights in this space. Feel free to send any press releases, newsletters, or happenings to Hana Dill at hdill@morrisonco.net.

FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT NAMED CHICO STATE DISTINGUISHED ALUM

The newly elected president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, Shannon Douglass, was named the 2024 Distinguished Alumna by the College of Agriculture at California State University, Chico. Douglass earned her bachelor's degree in agriculture at Chico State in 2005 followed by an interdisciplinary master's degree in 2012. A diversified farmer in Glenn County with her husband Kelly and son Heath, Douglass founded CalAgJobs, an online listing of employment opportunities in California agriculture. In December she was elected to a two-year term as president of the California Farm Bureau, the first woman to earn the title in the organization's 105-year history. Douglass received the Distinguished Alumni honor during a ceremony on the Chico State campus on

CEOS ANNOUNCED FOR NAPA VALLEY FARMWORKER FOUNDATION & NAPA VALLEY GRAPEGROWERS

The Napa Valley Grapegrowers (NVG) and the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation (FWF) have worked side-by-side as non-profits since 2011, sharing staff between organizations. With each organization experiencing overwhelming success and growth, the NVG and FWF Boards of Directors decided to meet this growth and continue the momentum by staffing each organization independently, announcing the appointments of two executive directors with deep ties to the Napa winegrowing community. Sonya DeLuca assumed the Executive Director and CEO role for the FWF in December, having held leadership positions in the NVG for the past 17 years. Following a national search, NVG announced the selection of Caleb Mosley to serve as Executive Director in February. Mosely had served on the NVG board since 2019 and held several roles in vineyard management in Napa Valley since 2011.

JESUS CENTER AWARDED $300,000 GRANT TO EXPAND VOCATIONAL FARM TRAINING

The Jesus Center continues its grant-winning success with the announcement of a $300,000 grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture to expand the non-profit organization's successful Harvesting Hope Community Supported Agriculture program. One of just 33 projects awarded a collective $11.67 million to enhance the viability of urban agriculture across California, the Jesus Center will receive grant funding to both improve infrastructure at its existing Hegan Lane farm site and invest in new infrastructure, including greenhouses and raised garden beds to launch farm production at The Renewal Center. Grant funds will also spur the expansion of the Jesus Center's experiential vocational training programs by providing $180,000 in stipends to support those in shelter in developing meaningful skills to enter or re-enter the local workforce, essential to support their transition towards permanent housing pathways.

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