

# 2018 TEACHER CANDIDATES

**Agricultural Education & Communication Department**  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

Cal Poly is proud to present the current group of student teachers. These young men and women are required to complete a full semester of student teaching in California high schools. Each of them will be eligible for two credentials in the State of California upon completion of requirements: Single Subject in Agriculture and the Agriculture Specialist.

**The cooperating high schools hosting our fall teacher candidates include:**

Atascadero, Chowchilla, Coast Union, Exeter, Firebaugh, Frontier, Gustine, King City, Nipomo, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, Shafter, and Shandon

Anyone interested in learning more about the agricultural teacher preparation program or in contacting a student teacher for possible employment are encouraged to contact our office.

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**The Spring 2018 Teacher Candidates are as follows:**



**Back Row (L to R): Russell Zimmerman, Savanah Rhine, Paige Garner, Jana Colombini, Kelly Carter, Yvonne Staffler, Denise Jameson, Caitlyn Madrid, Veronica Lemus, Clayton Carlson**  
**Front Row (L to R): Kenna Sandberg, Ruth Collinot, Yessica Hernandez, Jacqueline Higa, Dominique DeMoss, Jamie Williams**

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**Clayton Carlson**

B.S. in Agricultural Systems Management with a minor in Ag Business from Cal Poly. Master's in Agricultural Education in progress.

Strong interest in Agriculture Chemistry, Soil Science, Ag Government and Economics, and Ag Mechanics. Strives to provide an engaging classroom where students can learn and cultivate their interest in agriculture.



**Kelly Carter**

B.S. in Animal Science with a concentration in Comparative Animal Biology Studies. A minor in Biology and Poultry Management. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.

Strong interest in Ag Biology, Ag Earth Science, Animal Science, Vet Science, Plant Science, and Ag Mechanics. Passionate about hands on learning and helping students succeed, especially students who are low income and English Language Learners. Want to provide a positive environment for students to learn and grow as an individual through FFA.



**Ruth Collinot**

B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Animal Science from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.

Passionate about Agriculture Biology, Chemistry, Agricultural Leadership, Plant Science, Agricultural Business, and Agriculture Mechanics. Strives to create a welcoming classroom focused around "Learn by Doing" instruction. Believes Agricultural Education is essential in providing us with the next generation of agriculturalists.



**Jana Colombini**



**Dominique DeMoss**

B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Animal Science from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.

Interested in Agricultural Science and Biology, Animal Science, Floral Design, Horticulture, and Ag Leadership. Strives to promote a positive learning environment with a goal to support, nurture, influence, and grow students' passion for learning, determination, and success.



**Paige Garner**

B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Animal Science from Cal Poly. Single subject Agriculture credential in progress.

Strong passion for agricultural education. Interested in Animal Science and Agriculture Leadership. Goal is to inspire students to be life-long learners.



**Yessica Hernandez**

B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Ornamental Horticulture. Masters in Agricultural Education along with Bilingual Authorization in progress.

Strong interest in Ornamental Horticulture, Floral Design, Ag Biology, Ag Mechanics, Ag Leadership and Ag Survey/Intro to Ag. Willing to learn and adapt where necessary. Strive to create a positive learning and respectful setting while maintaining an engaging classroom environment through hands on activities and collaboration.



**Jacqueline Higa**

.B.S. in Animal Science with a minor in Poultry Management from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.

Strong interest in Animal Science, Floral Design, Agriculture Biology, and Ag Leadership. Students can discover their passion of agriculture through hands on activities and collaborative learning environment.





**Denise Jameson**



**Veronica Lemus**

.B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Animal Science from Cal Poly. Single subject Agriculture credential in progress.

Strong interests in Agriculture Biology, Chemistry, Floral Design, Ornamental Horticulture, and Ag Leadership. Strives to create a positive learning environment that is fit for all learners. Passionate in helping students find and develop their potential in both FFA and SAE, but also for college readiness.



**Caitlyn Madrid**

B.S. in Agricultural Science with an emphasis in Ornamental Horticulture, Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.

Interested in teaching high school agricultural classes in the Agricultural Science, Plant Science, Ornamental Horticulture, and Ag Mechanics Pathways. Excited to dive into the agricultural education world and be involved in coaching many CDE/LDE teams to be as competitive as possible. Firm believer in hands-on learning and influencing students' lives through teaching and advising. Enthusiastic about the opportunities the three-circle model of agricultural education offers students and giving students these opportunities in the classroom, FFA and SAE projects. Dedicated to students and helping them achieve their goals.



**Savanah Rhine**



**Kenna Sandberg**

B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Crop and Soil Science from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.

Strong interest in Agriculture Mechanics, Floral Design, Agriculture Leadership, Horticulture, Agriculture Biology, and Agriculture Business. Encourage student involvement in FFA leadership opportunities and SAE projects. Incorporate hands-on learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom. Promote premier leadership, personal growth and career success.



**Yvonne Staffler**



**Jamie Williams**



**Russell Zimmerman**

B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly. Masters of Agricultural Education in progress.

Strong interest in all areas of agriculture, especially horticulture, agricultural sciences, and leadership. Strives to build a strong rapport with students and a positive classroom environment. Passionate about promoting FFA and SAE involvement.