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LIVES ON

GEORGE WURZEL
SCHOLARSHIP

INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S
AGRICULTURAL LEADERS

A CAL POLY GRADUATE

George Wurzel's lifelong connection to agriculture was rooted at Cal Poly and its Learn by Doing philosophy.

He graduated in 1986 with a degree in Plant Science, working on the university farm and in the farm shop all four years and becoming an integral part of the beef operation. He believed in building things to last, helping construct many of the corrals still in use at Cal Poly today.

George's first job after graduating took him to Swanton Pacific Ranch as its first cowboy, building the cattle operation from the ground up.

A CAREER ROOTED IN AGRICULTURE

In 1987, George began what would become a remarkable career with the J.G. Boswell Company, starting as an agronomist. Over nearly four decades, his responsibilities and leadership grew, and he became President and Chief Operating Officer. George retired from the J.G. Boswell Company on July 31, 2026, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy in California agriculture and in the lives of the many people he worked with.

Through all those years, George never forgot where his journey began. He remained closely connected to Cal Poly and gave back to the university by serving on the CAFES Dean's Advisory Council, sharing the knowledge and perspective he had gained over a lifetime in agriculture with the university that had helped give him his start.

A LEGACY THAT GROWS

In 2026, the George Wurzel Plant Sciences Building opened its doors to a new generation of Cal Poly agriculture students. Named in George's honor through the generosity of the J.G. Boswell Foundation, it gives students a place to learn, research, and prepare for careers in agriculture. His name now stands on the campus where his own journey began.

The George Wurzel Scholarship was established in his memory to help future students pursue their education in agriculture, a lasting tribute to a life of hard work, humility, integrity, and leadership. Our hope is that it gives students the chance to learn, grow, and build lives of their own, just as Cal Poly did for George.

The George Wurzel Plant Sciences Building
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This scholarship is for anyone to donate to in lieu of sending flowers to the family for George's passing.



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