

CLFP Presents Distinguished Service Awards to Ilse and Barrett

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The CLFP board of directors selected two exemplary recipients for its 2015 Distinguished (DSA) awards - Bob Ilse, formerly with Stanislaus Foods, and Dr. Diane Barrett of UC Davis.

CLFP established its DSA program in 1972 to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to CLFP and the food processing industry at large. Since 1972, 47 individuals have been awarded CLFP's DSA, including former chair who provided leadership for CLFP, public officials who have supported CLFP and researchers who have helped keep the industry on the cutting edge of modern technology.

Bob Ilse began his career in food processing as a teenager, and in 1972 became the chief operating officer of California Canners and Growers. In the early 1980s Bob began a long partnership with Dino Cortopassi, who had purchased the Cal-Can plant in Gilroy to form the Gilroy Canning Company. Bob served as chief operating officer of the San Tomo Group, the holding company that owned and operated Stanislaus Food Products, Gilroy Canning, and Sierra Quality Canners.



Bob Ilse received CLFP's Distinguished Service Award at the annual Food Processing Expo.

Bob's final stop was in Modesto, where he was president of Stanislaus Food Products from 1989 to 2002. Under Bob's leadership, Stanislaus evolved into a highly respected player in the tomato canning industry. Bob also was active in industry affairs, serving on the CLFP

board and several committees for many years. The board chose to recognize his support and leadership by electing him as chair in 1993.

Diane Barrett began her career as an extension specialist with UC Davis in 1992. An exceptional researcher, she has authored or co-authored over 140 publications on a wide range of topics. The quality of her research was recognized by her UC Davis colleagues in 2003, when she was awarded the Academic Federation Excellence in Research Award.

Diane has worked on numerous projects in the fields and processing plants to solve real problems facing the industry. Some of her initiatives include:

- Evaluating new tomato varieties
- Examining the nutritional value of frozen and processed fruits and vegetables
- Testing product quality characteristics and how processing procedures can affect product quality
- Improving post-harvest handling techniques

During her career she has demonstrated exceptional dedication and passion for solving problems that really matter to CLFP members. Diane's work has helped this industry stay on the cutting edge of science and technology, which helps processors produce high quality products and compete in the global marketplace.

CLFP congratulates Bob and Diane on their DSA awards and for a lifetime of service to the food processing industry.



Diane Barrett received CLFP's 2015 Distinguished Service Award at CLFP's annual meeting.