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**16TH ANNUAL “TASTES OF THE VALLEY”
AT THE STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Turlock, CA (September 13, 2018) — “Come Grow with Us” as Stanislaus State Agriculture Department and Friends of the Fair Foundation present the 16th annual Tastes of the Valley Wine and Cheese event at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds.

The Tastes of the Valley event will be held on **Thursday, October 4, 2018** from **6 p.m.- 9 p.m.** with food provided by Hilmar Cheese, as well as a variety of other food vendors and restaurants. The event will also include 20 wineries, as well as an assortment of craft brews that will provide tasting. Tickets to the event are being sold for \$50 each; with the proceeds benefiting the Agriculture Program at Stanislaus State and the Stanislaus County Friends of the Fair Foundation. Tickets to the event can be purchased online at www.stancofair.com or at the Fairgrounds office.

“The Friends of the Stanislaus County Fair Foundation continues our relationship with California State University, Stanislaus in support of the Agriculture Program,” said Matt Cranford, Chief Executive Officer for the Stanislaus County Fair. “These students have a great future in our community and we are proud to support them in their agriculture education endeavors. We are excited and proud to be a partner and able to have such a positive impact on their futures.”

Guests will be able to enjoy wine, cheese, and hors d’oeuvres while participating in a silent and live auction in order to help raise funds for the programs. Those interested in donating items for the auctions and/or would like to purchase tickets, please visit the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds located at 900 N. Broadway.

“Stanislaus State Agriculture is proud to partner once again with the Stanislaus County Friends of the Fair Foundation,” said Dr. Oluwarotimi Odeh, Professor and Endowed Chair of the Stanislaus State Agriculture Program. “We see this continuing partnership as one that will, not only solidify future funding support for our agriculture students, but continue to be a lasting relationship that will support youth and agriculture activities in our communities. What a great opportunity to come together to benefit two important organizations that support Stanislaus County Agriculture.”

The Mission of the Agriculture program is to prepare students for productive careers in the dynamic global food and agricultural industry, and become responsible leaders in the community.

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community-oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment, and technology. For more information about the Stanislaus County Fair log onto its website at www.stancofair.com.

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