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## **State Fair Gala to Take Place at Cal Expo**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Exposition & State Fair presents an evening of gourmet food, entertainment and awards at its annual State Fair Gala event.

The proceeds from this event benefit the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program, which recognizes outstanding youth and gives them financial assistance for their education. This year, 27 scholarships were awarded, with Miss Alma Alvarez of Oakland earning a \$5,000 scholarship sponsored by the Ironstone Concours Foundation.

This year's Agriculturist of the Year Award will be bestowed upon Al Montna of Yuba City, an individual who has acted as a significant leader within the rice industry and California Agriculture. The 2004 Golden Bear Award recipient is former Board of Directors Chairman Steve Beneto, who has provided outstanding support to the California State Fair over many years.

**WHEN:** Friday, August 13, 2004  
5:30 p.m.  
Award program begins at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cal Expo, Buildings C and D  
1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA  
Directions: Capital City Freeway East, Cal Expo exit, to Challenge Way (right)  
Park in Lot D, proceed to Gala Entrance Gate.

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**COST:** Tickets are \$95, sold at the California State Fair Box Office or by calling 916/263-3049 or 916/263-4252. Sponsorships are available by e-mail communication at [statefairgala@calexpo.com](mailto:statefairgala@calexpo.com).

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