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NEW FOUNDATION AWARD RECOGNIZES INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED TO FOOD CRAFT AND TRADITION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND ACCESS AND NUTRITION

SAN FRANCISCO—Today the Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation announced its new Awards in Food, recognizing three individuals whose work has made a significant impact on craft and cultural tradition, environmental sustainability, and/or nutrition and food access. Awards for this inaugural year recognize work in the western United States.

Continuing its focus on supporting individuals whose hands-on work drives meaningful progress toward change, the Foundation also considers the timing of an award at a critical phase. Maxwell/Hanrahan selected these winners whose work demonstrates commitment to regenerating the land, sea and human connections, so the future can be more resilient, nourishing and vibrant. These one-time, unrestricted awards provide both recognition and monetary support for their work.

The inaugural winners are community catalysts: farmers and fishermen, educators and healers, storytellers and researchers. Through their work they harvest, distribute and celebrate food.

- ab banks is a West Oakland farmer who has delivered food to East Bay community members through work grounded in agroecology, wellness and Black food autonomy.
- Deenaalee Chase-Hodgdon is a Deg Xit'an Dene and Sugpiaq subsistence and commercial fisher and storyteller, highlighting sustainable fisheries, Indigenous voices and traditions, and relationships to the land and water.
- Nelson Hawkins is a Sacramento-based farmer advancing regenerative agricultural methods, securing land access for Black farmers and inspiring the next generation of farmers of color.

Maxwell/Hanrahan partnered with [Centipede Collective](#) to pilot and administer its new Awards in Food. They sought nominees committed to sustainably growing food, processing and distributing food, educating about nutrition, celebrating cultural traditions, and thriving through delight of food. A common thread of local and community food access runs through the work of the 2023 winners. In future years, the Foundation looks forward to expanding its geographic focus to nationwide and its topical focus to include a greater variety of food impact areas.

The Foundation seeks ways to support individuals who explore and ask through fieldwork in natural sciences, create and captivate as they promote mastery in craft, teach and try as they support students in public education, and conserve and connect as they encourage care for our food systems and natural world.

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