



*The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.*



**Congratulations!**

We have a winner! **Katrina Kelly**, daughter of Cathy Provenzano and OPS for Jay Scott's tomato lab was recently announced as a winner of the University of Florida's tuition lottery, HEO (Higher Education Opportunity). This awards Katrina 132 credit hours toward an undergraduate degree at the University of Florida or a public community college in the state over a six-year period.

On another note of congratulations, she was recently chosen as a select group of students to speak with author Stephen King and up-and-coming author of "The Monsters of Templeton", Lauren Groff in a casual meeting on campus on March 27th. Stephen King and Lauren Groff met to discuss her book, writing style, publishing, and education. Afterwards, she attended a meeting of the two that was open to the public for a fee of \$25 (book included) to attend "Lauren Groff in Conversation with Stephen King at USF Sarasota-Manatee's Selby Auditorium. (Katrina must be living a charmed life lately!)



**Birthdays**

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Teresa Salame  
7.....Sydney Park Brown (PC)  
9.....Art Engelhard  
9.....S. S. (Jack) Woltz  
10...Ryan Basler  
19...Dale Wenzel  
19...Steve Johnson (PC)  
21...Gabe Miller (PC)  
25...Jim Mertely  
25...Larry Smith



In March we celebrated our ethnic diversity with an **International Pot Luck lunch.**

Many thanks to everyone who provided such a variety of delicious foods to sample! (Some

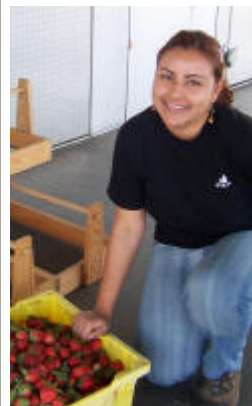


of us "sampled" a little too much I'm afraid!) 18 flags were posted for each homeland represented...USA, Brazil, El Salvador, Egypt, Ghana, Chile, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Hungary, India, China, Dominican Republic, Columbia, France, Slovakia, Philippines, Nicaragua, Canada.

**WELCOME...**



If this new hire looks familiar to you, it is because **Marcia Barquero Quiros** was here in November 2006, working for a short time with Steve MacKenzie in the Plant Pathology department to receive training in techniques required for Natalia Peres' T-Star grant. She has returned now as a scholar after receiving her Masters degree from the University of Costa Rica in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.



**Martha Hincapie** is also working as a scholar in Natalia Peres' Plant Pathology program. Marta also comes to us from Costa Rica as a graduate from EARTH University in Limon, Costa Rica.

**Kenneth Sorensen**, a PhD graduate from Kansas State, and resident of Raleigh, North Carolina joins us as a Visiting Adjunct Professor. Ken will be working with David Schuster and Jim Price in conducting research to evaluate the efficacy of



new insecticides for management of the melonworm and pickleworm on squash. He will also participate in defining the damage of Asian cockroaches to strawberries. Ken has extensive background experience as an Extension Entomologist at North Carolina State University and has even participated in GCREC entomology programs in the past when he visited the Bradenton Center in 1986 and again in 1994. Although recently retired, he has not retired his knowledge and experience, but continues to share that expertise in collaborative research.

**Pauline Bansept** has joined Gary Vallad's Plant Pathology program as an OPS research



assistant and trainee from France, sponsored by Global Outreach. Pauline did her initial training here in the US with Syngenta Seeds, Inc. before joining Dr. Vallad's program until December 2008. She received her Masters degree from ENESAD in Dijon France.



Our newest OPS research assistant/scout for David Schuster's entomology program is Lynne Bullerman. Lynne is teaming up with another scout collecting data for graduate student, Shine Taylor's entomology research. Lynne received her BA degree in Geology/Natural Science from USF. She and her husband live in Lithia.

Plant City Campus has had two new Adjunct Faculty Teachers this past semester. John (Chris) Bender is teaching the Agricultural Mechanics course for the spring semester. Chris is a UF graduate and currently teaches at the Gibsonton middle school. Donna Moeller, is a graduate of Florida A&M and has been teaching for the past 17 years at Plant City High School in Plant City. She is teaching the spring semester Reading Secondary Level course at Plant City campus.