



*Celebrate Mother's Day May 13th!*



**Welcome New Faculty!**



We welcome our two newest faculty to GCREC! **Dr. Amr H. Abd-Elrahman** is an Assistant Professor in Geomatics for the Plant City campus. Amr comes to us from Egypt where he received his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Ain Shams University in Egypt in Civil Engineering/Surveying. He then completed his PhD with the University of Florida in Civil Engineering-Geomatics in 2001. Amr will be joined by his wife, Marwa, and four children some time in June. Welcome back to "Gator Country"!

We welcome, also, our new Assistant Professor in Plant Pathology, **Dr. Gary E. Vallad**. Gary will be working at the Center in Balm/Wimauma. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees at North Dakota State University in Biotechnology/Microbiology and Crop and Weed Sciences. He then completed his PhD in Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin in 2003. He furthered his doctoral training at the University of California, Davis in Plant Pathology. Born in South Miami, Florida, Gary has decided to move his career back to Florida with his wife, Susana, and two children.



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 6....Elzie McCord
- 8....Matthew Croxton
- 10...Greg Doyen
- 12...Zhanao Deng
- 14...Alex Csizinszky
- 14...Russell Owens
- 15...Letitia Gonzalez
- 17...Migi Overman
- 20...Gitta Shurberg
- 21...Rick Kelly
- 25...George Marlowe

*When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think Algebra.*



**Memorial Day, May 28th (observed)**

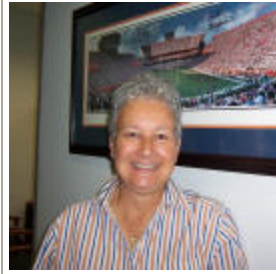
**Mark Your Calendar...**



- 5/1...Candidate for Tomato Breeding position, Yuanfu Ji. Meet with faculty 9:30 am Conference Rm.; Seminar at 11:00 am in Auditorium
- 5/3...Candidate for Tomato Breeding position, Allan Brown. Meet faculty 9:30 am; Seminar at 11:00 am in Auditorium
- 5/4...Florida Pest Management Workshop/Meeting; all day in Auditorium; lunch provided by FL Pest Mgmt.
- 5/8...FASP Meeting - Polycom 8:45 am - 12:15 pm
- 5/9...IFAS Pro Training Session; "Color of Money" (polycom) 1:30 - 4:30 PM

- 5/10...Florida Citrus Mutual District Election Meeting; Main Conference Rm. 12-3:00 pm
- 5/14...2007 UF-IFAS Embrapa Postharvest Horticulture Technical Tour; Auditorium from 8:00am -12:00 noon
- 5/15...Dupont Techn. information exchange meeting; Aud.
- 5/17...Meet with Director of IFAS Sponsored Programs; Main Conf. Rm. 2-3 pm
- 5/22...Mosaic Dinner/Community Meet.; Auditorium 4-8 pm
- 5/23...Pest Management Update Meeting; Auditorium; 9:30am-1:30pm
- 5/24...FNGLA Meeting; Auditorium

# Welcome New Employees!



If you've done any travel or purchasing lately, then you may have already met our new office assistant, **Patricia (Trish) Todd**. Trish came on board last month to assist in the many duties of the front office. She will be working with travel, P-cards, and also act as payroll backup.

Trish's wide range of work experience will equip her for the variety of duties here at GREC. She's already been initiated with organizing and updating the burgeoning archive files of the front office. Originally from Ohio, she now resides in Gibsonton.



This is the busy season for David Schuster's Entomology group as you can see from the number of recent OPS new hires. Two more OPS research assistants have joined the ranks this past month. **Jeff Rose** is a graduate of Florida State University with a Bachelor's degree in Biological Science. He originally finished high school in New York and served in the Army as First Lieutenant. He now lives in Sun City. **Becky Willis** is a long-time Florida resident, finishing high school in Largo and now residing "just around the corner" in Lithia. We welcome Jeff and Becky to the Entomology experience!



Two of our research scholars have come back after a short return to their homelands. **Tomas Hasing** is back from Ecuador and working once more in Natalia Perez's Plant Pathology lab. Tomas received his Bachelor's degree in agriculture from Escuela Agricola PanAmerica.

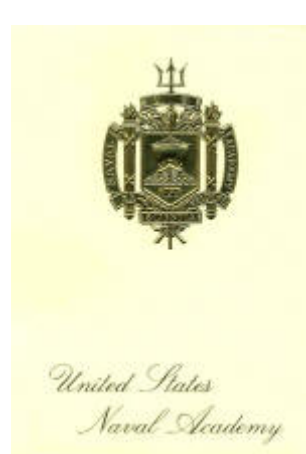


**Jozer Mangandi** is also back from his home in San Salvador, once again assisting in Craig Chandler's Strawberry Research. Jozer received his Bachelor's in Agronomic Engineering from the PanAmerican School of Agriculture.



**Congratulations!**

Proud parents, Jose and Cecilia Moreno announce the graduation of their son, Jaime, from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland on May 25th! Jaime worked for the research center at Dover from 2001 until 2003. He will be receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science in Political Science, American Politics, and Law with a Spanish minor. After graduation, he will be headed to Pensacola where he will be taking his pilot's training.



What a great day for a picnic! This year's GREC Family picnic was attended by 90 employee's and their families to enjoy the perfect weather, good food, and chance to get better acquainted. Whether you pitched a few horseshoes, played kickball, enjoyed the beach, or just had a good time visiting, a good time was had by all!



