



Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.



- 2.....Anne Kirkwood
- 3.....Curtis Nagle
- 5.....Elizabeth Golden
- 6.....Aaron Shurtleff
- 8.....Gail Bowman
- 9.....Jose Diaz
- 19....Will Waters
- 20....Jim Gilreath
- 27....Jay Scott

Calendar Highlights:

Sept. 4...LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

6...Polycom - Entomology
Faculty Meeting in the
Auditorium; 10:30-11:45am

21...Faculty Senate Meeting -
Polycom in Auditorium;
3:00 - 5:00 pm

27...GCREC Staff meeting -
Auditorium 11:00 - 2:30;
Awards & Retirement
Seminar at 1:30 with
David Hermelbracht;
lunch provided

Welcome Back to a former TEAMS gator...

David Myers has returned to the GCREC family. After working with us for more than seven years, and with the eminent move of the Center from Bradenton to Balm, David left for other employment. He had worked previously as a Sr. Agricultural Assistant in Dr. McGovern's program and then later as Carpenter

for the Center. David has now returned to once again fill the position of Sr. Agricultural Assistant for the Plant Pathology research program. David will also be working half of the time with Dr. Pete Timmer from Apopka in the citrus research

program here at eh Center. Welcome back, David!

Welcome back also...to Dolly Cummings. Dolly has returned as OPS to the Tomato Breeding Research to assist Dr. Jay Scott with a Tomato Genetics Cooperative project.



New OPS this past month is **Victor Alifonso**. Victor is working with Dr. Bielinski Santos. He has an Agronomic Engineer degree from the Dominican Republic and brings with him 27 years of farm administration experience. Welcome aboard, Victor.



Congratulations...to **Abul Rabbany** on his recent reclassification from a Sr. Agricultural Assistant to Biological Scientist for the Soil and Water Science Research. Rabbany has a PhD degree in Post Harvest Horticulture, with an MS degree in Agronomy. His primary responsibility will be for the analytical lab operations for soil, water and tissue sample analyses. Congratulations, Rabbany!

HR NEWS..

OPEN ENROLLMENT is coming up! Our yearly Open Enrollment for insurance is scheduled to begin September 19th through October 18th. Watch for your employee "State Sponsored" Benefits statement to arrive at your home address beginning September 5. This will be your only opportunity until next year's open enrollment to change or enroll in insurance benefits. More information will be coming out in the September InfoGator. If you have any specific questions, please see Patty or call the benefits office at SC 622-1225 or email benefits@ufl.edu.

TUITION EXCHANGE PROGRAM..

Application deadline for TEP is October 31st the year preceding the desired enrollment into this program that provides the opportunity for dependent children of full-time employees (excluding OPS) to attend a participating Tuition Exchange college at a significant tuition reduction. If you would like to know more about this program, check the website at <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/provost/tep/index.htm> or call (352)392-4792.

GCREC All-Staff Meeting, Sept. 27
Mark your calendar for the Wednesday, September 27th STAFF MEETING at 11:00 AM. This will be an information and awards meeting with lunch served after. Immediately following lunch, David Hermelbracht from IFAS HR/Retirement Division will be here to give us a seminar on retirement and will be available for individual meetings following the seminar. If you are interested in meeting with David and have not already signed up, please contact Patty.



Faculty, TEAMS, USPS,
and Graduate Students
Salary Increase...
Effective October 1, 2006,

all eligible faculty and staff will receive a 3 percent base increase on their salary. Hire date must be June 30, 2006 and faculty must have a current, satisfactory performance evaluation. Staff must have a current performance rating of minimally achieves or better. Graduate assistants must be employed at least one semester during the 2005-2006 academic year. Staff and faculty will be receiving letters with their new salary rates prior to the effective date.

Labor Day - Sept. 4th

TEAMS & USPS Non-Exempt (hourly) Employees: Don't forget to add the Monday, September 4, holiday time to your time reporting screen using the Elapsed Time. Faculty and Exempt TEAMS do not have to enter the holiday unless they are taking additional time off during that pay week.

Labor Day is a national holiday that is over 100 years old. It has evolved from a purely labor union celebration into a general "last fling of summer" festival. It all started in 1884 when the Knights of Labor held a large parade in New York City to celebrate the working class. The first states to declare it an official holiday were Oregon, Colorado, New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. In 1894, Congress made it an official national holiday. However, you choose to celebrate it, make it a safe and enjoyable, unofficial end of the summer season. Fall is right around the corner!



Congratulations, Natalia!...
Great news for Natalia Peres! She is now an official Permanent Resident!

Congratulations, Amy!...
Amy Shober, our new Assistant Professor who joined us just this past June was married in Delaware August 12th to Bill Totten. Bill and Amy currently are living in Valrico, but are "house-shopping" while Bill is "job-shopping". Congratulations and best wishes for your new beginnings!

