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It's always possible to be thankful for what is given rather than complain about what is not given.—One or the other becomes a habit of life. Elizabeth Elliot

Congratulations, Jim!

Last month's newsletter went to the web before we got a chance to congratulate our **Ag Educator of The Year!** We are honored to announce this award presented to Dr. Jim Dyer by The Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Committee at the *Salute to Agriculture* Contact Breakfast held in Plant City in August. Congressman Adam Putnam was the guest speaker for the event. Congratulations, Jim!



Plant City Student Recruiter Search...

The Plant City campus is currently searching for an Academic Coord./Student Recruiter to fill the position that Martin Wortman left in February of this year. This position is responsible for all activities associated with student admissions, course scheduling, and conducting and managing all aspects of student services ranging from application to graduation at the University of Florida's Plant City Education Center. This person will be expected to work closely with on-campus faculty and recruiters at other UF locations to recruit students. The position #00015042 will be open for application until August 31st.

September Birthdays

- 2....Anne Kirkwood
- 3....Curtis Nagle
- 4....Gary Vallad
- 5....Elizabeth Golden
- 6....Aaron Shurtleff
- 8....Gail Bowman
- 9....Jose Diaz
- 11....Fred Trexler
- 19....Will Waters (ret.)
- 27....Jay Scott
- 30....Debra Keiser



Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. Alfred Lord Tennyson



Welcome New Employees!

Ryan (Kole) Peterson (left) has joined Bielinski Santos' horticultural research group as OPS. Kole is a local Wimauma resident and graduate of Leonard High School in Ruskin.



Tyler P. Jacoby (right) is a new graduate assistant this fall with

Andrew MacRae's weed science program. Tyler makes his home in Lakeland, but will be in Gainesville initially for his coursework, then joining us here in Balm next summer. He is pursuing his Master of Science degree in the Horticultural Science Department of UF for the next two years.

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(by Patricia Rossi; excerpts from Guideposts article Aug. 2009)

Rules of etiquette for a tech-crazy world! Good manners never go out of style!

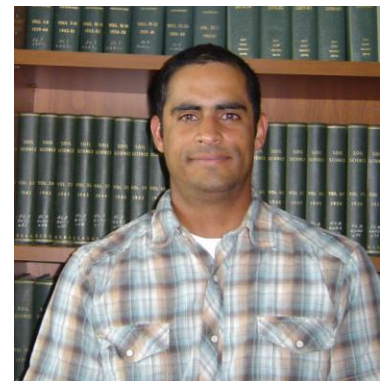
- (1) Never use cell phones in meetings, church, restaurants, or when someone is talking to you. Keep it on vibrate or off.
- (2) If you *must* talk in a public place, excuse yourself, speak softly and privately.
- (3) Look before you text. In London, so many people were getting injured while walking and texting that the city started padding their lampposts! In September 2008 a train accident in California that killed 25 people was caused by an engineer who was texting just seconds before his train ran through the red light. Nix the multitasking.
- (4) Email ...Don't hit "reply all" if your comment is directed to just one person.
- (5) Don't dash off an email when you're upset or stressed.
- (6) Email is best for short messages. Face-to-face raises less chance of misunderstanding and betters your opportunity for real dialogue.
- (7) Internet – thanks for NOT sharing. Twitter and Facebook are great "connecting" tools, but ask yourself if this is something you want the whole world to know. Would you be proud to have it posted on the front page of the local newspaper? Use privacy controls when available. Ask yourself, "What would Grandma have thought of this?"
- (8) Social networking is great for staying in touch, but it is not a substitute for real intimacy. Don't isolate yourself in a digital world.



Welcome to our student volunteer, **Marlon**

Tyson (left). He is a student of Wharton High School in New Tampa area and is working in Jeremy Edwards's tomato breeding program. Welcome, also,

to our newest OPS employee, **Samuel Salazar Cabrera** (rt). Sam immigrated from Cuba a year ago and he and his wife live in Bradenton. He will be working in Bielinski Santos's research program.



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