



Who's the Guy with the Wicked Wrist?

It's Eduardo Suarez – Table Tennis Wiz! Eduardo is an intern from Panama with Dr. Natalia Peres' program. Recently winning First place in the 2017 Orlando's Annual Winter Open and First place in the Florida Orange Blossom Series Winter Classic, Lakeland.

AWESOME! Congratulations!



Another amazing photo of Jose Moreno's son, Jamie Moreno. As many of you know Jamie is fighter jet pilot—one of the few and the brave that protect our country in foreign lands. His location is usually unknown to his family and that can cause extreme worry for Jose and his wife, Cecilia. However their pride surely outweighs the stress of worrying about their amazing son. Thank you Jamie for your service to our country. Photographed at 30K feet over the gulf region, Jamie is having his fighter jet refueled..

New Gators Roaming the Halls—



From left to right—Meet Homan Regmi a new grad student working with Dr. Johan Desaeger's program and a new resident in our housing. We also have Daniel Cabral, a new OPS employee. You'll find him counting white flies for Dr. Hugh Smith. Finally, please welcome Deepak Shrestha, also with Dr. Smith's lab. Dr. Shrestha is a new postdoc who just moved here from Gainesville. Welcome to you all and best of luck with your work here at GCREC!



GCREC Employee News

April 2017

Research Matter Seminar Series
Continues Friday, April 21st



Our 2017 Research Matters Seminar Series is proving to be a big success and it continues this month on Friday the 21st with a presentation by Dr. Gary Vallad. Tentatively titled: Plant Pathology Wars Episode V: The Vallad Lab Strikes Back, Dr. Vallad will be providing an overview of what all goes on in the vegetable path lab at GCREC. Lunch will be provided.

April BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Yun-ya Yang
- 4 Aimen Wen
- 4 Rodrigo Onofre
- 7 Caroline Land
- 12 Paul Dahlin
- 13 Jasmine Lopez
- 18 Krishna Bhattarai
- 23 Nate Brown
- 25 Jim Mertely
- 25 Syuan-You Lin

More "Fake News" Coming

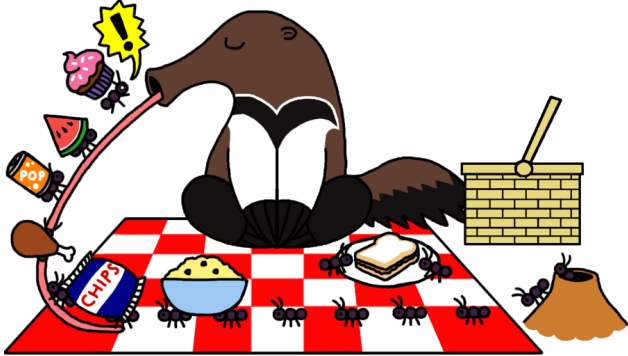
April Fools' Day is celebrated every year on April 1 by playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes. The jokes and their victims are called April fools. People playing April Fool jokes expose their prank by shouting April Fool. Some newspapers, magazines, and other published media report fake stories, which are usually explained the next day or below the news section in small letters. Although popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in any country.

The positive view is that April Fools' can be good for one's health because it encourages "jokes, hoaxes, pranks, [and] belly laughs", and brings all the benefits of laughter including stress relief and reducing strain on the heart.



Our Fun Family Picnic is April 22nd

Don't miss out on a fun Saturday with your family and co-workers at our Fun Family Picnic, Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We're stepping it up this year with a professional DJ, larger bouncy house, food, games, and fun for all ages. We need your RSVP by April 13th so we can make sure there is plenty of food, so see Christine Cooley or Trish Todd to sign up. \$5 per adult, 16 and younger are free. It's a great opportunity to show off your workplace and have some fun as well. All you need to bring is maybe some lawn chairs, sunscreen and your friends and family—everyone is welcome! So sign up today!





Plant Path Students Hit the Road

Rodrigo Onofre, Andrew Shirley, Adrian Zuniga, and Caroline Land went on a field trip to visit all the different UF centers in south Florida over spring break. Pictured below they are in a Lettuce field around the Belle Glade Center. They also visited BHN seed company.

Inspiring Military Personnel to Consider Different Careers in Agriculture



Our center is involved in an interesting project with Hillsborough County Ag Development that providing retired military personnel options for new careers after their service to our country is completed. Dr. Andrew Koeser is shown here giving a demonstration on a tree density application to a group that toured our center earlier this year. We are also providing internships for retired service personnel allowing them to explore the wide range of agriculture opportunities. Many of you have met Michael Burrell (photo left), who is one of the servicemen here at our center working with different programs to determine if agriculture is the next chapter of his story. Our center is thrilled to be part of this program and we look forward to having more interns in the future.

Plant City Chronicles for April 2017



Gator Collegiate FFA Alumni members from Gainesville and Plant City volunteered Saturday, March 25th at the Florida FFA Foundation's Beast Feast at the FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City. This event helps to raise funds to support the Florida FFA Association, and included a clay shooting event, as well as the sampling of all types of wild game and unique foods. The event also included a live auction, as well as a raffle for dozens of amazing prizes! The Gator Collegiate booth served samples of strawberry shortcakes, as well as pheasant with rice. All enjoyed a day of food, service, and fellowship!



In late February and early March, Gator Collegiate FFA Alumni members hosted mock interviews for high school juniors and seniors from around the state, who are interested in pursuing State FFA Leadership positions. Participants came to the Plant City Campus on February 25th and to Gainesville on March 4th. This was the first time that the Plant City Campus hosted this event.



On Thursday, March 23, 2017, over ninety guests attended the Plant City Gator Gathering at the Trinkle Center at the HCC Plant City Campus. Dinner from Grandpa Johnson's Barbecue was provided by CALS, while a panel of alumni and one our own undergraduate students talked about their experiences in their major and in the college. Dean Turner addressed the group and shared her excitement of the soon to be added FRE Degree at the CGREC Plant City Campus.



**Mark your calendars—Honors and Awards Banquet
Friday, April 28th in the auditorium.**