

Just a Few Fun Family Picnic Highlights



More photos can be found at T:\Unit\GCREC Pictures\2017\Picnic



Join the GCREC Soccer Club for Fun and Fitness

Looking for a great way to get exercise, relieve stress and have fun? Join the Soccer club! The club usually plays Mondays and Wednesdays around 5 to 6:30 pm. And there's a WhatsApp group to communicate with the team. If someone wants to join us, contact anyone in the pictures and you will be welcomed.

Check this link out to see some of The health benefits of soccer:
<http://www.besthealthmag.ca/best-you/fitness/the-health-benefits-of-soccer/>



Hitting the Road for a Good Cause

On April 1st 2017, a few of our students participated in 5K and 10K road race in Lake Wales, FL. Photographed left to right are Robiel Vieira, Rodrigo Onofre and Babu Panthi. Rodrigo came first in overall and in his age group in 10K race, Babu came first in his age group in 5K race. The Run Like You Care 5k and 10k is a road race benefiting the Lake Wales Care Center, a facility that provides everything from mentors and shelter to clothing, food and other emergency services for those people in the local community in need. **Good Job Guys!**



GCREC Employee News

May 2017

Research Matter Seminar Series Continues Friday, May 12th

GPS and Technologies for Agricultural and Natural Resource Management Applications
 Amr Abd-Elrahman, Associate Professor, GCREC.



The use of GPS and technologies in agriculture is rapidly evolving. The use of remote sensors such as imaging cameras and navigational sensors enabled the use of remote sensing data from satellite and airborne platforms. Currently, this technology is entering a new phase where relatively cheap commercial grade sensors mounted on tractor/trailers or drones can be used in regular field and management operations. This presentation introduces some of the technologies and potential applications in this field.

Honors and Awards Banquet Giving Credit Where Credit it Due



April 28th marked our 7th Annual Honors and Awards Banquet. This year's winners are well-deserving of the recognition by the faculty and staff who nominated them. We are pleased to announce the winners shown here from left to right—

Grad student Jariani Jani; David Moore TEAMS Exempt; Evan McClenthan OPS; Joyce Jones TEAMS Non-Exempt; Debra Barry, Faculty; and Jennifer Peters, Undergrad. In addition—annual service pins were given to 5 Year Recipients: Keri Druffle, Johnny Zabala, Matt Brown and John Cofer. 15 Year Recipient: Steve Kalb, and 20 Year Recipient: Tim Davis.

Congratulations to these amazing employees!



5 Zhen Fan
 6 Bonnie Xie
 12 Zhanao Deng
 12 Angelita Arredondo
 21 Jose Rubino
 29 Homan Regmi
 31 Sushmita KC

The Florida Strawberry Season may be over, but May is National Strawberry Month—All hail the berry!

Strawberries are synonymous with spring, and that's why May is the perfect month to celebrate them. Fresh strawberries are the first fruit to ripen each spring, and can be used in recipes from breakfast to dessert. Go to <http://www.farmflavor.com/us-agriculture/know-may-national-strawberry-month/>. To check out some of their favorite recipes include Strawberry and Bacon Stuffed French Toast, Grilled Pork Chops with Strawberry Chutney, Theo's Strawberry Chicken, Strawberry Cheesecake Milkshakes and Strawberry Sheet Cake.

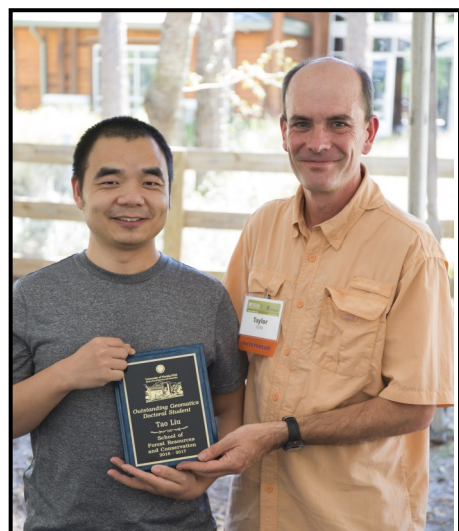




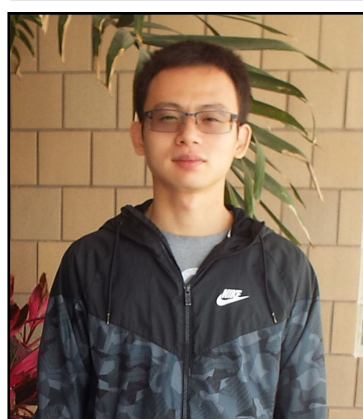
Saying Good-Bye to One of Our Treasures

GCREC-Plant City location office support, Carolyn Hinson, has resigned and her last workday is Wednesday, 31 May 2017. Carolyn was hired as OPS in 2006 and eventually became a Teams employee. Since joining GCREC in 2006, Carolyn has been a valuable member of Plant City team. PCC personnel recognize Carolyn for her professionalism, courtesy, charm, and great work ethics. We have been fortunate to have Carolyn with us and wish her the best as she moves to the next phase of her life, enjoying her retirement as she spends more time with family and friends and doing the things she's put off till now. It is always difficult to replace hardworking and dedicated employees. As such, we will be hiring a full-time hourly person to assist Plant City personnel until we're able to fill the position with a Teams hire. For information on this opening visit Careers at UF.

Welcome to Our New GCREC Gators!



Congratulations to Mr. Tao Liu, one of our Plant City students and recipient of the 2017 SFRC outstanding Geomatics PhD student award. Photographed here with Dr. Scott A. Sager, Forester - Austin Cary Forest.



Welcome to our newest student intern and grad students! Top row we have Rafaela Moreira, summer intern with Dr. Peres' program and also Edgar Orozco, who is a UF grad student with Dr. Hutton's program. On the bottom row we have two new grad students here to work with Dr. Deng's program—welcome to Xinjie Yu and Jianjian Xu.

Plant City Chronicles for May 2017



Geomatics Student Assistant, Ali Gonzalez has quite the passion and skill. He grows his own sugarcane! He even shared his harvest, and brought in a bundle to share with folks at the Plant City Campus. Thanks Ali, and great job producing your sugarcane crop!



Jason Steward, Academic Advisor, and his wife Katie welcomed daughter Ainsley Marie on April 22nd, 2017 photographed here with her big sisters. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. They are over the moon with the addition of their **THIRD** daughter! Congratulations to the growing Steward Family!



UF Plant City hosted the 1st Annual Vegetable Evaluation Practice Contest. Over 150 FFA members, parents, advisors and chaperones from Hillsborough, Manatee, Orange and Polk counties attended this event. Participants were tested on their knowledge of Florida vegetable varieties, insects, diseases, weeds and general knowledge of the vegetable industry. The event was a huge success!