



### Halloween Party – 10/26 Friday 12 noon – 1 p.m.

We'll provide hot dogs, buns, condiments. You bring the side dishes. Look for signup sheets in your lab mailbox.

### Fall Door Decorating Contest \$50 to winning lab.

Doors must remain functional and decorations cannot block the hallway. Judging will be 11:00 a.m. before the party.

Candy trivia contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes.

Costumes encouraged, fun but optional.

### Doing Good to Honor Beloved Veterans

The Urban Tree and Landscape Management Lab spent September 19th volunteering at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Their efforts were part of the nationwide day of service, Saluting Branches (<https://www.salutingbranches.org/>). Seth Blair (lead instigator in the lab's participation), Deb Hilbert, Drew McLean, and Andrew Koeser spent the day inventorying trees, inspecting them for risk, and noting future maintenance for next year's event. The Bushnell Saluting Branches work day drew scores of arborists from the Tampa Bay area - each donated his or her time, expertise, and equipment to help maintain a final resting place for Florida's veterans.



### Welcome to a New Staff Member

Another new addition to the Lusk Lab is **Audrey Goeckner**, who is a grad assistant. She will be taking charge of the lab as well as conducting research with Dr. Lusk. Best of luck!



### UF Holidays for the rest of 2018

We are closed for the following holidays -

Friday, 11/2  
Homecoming

Monday, 11/12  
Veteran's Day

Thursday and  
Friday, 11/22 and 23  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday

Winter Holiday  
12/25—1/1/2019

Dr. Seonghee Lee's lab welcomes a new employee, **Sadikshya Sharma**. She graduated this summer, UF Environmental Horticulture program for MS degree, and will be working in my lab as OPS. Her research will be focusing on DNA marker development and testing for disease resistance breeding in strawberry. Welcome Sadikshya!



We are also welcoming back two familiar faces. Welcome back **Paulo Pinto de Mello Neto** and **Mayara Bolognesi de Moraes**. Both Paulo and Mayara were here earlier in the year as interns working in the Peres Lab. Now they are back as research scholars to continue with work in strawberry pathology. Best of luck to the both of them as they gear up for the 2018-19 strawberry season.



Four UF/IFAS GCREC CALS at Plant City students were awarded \$3,750 in scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year.



Recipients included: Marlena Moore: FRE Scholarship (FRE Major); Samantha Wine: General scholarship (AEC major, specializing in Communication and Leadership Development); Ryan Kuhn: General Scholarship (Geomatics major); Lexi Sanchez: Farm Credit Scholarship (AEC major, specializing in Agricultural Education). A huge thank you to all of the UF Plant City scholarship donors and to



this year's sponsors of the awards: Mr. Chip & Mrs. Jemy Hinton, Farm Credit of Central Florida, Ms. Suzanna L. Morris, Mr. Dean & Mrs. Gina Saunders, Mr. James & Mrs. Ave Smith, Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Georgene Bender

*Congratulations to the award winners!*

### Plant City Faculty and Staff get in the Tailgating Mood!

Are you ready for college football? Well, it's here and that means lots of fun watching our Gators working hard to get those touchdowns as well as finding the perfect excuse to indulge in delicious tailgating foods. Plant City faculty and staff got in the mood with a "TailGator" PotLuck with everything you would find in the parking lot before the big game. Delish!





# UF

## Superior Accomplishment Awards

**Now is your chance to  
nominate a  
Deserving Employee**

**Nomination Period:  
September 10 - October 31, 2018**

**Nominate an employee for excellent  
performance during the previous  
academic year:**

**August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018**

Award categories:

- 1-Clerical/Office Support
- 2-Support Services
- 3-Scientific/Technical
- 4-Administrative/Supervisory
- 5-Administrative/Professional
- 6-Academic Personnel
- Community Service Award
- Diversity & Inclusion Award

Nomination form can be found here:  
[www.hr.ufl.edu/awards/saa/default.asp](http://www.hr.ufl.edu/awards/saa/default.asp)

**Make sure GCREC is represented at the  
award's ceremony and nominate  
a co-worker today! We have a lot of  
deserving employees. If you need  
assistance completing a form, see  
Christine Cooley or Trish Todd.**

Quick Share from Christine...

Nothing creepier than weird dolls so that's what I have out during the Halloween Season. We do it up big at the Cooley house for Halloween and Christmas. For Halloween, we give out candy to about 100 or more kids! We love it. And even if our decorations scare them a little, they want candy, so they ring the doorbell! And yes, that's me at the bottom with my little brother circa 1968. Scary!



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1...John Smeda
- 5...Kati Lawson
- 7...Mike Sweat
- 7...Patrick Hooks
- 8...Jose Moreno
- 10..Saket Chandra
- 13..Becky Willis
- 20..Keri Druffel
- 22..Jialin Yu
- 24..Sadat Hwang
- 29..Dolly Cummings

It's not just Halloween!  
It's also National  
Knock-Knock Jokes Day  
on October 31st.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Dwayne.  
Dwayne who?  
Dwayne the bathtub, it's overflowing!

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Lettuce.  
Lettuce who?  
Lettuce in it's cold out here.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Otto.  
Otto who?  
Otto know. I've got amnesia.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
A herd.  
A herd who?  
A herd you were home, so I came over!

## GCREC Employee News

October 2018



Florida Ag Expo is Wednesday Nov. 7

After a slight delay, registration for our Annual Florida Ag Expo is now available at this link [www.floridaagexpo.com](http://www.floridaagexpo.com). **Remember to register online as soon as possible.** This year's event will include a focus on precision agriculture, educational sessions, hands-on ID sessions for pests and disease, field tours, vendor show and more.

**Volunteers Needed**—If you would like to volunteer for any of the following, please contact Christine at the front desk:

- ♦ Set up tents for non profit booths
- ♦ Janitorial – bathrooms
- ♦ Janitorial – trash collection
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ In the Field Support
- ♦ Set up Student Poster Contest
- ♦ Auditorium clean up during breaks

Your assistance is greatly appreciated as always. This is our time to shine so make sure your labs and offices are in good order. We would like all our faculty and staff to be in attendance for all or part of the expo, so make sure you register today!