Everglades Research and Education Center

Faculty Awards, Honors & Recognition

"Specialist Of The Year" by the Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents

Dr. Richard Raid (center) was recently selected by the Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents (FACAA), as this year’s “Specialist Of The Year”. Research Specialists at all Research & Education Centers as well as on campus are eligible for this highly competitive award. Rick was a co-recipient of the award this year, along with Dr. Matt Hersam, Animal Science. Rick was nominated by Extension Agents Gene McCaVoy (right) and Les Baucum (left) because of the significant cooperative work he does with County Agricultural Extension Agents and the positive impacts his programs have had in Florida agriculture. Dr. Raid was also recognized, along with Les Baucum (Multi-County Extension), Ron Rice (Palm Beach County Extension) and Jack Comstock (USDA/ARS) for this year’s FACAA Search For Excellence in Crop Production award, for their work with sugarcane orange rust.

5th Annual Awards Ceremony: Dr. Daroub honored for High Impact Research

UF Officials paid tribute to UF/IFAS’ world-class scientific research efforts at an awards ceremony on April 18 at the Harn Museum of Art. 40 publications were designated as important for their ‘High Impact Research;’ of these, eight were singled out as exceptional. Drs. Samira Daroub and Tim Lang received the honor of having a publication in the top eight with their paper on “Best management practices and long-term water quality trends in the Everglades agricultural area,” Critical Reviews in Environmental Science and Technology.

Soil Science Society of America

Dr. Wright has been named Chair-Elect (2012) of the Soil Science Society of America S-10 Wetland Soils Division

North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Teacher Fellow Award

Dr. Samira Daroub was nominated by the CALS Dean’s office for this prestigious teaching award. She is a professor in soil and water science, and teaches soil, water and environmental classes via distance education and the Web. Her research focuses on water quality issues and agricultural production sustainability. One of the central purposes of NACTA is to recognize those individuals whose efforts represent the very best in agricultural higher education. Thus, NACTA seeks to inspire all of us to achieve the highest levels of excellence. Samira was recognized for this honor during 2012 NACTA Conference held at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, WI.

Superior Accomplishment Award

Each year IFAS acknowledges outstanding employees with “Superior Accomplishment Awards.” This year’s award ceremony occurred on March 22nd and Dr. Richard Raid was among the honorees.

The awards honor academic personnel and TEAMS and USPS employees who contribute outstanding and meritorious service in their field or to UF. The awards also seek to recognize employees who have made exceptional contributions to UF’s efficiency and economy or to the quality of life provided to students, faculty, alumni and employees.

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