

# NACAA "Beyond the Beaches" in Florida

After many years of planning and preparation, FACAA kicked off an in-person AMPIC in a big way in 2022. From the moment the 1000 plus attendees stepped in the door to see a beautiful array of Florida grown plants to the last bite of Florida cattlemen cooked steaks and drop of Florida milk, our state was well-represented. The opening ceremony set the mood for a fun-filled time with a humorous flag ceremony, and then the room got to rocking with the sounds of a Latin based band. Doug Mayo can vouch for me in this statement: when the dancing started, I KNEW we would have an excellent meeting. The beach party put us above and beyond; Ron Rice and I agreed that seeing all of our guests along the beach and in the water was marvelous. Bob Hochmuth was the biggest hit with his watermelon seed spitting contest, and how remarkable to have our Florida Watermelon Queen in attendance. I told Prissy Fletcher that the watermelon was the best I've ever had. I've also been told that everyone really enjoyed the beer too, and somehow some folks had way more than two tickets! Guests from Alabama told me within the last week how good the ice cream was, friends from Tennessee and Texas sent me messages asking about the name of the orange juice company because it was so good, and so very many told me how welcomed they felt in West Palm Beach. People raved about the pre-tours and professional tours, life members and spouses enjoyed their times, and the youth all had smiles when they returned. UF and FAMU agents, specialists, and administrators, you all showed how exceptional our state is, and I applaud all of the effort you put into AMPIC. We should all be proud of our job with hosting the first AMPIC back in person. I wish I could thank each and every one of you personally, but this write up can highlight some of the good times. We can try to forget about all of the covid because we all had an amazing job seeing our friends and making new connections. Now let us not think about another AMPIC for 20 years please?

## *Distinguished Service Award*

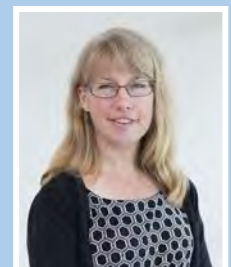
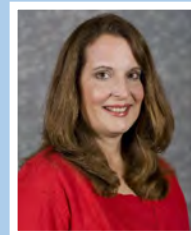
Keith Wynn      Norma Samuel      Karen Stauderman

The Distinguished Service award serves to recognize excellence in the field of professional Extension for members with more than ten years of service

## *Achievement Award*

Matthew VanWeeldon      Bonnie Wells      Yvette Goodiel

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## Communications Award

<p>Tina McIntyre</p> <p><i>Bound Book</i></p> <p>Regional Winner</p>	<p>James Davis</p> <p><i>Computer Generated Graphics Presentation</i></p> <p>State Finalist</p>
<p>Evelyn Fletcher</p> <p><i>Feature Story</i></p> <p>National Finalist</p>	<p>Davnielle Sprague</p> <p><i>Newsletter, Team</i></p> <p>National Finalist</p>
<p>Amy Vu</p> <p><i>Audio</i></p> <p>Regional Finalist</p>	<p>Cynthia Nazario-Leary</p> <p><i>Personal Column</i></p> <p>National Finalist</p>
<p>Morgan Pinkerton</p> <p><i>Educational Video Recordings</i></p> <p>National Finalist</p>	<p>Alicia Halbritter</p> <p><i>Fact Sheet</i></p> <p>State Winner</p>
<p>Molly Jameson</p> <p><i>Publication</i></p> <p>State Winner</p>	<p>Tom Wichman</p> <p><i>Website/Online Content</i></p> <p>National Finalist</p>
<p>Amy Vu</p> <p><i>Learning Module</i></p> <p>State Winner</p>	<p>Wael Elwakil</p> <p><i>Published Photo</i></p> <p>National Winner</p>
<p>Cassidy Dossin</p> <p><i>Event Promotional Package</i></p> <p>National Winner</p>	

## Program Recognition Awards

Lauren Butler

*Agriculture Awareness and Appreciation Award*

State Winner

Matt Lollar

*Search for Excellence in Consumer or Commercial Horticulture*

National Finalist

Kalyn Waters

*Search for Excellence in Environmental Quality, Forestry and Natural Resources*

National Finalist

Lauren Butler

*Agriculture Awareness and Appreciation Award*

State Winner

Jennifer Bearden

*Search for Excellence in 4-H Programming*

State Winner



**JCEP Creative Excellence Award, Kalyn Waters**

# POSTERS

Brittany Scharf <b>2nd Place</b>		<i>Thermal Tolerance of Common Snook by Latitude and Salinity</i>
Taylor Clem	T. Sanchez; C. Nazario-Leary	<i>Community IPM Strategies as Means of Reducing Insecticide Applications</i>
Caetano Sales	B. Sellers; P. Devkota; M. Wallau	<i>Evaluating Duracor in Florida Pasture Weed Management</i>
Brittany Justesen	J. Walter; A. Blount; V. Mendez	<i>Mycotoxin Concerns in the Florida Beef Cattle Industry</i>
Grantly Ricketts	J. Strickland; J. White	<i>One Year Assessment of Three St. Augustine Cultivars Resistance to Take-All Root Rot</i>
Christopher Prevatt	J. Tucker; K. Mullenix; L. Silva; M. Wallau	<i>Evaluating the Economic Potential of Alfalfa Adoption in the Deep South</i>
Ethan Carter	B. Tillman; M. Gomillion; L. Ichazo; N. Dufault	<i>An Evaluation of Fungicide Programs in Two Peanut Genotypes with Contrasting Disease Resistance</i>
J.K. Yarborough	S. Strickland; J. Water; B. Justesen; J. White, C. Baniun, L. Bennett; K. Taylor; M. Brew; J. Bosques-Mendez; E. Jennings; W. Mussoline	<i>The Effect of Potassium on Sugars, Crude Protein, and Tonnage in Limpograss</i>
Mark Bailey		<i>Passion Fruit: An Alternative Crop for Florida</i>
Lisa Sanderson		<i>Water Conservation Results from Wiser Lawns Programs</i>
Brittany Scharf		<i>Babysit a Scallop!</i>
Cassidy Dossin	S. Conner; A. Wallau	<i>Clay County 4-H Innovative Environmental Experiences; Nature Retreat Day Camp</i>
Kalan Taylor	S. Strickland	<i>Can Drone Imagery Replace Visual Stand Density Assessment:</i>
Hamutahl Cohen	H. Cohen; M. Orfanedes; D. Castro; H. Mayer; M. Leonard-Mularz; Y. Goodiel; J. Roberts; G. Ricketts	<i>Designing Climate-Smart Extension for the Commercial Horticulture Industry in Florida</i>
Lisa Strange		<i>Green Industry Best Management Practices Training in Correctional Institutes; Reduces Recidivism Rates, Saving the State Thousands</i>
Izabella Toledo		<i>Proper and Consistent Milking Procedures Improve Milk Production, Milk Quality and Profitability</i>

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Tiare Silvasy		<i>The New Normal: Extension Education Using In-person and Virtual Delivery Methods</i>
Daniel Leonard		<i>Gardening in the Panhandle: Live! A Lesson in Harnessing Teamwork and Technology to Better Reach Clientele</i>
Kate Rotindo		<i>Atala Steppingstone Program</i>
James Davis	L. Bennett; N. Samuel; F. Calascione; A. Jameson	<i>Farm Tour Creates Awareness in One of the Fastest Growing Counties in Florida</i>
Keith Wynn	E. Beach; B. Broughton; N. Dufault; K. Korus; J. Love	<i>Grain Corn Variety Selection in the Suwannee River Valley of North Florida</i>
Qingren Wang		<i>Demonstration of Drone Technologies to Improve Crop Management</i>
Ronnie Cowan	B. Estevez; A. Schortinhouse; S. Dunning	<i>Wildlife Outdoor Leadership Focus (W.O.L.F.) Camp: Virtual to Personal</i>
Colleen Larson		<i>Adopt-A-Calf with Area Elementary Schools</i>
Jamielyn Daugherty	D. Meringolo; L. Johnson	<i>Root Up-Kids</i>
Tina McIntyre	M. Pinkerton	<i>Virtual Workshops on Invasive Species Increase CEU Opportunities for Pesticide License Holders</i>
Matthew Lollar	S. Greer	<i>Santa Rosa Small Farm School</i>
Morgan Pinkerton <b>1st Place</b>	J. Yarborough	<i>Keeping Local Traditions Alive During Covid-19 with Virtual Farm Tours</i>
Grantly Ricketts	T. Binafif; K. Gioeli; K. Rotindo; A. Rezazadeh; C. Roberts; V. Encomio	<i>Building a United Team: Increasing Attendance and Participation During Staff Meetings</i>
Amir Rezazadeh	G. Ricketts	<i>Pongamia: A Possible Alternative Crop for Florida Citrus Growers</i>
Terra Freeman		<i>Master Gardener Volunteers Experience Increased Health and Wellbeing</i>
Ray Bodrey	M. Taylor; J. McMillian	<i>Creating a 4-H Livestock Club, from the Ground Up</i>

# **Presentations**

## **Early Career Development**

**Marcelo Wallau**

*Onboarding of Agricultural Agents*

**Alicia Halbritter & Daniel Leonard**

*Getting to Nationals: How to Develop and Submit Award Worthy Content*

**Yvette Goodiel**

*Extension Provides Value to Municipal Funding Partners through Collaborative Programs*

**Yvette Goodiel**

*Benefits of and Reflections on Extension Credentialing Programs for Inmates*

**Kalyn Waters**

*Hosting a Successful Formal Meeting with an Agenda or Powerpoint*

## **Teaching and Educational Technologies**

**Kalan Taylor**

*Outcomes for In-Person vs. Virtual Drone Preparation Courses*

**Kalyn Waters**

*Using Facebook Live for Producer Education: A Review of Four Years of Implementation*

## **Natural Resources**

**Krista Stump**

*Nature Journaling to Improve Environmental Observation and Identification Skills*

**Michelle Atkinson**

*Helping Ponds and People with Healthy Ponds Certification Program*

## **Horticulture & Turfgrass**

**Kalyn Waters**

*Garden in a Bag*

**Michelle Atkinson**

*Work Smarter, Not Harder to Report Impacts*

**Norma Samuel**

*The 9-Days of Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Social Media Marketing Campaign*

**Danielle Sprague**

*Connecting Producers in North Florida to Citrus Programming*

**Karen Stauderman**

*Walk in the Shoes of a Florida Farmer*

**Bonnie Wells**

*All in for Arboriculture: From Need to Professional Development to Extension Program*

# Presentations

## Animal Science

**Caitlin Bainum**

*Hybrid Equine Program Combines Online and In-Person Teaching to Target Behavior Changes in Central Florida Horse Owners*

**Laura Bennett**

*Environmental Lands Management Using Cattle Grazing*

## Agronomy & Pest Management

**Danielle Sprague**

*Expanding Pesticide Programming through Partnership with Florida Farm Bureau*

**Kevin Korus**

*Agricultural Row Crop and Private Applicator Pesticide Courses in Alachua County, Florida*

**Matthew VanWeelden**

*Spray Rodeo Day: Teaching Spray Equipment Calibration and Pesticide Safety*

**Mark Mauldin**

*Helping Peanut Producers Optimize Harvest Timing with the aGDD Tracker*

**Craig Frey**

*Increasing Effectiveness of Regional Pest and Disease Monitoring through Collaborative Initiatives*

**Keith Wynn, Emily Beach**

*Assisting Grain Corn Producers with Variety Selection in North Florida*

## Ag Economics

**Hannah Wooten**

*Urban Agriculture Workshops for Urban Producers*

**Jessica Sullivan**

*Agriculture and the Rise of Food Entrepreneurship*

## 4-H and Youth Development

**Lauren Butler**

*Farm to Plate, We Educate*

## Leadership and Administration

**Nick Simmons**

*Extension Retreats: Building Synergy, Collaboration, and Fun*

**Norma Samuel**

*Engaging Internationally to Impact Locally*



# Presentations

## Leadership and Administration

**Vanessa Spero & Noelle Guay**

*Inclusion, Diversity, Equitability, and Accessibility (IDEA) in Youth Development Programming*

**Vanessa Spero, Noelle Guay, Dr. John Diaz, Laura Valencia**

*IDEA Panel Discussion*

## Ag Issues

**Alicia Halbritter**

*Beers & Steers: Bridging the Knowledge Gap with Common Interests*

## Sustainable Ag

**Matthew Smith**

*On-Farm Evaluation of Sorrel (*Hibiscus sabdariffa*) Varieties for Central Florida Commercial Production*

**Wendy Mussoline**

*Marketing and Expansion Opportunities with Specialty Sweetpotatoes in Florida*

**Mark Bailey**

*Passion Fruit: An Alternative Crop for Florida*











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## TRADE SHOW & AUCTION







**GENE MCAVOY**  
ACCEPTS HIS  
SOUTHERN REGION  
HALL OF FAME AWARD  
WITH HIS LOVELY WIFE  
DONNA

***CONGRATULATIONS***







We went Beyond the Beaches at

## NACAA AM/PIC 2022!



Florida



### What is the Purpose of FACAA?

- ◆ Advance the professional status of county Extension Agents and state faculty with Extension appointments
- ◆ Encourage, promote, and provide professional improvement for all FACAA members
- ◆ Provide for the exchange of ideas, methods, and techniques among members
- ◆ Represent professional interests of members in matters of public policy and affairs
- ◆ Promote public confidence, esteem, and respect for the Florida Cooperative Extension Service and FACAA members

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