

2018 FANREP AWARDS

Achievement Awards

Early Career Leadership - Lara Milligan – Pinellas County

As a natural resources agent, Lara's signature programs include Florida Watershed Stewards, Wildlife Webinars, Microplastic Awareness, Tri-County Water School, and Eco Teacher Training Camps. Lara has demonstrated her ability to educate and facilitate conversations on these hot-button issues while extending research based science and solutions from the university. Her target audiences include residents, center visitors, elected officials, teachers, high school and college students.



Mid-Career Leadership - Alicia Bradigan-Betancourt – Monroe County

Alicia Betancourt is the University of Florida IFAS, Monroe County Extension Director. Alicia has a M.A. Degree in Public Administration with a focus on Sustainable Development. She is also a Certified Family and Consumer Science Educator. Since 2006, Mrs. Betancourt has been working with local governments on climate, energy and sustainability. Alicia works with UF on the Sea Grant Climate group and with the Association of Climate Change Officers on certification programs. Some of the efforts she has worked on include; Southeast Florida Climate Compact technical work groups, National Extension Climate i-Three Corps, Monroe County GHG Analysis, and Sustainable Floridians.



Career Leadership - No entries

Individual Program Leadership - Ramona Madhosingh-Hector – Pinellas County

Sustainability Connections – a community film series: Occurred in the Tampa Bay region from 2014-2017. This novel platform for Extension programming reached 540 community residents, including university, college, and high school students, teachers, and non-formal educators, engaging them in creative ways and improving their awareness of critical and emerging sustainable development issues. Each film was conceptualized, planned, budgeted, cultivated local partnerships, delivered, and evaluated by Ramona.



Innovative Program - Nomination by Pete Vergot, Ph.D. – NW District Extension Director

Group Submittal: Ray Bodrey, Scott Jackson, Erik Lovestrand, Karen Shudes, Jennifer Sims, Lindsey Maxwell, Janice Becker, James Moyers

Program: *Expanding the Dark Skies to Improve Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat in NW Florida* - This collaboration between Florida natural resource agencies, UF, and three Panhandle county

governments, worked to reduce disorientations of endangered sea turtles by short-wavelength artificial lighting. The program focused on nesting beaches within 1,000 feet of existing parks and conservation lands to create larger contiguous areas of darker nesting beach. Impacts include electricity and replacement savings by property owners, less hazardous waste from CFL bulbs, and evidence of stewardship behaviors by project participants.

Outstanding 4-H/Youth Devel. - Katherine Clements – Sarasota County

LIFE (Learning in Florida's Environment) program in Sarasota County is a partnership with UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County faculty, Friends of Florida State Parks, AmeriCorps staff, and Florida State Park staff and volunteers. This program was initially designed for grades 6th-8th.



Educational Materials Awards

Promotional Materials

1st Abby Tyrna *Understanding Your Drinking Water* to fill in the gaps of understanding surrounding the quality of public supplied drinking water in comparison to bottled water, the sources for both, Florida's hydrogeology, groundwater supply, and potential for groundwater contamination throughout the state.



2nd Erik Lovstrand – *Sea Turtle Coaster set*
3rd Savannah Barry – *Pioneer Snook Promo Video*

Brief Publication

1st Erik Lovstrand The series, *Oysters for the Future* highlights ecological and human factors important to long-term sustainability of this valuable fishery. Titles to-date include "Proper Oyster Culling Techniques Matter," "Oystering Rules: The Whys and Wherefores," and "The Value of Science-Based Management in the Oyster Fishery."



2nd Patrick Troy – *Covercrops*
3rd Ramona Madhosingh-Hector – *Get Involved*

Short Publication

1st Lisa Hickey *Factsheet Series: Palm Nutritional Deficiencies & Common Pests* were created to address the number two reason for landscape issues brought in by Manatee County residents to the UF/IFAS Manatee County Extension Diagnostic Clinic. The palm series addresses ten of the most common palm disease.



Long Publication

1st Shelly Johnson *Coastal Restoration training manual* - This publication was developed for the new Coastal Shoreline Restoration Program (CSR) as part of the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP). FMNP is a statewide environmental education program with the mission to promote awareness, understanding, and respect of Florida's natural world among Florida's citizens and visitors. CSR was



created as a comprehensive 'living shoreline' course that provides detailed and integrated information on coastal shoreline restoration in Florida.

Newsletter

1st Lara Milligan *Tampensis* is a monthly continuing education newsletter for graduates of UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County Advanced Plant Identification course. The newsletter is distributed via email to 120 graduates from five cohorts of the course as a PDF. Recipients include: landowners, professionals and interested citizens of Pinellas County. The content for the newsletter is prepared as a collection of short, informative articles intended to keep graduates engaged and practicing the principles taught in the course.

2nd Lisa Hickey *The Master Gardening Bench*

Series of Articles - No Entries

Computerized Graphic/Slide Set

1st Shelly Johnson *Coastal Shoreline Restoration PowerPoints*. The slide sets were developed for the new Coastal Shoreline Restoration Program (CSR) as part of the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP). FMNP is a statewide environmental education program with the mission to promote awareness, understanding, and respect of Florida's natural world among Florida's citizens and visitors. CSR was created as a comprehensive 'living shoreline' course that provides detailed and integrated information on coastal shoreline restoration in Florida.

2nd Lara Milligan *Florida Waters Stewardship Program*

Radio - No Qualified Entries

Video/Video Disk

1st Savannah Barry *Florida Horseshoe Crab Watch Training Video Series* These videos cover the sampling procedures and protocols for the Florida Horseshoe Crab Watch citizen science program.

2nd Lara Milligan *Backyard Nature Network Video Series*

3rd Lisa Krimsky *Biscayne Bay Water Watch Instructional Videos*

Television/Videoconference

1st Team award: Scott Jackson (lead), Savanna Barry, Victor Blanco, & Rebecca Burton - *Scallop Kick-off Livestream*. The webinar covered information about scallop biology, fishery regulations, seagrass, and other marine resources. Scott Jackson and Rebecca Burton ran and recorded the live stream and Savanna Barry and Victor Blanco organized the event and gave presentations.

On-line/Distance Courses - No entries

Web Page/Social Media/Apps

1st Savannah Barry *Seagrass Scarring Awareness Campaign* - 32 social media posts were disseminated via five channels (2 Facebook accounts, 2 Instagram accounts, 1 Twitter account).



These posts reached a total of 43,920 people, received 869 likes or shares, and resulted in a 136% increase in web site visits to the BeSeagrassSafe.com website

2nd Mark Hostetler *Building for Birds Online Evaluation Tool*

3rd Patrick Troy *Blogs: Suwannee River Agronomic Activities*

Mixed Materials

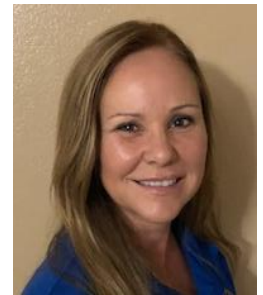
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2nd Patrick Troy *Brassica carinata Genotype Screening*

Recognition Awards:

Friends of FANREP - Michielle Atherton nominated by Lloyd Singleton

Michielle Atherton, awarded FANREP's Friend of Extension 2018, serves as the contract coordinator for the Department of Justice Bureau of Prisons' agreement with UF/IFAS Extension to provide vocational training for inmate students of the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) in Coleman, FL. A staunch advocate of the successful rehabilitative training conducted by Extension for over 7 years, she navigates the myriad bureaucratic issues with finesse and professionalism. Ms. Atherton has paved the way for research greenhouse construction, advanced classes to include aquaponics, and the horticulture/natural resources training we know is changing lives. FCC Coleman is a challenging environment in which to work; we owe much of our success to Ms. Atherton's dedication and support.



Outstanding Specialist - M. Jennison Kipp Searcy nominated by Holly Abells

Jennison Kipp Searcy is a Resource Economist with the Program for Resource Efficient Communities (PREC), the Statewide Coordinator for the Sustainable FloridiansSM program, and co-leader of the new Community Voices, Informed Choices (CIVIC) Program at the University of Florida. Jennison's passion to help Extension agents is genuine and it's evident that she truly cares about the power of democracy within the communities in which agents work. Her leadership style revealed at the 2018 JCEP conference is a "mastermind romantic", an individual who is considered a "social reformer"; for sure, Jennison is engaged, enthusiastic and passionate about her work and the Extension agents that she supports.



Sustainability Award - Okaloosa and Walton Counties nominated by Laura Tiu, Ph.D.

Okaloosa and Walton County Master Gardener groups have both received educational programs from the Agents on marine debris, microplastics, recycling and other environmental topics. Both groups have taken the messages to heart and have made efforts to create zero waste at their monthly meetings and seminars.



SARE Professional Development - No submittals