

12TH ANNUAL

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION RESEARCH AWARDS CEREMONY

PROGRAM

5:30 p.m.

Poster Session

6:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Special Guest: Jack Payne

Awards of Excellence for Graduate Research

Special Guest: Elaine Turner

Richard Jones Outstanding New Faculty Research Award

Special Guest: Richard Jones

UF/IFAS' University of Florida Research Foundation Professors

Special Guest: Sobha Jaishankar

High Impact Research Publications

Special Guest: Damian Adams

Plant Patent Recognitions

Special Guest: John Beuttenmuller

Utility Patent Recognitions

Special Guest: John Byatt

International Fellow Awards

Special Guest: Rao Mylavaram

Research Service Award

Special Guest: Jeanna Mastrodicasa

Closing Remarks

Reception to follow in the Galleria Promenade



Welcome to UF/IFAS's annual celebration of discovery. This is a night during which we declare what we stand for as an organization: Science, imperfect as it is, is the best tool we have devised for determining truth.

We will honor many women and men individually tonight. They will be the first to tell you they did not do it alone. Discovery is a team enterprise.

Each honored publication is the product of several authors.

Awardees run labs with a cadre of graduate students and professional scientists. Those we highlight here collaborate with colleagues across UF/IFAS and, across the entire university, and across the world.

In addition to holding up tonight's winners as examples of individual excellence, we acknowledge the efforts of many whose names will not be on the plaques but contributed to the science. These include scientists who do many of the lab, greenhouse, and field tasks and the staff who do the back-office work that is essential to our scientists' success.

Our research success helps fuel the university's drive for preeminence. That gives us even greater future opportunity to impact society. We must continue to lead in the creation of knowledge. Congratulations to tonight's honorees for helping us lead. Congratulations, too, to everyone who helps tonight's honorees shine so brightly.

Jack Payne

*UF Senior Vice President of
Agriculture and Natural Resources*



Gathered here this evening are some of the best minds in research, and I welcome you and your guests. We are here to celebrate the successes from 2018 and network with colleagues from across the state.

The theme for this event is "mentoring," and how UF/IFAS invests in programs that help facilitate training the *next generation of scientists*.

During the poster session and in our main video tonight, we highlight three programs - the Undergraduate Summer

Research Internships, the Ordway-Swisher Biological Station Jumpstart Awards, and the Travel Awards for Research Grant Enhancement (TARGET). But it's important to note that I am proud of how *every single* research program within UF/IFAS values knowledge transfer and invests time with less experienced students and faculty.

Our successful scientists never stop being mentors, or indeed mentees, during their careers. Please join me tonight in celebrating wonderful examples of mentorship together.

Robert Gilbert

*UF/IFAS Dean for Research and Director
Florida Agricultural Experiment Station*