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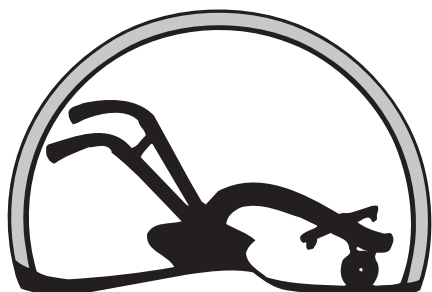
**February 9, 2016
Special Events Center
The Florida State Fair**

..... MASTER OF CEREMONIES



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Kevin M. Folta is a Professor and the Chairman of the Horticultural Sciences Department at the University of Florida. His laboratory examines fundamental light signal transduction and its application as an effective non-chemical control of plant growth, metabolism, development, and nutrient content with focus on high-value crop traits. His group also uses genomics approaches to identify novel genes that control important traits (such as flavor and disease resistance) in small fruits. He actively teaches science communication to scientists and farmers, and offers science-based discussions on controversial topics with a curious and concerned public. He has been recognized with awards for research, communications, undergraduate mentoring and postdoctoral advising. BS/MS Northern Illinois University 1989/1992, Ph.D. from the Laboratory for Molecular Biology, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1998.



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2016 OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Reception – 5:30 p.m. Special Events Center
 Dinner – 7:00 p.m. Special Events Center
 Welcome Reggie Brown, President
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Emcee Kevin M. Folta
 Chairman, Horticultural
 Sciences, University of Florida

Presentation of Inductees 2016..... Honorable Adam H. Putnam
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Thomas H. Braddock

Thomas H. Braddock was born in Duval County, Florida. He currently manages his cattle and timber operation while remaining active in the Florida agricultural community.

Braddock attended the University of Florida where he earned a B.A. and M.S. in Agriculture. While in the graduate program, Braddock began to study methods to reduce winter maintenance costs for beef cattle. He conducted a 12-week research project called “Interval Feeding of Ruminants” using cattle and sheep. Interval feeding was adopted by many cattlemen and helped reduce operational costs. Braddock’s research and other similar studies have reduced production costs not only in Florida, but also in other states.

Braddock first led the 4-H Youth Development program for the Duval County Extension office in 1957. He eventually became the Extension Director and held this position until his retirement in 1995. During his career with the Extension Service, he hosted a local television show called, “Hi, Neighbor” from 1975 to 1991. The program featured guest interviews and demonstrations mainly on agriculture, natural resources, family life, leadership, citizenship and youth development.

Braddock is passionate about mentoring the next generation of agricultural leaders. He and his wife, Mary, created an endowment program. The Thomas H. Braddock, Jr. Trust Agreement pledged \$1,700,000 to the University of Florida Foundation to establish an endowed chair in the Department of Animal Sciences, to support the Florida 4-H Leadership Program and to support the Duval County 4-H Program. This unselfish investment in our youth is helping to ensure a healthy agricultural interest for future generations throughout the state.





Dr. Charles “Chip” F. Hinton

Dr. Charles “Chip” F. Hinton was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, and grew up in Pensacola. He attended the University of Florida, obtaining a B.S. and M.S. in Agriculture and a Ph.D. in Poultry Products. Later, while on sabbatical at North Carolina State University, he completed an ABD (all but dissertation) for a Doctor of Education in Education Administration.

Through his strong leadership on numerous committees and councils for all segments of agriculture, including research, labor, environment and outreach, Dr. Hinton’s guidance led to many advances across Florida agriculture.

As Executive Director of the Florida Strawberry Growers Association, Dr. Hinton recognized the need for better varieties and worked with growers and the University of Florida in a public/private partnership to develop new varieties, such as Sweet Charlie, Festival and Radiance. As a result, strawberry production skyrocketed. In the late 1980s, about 5,000 acres

of strawberries were grown per season generating approximately \$50 million. As the new varieties came on line, the Florida strawberry industry expanded to over 10,000 acres with a value of more than \$300 million.

Dr. Hinton worked with Hillsborough County officials, strawberry and tomato growers and the nursery industry to establish the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center at Balm. He has mentored countless youngsters in 4-H and FFA. He is committed to the future of Florida agriculture and worked with Dr. Gene Trotter at UF/IFAS to establish the Wedgworth Leadership Institute.

Dr. Hinton formed a partnership between Florida Association of Food Banks and Florida fruit and vegetable growers to provide fresh produce to those in need in our state and nation. The program, called “Farmers Feeding Florida,” distributed 1 million pounds of fruit and vegetables in its first year.





Dr. Joseph C. Joyce

Dr. Joseph C. Joyce was born in Jacksonville, Florida. He obtained his B.S. and M.S. at the University of Alabama, and later obtained his Ph.D from the University of Florida in Forest Resources and Conservation. He began his career in 1972 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The highlight of his career with the Corps was leading a successful effort to more effectively manage the invasive water hyacinth in waters of Florida.

In 1983, Dr. Joyce joined the UF/IFAS faculty as the Director of the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. He also served UF/IFAS as the Director of the Center for Natural Resources, as Interim Dean for Research, and Interim Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources. For more than 20 years, he served as the Senior Associate Vice President, and he will serve as Director of the IFAS Center for Leadership until his retirement later this year. Dr. Joyce also served in the

Army Reserve for over 28 years and retired at the rank of Brigadier General.

Among Dr. Joyce's significant contributions to Florida agriculture, he oversaw IFAS' fiscal/budget operations, personnel administration, information technology, and facilities planning, operations and management. During his tenure as Associate Vice President, IFAS closed and/or consolidated nine locations and added a net of more than 800,000 square feet of new, state-of-the art research, teaching and extension space across the state to serve the needs of Florida agriculture.





Billy Kempfer

Billy Kempfer was born in Melbourne, Florida, and graduated from Polk State College with an A.S. in Animal Science. He is partner with his brother and family on Deer Park Ranch-Kempfer Cattle Company located in Brevard and Osceola counties. The ranch is a diversified operation with commercial beef cattle along with Purebred Brahman and Angus cattle, timber management, a sod company and wildlife management with Florida's oldest hunting lease to the same club dating back to 1931.

Kempfer serves as Chairman of the St. Johns River Water Management Agricultural Advisory Committee. He has served on the committee since its inception and has helped support causes that have been beneficial to agricultural producers in the St. Johns Water Management District. Kempfer served as President of the St. Johns River Food Producers Association, which represents landowners to governmental agencies when the government is establishing new policies regulating agriculture production and water use. As a leader and President of the Brevard County and Florida Cattlemen's Association, Kempfer led the fight for private property rights and environmental issues. Using his mediation skills and outstanding diplomacy, Kempfer garnered the respect of ranchers and legislators alike.

Kempfer has provided exceptional leadership and mentoring for more than four decades to countless youth pursuing agricultural interests through 4-H, FFA and IFAS programs. This is evident through his advocacy of UF/IFAS and his commitment to the Animal Science Department. Kempfer allows Deer Park Ranch to serve as a learning laboratory for IFAS youth, extension agents, specialists and faculty.



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Thomas Gilbert Lee
Nathan Mayo
Henry Oscar Partin
Hoyle Pounds
Egbert Norman Reasoner | 1993 - Karl Albritton
Wm. Travis Lofton
Dr. John Mortensen
Dr. Julia Morton
Dr. Marshall O. Watkins | 2004 - Thomas Richard Barber Jr.
Vick and Faye Blackstone
Donald Fariss May
Fred Y. Montsdeoca
Robert Nelson "Bob" Morris |
| 1981 - Irlo Overstreet Bronson
Gilbert Andrew Tucker
J. Francis Cooper
Louis E. Larson
Pliny Ward Reasoner
Don A. Storms Sr. | 1994 - Elton L. Hinton
Dr. J. Wayne Reitz
Latimer H. Turner
George H. Wedgworth | 2005 - Dr. James M. Davidson
Paul J. DiMare
William D. "Billy" Long
Jo Ann Doke Smith
Frank "Sonny" Williamson Jr. |
| 1982 - Willard M. Fifield
Robert G. Pitman Jr.
Dr. Herman J. Reitz
James N. Watson | 1995 - Leroy Baldwin
Dr. Clarence L. Campbell Jr.
Latimer "Latt" Maxey
William H. Stuart Sr. | 2006 - Charles R. "Chuck" Smith
Dudley Adelbert Putnam
James Neville McAnthur
Lillie "Belle" Jeffords
Roy Gene Davis |
| 1983 - Dr. Raymond B. Becker
John M. Fox | 1996 - Neal Palmer "Pal" Brooks
Snead Young Mathews Davis
Henry Gattrell
Barnette E. Greene Jr.
Gov. Wayne Mixson | 2007 - William R. Boardman
Albert Greenberg
Carroll Wayne Hawkins
Berryman "Buster" Longino Jr.
Ed and Imogene Yarborough |
| 1984 - Alan James Norden | 1997 - William "Bill" H. Krome
J.R. "Jack" Spratt
Raymon F. Tucker
Robert Billingsley Whisenant
Stephen Monroe Yoder | 2008 - Otis Odell "Pete" Clemons
Hugh Malakowsky English
Fritz Stein Jr.
Alto Alfred Straughn |
| 1985 - John Duda,
Andrew Duda Jr.
Ferdinand Duda
Clinton Huxley Coulter Sr.
Doyle E. Conner | 1998 - Miles Edward Groover
Edna Pearce Lockett
Maxey D. Love Jr.
Elliott L. Maguire
Mabel M. Simmons | 2009 - Dr. James Griffiths
Richard Kelly
Kay Richardson
Mason Smoak |
| 1986 - Louis G. MacDowell
Edwin L. Moore
Cedric D. Atkins
Lena Smithers Hughes
B. Edward David Jr. | 1999 - Alto Lee Adams
Bert J. Harris Jr.
Kenneth F. Jorgansen
Copeland D. Newbern
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| 1989 - Peter S. Harlee
Charles P. Lykes
Donald L. Wakeman | 2002 - Bernard A. Egan
Carl B. Loop Jr.
J.R. "Rip" Graves
George F. Sorn | 2013 - Daniel A. Botts
Charles H. Bronson
Paul L. Nicoletti
Eugene E. Trotter |
| 1990 - Dr. Robert Henry Harms
Raymond P. Oglesby
Carl G. Rose
Dr. E.T. York Jr. | 2003 - Arlen Neil Jumper
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Dr. Kenneth Ray Tefertiller | 2014 - Scottie James Butler
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Renovation will create a new environment to display the past and future Ag Hall of Fame Inductee plaques by moving the display into an existing 1,495-square-foot room in the Ag Hall of Fame Building. The space will provide for more than 50-plus years of future inductees plaques to be displayed. Arches will be added to the south wall of the room to match the north wall and to allow for improved access to the rear of the building and create more exposure of the Hall of Fame. The space will be totally renovated with new wiring, lighting, ceiling, flooring and addition of wall-mounted TV for display of Inductee videos. Glass display cases will be constructed in the entrances to highlight current year inductees. Special thanks to Ai Collaborative, Inc., for their work on this project.

