



# Eugene Trotter Leadership Award

The Wedgworth Leadership Institute Alumni Association sponsors the Eugene Trotter Leadership Award as a tribute to Dr. Eugene Trotter, the founding director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Dr. Trotter served not only as the leader of leaders in the making of five two-year classes but also as a personal mentor to all who participated in the program during his tenure.

The Eugene Trotter Leadership Award is intended to:

1. honor leaders in the agriculture industry who have exemplified personal values, performance, and achievement in Florida;
2. recognize high standards of conduct, leadership, innovation, and accomplishment for agriculture;
3. publicize and build more awareness for excellence in agriculture, while establishing role models for young people entering the industry; and
4. utilize this quality forum to promote more individual leadership, innovation, and desire to excel in the agricultural field.

Previous award winners include: Congressman Adam Putnam, Reggie Brown (Class I), John Hoblick (Class II) & Joe Hodges (Class IV).

## Eligibility

Any individual who has been involved with agriculture for a minimum of 10 years and derives the bulk of his/her income principally from the agribusiness industry, or has retired from an agricultural enterprise, is eligible for this award. **The award shall not be limited to graduates of the Wedgworth Leadership program.** Posthumous nominations are not eligible to receive this award.

## Selection Process

The Leadership Award Selection Committee, by their own process, shall select one agriculturalist who best represents the criteria established for the award. The Leadership Award Selection Committee will be chaired by the current president of the WLIANR Alumni Association. Committee members shall include the current director, faculty

advisor, and advisory council president of the WLIANR program, as well Gale Trotter or another representative of Dr. Trotter's family.

### **Recognition**

The award winner will be recognized with a plaque during a ceremony at the WLIANR Alumni Association annual meeting.

**For More Information, Contact:** Hannah Carter, Director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute, at 352-392-1038 or email [hscarter@ufl.edu](mailto:hscarter@ufl.edu).

### **\*\*To Nominate an Individual for the Eugene Trotter Award**

Please email Dr. Hannah Carter a brief description of the individual's contributions to Florida's agriculture and natural resource industries and why you believe they are worthy of this honor. **Nominations must be received by July 9, 2010.**