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## **CESTA Sponsors Ninth Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet**

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- Honor students excelling in agriculture sciences, engineering technology, and naval sciences, as well as faculty and staff, were honored at the Ninth Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet sponsored by the College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture (CESTA) at Florida A&M University (FAMU) on Friday, April 21, 2006.

This year's banquet was an opportunity to showcase the exceptional talent of the CESTA Ambassadors who participated on the program. **John Williams**, CESTA honor scholar and the president of the CESTA Ambassadors, delivered the keynote address for the occasion. Williams, a junior agribusiness major, is a native of Baconton, Georgia. The valedictorian of the Mitchell-Baker High School Class of 2003, Williams is very active in extracurricular activities here at FAMU, serving in the following capacities: Secretary, FAMU Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International; Communications Chair for the Presidential Scholars Association and a member of the tenor section of the FAMU Gospel Choir. He is

also a member of the National Society for Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS), University Honors Program, Future Business Leaders of America, and Golden Key. Just recently he won second place in the oratorical competitions at the MANRRS 2006 conference.

The following award recipients were nominated and voted on by CESTA faculty, staff and students for outstanding academic achievements, notable research, and excellence in administration, leadership, teaching and outreach initiatives.

**John Williams, Banquet Speaker with Dr. Charles Magee**



## **Outstanding CESTA Student Award Recipients** *(Student Names and Academic Program Areas)*

Montrell M. Miller - *Agribusiness*

Sparkle Malone – *Agronomy*

Cherise M. Charles - *Animal Science*

Allen Ahmadi - *Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering*

Sheniqua M. Williams - *Civil Engineering Technology*

David C. Mattice - *Construction Engineering Technology*

Lipton Clarke - *Electronic Engineering Technology*

Shalom C. Siebert - *Entomology and Structural Pest Control*

Jonathan S. Arias - *Food Science*

Francheska Kennedy - *International Agriculture and Business*

Christopher Rubottom - *Landscape Design and Management*

Montrel Miller – *Most Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leadership Award*

Nadine M. Gordon-Bradley - *Most Outstanding Graduate Student Award*

Lelan D. Parker - *Most Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Award*



## ***CESTA Faculty & Staff Award Recipients***

### **RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Dr. Lambert B. Kanga, Associate Professor of Entomology  
Division of Academic Programs

### **EXTENSION & OUTREACH EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Dr. Uford A. Madden, Assistant Professor, Cooperative Extension  
Service

### **NAVY ROTC EXCELLENCE AWARD**

SKC Leo Jones, Supply Chief Petty Officer, NROTC

### **DEAN'S EXCELLENCE IN ADMINISTRATION AWARD**

Mr. Wayne B. Walker, Associate Director, Research Programs and  
Services

### **SUPPORT STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Mrs. Conchita N. Newman, Laboratory Technician, Food Science

### **TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Dr. Oghenekome U. Onokpise, Professor of Forestry

### **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Dr. Violekta M. Colova, Associate Professor  
Center for Viticulture & Small Fruit Research

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