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FAMU Principal Investigators Appreciation Luncheon salutes
Dr. Karam F.A. Soliman
2010 Distinguished Research Award recipient
Seven others feted for their research prowess

FAMU Division of Research (DoR), Tallahassee, FL—*The Recognition of Research Excellence* luncheon took center stage on Friday, April 23, 2010 as FAMU showed appreciation for all principal investigators. **Dr. Karam F.A. Soliman** received the **Distinguished Research Award** (one time, $5,000 cash award) as one of eight principal investigators honored for their unique proficiency. Four of the remaining recipients joined him to dominate **research** emanating from the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (CoPPS). They are: **Drs. Seth Y. Ablordepepey** and **Mandip S. Sachdeva** (Research Excellence Award—$3,000 each), along with **Drs. Barack O. Abonyo** and **Karunya K. Kandimalla** (Emerging Researcher Award—$2,000 each). The remaining three recipients highlighted the College of Arts and Sciences: **Drs. Gokhan Haci salihoglu** (Department of Biological Sciences) and **David H. Jackson, Jr.** (Department of History and Political Science) both received the **Research Excellence Awards**—$3,000 each. The solitary, recognized female, **Dr. Nelly N. Mateeva**, received an **Emerging Researcher Award**—$2,000. All recipients received a commemorative plaque with their respective one time cash awards. For more on the recipients, visit [www.famu.edu](http://www.famu.edu) > Research link > Division of Research > Publications > 1st Researcher of the Year Awards Program.

This signet event established the **FAMU Researcher of the Year Awards**, voted upon by the Faculty Senate. President **James H. Ammons** brought the keynote in the Foster-Tanner Band Rehearsal Hall, issuing an even more fervent call for FAMU’s collaborative research goal toward $100 million + in awards and increments by 2015. He reiterated, “research as one of the most important parts of our mission. When a university conducts persistent, quality research, the benefits are limitless for the institution, its stakeholders, surrounding community, state, region and the nation as a whole. At FAMU, we have a first class research program.”

The **Researcher of the Year Award** selection process for the principal investigators (PIs) was a rigorous undertaking by a 13-member multidisciplinary committee. Please see photos by Keith L. Pope, *University Photographer* [www.famu.edu/famcast/photos](http://www.famu.edu/famcast/photos).

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