

## News Release



**From: Harvest Awards Committee**

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## 2021 Harvest Awards Announced

### Williamson Family Named 2021 Farm Family of the Year

The Hillsborough County Fair will award four individuals, the Southshore Chamber of Commerce, and a farm family at this year's Harvest Awards. The 20th annual event will be held during a luncheon on Thursday, September 23rd at the Fairgrounds located east of Brandon on Highway 60 and Sydney Washer Road. The luncheon will be the official 2021 kick off of the Hillsborough County Fair. The awards luncheon is complimentary, but advanced reservations are required by contacting the Fair Office at [suzanne@hillsboroughcountyfair.com](mailto:suzanne@hillsboroughcountyfair.com) or call 813-737-3247.

The Harvest Awards were established by the Cooperative Extension Service twenty years ago to celebrate those outstanding pioneers in Agriculture in the farming community and to preserve the agricultural heritage of Hillsborough County. The Fair took over the awards several years ago.

This year's honorees are: The Glen and Frances Williamson family as Farm Family of the Year. Others receiving the covenant award are Jemy Hinton with the Lifetime Achievement Award, Matt Parke as Outstanding Young Farmer, Debbie Gill as Outstanding Woman in Agriculture, and the Southshore Chamber of Commerce with the Outstanding Public & Community Service Award. This year a special Memorial Tribute will be given to Dr. Earl Lennard for his leadership in agriculture and the community. Dr. Lennard started his career teaching vocational agriculture. He is most remembered for his leadership as Superintendent of Hillsborough County Schools. He was also a former President of the Hillsborough County Fair Board.

The awards program and luncheon will start at 12:00 noon in the open-air Entertainment Pavilion. Reservations for the luncheon are due on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The event was cancelled last year due to COVID.