



PLANT MEDICINE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mission statement:

The Advisory Committee will provide external guidance to the University of Florida-IFAS Plant Medicine Program to:

- Improve student training so that graduates (Plant Doctors) may better meet the needs of the agricultural community
- Increase student numbers and program recognition
- Enhance the sustainability of the program

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