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UF/IFAS Advancement
ANNUAL REPORT

UF/IFAS Mission

“The mission of UF/IFAS is to develop knowledge in agricultural, human and natural resources and to make that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.”

UF/IFAS Advancement Mission

“UF/IFAS Advancement fosters essential relationships and secures private support to advance the UF/IFAS mission.”

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Cover Photo: Wildfire firefighters converse after extinguishing a controlled burn at the UF/IFAS Austin Cary Forest. Photo by David Godwin

Message from Jack M. Payne

Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS)

UF/IFAS has made remarkable progress in the past decade. Much of it is due to your remarkable support.

During that decade, we opened the UF/IFAS Straughn Extension Professional Development Center, where countless students, scientists, and stakeholders have had the opportunity to learn and connect. We put the name Steinmetz on the home of our Department of Entomology and Nematology in tribute to the generosity of a couple's support for endowed funds for professors, entrepreneurship, research, and scholarships.

We opened what we consider the nation's best bee lab for which we could only secure state funding after we demonstrated private support in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Philanthropy also played a major role in the Roland T. Stern Learning Center rising like a phoenix to replace a facility that had been destroyed by fire in our Austin Cary Forest. Our Beef Teaching Unit, once condemned as uninhabitable, has been rebuilt and restored with a student apartment, new cattle handling facilities, classrooms, and meeting space where we train cattle professionals.

None of this would have happened without you. And you have only become more generous over time. Last year you donated and pledged more than double the amount that supporters had committed to UF/IFAS the year I arrived.

Much of the legacy of the past decade will unfold in the decades to come. Supporters who share our commitment to making a UF education more accessible and affordable allow us to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences each year. Our graduates will run major food companies, manage millions of acres of public land, and start businesses.

There are many more of them than a decade ago. Last fall we reached a record enrollment of more than 6,300 students in CALS – 1,000 more students than were enrolled during my first fall at UF/IFAS.

Our research funding has skyrocketed in the past decade as well as we continue to bring on talented faculty who earn grants to fund their pathbreaking work. We have strengthened Extension to continue to serve traditional agriculture and natural resources stakeholders while at the same time increasing service to urban communities. We have also nearly tripled the number of Extension regional specialized agents and hired our first 11 state specialized agents to add to our topic expertise in areas such as resource-efficient communities, nutrition education, and master gardener and master naturalist training.

It's my fondest hope that you will support a new head of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences in 2020 as you have supported UF/IFAS during the time I have been fortunate enough to lead the branch of UF that is its chief steward of the land-grant mission.

Thank you,



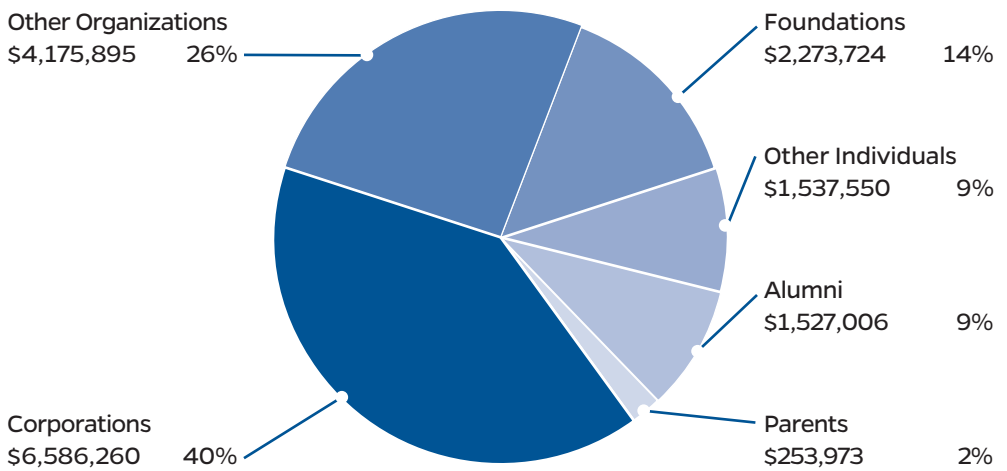
Jack Payne
UF Senior Vice President
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Gift Summary

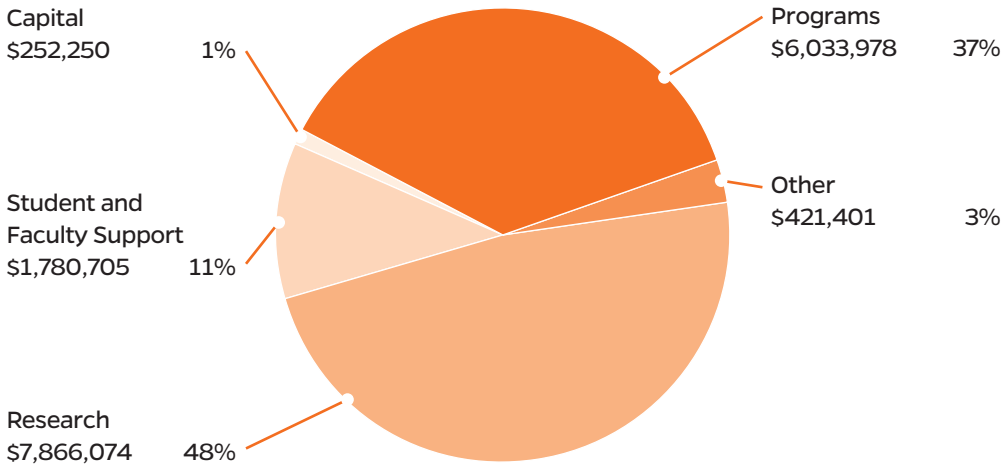
The following outlines information about charitable gifts and pledges received for the benefit of UF/IFAS between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019:



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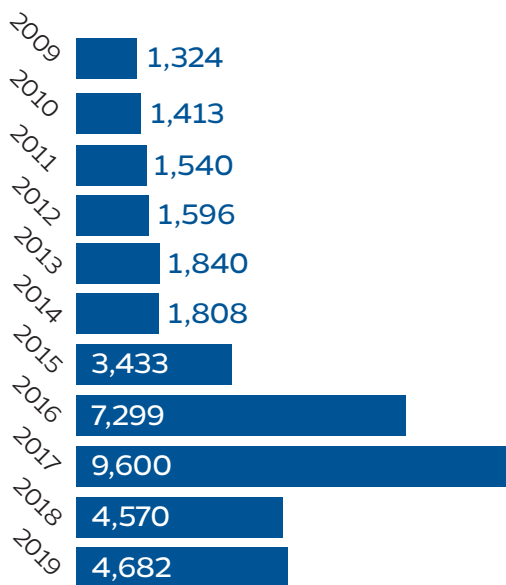


DESIGNATION OF GIFTS



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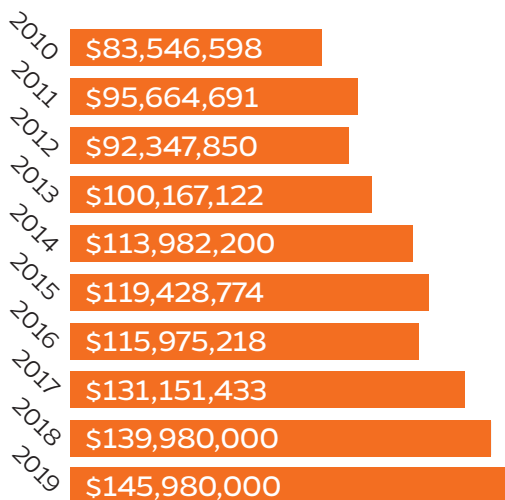


UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT GROWTH

Endowments are permanent, named funds that provide annual, renewable support for UF/IFAS programs. Endowment donors designate the use of endowment earnings for a UF/IFAS area or program of their choice. A minimum gift of \$30,000 is required to establish an endowment.

Endowment assets are managed and invested by the University of Florida Foundation through the University of Florida Investment Corporation (UFICO), created in 2004 to manage UF's investment portfolio. As of June 30, 2019, there are more than 400 UF/IFAS endowment funds that were established by individual alumni, businesses, organizations, associations and friends, with a combined value of more than \$145 million.

UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT VALUES



Endowment Honors UF/IFAS Extension Dean, Supports 4-H



Debbie and Larry Swindle with Dean for Extension Nick Place and his wife, Deb.

Written by Sam Grenrock

When the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences receives a donation in someone's honor, it's often in memory of someone who has passed away. But that's not how Larry and Debbie Swindle like to do things.

"If you're going to give a gift in someone's name, why not do it while they are alive so they can enjoy the moment?" Debbie Swindle said.

So this past year, when the couple decided to make a gift to the UF/IFAS Extension 4-H program, they created an endowment honoring one of the

program's longtime champions, Nick Place, dean of UF/IFAS Extension.

Place had no idea the Swindles were planning the endowment until it was announced at the annual UF/IFAS 4-H Gator Soiree. "It really surprised him. The look on his face said, Who, me?" Debbie Swindle said.

"What Larry and Debbie Swindle did was one of the most humbling things that has happened to me," Place said. "Because of their generosity, many youth will be benefited for many years to come."

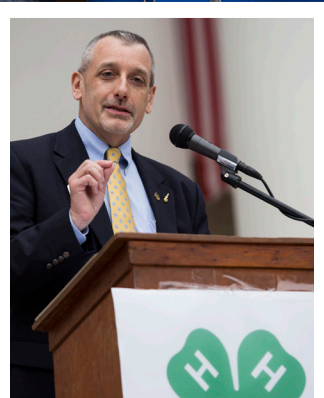
The endowment will go to the Florida 4-H program. The fund will support



4-H youths' attendance at statewide 4-H events, such as 4-H camps, 4-H Legislature and 4-H University.

The Swindles, who have grandchildren in 4-H, have always been avid supporters of the program and of UF/IFAS. They know how important it is that 4-H members be able to attend state events, so the endowment will provide more of these opportunities.

The gift also honors Place's roots in youth development. Long before he became the UF/IFAS Extension dean, Place was a multi-county Extension agent in Pennsylvania, where he led 4-H



*Nick Place
UF/IFAS Extension Dean*

programs with a focus on dairy and livestock. Throughout his career, Place has been an advocate for agricultural education among youth.

You can give to the endowment at www.uff.ufl.edu/Lead4H. For more ways to support Florida 4-H, contact Caylin Hilton at (352) 392-5432 or cnewbern@ufl.edu.

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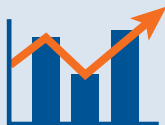


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NAMED END

- Endowments provide permanent, stable funding for an area of donor's choosing.
- 4% of the principal is used annually to fund the endowment's specific area.
- Endowments require a minimum of \$30,000 to establish and are invested to last in perpetuity.

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PLEDGES

- Pledges demonstrate your commitment and help us plan ahead.
- They are often used in conjunction with recognition societies.

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A properly executed gift plan may offset estate taxes and reduce burdens to heirs while still benefitting UF/IFAS.

For more information, visit

www.giftplanning.uff.ufl.edu

Where Can I Make an Impact?

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Any UF/IFAS area that is important to you.



UF/IFAS CALS Alumni Create ‘Warriors in Agriculture’ Scholarship to Support Veterans and Their Families

Written by Dana Edwards

The idea to create a new scholarship for special forces veterans seeking a degree in the UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) came to Clay and Erin Archey after meeting Green Beret soldier Garrett Noonan, who planned to study plant science.

“Garrett said he had been to 26 different countries around the world and came to the conclusion that most of the world’s problems revolved around food,” Archey said. “He mentioned, ‘If I can do something about that, I want to.’ His character reminded me of my dad.”

Clay’s father, Allan Archey, graduated from CALS in 1973 with a bachelor’s degree in animal sciences. Allan came to UF after serving during the ‘60s in the Navy’s Underwater Demolition Team, nicknamed the “Frogmen.” The Archeys, both 2004 graduates of CALS with master’s degrees in food and resource economics, named the CALS Warriors in Agriculture Scholarship in honor of Allan Archey, who turned 80 this year.

“We are grateful to work with our CALS alumni, like the Archeys, to help pair

their giving interests to a need within the college,” said CALS Dean Elaine Turner. “The scholarship will benefit members of the special forces military community as well as children who have lost a military parent.”

Allan Archey grew up in Alva, Florida in a family of seven. Though he had a rough childhood, he had loving parents who greatly influenced how he raised his own kids.

“He was tough, but loving; hard but fair,” Clay Archey said. “He poured his heart into my hometown of Hampton. He nearly single-handedly built a little league baseball field there.”

Allan Archey instilled in his children an appreciation for agriculture. Clay Archey fondly remembers his father helping him with projects such as raising pigs to show at the county fair and growing watermelons. His father is one of the reasons he chose to pursue a master’s degree in CALS.

The Archeys have a desire to spread the message that food issues, especially food shortages, drive a lot of conflict in the



Allan Archey poses for a photo during his time in the Navy.

world. Through this new scholarship, the Archeyes aim to encourage others to be a part of the fight against food insecurity, just like Noonan.

"These are little things we can do to say 'thank you' and help somebody who might choose to study agriculture like my father and Garrett," Clay Archey said. "I hope that one day there will be the same scholarship opportunity at every land-grant institution in the nation."



Allan Archey (L) and Judy Archey (R) with son Clay, daughter-in-law Erin, and grandchildren.

To support the Warriors in Agriculture scholarship, visit www.uff.ufl.edu/give/warriors. For more information about establishing a CALS scholarship, contact John Hooker at (352) 294-7868 or jdhooker@ufl.edu.

Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy



Tall Timbers is one of the nation's leading land trusts. It is recognized as the home of the study of fire ecology and it advocates the use of prescribed fires for land management.

Tall Timbers' primary research focus is the ecology and management of fire-dependent ecosystems and its wildlife, including bobwhite quail, in the Southeastern Coastal Plain. Its conservation efforts are dedicated to helping protect the distinctive, rural landscape of South Georgia and North Florida and its traditional land uses, while its education program transfers research and conservation information for resource management.

In May 2019, Tall Timbers established the **Tall Timbers Research Station Fire-Wildlife Fund**, which supports Research and Extension efforts on ecological relationships between fire regimes and wildlife diversity in Florida, including the ecological effects of prescribed fire.

The fund will support work by graduate students and faculty in the UF/IFAS Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation.



TALL TIMBERS

"Over the past five years, our department has developed a strong collaborative relationship with Tall Timbers. I would like to thank Bill Palmer, President and CEO, for his support of our graduate program through establishment of this fund; and I look forward to our joint work toward a shared vision in wildlife ecology and conservation," stated Eric Hellgren, professor and chair.

Tall Timbers' mission is to foster exemplary land stewardship through research, conservation and education. Through the **Tall Timbers Research Station Fire-Wildlife Fund**, Tall Timbers is supporting research and public education on prescribed fire and its benefits to wildlife and biodiversity.

To support the Tall Timbers Research Station Fire-Wildlife Fund, visit www.uff.ufl.edu/TTRSfund.

New Educational Pavilion in Suwannee Valley

The UF/IFAS North Florida Research & Education Center – Suwannee Valley (NFREC-SV) has been raising funds for the construction and maintenance of a covered pavilion. Thanks to the generosity of the Suwannee Valley community and friends, more than \$200K in gifts and pledges has been raised for construction of the pavilion, which is scheduled to begin this fall.

Located in Live Oak, NFREC-SV develops and demonstrates technology appropriate to the needs of production agricultural clientele in the Suwannee Valley area of northeast Florida. In the past five years, NFREC-SV has expanded, adding additional faculty and staff, renovating rooms and upgrading equipment and technology. Among the recent investments was the expansion of a new conference room to host 100 attendees, and this new pavilion adjacent to the existing conference room will greatly enhance the educational program opportunities at NFREC-SV.

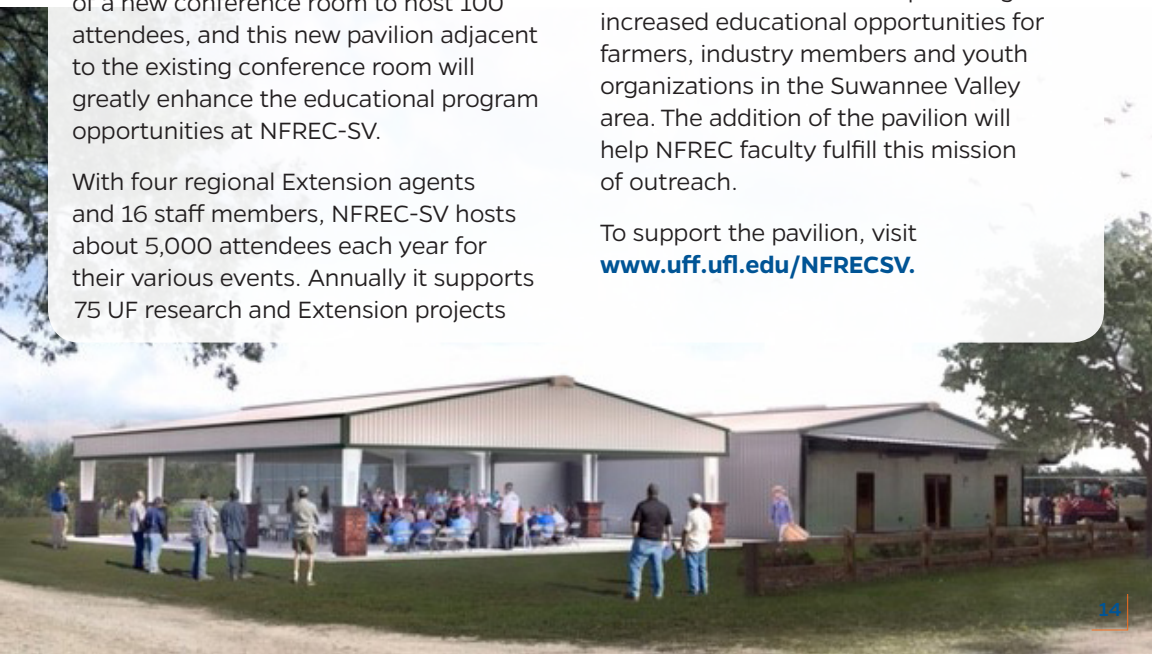
With four regional Extension agents and 16 staff members, NFREC-SV hosts about 5,000 attendees each year for their various events. Annually it supports 75 UF research and Extension projects

and more than 100 educational events targeted at farmers and industry, including events for youth organizations and the UF/IFAS Small Farms Academy, which focuses on the unique training needs of beginning farmers and ranchers.

“The pavilion fundraising project was a very humbling experience and demonstrated just how much the agricultural community believes in IFAS and in this Center. This pavilion, along with other recent enhancements, makes the Center a place where the community can go and have a pleasant and comfortable educational experience, and a facility they are proud of, knowing they played a vital role in these improvements,” said Bob Hochmuth, assistant center director.

NFREC-SV is committed to providing increased educational opportunities for farmers, industry members and youth organizations in the Suwannee Valley area. The addition of the pavilion will help NFREC faculty fulfill this mission of outreach.

To support the pavilion, visit www.uff.ufl.edu/NFRECSV.



Recognition Societies

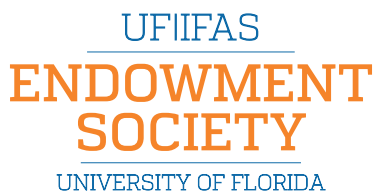
These societies celebrate the generosity of donors and provide members with an opportunity to learn more about specific programs within the university.



The **UF/IFAS College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) Dean's Circle** is reserved for donors of \$500+ annually to support the highest priorities and most pressing needs in the college. Members receive frequent communication from the CALS Dean and invitations to special events. For more information, visit cals.ufl.edu/alumni/deanscircle.



Specifically designed for \$500+ donors to Florida 4-H, members of the **UF/IFAS Extension Florida 4-H Clover Society** provide essential funds to aid 4-H in serving more than 200,000 youth. Members are invited to special 4-H events and receive the 4-H Newsletter. Visit florida4h.org/getinvolved/sponsor-4-h for more information.



The **UF/IFAS Endowment Society** is exclusive to donors who establish UF/IFAS endowments. Members receive a memento commemorating their induction to this society as well invitations to special UF/IFAS-wide events. Additional endowment information is located at give.ifas.ufl.edu.



The **University of Florida Legacy Society** honors donors who document a planned gift to the university, selflessly investing in future Gators. For more information, visit giftplanning.uff.ufl.edu.

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