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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: Jamie Ellis, Gahan Endowed Associate Professor of Entomology, prepares a box of approximately 15,000 bees for introduction to a new hive. See story on new UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab on page 10.

Message from Jack M. Payne

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

University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences has more than 28,000 acres of land, 3,000 faculty and staff, 6,167 students and 1,269 buildings across all 67 Florida counties, and an annual budget of more than \$416 million.

These numbers demonstrate the size and impact of UF/IFAS, but they are only a faint reflection of who we are — the real UF/IFAS is much more intriguing than a set of numbers.

UF/IFAS is the Research and Education Center coordinating a program to corral invasive reptiles each year; removing them from our backyards, testing them for disease and documenting the ways to stop and regress their expansion.

UF/IFAS is the researcher solving the mystery of Huanglongbing (citrus greening); the yellow dragon that flew halfway around the globe and attempted to cripple our Florida citrus industry.

UF/IFAS is the county Extension agent spending his afternoon finding nutritious food options for a family struggling to find access to a healthy diet.

UF/IFAS is the faculty member teaching future generations about the global challenge of feeding 9 billion people by the year 2050.

UF/IFAS is the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' student sacrificing her evenings studying Biology in the library so she can diagnose, treat and cure deadly melanoma in the future.

UF/IFAS is the 8-year-old child joining Florida 4-H to discover the joy of digging in the soil, the excitement of sowing a crop, and the exhilaration of competing with his award-winning exhibit.

Most importantly, UF/IFAS is you, our friends, and supporters who champion academic scholarship, research, and Extension in agriculture, the life sciences and natural resources.

Thank you for seeing us as more than just numbers and for believing in the people, the places and the programs of UF/IFAS.

Thank you,



Senior Vice President, UF/IFAS

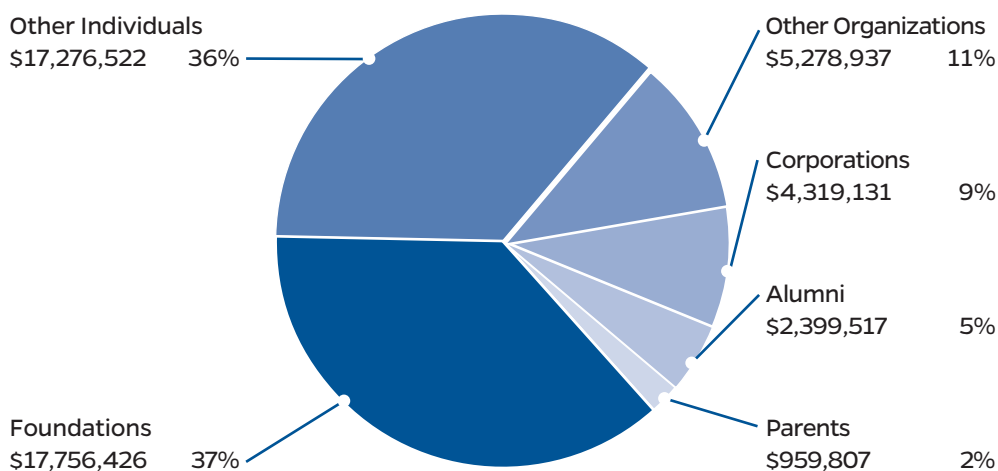
Gift Summary

The following outlines information about charitable gifts and pledges received for the benefit of UF/IFAS between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018:

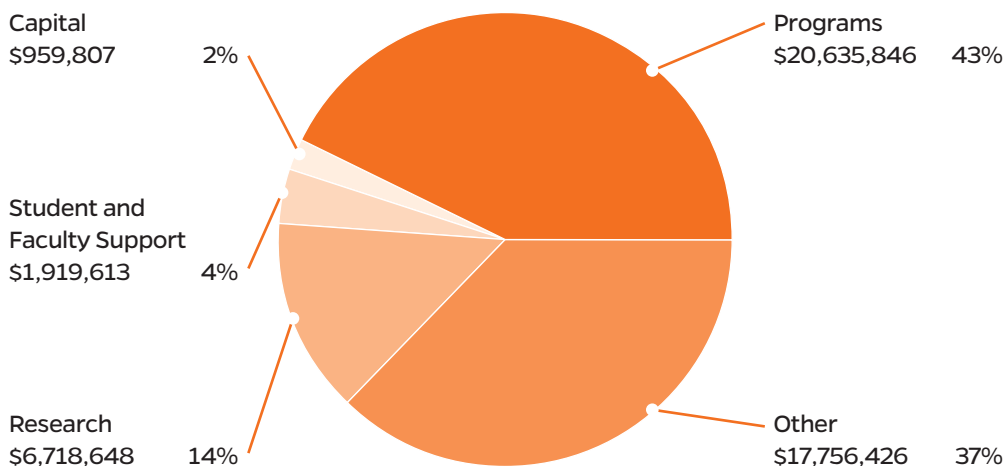
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Gifts and Pledges \$47,990,340

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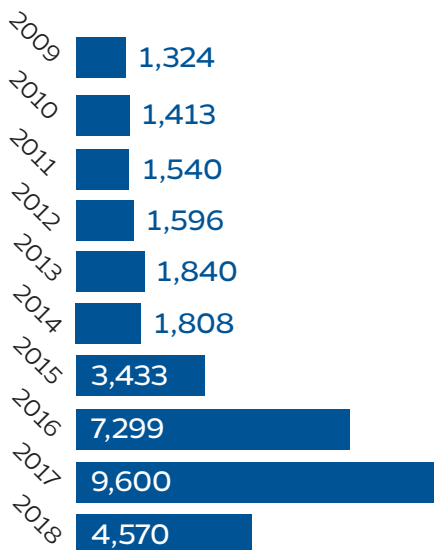


DESIGNATION OF GIFTS



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ANNUAL NUMBER OF DONORS

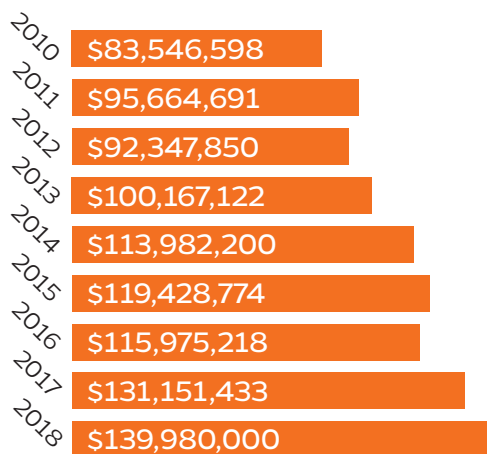


UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT GROWTH

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, 2018, there are nearly 400 UF/IFAS endowment funds that were established by individual alumni, businesses, organizations, associations and friends, with a combined value of more than \$139 million.

UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT VALUES



UF/IFAS Learning Center Receives New Name

Lucinda Stern and family at the naming dedication ceremony.



Written by Christy Chiarelli

The learning center at the UF/IFAS Austin Cary Forest was recently renamed the Roland T. Stern Learning Center. In late January, the School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) hosted a ceremony to unveil the facility's new name.

Lucinda Stern made a significant gift in her late husband's honor to support the learning center and SFRC scholarships.

"I have always said Roland would bleed sawdust," Lucinda Stern said. "He always worked in some form of forestry. Growing up, he worked with his dad at his sawmill. After graduating from high school, he went to UF's forestry program in Lake City. It was not a hard decision to make this gift in honor of him to the School of Forest Resources and Conservation."

After graduating from Bradford High School in Starke, Fla., Roland Stern attended Forest Ranger School in Lake City, Fla., and graduated in 1960. In 1985, he was one of a group of men who formed Great South Timber, Inc. He retired from Great South Timber and Lumber, Inc. as president in 2015.

"We are very pleased the Stern family has chosen to celebrate Mr. Stern and his love for forestry by giving to the learning center, Austin Cary Forest, and our students," SFRC Director Red Baker said. "Their transformational gift to SFRC ensures the learning center will be a first-class educational facility for our community forever, and highlights the Sterns' commitment to the next

ROLAND T. STERN LEARNING CENTER AUSTIN CARY FOREST



generation of foresters who will follow in Mr. Stern's footsteps."

Stern's gift ensures funds are permanently available for the learning center's upkeep and to further educational initiatives at the Austin Cary Forest. Additionally, her gift creates undergraduate and graduate scholarships for UF/IFAS College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) students who hail from Bradford, Union, Baker or Columbia counties, and are studying forest resources and conservation.

"It is an exciting time to be getting an education in forestry," Stern said. "I hope the undergraduate scholarships will make it possible for some young person to study forestry. I hope the graduate scholarships will make it possible for

someone to launch out into some of the new fields of forestry."



Lucinda Stern

It is Stern's overall desire that her gift will open Austin Cary Forest's educational opportunities to everyone who has a desire to experience "the woods" in an area preserved for future generations.

Visit our website to donate to the **Roland T. Stern Scholarship Endowment** and/or the **Roland T. Stern Learning Center Endowment**, or contact Christy Chiarelli at ccw@ufl.edu or 352-392-1975 for more information.

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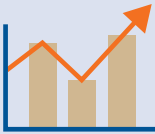


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- Farm Equipment
- Livestock
- Vehicles



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Collective giving is powerful.

Join hundreds of CALS alumni and
UF/IFAS friends to make a difference.



MULTI-YEAR



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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ESTATE PLAN



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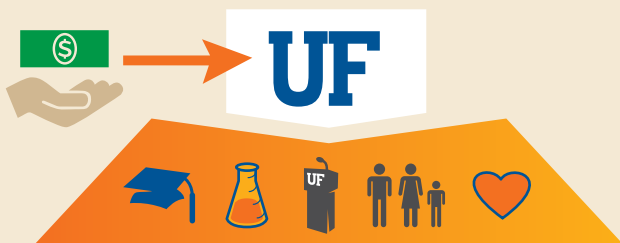
- Give online at give.ifas.ufl.edu
- Donate through student callers
- Respond to mail & email solicitations



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?

SCHOLARSHIPS



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT



RESEARCH



EXTENSION



Any UF/IFAS area that is
important to you





UF's New Honey Bee Lab Will Support Beekeeping, Agriculture

Written by Samantha Grenrock

Twenty percent of the food we eat is made possible by honey bees. And behind each of these hardworking pollinators is an equally hardworking beekeeper or scientist who helps them thrive.

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) honey bee program has been around since the 1920s, but last June marked the completion of a new honey bee headquarters on the UF campus, said Jamie Ellis, Gahan Endowed Associate Professor of Entomology in UF/IFAS.

“The UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory is a series of three buildings — it’s a mini bee campus. One of the buildings, the Amy E. Lohman Apiculture Center, will house the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ Apiary Inspection team, a beekeeping museum, a honey extraction

and processing facility, and workshop space,” said Ellis, who heads the Honey Bee Lab. The Amy E. Lohman Apiculture Center is named for one of the project’s key supporters.

“The Lohman Center will serve our research, Extension and instruction efforts related to honey bees and beekeeping,” Ellis said. “We will be able to teach students and beekeepers how to build beekeeping equipment, extract and process honey, develop strategies for adding value to their beekeeping products, control honey bee pests and pathogens, and run a beekeeping business.”

Lohman’s gift has helped establish a lasting resource for honey bee research, education and outreach, Ellis said.

“I think it is important to highlight that Ms. Lohman’s gift is a legacy gift. Sure, Ms. Lohman and other beekeepers like her will benefit from this today. However, this



facility will survive well into the future and be a place where thousands of students and beekeepers are trained,” Ellis said. “This education will translate into healthier bees that, in turn, will continue to provide the pollination services that our crops so desperately need. Thus, I feel that Ms. Lohman’s gift is an example of selfless altruism. She really is working to save the beekeeper and the bees.”

In addition to Lohman, hundreds of beekeepers, industry supporters and businesses from around the country, the Florida State Beekeepers Association, FDACS and UF have come together to fund the entire Honey Bee Lab, Ellis said.

The Honey Bee Lab is located next to Steinmetz Hall on the southwest corner of the UF campus. One of the buildings has a room in which glass bee hives are kept, allowing visitors to look directly into the active hives. The complex will also house

hundreds of thousands of bees in its outdoor apiary.

“In addition to providing a space for our outreach programs, researchers and students, we have been intentional in making this a space where the public can learn about beekeeping and the importance of bees to our food system,” Ellis said.



UF President Kent Fuchs and Dr. Jamie Ellis at the UF/IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory ribbon cutting.

Want to support the Honey Bee Lab?

Visit www.uff.ufl.edu/appeals/honeybeelab or contact Julie Conn, director of corporate relations, at jrconn@ufl.edu or 352-273-2099.

St. Johns County Extension Receives 4-H Endowment

Written by Beverly James

Siblings Jimmy and Benita S. Boyd are second generation Floridians, born and raised in Jacksonville, where they still reside in the home built by their parents.

Benita attended the University of Kentucky and later the University of Florida. She retired from BellSouth Advertising and Publishing after 32 years.

Jimmy managed an electric company of 150 employees that specialized in commercial and heavy industrial contracting, and later assumed the presidency of the family-owned Jacksonville Baseball Exhibition Company, which had become a land-holding company.

Jimmy and Benita have traveled extensively through five continents, and developed an interest in land management and preservation. They became aware of 4-H through high school friends. Their friendship with St. Johns County forester Greg Dunn, who is actively involved in 4-H, led to their involvement in the organization and the establishment of the “Jimmy and Benita S. Boyd St. Johns County 4-H Endowment,” which will provide much needed support to the St. Johns County 4-H Program for youth development.



Benita S. and Jimmy Boyd

Their estate planning also includes 4-H, where their legacy to Florida 4-H will continue for future generations.

You can visit our website to donate online to the **Jimmy and Benita S. Boyd St. Johns County 4-H Endowment**, or contact Cody Helmer at chelmer@ufl.edu or 352-392-1975 for more information.

Master Gardener Legacy Fund

Written by Beverly James

From creating community gardens to educating homeowners about environmentally-friendly lawn care, Florida Master Gardeners provide research-based horticulture information to Florida residents of all ages. In 2016, more than 4,500 Florida Master Gardener volunteers gave 420,000 hours in 60 Florida counties.

Now, thanks to the newly established **Master Gardener Legacy Fund** endowment, county Master Gardener programs can apply to receive grants for new or continuing projects. Wendy Wilber, UF/IFAS Extension Statewide Florida Master Gardener Coordinator, believes this fund will have a significant impact on Florida Master Gardeners: “As a former Residential Horticulture Extension Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator in Alachua County, I recall the frustration of hearing great ideas from Master Gardeners, but not having the funds to support them. Now, as state coordinator, I see this occurring in many counties — Master Gardeners diverting their valuable

time and energy toward project fundraising rather than community service.

When I reviewed the county entries for the Master Gardener Search for Excellence Awards this past year, I couldn’t help but wonder how much further these projects could have gone if they had more money to enhance their efforts.”

Endowments are invested so that the interest will provide a reliable annual income in perpetuity. The bigger the endowment grows, the more financial support there will be each year for projects.

You can visit our website to donate online to the **Master Gardener Legacy Fund**, or contact Katherine Davies at kedavies@ufl.edu or 352-392-1975 for more information.



Wendy Wilber, UF/IFAS Extension Statewide Florida Master Gardener Coordinator

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 gifts of \$500+ 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 www.cals.ufl.edu/give



Specifically designed for \$500+ donors to the Florida 4-H fund, 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 for more information.

UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

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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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