

2019-2020
UF/IFAS Advancement
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



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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: Florida Gator mascot Albert the Alligator thanks donors on Grateful Gator Day.
UF/IFAS Photo by Tyler Jones.

Message from J. Scott Angle

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



There are always concerns and considerations when taking on a new role in leadership. Very often, the first year is focused on evaluating programs and performance and correcting issues while setting new goals and expectations. As the new Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources at UF/IFAS I am pleased to find an organization that works at a very high capacity while being recognized as one of the best of its kind in the country. This all comes together when the University of Florida is burgeoning into Top 5 status. There may be

needed changes and some issues to amend, but I am proud to say that I am pleased with what I see and continuously impressed with those I meet through UF/IFAS.

Your support is the foundation of our success. As a steward of your giving, I will continue to honor the tradition and excellence you expect from UF/IFAS. My office promises to provide an opportunity for students to earn real-world experiences inside and outside the classroom; to provide new energy to Extension programs in each county across the State of Florida; and we pledge to continue our research endeavors as we resolve issues in our citrus industry and cultivate new crops and commodities for our growers. We will do this with your help and guidance, and we will do it as a team. I am excited about the future of UF/IFAS and I look forward to this journey we take together.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "J. Scott Angle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. Scott Angle

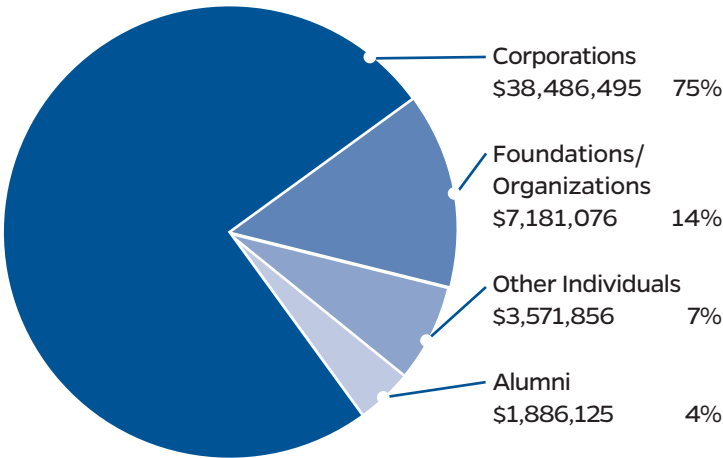
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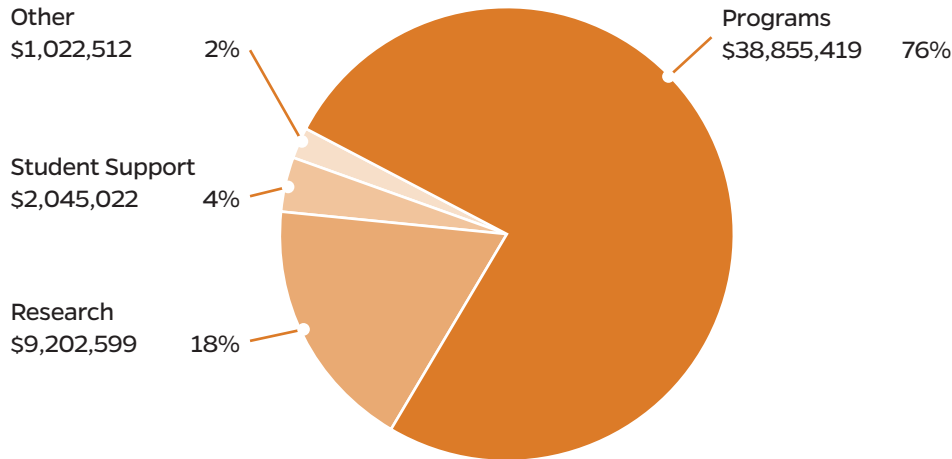
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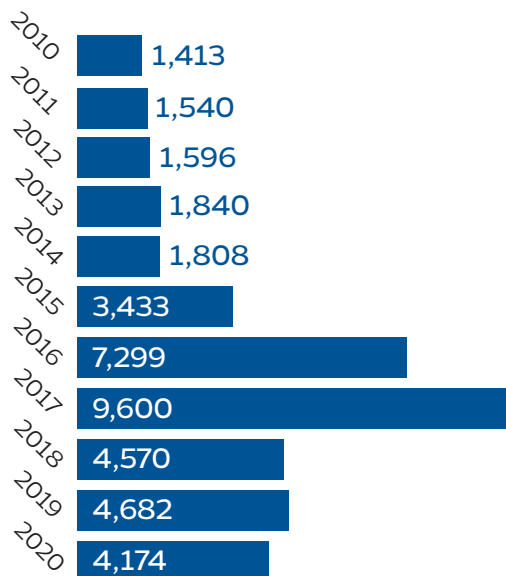


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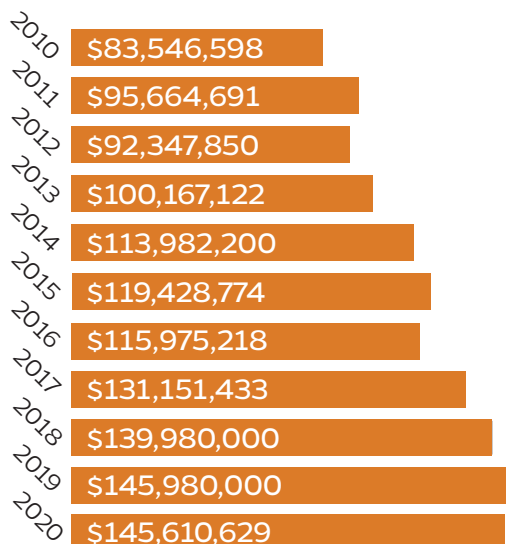


UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT GROWTH

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, 2020, there are more than 400 UF/IFAS endowment funds established by individual alumni, businesses, organizations, associations and friends, with a combined value of more than \$145 million.

UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT VALUES





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Jack Payne Retirement Supports Field and Fork Program

Dr. Jack Payne led a decade of service as senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources. In recognition of his unwavering service and dedication to UF/IFAS and the state of Florida, IFAS unit leaders seeded a tribute fund in Jack's honor to support the Alan and Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry on UF's campus. **The Payne Family Fund** supports the educational and programmatic needs of the Field and Fork Campus Food Initiative, including the teaching farm, student garden, and food pantry.

The UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Field & Fork Campus Food Program works to provide opportunities for collaboration and learning in sustainable agriculture and food systems. Core parts of this program include the Field & Fork Farm and Gardens and the Alan and Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry, where students get the opportunity to grow food in a production setting and help provide healthy, fresh food to those in need.



Jack Payne

Through Field & Fork, people can take courses and participate in activities that explore many facets of food systems, from horticultural practices and food security, to consumption and nutrition. The program also works with faculty, local organizations, and businesses to enhance opportunities for students to apply their education in real world contexts through internships and research.

**Join us in honoring Jack with a tribute gift
by giving online at Ufgive.to/JMP20**

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- 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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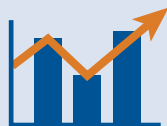


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- Pledges demonstrate your commitment and help us plan ahead.
- They are often used in conjunction with recognition societies.

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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.



Southeast Produce Council STARS Scholarship Endowment

The Southeast Produce Council (SEPC) established the **Southeast Produce Council STARS Scholarship Endowment** to support College of Agricultural and Life Sciences student scholarships, with preference given to students interested in the produce industry.

The Southeast Produce Council is a member-driven, non-profit association of more than 2,500 leaders from all facets of the produce industry. It was formed more than 20 years ago to promote the value of fresh fruits and vegetables in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Virginia through networking, innovation, community, and education. Today, SEPC is a thriving organization that continues to share and pursue its vision, mission, values, and goals.

STARS (Southeast Top Agricultural Recruits Scholarship) is in its seventh year and is SEPC's scholarship program that is available to outstanding students who are seeking agriculture majors in the Southeast-based land grant universities. The goal of STARS



is to identify the top agricultural major students at participating universities and to recruit and introduce them to the many career opportunities the produce industry has to offer.

To support the Southeast Produce Council STARS Scholarship Endowment at CALS, visit www.uff.ufl.edu/giving-opportunities/024387-southeast-produce-council-stars-scholarship-endowment

For more information about establishing a CALS scholarship, contact Genaveve Henson, Assistant Director of Development, 941.840.4567 or genavevehenson@ufl.edu.

Karl Havens Excellence Endowment

Florida Sea Grant established a sustained student-focused research program on water quality in memory of the program's former director, Dr. Karl Havens.

The **Karl Havens Excellence Fund** will support students and research at Florida Sea Grant affiliated institutions in the areas of limnology, coastal and estuarine water quality, and harmful algal blooms. Karl's research focused on these areas, which are especially important now as the state is experiencing increased water quality and supply issues.

"I have been humbled by witnessing the mobilization of the agents and specialists in their desire to honor Dr. Havens," says Dr. Sherry Larkin, Florida Sea Grant director. "Certainly, trying to move on in the wake of Dr. Haven's passing has been challenging, but it has also provided inspiration and a sense of purpose."

"With this fund, Florida Sea Grant seeks to continue Karl's legacy of both scientific discovery and



communication of science-based information to serve our coastline," Larkin continued. "If we reach the endowment level of \$30,000 we will be able to fund fellowships with the ultimate goal of having an endowed chair to carry on this important work on behalf of Florida Sea Grant."

Want to contribute to the fund? Visit www.uff.ufl.edu/give/havens or contact Katherine Davies, Director of Development, at 352.294.7869 or kedavies@ufl.edu.

Teki Hinton Ericson Florida 4-H Scholarship Endowment



Teki Hinton Ericson

Debbie and Andy Mason kickstarted a new 4-H scholarship endowment at the University of Florida in honor of Tekla “Teki” Hinton Ericson, beloved daughter,

wife, mother and friend who passed away in 2016.

Teki grew up in the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program, participating in many 4-H projects including horticulture, forest and wildlife ecology, poultry, and the dog project with her Labradors. She excelled academically and in 4-H, serving in various leadership roles including representing Florida at 4-H National Congress and holding office on the 4-H State Council.

Teki’s parents, Chip and Jemy Hinton, credit 4-H with shaping their daughter’s life. They lovingly recall sending her to 4-H camp for the first time with her guitar case as a difficult pre-teen, but when she returned home was like a new child. Her experiences at camp had seemingly flipped a switch for the young Teki, and 4-H would continue to prepare her with life skills.

Debbie and Teki were classmates at Brandon High School, and then roommates their final year of college at the University of Florida. Debbie shares, “Teki is no doubt my best friend. However, I know there are dozens of people who feel the exact same way about her. She had that gift of being able to connect with people. We shared some formative years together; I leaned

on and learned a lot from her. A free spirit, she still managed to be the most grounded person I knew.”

After graduating from the University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences with her bachelor of science in ornamental horticulture, Teki found success working in the ornamental and landscape industry. She married her college sweetheart Andy Ericson, and he completed his doctorate from Clemson University. Teki eventually decided to focus full-time on raising their two daughters, and brought her family back home to central Florida.

The scholarship recognizes youth who, like Teki, have excelled in the 4-H program, and encourages these students to take their next educational step. Recipients may apply the funds to any field of study or accredited college, university or technical training program, with a preference for 4-H’ers from Hillsborough County.

Family, friends and the Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation have also contributed funds to help create the permanent scholarship. The **Teki Hinton Ericson 4-H Scholarship** was presented in July 2020 during the annual 4-H University program, held virtually this year.

Checks made payable to the UF Foundation can be mailed to UF/IFAS Advancement, Attn: Teki 4-H Scholarship, PO Box 110170, Gainesville, FL 32611-0170, or give online at UFgive.to/Teki.

For additional ways to give, or to discuss other opportunities to support Florida 4-H, please contact Caylin Hilton at grow4H@ifas.ufl.edu or 352.392.5432.



Nature Coast Biological Station

The Nature Coast spans the Big Bend of Florida on the Gulf of Mexico, ranging from Hernando to Wakulla County. UF/IFAS has a long history of research, teaching and extension programs in the Nature Coast region, along with an extensive track record of working with agency cooperators to improve the conservation and management of natural resources and communities in the region. These previous efforts have built a foundation on which the Nature Coast Biological Station will further develop the UF/IFAS mission of research, teaching, and extension in the region.

NCBS K-12 Nature Coast Education Program

Every year, the Nature Coast Biological Station at Cedar Key hosts an average of 300 to 400 K-12 students from the local area for a field-based learning experience. Despite living in this area, most of these students are not aware

of the special character of the Nature Coast, and many have never been on a boat. The NCBS K-12 Nature Coast Education Program exposes these students to science and conservation activities and creates awareness of professional opportunities and future areas of study.

NCBS Research Internship Fund

To better protect the Nature Coast, we continually seek to better understand its unique ecosystem. Internships encourage and attract students to conduct helpful field research at the Nature Coast Biological Station at Cedar Key. Donations help offset costs to students associated with travel, lodging, and other research needs. They also incentivize students to direct their research to the Nature Coast.

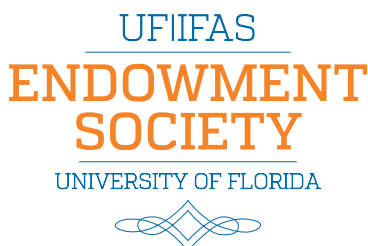
To support these funds and more at NCBS visit ncbs.ifas.ufl.edu/donate-ncbs or contact John Hooker, Associate Director of Development at 352.294.7868 or jdhooker@ufl.edu.

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.



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.



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 give.ifas.ufl.edu/4-h-giving for more information.



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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