

# **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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# **Message from J. Scott Angle**

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



chose to pursue this job as leader of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences last year because I was familiar with its outstanding research, teaching and Extension that is without peer nationally. What I was less familiar with was the support of a community that has lent its talent, toil and treasure to the enterprise.

You have been the most pleasant surprise I've experienced in my first year on the job. You are the folks we can turn to for support, the people we know the best, our family.

There are many metrics we use to measure success, and we are strategically focusing our

efforts on how to boost those metrics to carry UF into top 5 status. An important metric to me is one that's very difficult to measure, and that is the quality of our relationships.

These relationships drive our achievements in the classroom, the lab and the community. We simply would not make the impact we do without supporters like you who increase our capacity to do good.

Your support is a time-honored UF/IFAS tradition, and it's what will carry us to further excellence in the future, whether that involves providing opportunity to students, innovation that offers solutions to Floridians' challenges or delivering our science to ever more people who can improve their lives with it.

Thank you for all you do to make UF/IFAS an important part of creating a better world.

Thank you,

J. Scott Angle

University of Florida Vice President Agriculture and Natural Resources

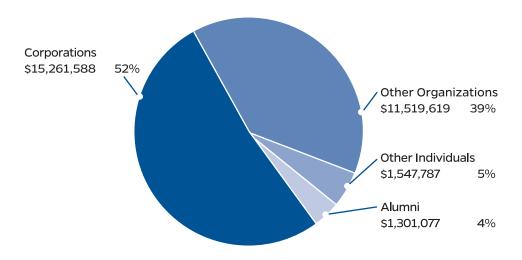
# **Gift Summary**

The following outlines information about charitable gifts and pledges received for the benefit of UF/IFAS between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021:

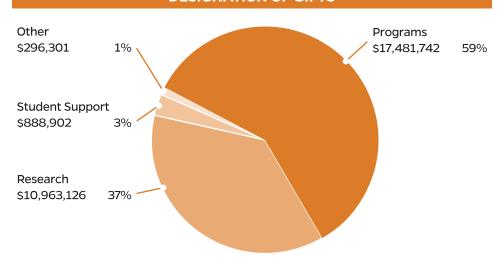
#### **TOTAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES**

\$29,630,071

#### **SOURCES OF PRIVATE SUPPORT**

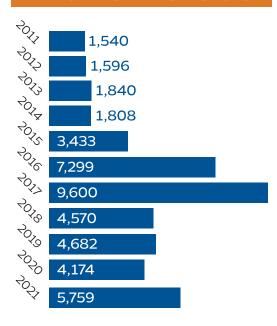


#### **DESIGNATION OF GIFTS**



# for 2020-2021

#### **ANNUAL NUMBER OF DONORS**



#### **UF/IFAS ENDOWMENT VALUES**

\$95,664,691 \$92,347,850 \$100,167,122 \$113,982,200 \$119,428,774 \$115,975,218 \$131,151,433 \$139,980,000 \$145,980,000 \$145,610,629 \$180,608,002

# 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, 2021, there are more than 440 UF/IFAS endowment funds established by individual alumni, businesses, organizations, associations and friends, with a combined value of more than \$180 million.



pportunity is a hallmark of a great land-grant university. So much of that opportunity awaits outside the classroom: study abroad, a semester in politics, business internships, research, and leadership development, to name a few. Students almost uniformly say that learning beyond the classroom was a transformative experience in their lives that led to new insights and career objectives. Alumni indicate that such an experience was a key factor in their future direction and success.

And yet, many students do not take advantage of these opportunities,

suggesting unequal access. These students usually say they have other obligations, especially during the summer when many internships take place. Most of the time it simply comes down to not having the financial wherewithal to afford unpaid work and experience.

One student received an offer to work directly with a Florida Congressperson's agricultural liaison in Washington, D.C. However, she declined because even with sharing an apartment with several roommates, having no car, and living on a shoestring budget, she would still not

# Transformative Experiences for CALS Students





have been able to afford the high cost of D.C. living.

One of the most important things we can offer to this generation of students is support. That's why the CALS Dean, Dr. Elaine Turner, and I have created the Vice President's Promise. It's a pledge that CALS undergraduate students who want to learn beyond the classroom will never be limited by their finances or a lack of applied experience options. The VP Promise initiative exists to increase the funding available to support undergraduate student study abroad,

leadership programs, internships, symposia and other co-curricular projects. We don't want students to feel they have to choose between paying the bills or gaining a life-changing experience.

More than \$62,000 has been raised thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends. To join us, please visit **give.ifas.ufl.edu/VPPromise** to make a gift today.

Thank you for your support.

J. Scott Angle, UF Vice President
Agriculture and Natural Resources

# GIVING AT

# **What Can** I Give?

# **CASH GIFTS**



#### **GIFTS-IN-KIND**

- Farm Equipment
- Livestock
- Vehicles





# **STOCKS & SECURITIES**



### **REAL ESTATE**



Have something you want to donate?

**Contact us at** 352.392.1975

# **Ways** to

#### ANNUAL

#### 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.

# **PLANNED**



**CHARITABLE** REMAINDER TRUST









# A GLANCE

# Give

### **GIFTS**



- 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.

#### **OWMENTS**



### **GIFTS**

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.



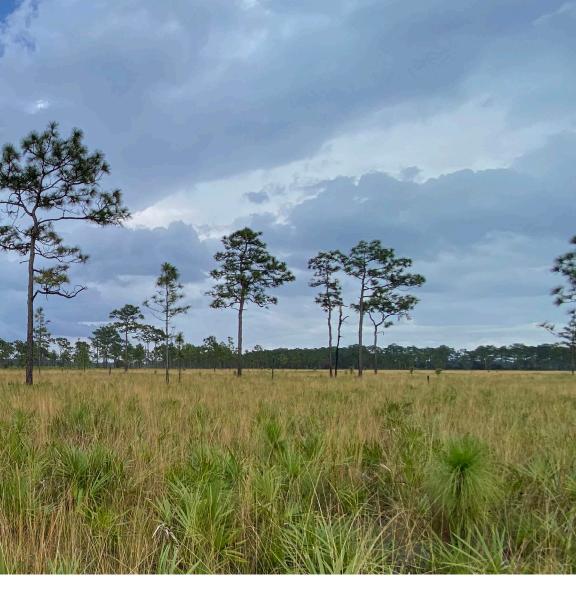


ore than 27,000 rural acres near Yeehaw Junction in Florida's southern Osceola County has been gifted to the University of Florida to protect one of the last natural areas of its kind and to serve as a living classroom and laboratory for students and faculty throughout the university. Elisabeth DeLuca's contribution is among the largest gifts of real estate ever to any university in the nation.

"Few things in this world are as precious—and threatened—as our

untamed lands and the wild animals that live there," Elisabeth DeLuca said. "We need to preserve what we can for the benefit of all of us. These acres are in good hands with the University of Florida, and it pleases me to know that UF will use them to learn more about our natural world and to train new generations of scientists and environmentalists."

UF/IFAS will use the property for research, as well as teaching and Extension. The property—which includes cattle ranchlands, citrus



groves, wetlands and forests—is one of the last refuges for the endangered Florida grasshopper sparrow, and hosts other listed species such as the Florida panther, gopher tortoise and the redcockaded woodpecker.

The property provides a critical nature corridor. The donor selected Ducks Unlimited, the world's largest not-for-profit private organization dedicated to wetlands conservation, to be the recipient of the conservation easement on the property. Together, UF and

Ducks Unlimited will ensure that the land remains protected and sustainable for generations to come.

"Elisabeth DeLuca's generous contribution of such a significant property is a gift to all Floridians and really, to people everywhere," said UF President Kent Fuchs. "The preservation of this land and what it will enable our scholars to learn, teach and achieve will reverberate around the globe."

# **Longino Scholarship:**

# Cultivating a Legacy of Conservation



Buster Longino

n December, Longino Ranch established a scholarship in the UF/IFAS School of Forests, Fisheries and Geomatics Sciences. The **B.T. "Buster" and** 

The B.T. "Buster" and Jane Longino Forestry Endowed Scholarship

seeks to support forestry students with

a demonstrated interest in combining commercial forest production with environmental stewardship.

"Buster's lifelong passion was growing pine trees at Longino Ranch, and that legacy started with attending forestry classes at the University of Florida," said John L. Minton, Jr., president of Longino Ranch, Inc. "It is fitting that we afford other students this same opportunity in honor of Buster and Jane."

The Forest Resources and Conservation program began in 1937 to help Florida manage its legacy of southern pine forests and train future foresters.

Today, it works to increase efficiency and sustainability of productive private forests, to restore native forest ecosystems, and to better understand how to manage 17 million acres of forested public and private lands that provide essential ecosystem services across our state.

"Some of my earliest memories are following my father along fire breaks in the 'timber pasture,' a section of mature

slash pine on our family ranch in south Florida," recalled John Longino, B.T. and Jane's son. "The Florida flatwoods were beautiful. Pine lilies flowered, runner oak scuffed our boots, quail burst from palmettos. The future of the trees was spoken about in economic terms, but I could see in my father's eyes the love of the trees themselves and the deeply held commitment to the long-term integrity of those flatwoods. I learned my values from him and my mother, and I am thrilled that this scholarship may instill those values in others."

Longino Ranch epitomizes the idea that agriculture and natural resource conservation are not opposed to one another, but instead go hand in hand. Through this scholarship, they hope to continue this legacy of conservation through future generations of agriculturalists and environmental stewards. To join the Longino family in supporting this endowment, please contact Katherine Davies (kedavies@ufl.edu, 352-294-7869).



Buster Longino hand-feeding cows at Longino Ranch.

# **Henry Davis:**Honoring a Legacy of Service

enry P. Davis embodied the 4-H pledge for his community, country and world. Service to others with a hallmark smile defined Davis' life until his passing on August 31, 2020 and defines his legacy.

Davis served the U.S. Army in postwar Germany before enrolling in the UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS). After graduating in 1950 with a bachelor's in soil science, he launched a 32-year Extension career with his first positions in Santa Rosa and Gadsden Counties. He and his wife Nell then relocated to Taylor County where he would serve 28 years as county Extension director.

During his tenure with UF/IFAS Extension, Davis advanced agriculture, youth development and communities in the region. He was honored with numerous awards and in 2018 was inducted to the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame. If you asked Davis his most significant contribution, he would point to the time invested in youth through 4-H.

Davis made an enduring impact on many, and for some it was just the beginning of a lifelong mentorship. For Morris Steen, Henry Davis' influence extended long after club meetings and summers at Cherry Lake had passed. "Mr. Davis was my mentor since I was 13 years old and stands in the company of my father and grandfather in terms of his significance in my life," shared Morris. "He set the example in everything he did...We watched him

closely and the 4-H slogan, Learn by Doing, came alive in our lives."

Today, Morris and his wife Judy invest significant time with 4-H, including serving on the Henry Davis 4-H Scholarship committee, judging presentations, and leading a fundraising campaign for Camp Cherry Lake as a member of the Florida 4-H Foundation Board. "Mr. Davis was the very first person to make a donation when we started campaigning for the Camp's pavilion renovation and expansion. He was a big supporter of 4-H camping, and we are grateful to have celebrated the groundbreaking with him,"

The Steens established an endowment in support of facility and maintenance needs of the camp honoring Henry and Nell Davis. In recognition of this gift and the Davises' service to community and UF, the renovated and expanded Henry and Nell Davis Pavilion was dedicated on April 9, 2021. For information on how you can support Florida 4-H, contact Caylin Hilton at **grow4H@ifas.ufl.edu** or (352) 392-5432.



Morris Steen and Henry Davis with UF/IFAS Extension Dean Nick Place and Associate Dean Michael Gutter at the January 2020 groundbreaking celebration at the Cherry Lake pavilion.

# **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

<u>cals.ufl.edu/alumni/deanscircle</u>



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 **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,
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