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**UF/IFAS ADVANCEMENT
ANNUAL REPORT**



2022-2023



UF/IFAS ADVANCEMENT MISSION STATEMENT

UF/IFAS Advancement fosters essential relationships and secures private support to advance the UF/IFAS mission of developing knowledge in agricultural, human and natural resources, and making that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.



The UF/IFAS Advancement team at the 2023 UF/IFAS Dinner of Distinction.

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Cover inset photo: UF/IFAS leadership and Pauline Lawrence at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Pauline O. Lawrence Student Residence on November 5, 2022.

MESSAGE

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences continues to evolve and grow as one of the nation's top agriculture and natural resource land-grant organizations in the country. Our record fundraising effort during the Go Greater Capital Campaign bolstered our ongoing missions of teaching, research and outreach to the State of Florida and the funding we received allows us to pivot and address new needs as they arise—whether within the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, through the IFAS Research office, or via the Florida 4-H or County Extension Programs.

The years 2022-2023 will prove to be transitional and transformative years for UF/IFAS, with new leadership at the University of Florida and a strategic plan to improve on our national status while also enhancing some of our top academic and research programs. Change does not happen when sitting still and UF/IFAS continues to set the pace.

UF/IFAS stakeholders continue to see the necessity for improvements on, and off, campus and recognize the need to continue to make advances. In the past year, our donors made gifts including:

- \$1,000,000 to support a new professor in plant breeding.
- \$1,000,000 to support graduate students working in fisheries and aquatic sciences.
- \$500,000 for student housing at the UF/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center.
- \$500,000 for conservation efforts at the UF/IFAS Ordway-Swisher Biological Station.
- Total giving of more than \$23,500,000 for 2022-2023.

Our alumni and friends are integral to our success, and we are thankful for the support all of you have given to keep us moving forward.

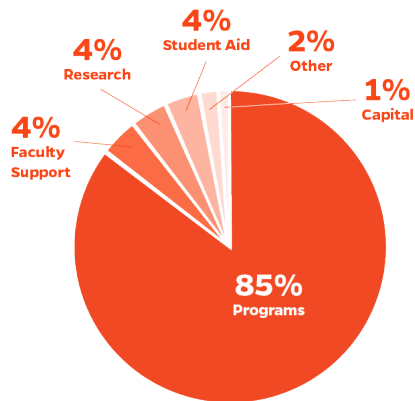
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Executive Director



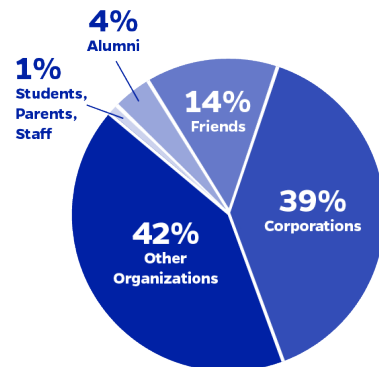
GIFT SUMMARY

The following data outline charitable gifts and pledges received for the benefit of UF/IFAS between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

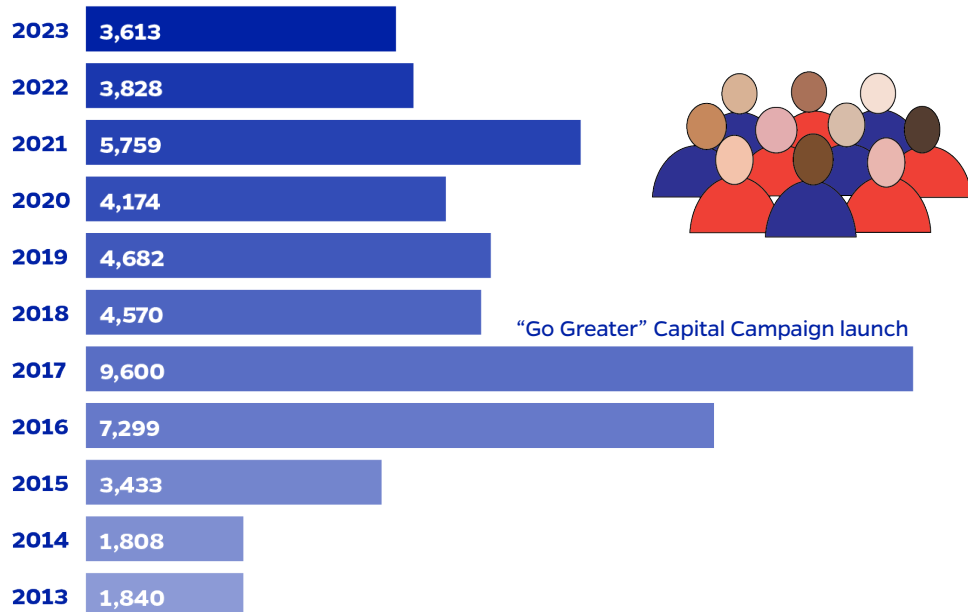
Gift Purposes



Gift Sources

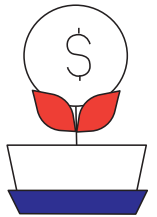


UF/IFAS Donors by Fiscal Year



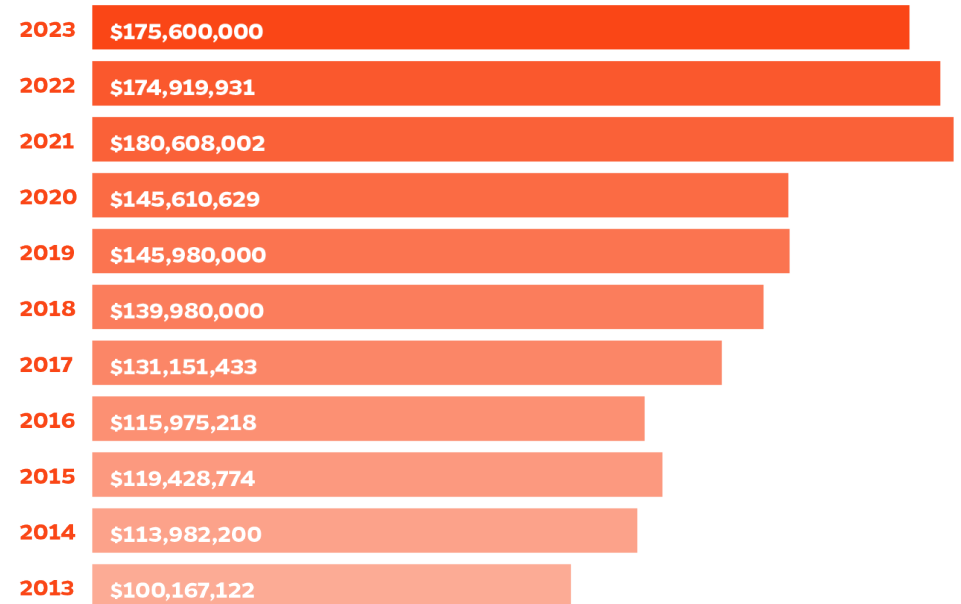
ENDOWMENT GROWTH

Endowments are permanent, named funds that provide annual, renewable support for UF/IFAS programs. The donors designate the use of the endowment's 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, 2023, there are more than 450 UF/IFAS endowment funds established by individual alumni, businesses, organizations, associations, and friends, with a combined value of more than \$175 million.

UF/IFAS Endowment Value by Fiscal Year



Total Gifts and Pledges (FY2023):

\$23,513,970 *Thank You!*

A GIFT TO FIGHT MOSQUITOES

In the wake of hurricane season, a gift of 100,000 Inzecto Mosquito Traps helped fight the influx of mosquitoes caused by lingering stormwater in Orange, Lee, Charlotte and Collier Counties.

The traps are easy-to-use, environmentally friendly, and effective at killing mosquitoes.



Dr. Phil Koehler and Dr. Roberto Pereira, from the [UF/IFAS Department of Entomology & Nematology](#), and Dr. Christopher Baitch, from the UF Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, co-created the traps. This generous donation was valued at \$2.3 million.

“The Inzecto trap is designed to provide protection and relief from mosquitoes after major weather events like Ian where there is limited or no power,” said Koehler. “The trap does not need electricity to work—it only needs to be filled with water, placed in shade and left undisturbed.”

The containers are triangular and made of black plastic with a bright red cap. They are highly preferred by resting and egg-laying female mosquitoes that bite, while beneficial insects, like bees and other pollinators, are not attracted to the trap. Mosquitoes enter the trap to lay their eggs, and 100% of the mosquito larvae that result are killed by the micro-dose coating of insecticides imbedded into the plastic.

“When you have this much standing water, you are going to get large populations of mosquitoes,” said UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Director Kevin Camm. “We need to get rid of them as quickly as possible because not only are they a nuisance, but they also carry disease.”

The traps were distributed to homeowners at no cost. Each trap covers 1,500 square feet, and they offered two traps per household.


“We are very happy to have UF-patented technology help our community,” Camm said. “They will last for months and right into the dry season.”



Dr. Roberto Pereira

PAULINE O. LAWRENCE STUDENT RESIDENCE

AT THE UF/IFAS TROPICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER

 Dr. Pauline Lawrence's commitment to making a world-class education more accessible helped UF, IFAS and the [Tropical Research and Education Center \(TREC\)](#) make history with a groundbreaking ceremony on November 5, 2022. The Pauline O. Lawrence Student Residence at TREC will be the first building in UF history to be named for a Black person.

Dr. Lawrence arrived in Gainesville in 1969 and at TREC in Homestead in 1973. Affordable housing close to her work helped make it possible for a student from Jamaica to get an entomology

degree from one of the world's leading departments, to go on to a distinguished 35-year career at UF and to pay forward the support she had received.

Dr. Lawrence was the first Black female entomology graduate student and first female to live and study at TREC. She discovered a virus in beneficial wasps that destroys the immune system of fruit fly pests, and provided an additional scientific basis for the expanded use of this wasp as one of the world's most effective biological control agents for tephritid fruit flies.



Dr. Pauline Lawrence

Pauline and her late husband, Professor Carlton Davis, established a scholarship fund nearly 20 years ago. Her latest act of paying it forward was the anchor donation for the residence that will make it possible for generations of students to have a place to live, study and pursue their dreams.

Below: President Kent Fuchs, Pauline Lawrence and others break ground for the Pauline O. Lawrence Student Residence at TREC on Nov. 5, 2022.

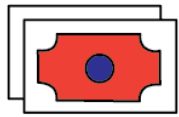


MAKE AN IMPACT

Support any UF/IFAS area through the UF Foundation. **Gifts may be eligible for tax deduction.**

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WHAT CAN I GIVE?



CASH

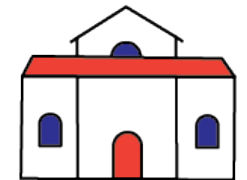
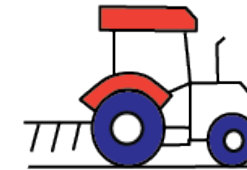
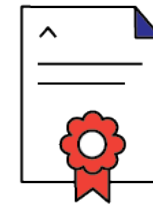
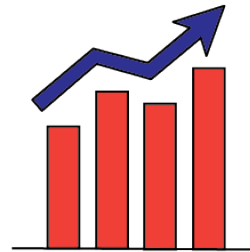
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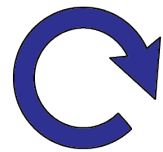
GIFTS-IN-KIND

Tangible goods, like equipment, livestock, vehicles

STOCKS & SECURITIES



RETIREMENT BENEFITS



IRA ROLLOVER

Required Minimum Distribution

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

REAL ESTATE

HOW CAN I GIVE IT?

ONLINE



BY PHONE

BY CHECK

BY DONOR ADVISED FUND

ENDOWMENTS

Endowments are gifts of \$30,000 or more invested to provide stable funding year after year for a UF/IFAS purpose you designate, such as:



County Master Gardener Volunteer Program

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Student Internship

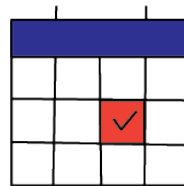
RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP 4-H Scholarship Greenhouse Maintenance

Graduate Student Fellowship Horse Breeding Program

Faculty Professional Development LECTURE SERIES

MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES

Let your favorite UF/IFAS programs know they can depend on your support with a 3- or 5-year pledge.



PLANNED GIFTS

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

contact the UF/IFAS Advancement Office at 352.392.1975 or advancement@ifas.ufl.edu.

UF/IFAS ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL

The [UF/IFAS Advancement Council](#) is a group of volunteers committed to UF/IFAS. Members assist the UF/IFAS Advancement Office by cultivating relationships that serve and strengthen Florida agriculture and natural resources.

The Council is composed of 20-40 volunteers serving a three-year renewable term, representing diverse food, agricultural and natural resource interests across Florida.

Advancement Council members promote fundraising and development for UF/IFAS in three primary ways: creating awareness, building relationships, and generating support.

Below: the UF/IFAS Advancement Council at the fall 2023 meeting.

We depend on Council members to inform and educate others about the UF/IFAS land-grant mission. Their passion inspires others to care about Florida

agriculture and natural resources. Furthermore, members help to identify and cultivate relationships with individuals, corporations, foundations and legislators to help engage them with UF/IFAS. Finally, Council members assist in thanking donors and advocating for UF/IFAS fundraising needs in order to generate private support.

The UF/IFAS Advancement Council was formerly known as the SHARE Council (SHARE: “Special Help for Agricultural Research and Education”), and, likewise, the UF/IFAS Advancement Office used to be called the SHARE Office. The SHARE Office was one of the first offices on UF’s campus dedicated to securing private support for university activities—even predating the University of Florida Foundation.

UF/IFAS Advancement is still sometimes called the “SHARE Office” by our faculty and staff. The SHARE Council elected to change their name this year to reflect the current name of the UF/IFAS Advancement Office.



RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

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

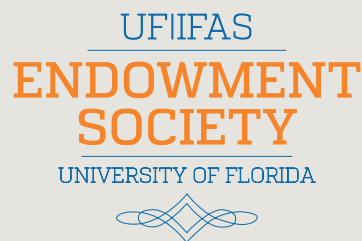


The **UF/IFAS College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs) Dean's Circle** recognizes donors who support the highest priorities and most pressing needs in the college. Members are connected with the CALS Dean and receive invitations to special events.

For more information, visit cals.ufl.edu/alumni/deanscircle.

The **UF/IFAS Endowment Society** recognizes donors who establish UF/IFAS endowments. Members receive a memento commemorating their induction to this society and invitations to special UF/IFAS events.

Support UF/IFAS at give.ifas.ufl.edu.



The **University of Florida Legacy Society** honors donors who document a planned gift to the university, investing in future Gators.

For more information, visit giftplanning.uff.ufl.edu.

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