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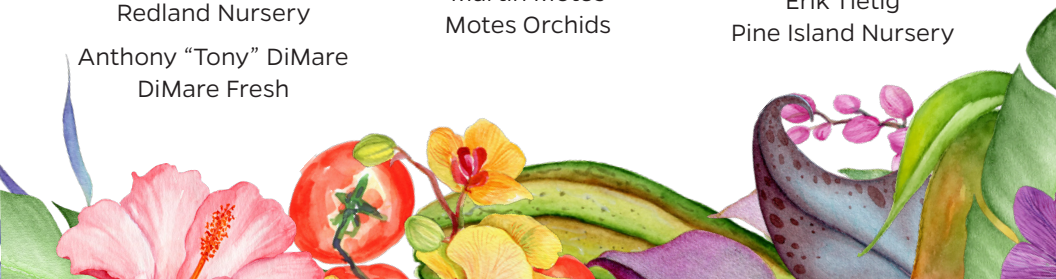
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Dear Stakeholders,



In 2019, we embarked on an ambitious journey to raise funds for the construction of a dormitory for our students. The lack of appropriate campus housing limits our ability to recruit qualified graduate students who are extremely crucial to advancing agricultural research throughout Florida. Our students' research is focused on tropical and subtropical fruit crops, traditional and tropical vegetables, tropical ornamental crops, agronomic crops, and the conservation of natural resources in the warm subtropics. Students, under the supervision of their faculty, employ cutting-edge research to uncover/discover

new knowledge that is of significant value to our agricultural producers and the wider community at large. However, by offering an increased amount of safe onsite housing, TREC's overall research programs would be greatly enhanced.

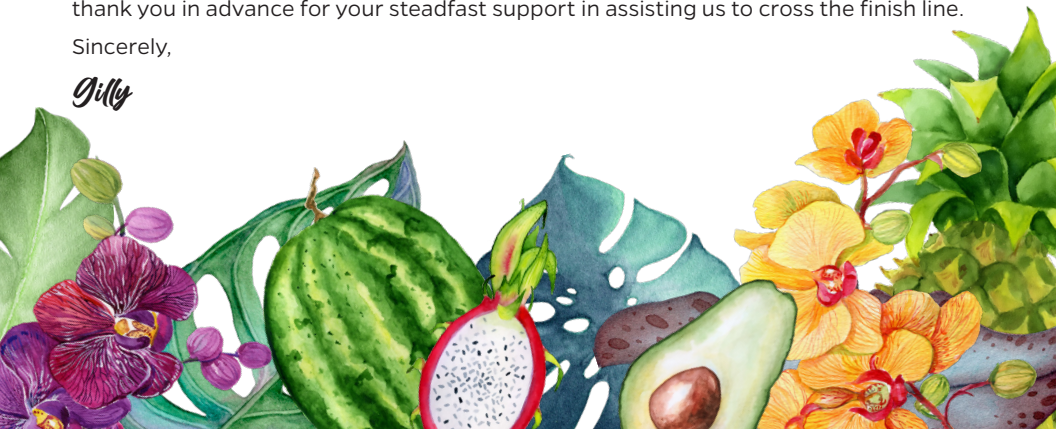
Today, I am happy to report that, through your generous support, we were able to raise \$500,000 of the \$1.6 million needed to construct the *Pauline O. Lawrence Student Residence*, prompting upper IFAS leadership to provide the balance. We greatly appreciate your support, as well as that of IFAS leadership, which enabled construction to begin in March of this year, with an anticipated completion date of January 2025.

The proposed graduate student dormitory will consist of eight bedrooms and four bathrooms, along with a common kitchen and living area, providing lodging for an additional eight graduate students. Unfortunately, there are no state or federal funds available to furnish the dormitory and to cover the cost of appliances and a few other amenities, including landscaping. Since our aim is to create a supportive environment that fosters academic success and personal growth, we are once again reaching out to you, our supporters, to assist us in raising funds to defray these costs, as well as provide scholarships for deserving residents.

All supporters who make gifts of at least \$5,000 will be permanently recognized on a memorial plaque which will be displayed at TREC. Gifts of \$20,000 or more may be eligible for additional naming opportunities contingent upon approval from the UF Board of Trustees; joint sponsorship opportunities may also be considered. In addition to naming opportunities, donors will get to meet with residents to learn of their work and hear about their personal experiences at TREC at an annual stakeholder event. We thank you in advance for your steadfast support in assisting us to cross the finish line.

Sincerely,

Dilly



Underwriting Opportunities

Underwriters will be recognized accordingly with appropriately-themed branding where the sponsor may elect to feature their name or logo. In-kind contributions of the underwriting options below will be considered. All underwriters will receive listed recognition in order of giving values in the event program.

Brand/Product Placement	\$2,500	Cocktail Hour.....	\$1,000
Live Entertainment.....	\$2,000	Dancers.....	\$750
Wine	\$1,500	Photo Experience	\$500
Décor.....	\$1,000	Dessert	\$250

Scholarship Opportunities*

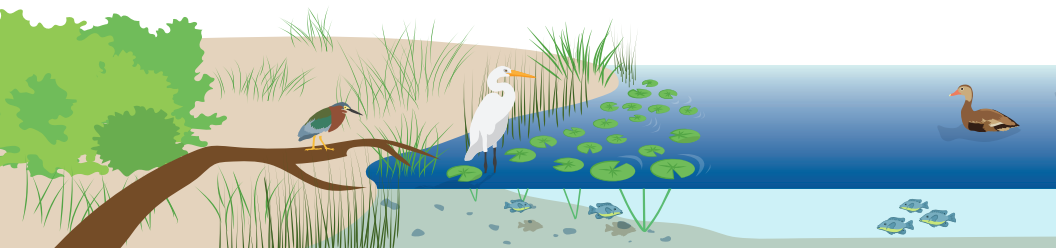
At the root of all breakthroughs is knowledge. In providing scholarship opportunities for students, you do more than support the graduate student's learning, you are investing in the student, the Center's research, the community, and the world.

Academic (full year)	\$10,800	Internships	\$3,000
Student Travel	\$1,000-\$5,000	Research.....	\$5,000

Auction Donation

Please consider a donation to the One Night in the Tropics. All donations of goods and/or services are greatly appreciated. Proceeds from all items sold will benefit UF/IFAS TREC.

**Customizable underwriting opportunities and detailed scholarship information available upon request.*



Sponsorships Foster Innovation

TITLE

Benefits:

- Premier table for 10 guests
- Center 2-page spread in the event program
- Name recognition in the event title “[Sponsor] presents One Night in the Tropics”
 - » This title recognition will appear everywhere the event is promoted including but not limited to:
 - event banner
 - website header
 - every social media post
 - every reminder email

Cost: \$15,000

PLATINUM

Benefits:

- Prominent table for 10 guests
- Half-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo placement on:
 - » Event Signage
 - » Website
 - » Social media (2 posts)
- Mention in event press release

Cost: \$4,500

DIAMOND

Benefits:

- Premier table for 8 guests with a VIP couple
- Full-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo placement on:
 - » Event signage
 - » Website
 - » Social media (4 posts)
- Mention in event press release
- Spotlight in event reminder email

Cost: \$5,500

GOLD

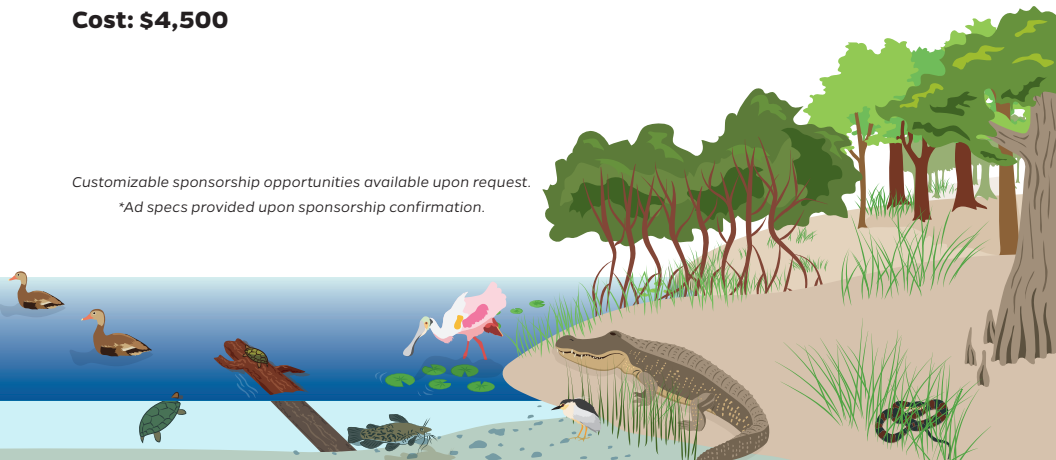
Benefits:

- Table for 8 guests
- Half-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo placement on:
 - » Event signage
 - » Website
- Mention in event press release

Cost: \$3,000

Customizable sponsorship opportunities available upon request.

*Ad specs provided upon sponsorship confirmation.



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SILVER

Benefits:

- Tickets for 5 guests
- Half-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo or mention in:
 - » Event program
 - » Event signage
 - » Website

Cost: \$2,200

BRONZE

Benefits:

- Tickets for 2 guests
- Quarter-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo or mention in:
 - » Event program
 - » Event signage
 - » Website

Cost: \$1,100

Individual Tickets

\$165 each online until October 31

Beginning November 1, \$185 each online and at the door

*Customizable sponsorship opportunities available upon request.
Ad specs provided upon sponsorship confirmation.



Please print as you wish it to appear on printed material:

_____ or, _____
Name **Company Name**

_____ **Contact Name** _____ **Phone No.** _____ **E-Mail Address**

Billing Address: _____ **Mailing Address:** _____

- TITLE: \$15,000**
(Premier table for 10 guests)
- DIAMOND: \$5,500**
(8 guests with a VIP couple)
- PLATINUM: \$4,500**
(Prominent table for 10 guests)

- GOLD: \$3,000**
(Table for 8 guests)
- SILVER: \$2,200**
(Tickets for 5 guests)
- BRONZE: \$1,100**
(Tickets for 2 guests)

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

\$165

UNDERWRITING/IN-KIND DONATION/AUCTION ITEM(S)

(Please specify the item and value)

CALCULATE YOUR TOTAL SUPPORT

SPONSORSHIP: \$ _____

INDIVIDUAL TICKET(S): \$ _____

UNDERWRITING: \$ _____

TOTAL ONE NIGHT IN THE TROPICS

SUPPORT, including Underwriting,
Scholarship, and Auction Donation:

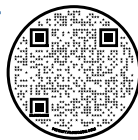
TOTAL: \$ _____

ENCLOSE:

- A check in the amount of: _____ and payable to
The University of Florida SHARE Foundation is enclosed.
- I am unable to attend, but I am enclosing a contribution of \$ _____.
- To pay by credit card, please visit: tinyurl.com/onit2024

RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECKS TO:

Monique Scoggin, The University of Florida
UF/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center
18905 SW 280th Street, Homestead, FL 33031



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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