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Dear Friends and Supporters,



First and foremost, thank you for your generosity and vision. With your support, we passed an incredible milestone; the completion of our new student dormitory, The Pauline O. Lawrence Student Residence. This space is more than bricks and mortar it's a safe, vibrant, and inspiring home for our students, where learning and community thrive. We are deeply grateful for your belief in our mission.

As we pause to celebrate this achievement, we reflect on our next challenge.

Funding for graduate students is becoming increasingly scarce, threatening our ability to continue to attract and retain the scholars whose research could shape the future of south Florida's agricultural and natural resources. To remain competitive, we must offer our students exceptional mentorship, world-class facilities, as well as the financial support they need to pursue their work with focus and determination.

Our PhD program is a launchpad for pioneering research that benefits our entire region. From developing climate and pest-resilient crops and advancing sustainable agriculture to designing conservation strategies that protect our ecosystems, our students are not just studying the issues, they are solving them.

Our goal for 2026, Challenge 180, is to raise \$180,000 which is enough to fully fund one PhD student for four years. This includes tuition and a living stipend. ensuring our students can dedicate themselves fully to their research and academic development.

Challenge 180 is about more than supporting a single scholar. It's about investing in a pipeline of innovation, leadership, and tangible impact. Every dollar you provide helps us attract the brightest minds and empowers their work to serve the communities and environment of south Florida.

We invite you to be part of this transformative initiative. Whether through a one-time gift or a multi-year pledge, your support will directly uplift the next generation of researchers and changemakers. Your investment, no matter the



Underwriting Opportunities

Underwriters will be recognized accordingly with appropriately-themed branding where the sponsor may elect to feature their name or logo. Inkind 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*

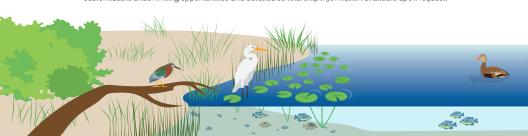
At the root of all breakthroughs is knowledge. In providing scholarship opportunities for students, you do more than support the graduate student's learning, you are investing in the student, the Center's research, the community, and the world.

Academic (full year tuition)\$19,200	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 quests
- Center 2 page the event title Spensor 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

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

PLATINUM

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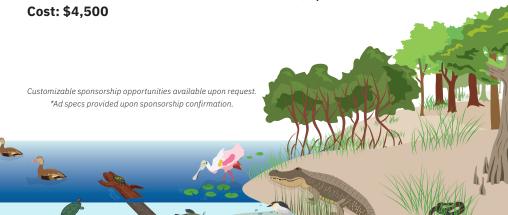
- Prominent table for 10 guests
- Half-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo placement on:
- »Event Signage
- »Website
- »Social media (2 posts)
- Mention in event press release

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



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SILVER BRONZE

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

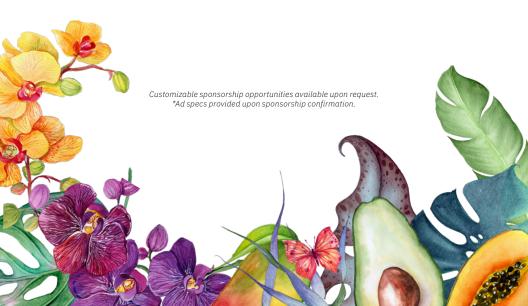
Benefits:

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

Cost: \$1,100

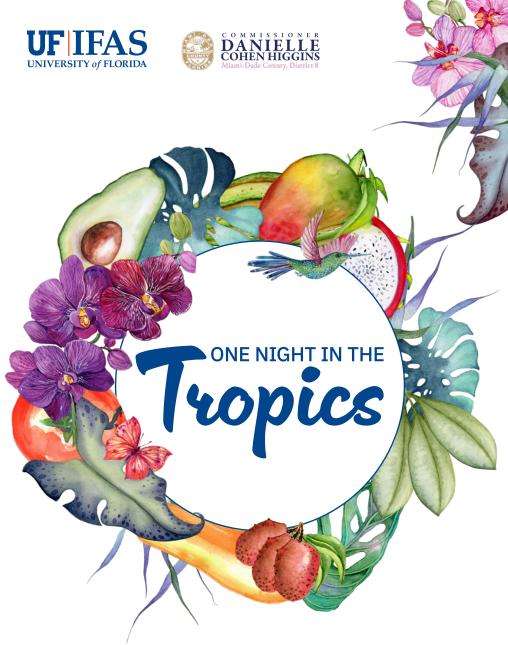
Individual Tickets

\$165 each online until October 31 Beginning November 1, \$185 each online and at the door



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