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### Programs and Faculty

SFRC has 47 tenure-home faculty and 7 grant-paid faculty working on campus, in Ruskin, and at Research and Education Centers (RECs) in 3 programs:

- Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (FAS)
- Forest Resources and Conservation (FRC)
- Geomatics (Surveying, Mapping, GIS, GPS)

### Undergraduate Education

SFRC has 209 students in four undergraduate majors that educate students for careers that combine working both inside and outside while using high tech methods:

- Forest Resources and Conservation (FRC)
- Geomatics (GEM)
- Marine Sciences (MAR)
- Natural Resource Conservation (NRC)

### Graduate Education

SFRC faculty serve as advisors for 178 students in three graduate degrees training the next generation of scientists, educators and professionals: PhD; Master of Science; and Professional Masters. 127 of these students are students on campus, while 51 are distance students who take all classes online.

### Research Programs

SFRC research, both basic and applied, is aimed at solving real-world problems. Faculty spent $13.7 million in 2013 to support their research programs obtained from federal, state, and private sources, such as grants, contracts, donations, client accounts and fees. This is in addition to, and leverages, the state-appropriated funding.

### Extension Programs

SFRC has 14 Extension Specialists developing programs to support county extension agents, state agencies, industry, youth, and policy makers. Last year, SFRC Specialists reached more than 62,000 group participants, while developing hundreds of educational materials and conducting thousands of email and phone consultations.

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### Interesting Facts about the SFRC

- **Visit**: Over 9,500 online and on-campus visitors annually.
- **Education Materials**: 330,000 educational materials distributed annually.
- **Workshops and Trainings**: Conducts hundreds of educational workshops and trainings annually.
- **Volunteers**: Over 37,000 volunteers annually.
- **College Degrees**: SFRC has 20 tenure-tenured and 20 non-tenure-tenured faculty.
- **Research Programs**: SFRC has 14 Extension Specialists.
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- **Annual Expenditures**: $13.7 million in 2013.
- **Federal, State, Private Other**: Federal $2.8 million, State $1.3 million, Private Other $9 million.
- **Office Visits and Volunteers**: 600 office visits, 400 volunteers in 2013.
Awards, Honors, & Notables

GEOMATICS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!
The Geomatics Program in the SFRC is celebrating its 40th anniversary during the 2013-14 academic year. The program started in the fall of 1973 in the College of Engineering and has gone through several degree title changes over the years. In 2004, the Geomatics Program transferred to its current home in the SFRC.

1ST MARINE SCIENCES GRADUATES
SFRC’s Marine Sciences undergraduate degree program marked its first graduating class in Fall 2013. The graduates included Ryan Phillips (left), Carissa Wood (right), and Andrew Kerekes (not pictured). The faculty coordinator for this growing program is Shirley Baker (center).

EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS AWARDS
Martha Monroe and Jason Smith from the SFRC faculty were recently named among the winners of the national Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP) awards. Their Healthy Forest Education Program project won them each a Gold (1st place) ANREP award. Also, FRC alum and UF/IFAS Extension Agent, Shannon McGee ('09), won a Gold award for her short publication, Ecosystem Information Cards.

MAN OF THE YEAR
Terry Baker (04') was named Man of the Year for 2013 in the McKenzie River Valley’s annual contest, published in their River Reflections newspaper. Terry, also recognized in the Forest Service Newsletter, won for many reasons, including his participation in community events, his willingness to listen and talk with people and nonprofits in the McKenzie River Valley, and his respectful nature that goes beyond words and into actions.

1ST MFAS ONLINE GRADUATE
Cat Smith graduated from our online Master’s in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (MFAS) degree program in Fall 2013. A student with Deb Murie. Cat works at UF’s Whitney Lab and was impressed with the quality of our program.

CONCLAVE OF GLOBAL ACHIEVERS
PK Nair received the Mahatma Gandhi Gold Medal Award from Rt Hon’ble Baroness Sandip Verma, UK Minister of Energy & Climate Change, at a grand function at the House of Lords (British Parliament) for being a NRI (Non Resident Indian) “global achiever” in the scientific disciplines of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SECCHI DISK AWARD
Congratulations to Mark Hoyer on winning the Secchi Disk award from the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS). This highest award from NALMS is given to those who have provided outstanding service to the international society. SFRC has three Secchi Award winners (Hoyer, Roger Bachmann, and Dan Canfield) which showcases UF’s contributions to lake management and limnology research.

ASPRS FELLOW
Bon A. Dewitt has been named a 2014 American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing Fellow Award winner. The ASPRS designation of Fellow is conferred on active Society members who have performed exceptional service in advancing the science and use of the mapping sciences (photogrammetry, remote sensing, surveying, geographic information systems, and related disciplines).

2013 OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
At the 19th Annual International Student Award Ceremony, Dennis Zielstra (pictured on left with SFRC Graduate Coordinator, Taylor Stein). Netherland native and Geomatics-FRC PhD student with Henry Hochmair (not pictured), was one of six UF graduate students recognized as a 2013 Outstanding Student Award recipient.

SFRC’s 3rd Annual Spring Celebration

The Learning Center construction is nearly complete! It is beautiful and we’ll all be very pleased when it is dedicated. Those supervising and monitoring the project have deliberately and faithfully protected the integrity of the building design and structural features that assure functionality and beauty. In doing so, many amenities had to be sacrificed. The bills coming due bring the total project cost into focus and, the bottom-line is, we are short of our needs to finish the project. Items deferred to protect the building for which we need funds are: Landscaping, Furniture, Window Coverings, Kitchen Appliances, Teaching Equipment, and Parking & Road Improvement.

Let’s add the “icing to the cake,” top off the project, and bring it to total completion. So, please consider making a gift to help us add these items by the dedication on April 5. See “How you can help” at http://sfrc.ifas.ufl.edu/Learning_Center/. Thank you!

Attention Alums! We want your email address! Please send it to sfrc@ifas.ufl.edu