Academics

The SFWS continues to leverage its significant resources to provide the highest-quality classroom instruction, experiential learning, and professional development opportunities to prepare students for a competitive job market and a diverse global workforce. The school is evolving its curriculum to attract undeclared, transfer, and non-traditional students with new campus-wide electives, the development of a common core class, and professional online certification programs. In 2016, SFWS pursued and received reaccreditation with the Society of American Foresters, which assures that its degree program meets quality standards established by the profession.

To meet its enrollment goal of 500 students, the SFWS is devoting significant time and effort toward marketing, student recruitment, and retention. The new geospatial and environmental informatics degree is anticipated to be approved this spring by the Alabama Commission for Higher Education, with enrollment beginning this fall. Further efforts have begun to develop curriculum for degrees within the areas of sustainable biomaterials and packaging and wildlife enterprise management. Upon approval of the new degrees, we anticipate enrollment will begin in Fall 2018.

FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

35 – Faculty (17 forestry, 8 wildlife, 10 natural resources management)
8 – Endowed professors
3 – Full-time student services staff members

2016 DEGREES CONFERRED

4 – PhD
21 – Masters
85 – Undergraduate

$260,000 AWARDED ANNUALLY
for merit & financial-aid scholarships & fellowships

NEARLY 6,000 ACRES
& several educational facilities available for faculty & student use

Undergraduate Enrollment by Degree Program

Graduate Enrollment by Degree 2012–16
Research
The School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences’ research program continues to be highly productive with an immense depth and breadth of research within its major focus areas of forestry, wildlife sciences, and natural resources management. SFWS ranks highly among Auburn University colleges and schools for extramural funding per capita and its faculty are continually recognized by their colleagues and peer societies.

As part of the inaugural cycle of Auburn University’s Strategic Hiring Initiative, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences received support to hire Assistant Professor in Bioenergy and Bioproducts Maria Soledad Peresin as part of the Scalable Energy Conversion Science and Technology Cluster and Assistant Professors of Geospatial Modeling and Environmental Informatics Sanjiv Kumar and Shufen Pan as part of the Climate, Human and Earth Systems Sciences Cluster.

The SFWS is a founding partner of the McCrary Institute, made possible through a generous donation by the Alabama Power Foundation in honor of Charles D. McCrary in 2015. The institute’s support of SFWS research serves to advance its state-of-the-art peer-reviewed research and outreach relating to wildlife and forestry conservation and management. Given the economic importance of forests, wildlife, and other natural resources in Alabama and elsewhere, the institute supports our goal of gaining a deeper understanding of the sustainable use of our resources to advance the well-being of current and future generations.
Outreach

SFWS’ outreach efforts engage thousands each year through programs held at the Kreher Preserve and Nature Center and the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center and in partnership with other agencies. Outreach activities include K-12 and postsecondary educational programs, skill development workshops and technical seminars, field training exercises, research project assistance, and community programs.

### 2016 Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Highlights

**NEARLY 30,000 PEOPLE VISITED**

the Kreher Preserve and Nature Center annually

**RATED #5** on Trip Advisor’s list of “Things To Do in Auburn”

**NEARLY 1,000**

Attended Fall Family Fun Day

an event co-hosted with the City of Auburn

**5,000**

Area Children visited for school programs

### 2016 Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center Highlights

**5,721 User Days Recorded in 2016**

including SFWS’ summer practicum

**OVER 13**

Active Projects were Provided Research/Demonstration Support and 5 colleges and universities (including Auburn) were provided teaching support
Extension

Extension is one of the three missions of a land-grant institution and, as such, we work to take science-based information to the citizens of Alabama, the Southeast, the United States, and the world. The goal is to improve quality of life as it relates to a variety of natural resources issues by, not only providing information, but providing the inspiration clients need to put that information into practice.

Conducted 150+ PROGRAMS which served over 7,000 CITIZENS

50+ NEWSPAPER ARTICLES published

1.6 Million YOUTUBE VIEWS of the Wild Pig Damage Management and Trapping video

6 ARTICLES IN BUCKMASTERS magazine with a readership of over 200,000

OVER 3,500 one-on-one contacts with members of the community

38 FIELD DAYS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, OR CONFERENCES participated in or organized by Extension

2016 EXTENSION WORKSHOPS & PUBLICATION TOPICS

- Urban forestry
- Cougar signs awareness
- Wild pig damage and management
- Invasive plant identification, ecology, and control
- Benefits of native forests and shortleaf pine
- Backyard forestry
- Wildlife habitat education
Development

The School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences’ success is fueled by the immense generosity of its alumni, parents, and friends who continue to offer extraordinary support toward the work of our faculty and students. As we enter into the final year of the Because This Is Auburn - A Campaign for Auburn University, the school has exceeded its unprecedented goal of $19.8 million by 23 percent. Philanthropic partners are helping to support the SFWS’ vision to become nationally and internationally recognized as a premier institution through our leadership in teaching, research, and outreach.

Since the beginning of the campaign, the SFWS has established 27 additional scholarships and fellowships, five professorships, and 11 funds for excellence, among countless gifts to support various programs, research, and initiatives. These funds have allowed the school to establish multiple scholarships, fellowships, professorships, and funds for excellence, as well as to build the Dixon Learning Center at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, make multiple improvements to the Kreher Preserve and Nature Center, purchase much needed equipment such as a portable sawmill, and enhance outreach activities and student opportunities. In the final leg of the campaign, the SFWS will continue to strive to exceed the goals set in the areas of faculty support and facilities.

123% of campaign GOAL MET

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