“Without donors...”

I would not have been able to attend a study abroad trip to London. Without donors, I would not have been able to be a Legislative Aide. I received a stipend that helped to pay for daily life in Atlanta. Without donors, I would not have been able to attend, and graduate from, The University of Georgia. Every year I was always short of what was needed, but they made it possible every time. I am more than grateful for the countless donors who have made it all possible for me to attend and flourish at the greatest university in all the southland.”

- Taliah Lamar-Herring, FACS class of 2016

To make a difference in the lives of students like Taliah, contact Libby Carter at (706) 542-4881 or by email at libby989@uga.edu
Burton family invaluable to FACS

The heat is oppressive in Tifton, Ga., in the summer. That’s when the Burton family would strike out on their trips.

Every summer, they’d travel west to visit their grandparents’ farm in Nebraska, or to the Smoky Mountains to live in a tent for a few days. They visited Yellowstone and San Francisco and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Glenn and Helen Burton would pass along that same love of travel to their five children: Betsy, Bob, Tom, Joe and Richard.

This shared love of travel meshed well with one of the Burtons’ other loves in life: the pursuit of knowledge. Travel, it turns out, proved an educational experience, one that expanded the horizons of the Burton children.

“There was never any question whether we’d go on with our education,” said Bob, who spent more than 40 years as a faculty member in the UGA department of philosophy. “It was just understood.”

As a young man, Glenn worked his way to a degree in agronomy at the University of Nebraska before completing master’s and doctorate degrees from Rutgers University. Eventually, he would settle in Tifton in 1936 as the USDA’s principal geneticist at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station and later would become one of the University of Georgia’s most decorated scientists.

Burton created “Coastal Bermuda” grass and other nutritious hybrid grasses that now cover more than 10 million acres across the world where cattle, goats and sheep graze. His grasses, such as Tifton 419, also can be found on numerous golf courses and football fields.

In the 1960s, Burton’s introduction of hybrid pearl millet seeds into India and, later, to Pakistan and Africa, helped significantly boost food production and is credited with saving millions from starving.

Helen, the matriarch of the Burton family, worked as a dietitian at New York City’s Fifth Avenue Hospital prior to the move to Tifton, where she soon began volunteering in the local health department and later helped launch a Meals on Wheels program.

On the day she died in an automobile accident in 1995, Helen had been discussing establishing a fund at UGA for doctoral students in both FACS and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Out of that conversation, the Glenn and Helen Burton Feeding the Hungry Scholarship was born in 1996. “She cared deeply about people, wanting them to realize their full potential.”

A second fund, the Glenn Burton International Study Award, was established in 1998, reflecting the couple’s lifelong love of travel and in hopes others would be similarly inspired.

The award has helped make possible study abroad trips to places like Ghana and Australia for numerous FACS undergraduates through the years.

Laura Eckhardt, a 2015 foods and nutrition graduate who just completed a dietetic internship at Vanderbilt, participated in the FACS service-learning program in Ghana thanks in part to the Burtons’ generosity.

“The experiences I had in Ghana challenged me to grow personally and professionally, and my time there has helped shape my view of nutrition issues in America and abroad,” Eckhardt said. “Thanks to the generosity of the Burton family, I was able to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

In 2006, Betsy and her siblings established the Burton-Fowler Undergraduate Research Award in honor of their parents. The award will be given to a FACS undergraduate student for the first time this year.

The scholarship fund serves as an expression of gratitude for all the help the Burtons had along the way in their educational and career pursuits, Betsy said.

Getting to know some of the early recipients of the first two scholarships, such as current FACS faculty member Caree Cotwright, also has been one of the many blessings to come from being invested in the university, Bob said.

“You get to a point where you realize you’re not going to be around,” Bob said, “and if you want to see that people continue the work, then you’d better support it. We’re all in this together.”

Recent FACS students who received the Glenn Burton International Study Award:
- Ashley Kathleen Congdon, 2007
- Ashley Louise Brad, 2010
- Shonna Michelle Barkley, 2012
- Kristin Raye Harper, 2012
- Robin Olivia Johnston, 2013
- Laura Eckhardt, 2014
- Natalya Elise Banks Haas, 2014
- Jessica Leigh Williamson, 2015
- Kimberle Vale Lovern, 2015
- Rebekah Lee Benton, 2016
- Liana Mosley, 2017

Recent FACS doctoral students who received the Glenn and Helen Burton Feeding the Hungry Scholarship Fund:
- Lang Shen, 2009
- Dawn M. Brewer, 2009
- Priyanka Chakraborty, 2010, 2011
- Kathryn Nicole Porter Starr, 2012
- Whitney Bignell, 2012

Recent College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences doctoral students who received the Glenn and Helen Burton Feeding the Hungry Scholarship Fund:
- Muhammet Sakiroglu, 2009
- Aaron J. Hoskins, 2011
- Rafael Alejandro Reyno Podesta, 2012
- Raju Krishna Parvatheni, 2013
- Maria Andrea Ortega, 2013

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FY2016 External Project Funding

FACS Faculty received $11.6m

Non-Federal $7.1m

Federal $4.5m

State of Georgia agencies

External Funding Across Departments - 5 years

FY2016 External Funders

Georgia State Agencies $5,619,367

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services $4,193,059

Industry* $623,177

Other Universities $511,977

Foundations & Nonprofits** $349,997

U.S. Department of Agriculture $181,152

National Science Foundation $153,356

* Cotton, Inc., General Motors, Procter & Gamble, ICF Consulting Group, California Walnut Commission
** American Cancer Society, Georgia Family Connection Partnership, Character Lab

53 percent of external project funding was for public service and outreach in FY2016

External Funding Awarded by UGA Colleges – FY2016

Kristen Johnson (right), a recent graduate of the foods and nutrition doctoral program who is now a post-doctoral research associate at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, assists with an outreach project at the Athens Community Council on Aging last summer. The project is part of Dr. Mary Ann Johnson’s public service and outreach grants from the Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging and the Georgia Division of Aging Services, with funds from the USDA Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, and is designed to provide locally-produced fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income older adults.
I am so excited about this new fiscal year with the FACS Alumni Association Board and each of you.
I am honored to serve as your FACS Alumni Association Board President. We are focused on creating a community across faculty, staff, students and alumni.

This year we want to build on the amazing year we had last year with the tradition of Homecoming. This is a wonderful way for us to engage, connect and continue our community that is FACS.

We continue to drive our mission, which is “to keep alumni, students, faculty and friends interested in, involved and connected to the College.”

Connection is the important word that keeps us aligned with our community. Stay tuned to know the goals and commitments we want to continue to our FACS community.

Your alumni board is representative of our community with a vast array of education and careers. We are proud of our faculty, staff, students and alumni that represent a proud tradition of excellence.

Come join us and continue to make us a vibrant community at some of our upcoming events:

- **Homecoming Tailgate**
  October 15 – Dawson/Spiers Hall (Back Lawn)
- **Dogs with the Dean**
  October 20 – Dawson Hall (Under Pou’s Pillars)
- **9th Annual Chilly Dawg 5K Family Fun Run**
  January 21 – Sandy Creek Park
- **40th Annual Alumni Awards Luncheon**
  February 25 – Georgia Center

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