The Geisert Family Scholarship Fund was endowed this year by Ben A. Geisert in memory and honor of his family. Students from rural Missouri with financial need and grade point averages of 2.5 to 3.5 will benefit from this generous act.

Ben’s family has lived in Washington, Mo., since 1916 after his father, Ben F. Geisert, graduated from the MU College of Agriculture and began farming on his wife’s, Cora, family farm. Ben A. also attended the College of Agriculture. Many family members still live and farm in and near Washington. Ben’s father was a community-minded person who was active in many organizations in the area and recognized the importance of education in agriculture. He also was a pioneer in using innovative and economically productive practices on the farm.

Following his father’s example, Ben is also active in his community, and the family farm is the homestead where they all remember growing up. Several family members are MU graduates, and Ben felt endowing this scholarship was a way to help other rural youths achieve the dream of a college education.
What kinds of gifts does it take to support an enterprise as vast as the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources? We receive all sorts and sizes of gifts, from cash gifts of less than $25 to more than $5,000,000, from alumni, friends, faculty and staff. We also receive gifts of land, equipment, animals and even DNA samples. Our loyal donors believe in what this superb College does – we teach future generations of leaders, we conduct research on issues to find solutions that will help make the world a better place, and we disseminate the knowledge we gain to Missourians and the world community.

Many might think a $25 gift isn’t large enough to matter – but it is. When we put our gifts together, they make a tremendous statement of support. Some gifts take the form of bequests, and we always hope our donors let us know about their estate plans so we can personally thank them. Others prefer to make their gifts through insurance policies or charitable remainder trusts. Some donors designate a particular program, department or purpose, such as a scholarship, for their gifts, while others give unrestricted support. And many honor the memory of friends and family who loved this College.

In this issue of Gratitude, you’ll read about committed alumni getting together and raising funds through special events that keep them involved. You’ll also read about the importance of our outlying centers located in the far reaches of the state. And I know you’ll enjoy the photos of those who have had lots of fun at recent events. If you haven’t attended one of these, I encourage you to do so – you’ll reconnect with old friends and learn new things about the wonders of CAFNR.

For All We Call Mizzou

With less than two years to go, CAFNR has received more than 84 percent of its goal of $60 million in the For All We Call Mizzou campaign. We’re pleased that many of you have participated in this unique fundraising effort, and we’d like to encourage those who haven’t yet become a part of the campaign to let us know how they would like to help us achieve our goal. We stand ready to assist. Our College has so many wonderful students, faculty, programs and facilities to support — all you have to do is pick one that is nearest and dearest to your heart. We have only $9.5 million to go.

This fall we’re publishing our first comprehensive Honor Roll of Donors and Volunteers. In preparation for this publication, all members of the CAFNR family will soon be receiving a letter with a partial honor roll draft. When this arrives, please review the draft for accuracy. There will be a reply form and envelope for submission of corrections. The form also serves as a pledge form should you choose to make a gift before the end of our fiscal year on June 30th. We’re grateful for your support and for all you do for Mizzou.
One of the areas impacted by recent budget limitations is the ability of faculty members to attend professional meetings that enhance their abilities in the research and study of their selected disciplines. Martha Childers, daughter of Thelbert E Childers, recently established an endowed fund in memory of her father that will provide these important funds. The faculty members who will benefit from this gift are involved in the research and study of sustainable, preferably uncut, pasturage.

Thelbert Childers attributed his prosperity to the education he gained at the MU School of Agriculture and spoke highly of the faculty, so Martha felt it was a wonderful way to memorialize her father and his love of the land and to honor the faculty who taught him.

According to Martha, her father, who received a BS Ag degree in 1928, used to say: “We should work with nature, not against it.” She remembers that he planted multiflora rosa around his pastures for beauty and to provide a haven for wildlife. Later in life, he developed uncut pastures that supported cattle in the winter. Because research shows that the wildlife death rate from cutting pastures for hay is quite high, Thelbert protected wildlife and provided them a safe place to live and propagate by leaving the pastures uncut.

He was not only proud of his degree from MU, but he was also pleased that several relatives, including his son, two daughters, his uncle, and his father-in-law attended MU.

And we are proud to have the Thelbert E Childers Faculty Travel Fund in our College.

Gene Garrett has been doing research on what we now call “agroforestry” since he received his PhD from MU in forestry. At the time he went into college, he had decided that a singing career in Nashville, Tenn., wasn’t going to happen. MU and CAFNR are thankful he made that decision. Over the years, Gene and his forestry colleagues have raised the agroforestry program at MU to national prominence.

And now, his hard work has been honored by a gift that established the H.E. “Gene” Garrett Chair in Agroforestry. Gene will serve as the first chair in the position that bears his name, and those that follow in the position will be indebted not only to the donor who made it possible, but also to the professor who believed the practice of agroforestry would make an economic difference to those who followed the science.

Even though Gene is more than satisfied with his career path, old dreams still hang around – and as Gene told one of our students who was preparing a story on him, “I’d still like to have one night at the Grand Ole Opry – just the opportunity to sing one song.”
There’s a new crop of Student Development Board members in CAFNR! The group has grown from seven students in 2004 to fourteen for 2007-2008.

“We had a tremendous response when we posted the board positions. We have an outstanding group of young people serving again this year,” says Kristen Smarr, director of communications and external relations.

The new class began their term in January and jumped right in to College activities. They attended the Ag Unlimited banquet and auction at the end of January, helped with Ag Day BBQ in Brewer Field House early in February, volunteered to represent the College at the annual UM System Legislative Day at the Missouri State Capitol in March, attended the Mizzou to You event held in St. Louis at the end of April and wrapped up the semester by helping to host the Monticello Society Brunch on April 28.

“The students mixed and mingled with our alumni and donors at the events. I think they were a bit nervous at first. They soon learned how fun it is to get to know the guests,” Smarr said.

The board, trained as development paraprofessionals for the College, is comprised of students in various majors of the College.

It was established to encourage students to build meaningful relationships with alumni and donors and serve at various donor events throughout the year.

The 2007 Student Development Board
front row, left to right: Marissa Daniel, forestry, fisheries and wildlife; Heather Coberly, agribusiness management; Alyce Johnson, animal sciences; Sarah Jackson, agricultural journalism; Kimberly Cottrell, plant sciences; Miranda Leppin, agricultural education; Laura Denker, agricultural education. Back row, left to right: Heath Oram, agribusiness management; Alex Peterson, agricultural economics; Mark Peper, forestry; Trent Small, general agriculture; Jared Liles, agricultural economics; Zach Kinne, agricultural economics. Not pictured: Rett Thompson, agribusiness management.

Chippendale Scholarship Connects Undergrad Research to the Farm

Mike Chippendale’s name is familiar to many who have been frequent visitors to the campus because he has worn multiple hats over the 37 years he has worked in the College. A respected professor and researcher in the Entomology Department, he also chaired the Department and led the Plant Sciences Unit (now the Plant Sciences Division).

The word “interim” has been a part of Mike’s titles several times in the College. It shows a man willing to set his own research and future plans on the back burner so he can respond to a need in the College. He was interim associate director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and later senior associate dean, and he administered the research programs and operations at CAFNR’s farms and centers in various locations throughout the state.

He personally shepherded the planning, building, staffing and operating of the Bond Life Sciences Center, which was a 10-year commitment. And not only did he serve as interim director during the first phase of the building becoming operational, he came back out of retirement when MU needed him to serve again as interim director until a new director could be hired.

Mike’s commitment to the college didn’t begin and end with his research, administrative responsibilities and the Life Sciences Building. After receiving the 2001 Frederick B. Mumford Outstanding Faculty Award from the College, the highest award the College gives, he used the monetary gift to begin an endowment to support a CAFNR undergraduate experience at the farms and centers. Today, thanks to Mike and his wife, Ene, the Michael and Ene Chippendale Farms and Centers Endowment is a reality.

His colleagues hold him in the highest regard, and those who know him state you will not meet a nicer, more sincere person. And now his commitment and loyalty to CAFNR, through his endowment, will provide future undergraduate students a rare opportunity to conduct research in the field.
As Missouri’s land-grant university, we have a responsibility to do the research and then educate the people so the knowledge learned can be put to use. Thus, the nearly 15,000 acres that make up the College’s system of research centers and farms are dedicated to serving every citizen and every acre of land in the state of Missouri. This year, the earmark funding that normally comes from the federal government has been slashed drastically – our College alone lost $16 million. Although $4 million in one-time funding will be received, the lost support has to be replaced in some way, or programs will be cut back, and people may lose their jobs.

The common goal of all our outlying centers is to find ecologically sound, socially responsible and economically efficient methods of food and fiber production. The research accomplished not only benefits Missourians in all areas of the state, but it also benefits the agriculture system worldwide, and contributes to our food, health, environment and economy. We call it “science rooted to place.”

Most of the land on which our outlying centers exist was given by donors who realized the importance of research that benefits the people who live and work in that region. In addition to gifts of land, several of the farms and centers have established endowed funds that are growing along with the programs they support.

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Monticello Society members celebrated the arrival of spring and the new Institute of Continental Climate Viticulture and Enology (ICCVE) at the 2007 Monticello Society brunch. Nearly 100 guests attended the event held April 28 in Eckles Hall on the MU campus.

Dr. Keith Striegler is director and viticulture program leader of ICCVE and keynote speaker at this year’s event. At ICCVE, faculty research/teaching teams address viticulture (grape production) and enology (wine production). The Institute conducts research on conditions such as canopy management, shoot thinning and other treatments and how they impact the growth of the wine industry in Missouri and the Midwest.

At a reception prior to the brunch, guests tasted Missouri sparkling wines and juices while mingling and sampling artisan cheeses. Attendees enjoyed sparkling juice donated by the St. James Winery and sparkling wines donated by Crown and Stone Hill.

Sarah Jackson, sophomore agricultural journalism major and CAFNR Student Development Board member, called the guests in to brunch. The meal was planned, prepared and served by students in the College’s Hotel and Restaurant Management program. Menu items like Strawberry French Toast, Savory Chicken and Mushroom Crepes and sliced Honey Glazed Ham were a hit.

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Dr. Marc Linit, associate dean, gave a welcome and update on behalf of the College. He then joined Darcy Wells, executive director of advancement, and Kristen Smarr, director of communications and external relations, to recognize the new members of the Monticello Society, as well as those members whose giving advanced them to the next membership level (pictured on this page).

Membership into the Monticello Society is open to all alumni, friends and affiliates of the College. For information about joining Monticello Society, please contact the Office of Advancement at (573) 882-9003 or toll free at (866) 400-4483.

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Ducks Unlimited and CAFNR Partner to Provide Funds for Wetlands Research

The School of Natural Resources is working on establishing a Wetland Ecology Center of Excellence (WECOE) to enhance and sustain state and national wetland resources and associated wildlife through cutting-edge research, graduate and undergraduate education, and support and training for managers of public and private wetlands. An exciting development is a newly established relationship between Ducks Unlimited and the University of Missouri. Because WECOE’s focus on teaching, research and outreach is critical to the future of wetlands in North America, Ducks Unlimited has made funding for the center an important part of their Wetlands for Tomorrow campaign.

An account at DU has been established to which all funds designated for WECOE will be deposited. If you should decide to make a gift to DU, you can designate it as a gift for the Wetland Ecology Center of Excellence at the University of Missouri. Gifts may be sent to: Kathleen McCollum, Director of Leadership Gifts, Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120. The Office of Advancement (2-4 Agriculture Building, Columbia, Mo., 65211) also welcomes gifts made directly to the University of Missouri for this purpose.

Why are these wetlands important? By the end of the 20th century, nearly 90 percent of Missouri’s original 4.7 million acres of wetlands had been lost and much of the remainder was degraded. Flood control, water filtration, outdoor recreation, and fish and wildlife habitat were lost along with the wetlands. WECOE will bring together these partners to effectively confront problems related to the sustained use and conservation of wetlands, waterfowl and other wildlife.

Our vision is nothing short of creating the finest wetland research center in the world.

Grassroots Efforts Translate into Big Bucks

In 1994, the Ag Alumni Association decided to begin a fundraising effort that would make it easier for all CAFNR graduates and friends to participate in supporting our students. They felt that, though one person alone might not make a big difference, together we can do amazing things. Thus, the MU Ag 100 Club was born with the help of people who pay a mere $100 a year to be a member.

Since that time, the club has raised $448,000 and funded hundreds of scholarships. In addition to the Ag 100 Club, the Ag Unlimited Auction this year raised more than $30,000 for the same purpose.

It is said that success breeds success. Two years ago, the School of Natural Resources administration and alumni decided to initiate a similar program, and called it the SNR Alliance. It, too, has been quite successful and has raised more than $31,000 in just a short time.

At the rate of less than $9 per month, these types of efforts make supporting scholarships something almost everyone can do.

Alumni and Friends take a shot at Raising Funds

Even though the weather didn’t cooperate (it was cold and rainy), the School of Natural Resources Alumni Organization held a successful clay-shooting event in April. Fried turkey kept everyone warm, and more than $1,500 was raised for scholarships for Natural Resources students. They hope to make this an annual event, so we’ll look forward to an even better day next year.

That’s a lot of rifle shells! Good thing Jeremy Kolaks, Forestry alum (BS ’01; MS ’04) has ear protectors on.
Dean Tom Payne and the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) faculty, staff and students hit the road for Mizzou to You in St. Louis. Approximately 150 guests attended the event held at the Edward Jones Building. Alumni, faculty, staff and students mingled with one another, and newly recruited CAFNR students and their parents met with the CAFNR Ambassadors and current students to learn the inside aspects of college life.

A brief presentation by Dean Payne highlighted new developments on campus and accomplishments of CAFNR, including partnerships that impact the St. Louis area.

“I’m very proud of the partnership between our College and the Parkway School District,” Payne said. “One of the most exciting outcomes of the partnership is the creation of the Life Sciences Quest program, a summer academy held on the Mizzou campus. The program gives students the opportunity to experience first-hand the kind of research we do in CAFNR.”

Payne also acknowledged CAFNR’s exceptional faculty and students. Payne said nearly one-third of CAFNR’s faculty have won national, regional or university-wide recognition for their teaching.

Student Recruitment Director CeCe Leslie appreciates the role the events play in helping students make their
college selection. Leslie said making new student recruits comfortable and welcomed was important.

“Some students had not decided (on a college) and were exploring and asking questions,” Leslie said. “This event was meant to be an informal, fun gathering that puts students and parents at ease.”

For alumni and friends, the Mizzou to You events offer camaraderie and the opportunity to reconnect with classmates and make new contacts.

“We’re excited and energized by all of the good things happening at Mizzou and this is an opportunity to share that excitement with the many friends of the College,” Payne said.
Members of classes from 1957, 1962 and 1967 and before attended the 2007 Reunion Rally. Their schedules were full with meals and tours and fun events. A “Back to Class” session was held before the college luncheon. The topic was: “Travel the World.” Director of CAFNR International Programs Roy Robinson and students Blair Mobley, Jennifer Dudenhoefler, Christine Tew and John Cope regaled the group with stories about their experiences abroad and remarked upon how the program had enriched their lives. Alumni from CAFNR attended a luncheon in the Clinton Room of the Mizzou Arena Monday, April 30. Not only did they enjoy hearing about how their College is doing from Dean Tom Payne, Ag Alumni Association President Bill Newham and SNR Alumni Association President Kathi Moore, but they also had the opportunity to speak with a number of current students who joined the luncheon.