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Your generosity is impacting lives across the university, state and nation. On behalf of all who will benefit, now and in the future—thank you!





THE RAFAEL CRESPO CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT SUMMER 2019 IMPACT UPDATE

With your commitment to growing the Rafael Crespo Conservation Endowment, we surpassed our initial goal of \$30,000 to create a permanent endowment in 2016. Since then we have continued to see the fund grow, and with this the impacts have multiplied. We believe this is still only the beginning for those who share Raf's dream and will continue to carry out his work and passion.

So far, your contributions have provided three young aspiring biologists and ecologists the opportunity to advance their careers and crocodilian conservation. Just like Rafael's field research brought him internationally to Zimbabwe, Belize and Ecuador, his legacy extends beyond South Florida and lives on through recipients of the Crespo Conservation Award. Enclosed is more information about each of these recipients, as well as a fiscal update on the endowment's growth and success.

Thank you for partnering with us in the land-grant mission to develop knowledge in agricultural, human and natural resources, and making that knowledge accessible to

sustain and enhance the quality of life. Your support inspires the next generation of biologists, preserves our most precious resources and strengthens our global community.

With gratitude,
The Crespo Family and Croc Docs Team



IMPACT UPDATE

CRESPO CONSERVATION SCHOLARS

Avishka Godahewa traveled from his home in Sri Lanka to South Florida in 2015 as a Crespo Scholar for an opportunity to further his education and skills to protect crocodiles in his home country. In 2018, he received his Associates Degree from Broward College. He continues to augment his skills in the field as a biologist with the University of Florida's Croc Docs that he can apply to crocodilian conservation in Sri Lanka.





Natalia Rossi, PhD received the second award at the Summer 2017 Croc Fest. A friend of Rafael's, she is working to strengthen protection for the endangered Cuban crocodile—one of Raf's many dreams. She is currently the Cuba Country Manager of the Mesoamerican and Western Caribbean Program for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). Through a collaborative conservation program, her team continues to monitor the first reintroduced group of *Crocodylus rhombifer* bred in captivity, along with the wild population around Zapata Swamp.

Treya Picking received the award in summer 2018 and teamed up with the University of Florida Croc Docs to gain new training and tools in support of her dream to bring crocodilian conservation to her homeland of Jamaica. As an environmental officer for the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) of Jamaica, she has developed a proposal to determine the status of American crocodile populations through the first-ever countrywide survey. She is also working collaboratively on a headstart program that aims to microchip 100 or more *Crocodylus acutus* each year to be released along Jamaica's south coast.



You are making dreams a reality.

We look forward to seeing how the Crespo Scholars will impact the world, and to welcoming more conservation-driven and passionate individuals to this expanding community.

The next Crespo Conservation Scholar will be announced August 2019.

ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Fund Id: 020735 (principal) · 020736 (spendable)

Purpose: Support wildlife conservation research at the University of Florida, with a preferred focus on issues impacting the American crocodile and South Florida ecosystems. The endowment currently funds the Crespo Conservation Scholar Award for aspiring biologists who are passionate about the conservation of crocodilian species and their habitats.

Recent Activity: The fund continues to grow through contributions, including monthly and annual gifts. In November 2018, we shared Rafael's story to the #MyGivingStory contest as part of Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving celebrated each year following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.). Rafael's story was seen among numerous other inspirational stories and led to \$4,205 in generous donations to the Crespo Conservation Fund. In the past year the fund has received \$6,245 in new contributions to the principal and spendable accounts.

Current Endowment Values (as of June 30, 2019):

Gift Income: \$43,527 (total of all gifts deposited to principal and spendable)

Market Value: \$44,353.16 (gifts to principal plus net endowment earnings)

Current Estimated Annual Spendable Earnings: \$1,543.26

Total Impact to Date: \$3,508.74 (spending from gifts and endowment earnings)

GROWING THE FUND

Continued support is vital to advancing Rafael's vision of protecting our beloved environment and the wildlife that call it home.

Online: www.uff.ufl.edu/give/crespo19, gifts can also be set as recurring to automate your contribution and spread your gift out over time.

Check: Payable to UF Foundation with memo: Crespo Fund and mailed to UF/IFAS Advancement PO Box 110170, Gainesville, FL 32611

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