

2023-2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT-A-GLANCE

Supporting UF Students

- TESI hosted its 1st official social event for our Environmental Leaders Network! 48 students from 23 unique majors attended our Hallow-green Welcome Meeting.
- 7 Environmental Communicators created content & drove engagement to the TESI and Know Your Florida Instagram pages, Earth to Florida newsletter, and website blogs
- Environmental Leaders Fellows attended UF's Water Institute Symposium, an interdisciplinary meeting of more than 400 water scientists, policymakers, resource managers, nonprofits, and more.



- Environmental Leaders Fellows embarked on a Spring Break Field Experience where they received unique insights into sustainability initiatives and environmental education through this hands-on educational opportunity.
- TESI partnered with the UF Bob Graham Center for Public Service for *From Campus to Community: Harnessing Civic Engagement for Climate Action* panel.
- Environmental Leaders Network newsletter promoted career development, job opportunities, and networking to nearly 350 students representing more than 75 majors.



Bringing Science to K-12 Students and Teachers

- TESI hosted the new *Moving and Improving the Florida Museum of Natural History Fish Collection* workshop, providing 10 elementary school teachers with a unique, hands-on learning experience.
- The 3rd annual summer Shark AI professional development series expanded to 30 middle school educators in June 2024.
- Plants Get Sick Too! workshop for 20 Florida K-12 teachers took place in May 2023 and July 2024, introducing them to the field of plant pathology.
- SEFS Meet a Scientist and Ocean Expert Exchange Livestreams reached over 2,100 students and educators.



Connecting with the Public

- In collaboration with the Water Institute, TESI hosted *Science on Tap: Cheers from the Arctic*, offering the Gainesville community an exciting glimpse into water research in Greenland.



Contributions to the Field

- TESI director Megan Ennes hosted 4 training workshops for 120 informal educators looking to use and implement the Community Action Projects for the Environment, or CAPE, curriculum.
- The TESI team showcased their research through 7 published articles and delivered 16 presentations at conferences and workshops.



Gaining Recognition

- Isabelle Gain, TESI Graduate Assistant, received the Champions for Change Award from the UF Office of Sustainability for her work on the Environmental Leaders Network.
- Bruce MacFadden, Inaugural Director, received the first *TESI Award for Excellence in Broader Impacts* for his work in helping scientists share their research with the public.

NUMBERS AT-A-GLANCE

565

SEFS: Completed Classroom Visits

30,600

SEFS: Students Reached

\$270,000

Grant Funding for TESI Education and Outreach Projects