

# Fostering Community and Engagement Through the University of Florida's USAS Student Subunit

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## Community

- The student subunit helps students establish friendships, and introduces them to local community members working in the aquaculture field



Figure 1. Student subunit members Charles Heyder and Jonathan Marshall assisting local fish farmers in relocating their arapaima to new ponds

## Collaboration

- Subunit members frequently collaborate on research, life support system maintenance, and development of new technology at TAL



Figure 2. Former subunit president Dr. Murray assists current subunit vice president Olivia Markham with counting larval golden domino damselfish

## Outreach

- Student subunit members assist in outreach and extension activities, including tours for students/professionals, seminars, and volunteer opportunities



Figure 3. Current subunit president Brittney Lacy assisting with a tour of the Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory. Providing visitors with information on ornamental aquaculture

## Engagement

- Subunit members engage in educational events for the aquaculture community, such as fish spawning or aquatic animal health workshops



Figure 4. UF staff Amy Wood, Eric Cassiano and Clayton Patmagrian teaching former subunit member Brandon Ray to collect koi eggs at an induced spawning workshop

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