Mission

The SAES provides opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to achieve excellence in the food, agricultural, family and environmental sciences through exemplary and integrative instruction, and through scholarly, creative and effective research and Extension programs.

Vision

The SAES shall be a premiere learner-centered community that develops and preserves intellectual capital in the food, agricultural, family and environmental sciences through interdisciplinary learning, discovery, engagement and operational excellence.

Themes and Goals

Theme 1: Maintain a Responsive Learning Environment

Goal 1: Produce graduates, who are competent, prepared to perform in the workplace and prepared to become outstanding leaders in an increasingly diverse society

Goal 2: Enhance an academic culture that is challenging, supportive and fosters achievement and intellectual interaction

Theme 2: Attract and Graduate Outstanding Students

Goal 1: Develop and implement innovative strategies to recruit outstanding students

Goal 2: Increase graduation and retention rates

Theme 3: Improve Minority and Environmental Health

Goal 1: Enhance the health and well-being of people – particularly minorities – and the environment in which they live

Goal 2: Establish and enhance partnerships to promote minority health

Goal 3: Provide educational opportunities in minority and environmental health

Theme 4: Ensure a Nutritious, Safe And Secure Food Supply

Goal 1: Enhance educational opportunities in nutrition-related health issues

Goal 2: Expand research and strengthen Extension programs in nutrition-related health issues

Goal 3: Expand innovative research, education and outreach efforts in food safety and security

Theme 5: Empower Individuals, Families and Communities

Goal 1: Strengthen the economic, social and physical well-being of individuals and families through educational programs
Theme 5: (cont.)
Goal 2: Improve the capacity of communities to address critical issues through programs in leadership development and civic engagement
Goal 3: Stimulate entrepreneurship and economic development in rural communities

Theme 6: Advance Biotechnology and Biodiversity
Goal 1: Strengthen research competitiveness in biotechnology and biodiversity
Goal 2: Provide new educational experiences in biotechnology and biodiversity
Goal 3: Enhance outreach activity in biotechnology and biodiversity
Goal 4: Develop a plan for campus program centers of excellence for biotechnology and biodiversity

Theme 7: Ensure the Viability of Small-scale Agriculture
Goal 1: Enhance the sustainability and profitability of small-scale agriculture
Goal 2: Develop alternative marketing channels for small-scale producers
Goal 3: Assist farmers and small-scale landowners in managing assets, farm income, land, people and other resources

Theme 8: Protect the Environment and Natural Resources
Goal 1: Expand soil and water quality research and outreach
Goal 2: Enhance SAES instructional, research and Extension programs to embrace the new partnership with NRCS
Goal 3: Develop a renewable energy and bioproducts center

Theme 9: Promote International Trade and Economic Development
Goal 1: Prepare faculty and students for life in a global society
Goal 2: Conduct research and develop solutions to international issues and problems
Goal 3: Assist small businesses and farmers in developing international markets

Theme 10: Use Innovative Technologies
Goal 1: Position SAES to embrace relevant and appropriate technology
Goal 2: Integrate technology in the transfer of knowledge in teaching, research and Extension

Theme 11: Expand Resource Base and Maximize Relationships
Goal 1: Strengthen and enhance SAES funding sources
Goal 2: Promote SAES with key policy makers
Goal 3: Increase SAES’s exposure and value by marketing to the general public
Goal 4: Develop partnerships and collaborations that promote the mission, vision, goals and objectives of SAES