The College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences (CAFLS) embodies founder Thomas Green Clemson’s vision of a “high seminary of learning” focused on improving the lives of South Carolinians through education and outreach in the agricultural and natural sciences. CAFLS remains grounded in the fundamental principle that Clemson University is committed by its land-grant legacy to ensure that higher education remains a public good and that land-grant colleges link their expertise to the needs of the people.

The College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences curricula explores plant, animal, human, molecular and packaging sciences, and builds upon Clemson University’s world-class academic, research and extension services to produce scientific discoveries of global significance and graduates prepared to be leaders in their chosen fields.

KEITH L. BELLI

Keith L. Belli became Dean of Clemson University’s College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences on September 1, 2018. Before becoming Dean of CAFLS, Belli was head of the University of Tennessee’s Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries. During his tenure at the University of Tennessee, Belli oversaw the successful accreditation of three forestry program concentrations under the Society of American Foresters forestry standard. The society also accredited a concentration in the wildlife and fisheries program under its new Natural Resource and Ecosystem Management standard, making it the only wildlife program in the nation with an accredited concentration. The department also reached 10-year enrollment highs and increased the number of tenure-track faculty positions. In addition to his administrative duties, Belli also was a forestry professor.

Prior to joining the University of Tennessee in 2007, Belli worked at Mississippi State University for 18 years, transitioning from professor to the associate dean of the College of Forest Resources, associate director of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center and interim head of the forest products department.

Belli holds a Bachelor of Science in forest science from Pennsylvania State University, Master of Science in silviculture from Michigan State University and a Doctor of Philosophy in forest biometrics from the University of Minnesota, all three land-grant institutions.

CAFLS MISSION

The College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences provides unified education, research and public service in the grand challenges of global food supply and safety, human and animal nutrition, agricultural systems efficiency, environmental conservation, sustainable packaging and renewable resources. Through rigorous experiential and classroom learning opportunities, CAFLS prepares its graduates to assume leadership roles in industries essential to ensuring the future security and prosperity of South Carolinians and our growing global population.
DEPARTMENTS

- Agricultural Sciences
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Food, Nutrition and Packaging Sciences
- Forestry and Environmental Conservation
- Plant and Environmental Sciences

DEGREES AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Agribusiness
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Mechanization and Business
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Food Science
- Forest Resources Management
- Horticulture
- Packaging Science
- Plant and Environmental Sciences
- Pre-veterinary Medicine (program)
- Turfgrass
- Wildlife and Fisheries Biology

GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Agricultural Education (MAgEd)
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences (M.S., Ph.D.)
- Applied Economics (Ph.D.)
- Applied Economics and Statistics (M.S.)
- Entomology (M.S., Ph.D.)
- Food, Nutrition and Culinary Sciences (M.S.)
- Food Technology (Ph.D.)
- Forest Resources (M.F.R., M.S., Ph.D.)
- Packaging Sciences (M.S.)
- Plant and Environmental Sciences (M.S., Ph.D.)
- Wildlife and Fisheries Biology (M.S., Ph.D.)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RANKINGS

- Undergraduate enrollment has increased 68% in the last 15 years.
- CAFLS faculty and students study within the adjacent property that includes over 17,500 acres of forestland, 4,000 acres of farmland and six livestock facilities.

BY THE NUMBERS

1,876 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

120 FACULTY