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Wendy Wintersteen's legacy at Iowa State University

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AMES, Iowa – (Dec. 15, 2022) - Wendy Wintersteen is President of Iowa State University (ISU). Since 2017, she has served in this role. Wintersteen has a long history of working in higher education.

Wintersteen grew up in northwest Iowa and earned her bachelor's degree in animal science from ISU in 1976. She went on to earn a master's degree in animal breeding and genetics from the University of Missouri.

Before becoming ISU President, Wintersteen held several leadership positions. She served as the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from 2007 to 2017. She was instrumental in establishing the BioCentury Research Farm. A cutting-edge research facility focused on advancing agricultural technology.

Wintersteen is highly respected in higher education. She is known for her commitment to excellence and ability to bring people together to achieve common goals. She has been a vocal advocate for increasing access to higher education. Wintersteen has also worked to make ISU more affordable and accessible to students from all backgrounds.

At the time of her appointment, Wintersteen said, "I want you to know that I look forward to getting to know every corner of this great university. My goal is that we will make ISU the best land grant university in the nation."

Under Wintersteen's leadership, ISU has seen significant growth and development. The university has added new academic programs and facilities. There has been an increase in enrollment and graduation rates. Wintersteen has also strengthened the university's partnerships with businesses and organizations in the community, helping to drive economic development.

When it became public that Wintersteen would become President of ISU, the Iowa Soybean Association issued a news release saying, "Wintersteen has never lost sight of the special responsibility ISU has in training the next generation of leaders and has never wavered in support of Extension — all this, while maintaining her strong support of science and research."

In addition to her ISU work, Wintersteen is involved in several professional organizations. She is a member of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. She also serves on the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology board of directors.

