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Dear Students, Colleagues, and Friends,

Welcome to Iowa State University for the start of a new academic year! My husband, Robert, and I are excited to join you for my first full year as president of Iowa State.

As members of the Iowa State community, we can be very proud: With a rich tradition of academic, research, and extension excellence, Iowa State provides an outstanding return on investment for our students and the state. We are a diverse community of caring, dedicated, hard-working people representing all 99 counties in Iowa, all 50 states, and more than 120 countries.

Iowa State aspires to create the most welcoming and inclusive campus for individuals of all backgrounds. We are guided by our Principles of Community: treat others with respect, purpose, and cooperation; value diversity; reject discrimination and bias; and engage in honest and respectful expression.

Iowa State University has a very bright future, in large part because of you – our wonderful students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who care deeply about ISU. See the list below for a snapshot of our outstanding achievements over the past year.

We have a strong foundation on which to build, and I look forward to working with all of you to take Iowa State University to the next level of excellence. Best wishes for a successful year. Go Cyclones!

Wendy Wintersteen
President

**All campus messages from President Wintersteen are posted online at president.iastate.edu/communications/messages*

2017-2018 HIGHLIGHTS



- **We are READY to WORK and LEAD:** ISU conferred more than 7,300 degrees during the 2017-2018 academic year. Within six months of graduation, more than 94% of graduates will have a job in their field, continue their education, or start their own business.
- **We ASPIRE to be the MOST WELCOMING and INCLUSIVE CAMPUS:** The results of a [university-wide survey](#) conducted in October 2017, as well as your input, will inform new policies and programs to enhance our campus climate. We will hold public meetings this semester to dive deeper into the survey results and discuss your ideas for creating meaningful, sustainable change.
- **We HONOR ACHIEVERS:** Jon Kinzenbaw, CEO and chairman of Kinze Manufacturing, and Dwight Ink, former top adviser to seven U.S. presidents, were awarded honorary doctorates.
- **We DEMONSTRATE ACADEMIC and RESEARCH EXCELLENCE:** Iowa State attracted a record \$509.2 million in [external funding](#), including \$245.8 million to support research.
- **Our FACULTY are INNOVATIVE:** A record seven faculty members in the College of Engineering received [CAREER awards](#) from the National Science Foundation. Iowa State was a top producer of [Fulbright Scholars](#).
- **Our STUDENTS are EXTRAORDINARY:** 51 Iowa State students from 26 different majors were selected to present their research at the [National Conference on Undergraduate Research](#).



Advanced Teaching and Research Building



Bessey Hall Addition

- **Our FACILITIES are STATE-OF-THE-ART:** The Advanced Teaching and Research Building (ATRB) opened to support Iowa State's leading role in the biosciences, and soon will be home to the revolutionary [Nanovaccine Institute](#). The Bessey Hall addition was completed to create a biology teaching and research hub. The Student Innovation Center is on track for completion in January 2020 to serve as a state-of-the-art hub for hands-on learning and innovative collaboration across disciplines.
- **We LEAD the NATION:** Iowa State was selected to lead a [new, national institute](#) addressing antimicrobial resistance, a global public health concern.
- **We are in the TOP 100 WORLDWIDE:** Iowa State is one of the [Top 100 worldwide](#) universities granted U.S. patents (#83). Iowa State researchers earned 32 patents last year.
- **We are PREPARING ENTREPRENEURS:** 19 students and recent graduates completed [CYstarters](#), the cornerstone program for young entrepreneurs. All have concrete plans to continue working on their businesses.
- **We are CLOSING the ACHIEVEMENT GAP:** As part of Iowa State's national role in the [University Innovation Alliance](#), 156 Iowa State students were offered completion grants to help them overcome financial hurdles to graduation. The [ISU Athletics Department](#) pledged \$1 million over five years to expand funding for the grants.



- **We are FOREVER GENEROUS:** The [Forever True, For Iowa State](#) campaign is progressing toward its historic \$1.1 billion goal. More than \$18 million in scholarship

support was awarded last year to more than 6,400 students. A [\\$50 million commitment](#) from Debbie and Jerry Ivy named the College of Business and created a permanent endowment.

- **We are RAISING the STANDARD:** Cyclone football made its first bowl appearance in five years and came home with a victory. Both men's and women's cross country teams were Big 12 Champions. A partnership with MidAmerican Energy Company will provide support for the new [Student-Athlete Performance Center](#) and name MidAmerican Field at Jack Trice Stadium.
- **We have NEW LEADERSHIP:** [Dr. Wendy Wintersteen](#) was selected as the 16th president of Iowa State University and is the first woman to hold the university's highest office. [Dr. Dan Grooms](#) was appointed the next Stephen G. Juelsgaard Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. [Dr. John Lawrence](#) was named Vice President for Extension and Outreach.