

A SNAPSHOT OF EXCELLENCE, 2018–2019

- The **Forever True**, For Iowa State campaign [surpassed its \\$1.1 billion goal](#) two years early, and extended its challenge one year with a new target of \$1.5 billion. In 2019, fundraising exceeded \$181.2 million, achieving the third-largest fundraising year in history.
- **\$18.5 million** in private support was awarded in scholarships to 6700 students.
- **95% placement** — 95% of Iowa State graduates have a job in their field of study or continue their education within six months of getting their degree.
- Four students received [Goldwater Scholarships](#), the **nation's premier undergraduate scholarship** in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering.
- Two students were named [Udall Scholars](#) for **leadership, public service and commitment** to issues related to the environment or Native American nations.
- One student earned a [Fulbright Award](#), providing a prestigious opportunity to study abroad as part of the Fulbright Cultural Exchange.
- Top ranked graduate programs: [Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering](#) program is **#1 in the nation**; the Ivy College of Business [full-time MBA](#) program is now a top 25 program among public schools and top 50 overall.
- [External research funding](#) set a new record of **\$261 million**.
- [Dr. Pat Thiel](#), Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science and Engineering, and a faculty scientist at the Ames Laboratory, was elected to the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**.
- [Dr. Debra Marquart](#), Professor of English, was appointed by Governor Reynolds as **Iowa's new Poet Laureate**.
- [Dr. Geetu Tuteja](#), Associate Professor of Genetics Development and Cell Biology, became the **first Iowa State researcher ever** to be selected for the Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences.
- Seven faculty named [American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows](#).
- [Gross-Wen Technologies](#), a start-up company founded by Dr. Zhiyou Wen, Professor of Food Science and Human Nutrition, was named the **2019 Startup Technology Company of the Year**.
- [FloMetrix](#), a start-up company founded by Dr. Manjit Misra and Dr. Yuh-Yuan Shyy of ISU's Seed Science Center, was named one of **2019's best innovations** in agricultural, food and biological engineering and technology.
- Iowa State improved its [Top 100 worldwide ranking](#) (#69) for number of U.S. patents.
- **Industry giants established or expanded their presence at the [ISU Research Park](#)**: Collins Aerospace (formerly Rockwell Collins), Kent Corporation, and John Deere. The ISU Research Park is currently home to 90 companies, employing more than 2,000 people and 300 student interns. It is also the location for innovation and entrepreneurship programs including the [ISU Startup Factory](#), the [ISU Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship](#), and [CyStarters](#).
- **New leadership**: [Dan Grooms](#), Dr. Stephen G. Juelsgaard Dean of Veterinary Medicine; [Daniel J. Robison](#), Endowed Dean's Chair of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station; [W. Samuel Easterling](#), James L. and Katherine S. Melsa Dean of Engineering; [Rick Sanders](#), President of the ISU Research Park.

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