IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Biography

Wendy Wintersteen, Endowed Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Iowa State University

Dr. Wendy Wintersteen is the Endowed Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University and the Director of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station. Dr. Wintersteen is the tenth dean of agriculture in Iowa State's 155-year history. She is the holder of the first endowed deanship established at Iowa State University.

Wintersteen is the tenth dean of agriculture in Iowa State's 158-year history. She is serving her third five-year term as dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Prior to becoming dean in 2006, she served as the college's senior associate dean and associate director of the Experiment Station. Her career at Iowa State spans more than 30 years. She has served as professor of entomology; director of Extension to Agriculture and Natural Resources; coordinator of pesticide management and pesticide applicator training programs; and extension associate in entomology and in two extension area offices around the state of Iowa.

Dr. Wintersteen represents Iowa State University on many boards of agricultural organizations in Iowa and around the country. She currently serves as president of the Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Foundation, which works to contribute to the understanding of agriculture and agricultural research in society today. In 2013, she was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to the board of directors of the U.S.-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund. Her past service includes terms on the boards of the Farm Foundation and the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology. She also is past chair of the Administrative Heads Section of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' Board on Agriculture Assembly.

She was the 2016 recipient of the Carl F. Hertz Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Dr. Wintersteen earned a bachelor's of science degree in agriculture from Kansas State University and her Ph.D. in entomology from Iowa State University. In 2007 she was honored as a Kansas State University Alumni Fellow for professional accomplishments and distinguished service.