Biography

Wendy Wintersteen,
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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. Wintersteen is the 10th dean of agriculture in Iowa State’s 155-year history. She holds the first endowed deanship established at Iowa State University.

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.

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

Wintersteen represents Iowa State University on many boards of agricultural organizations in Iowa, the Midwest and around the country. She serves on the board of trustees for the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology and for the Farm Foundation. 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.

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