

First-Person Pride

**Favorite Memories and Milestones
Shared by Faculty and Staff Honorees,
2019 ISU 25 Year Club Banquet**

Hector Avalos

Philosophy & Religious Studies — 25 years of service

“Founded the first U.S. Latino/a Studies program at any Regents university in the state of Iowa in 1994. It will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2019.”

Julie Badenhope

Landscape Architecture — 25 years of service

“The 20th anniversary of the Community Visioning Program when many former communities and interns attended our celebration.”

Gloria Betcher

English — 25 years of service

“Receiving the W. Robert Parks Honors Commendation for Faculty.”

Robert Dodds

Vice President-Extension and Outreach — 35 years of service

“Having the opportunity, in a leadership role, to serve an organization that makes a difference in the lives of Iowans in each of our 99 counties.”

Damien Franzenburg

Agronomy — 25 years of service

“As an ISU student, having lunch with my wife, Deb, for the first time at ISU Dining Services in Oak-Elm. And carpooling down to the first Insight.com Bowl in Phoenix in 2000 with my brother and other ISU alumni friends.”

Charles Jahren

Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering — 25 years of service

“Receiving the W.A. Klinger Teaching Professorship the first time.”

Jackie Jens

Animal Science — 25 years of service

“I love working with many undergraduates and helping them with hands-on education. Many considered me their substitute mom while they were with us. Students who have been part of our research are now doing well in a variety of careers.”

Stacy Joiner

Ames Laboratory — 25 years of service

“When Ames Lab hired a band to play in the parking lot on its 50th anniversary. It was a beautiful day and fun to see everyone dancing!”

Sergio Lence

Economics — 25 years of service

“My favorite moment: When I was notified that I had received tenure.”

Robert Martin

Agricultural Education & Studies — 35 years of service

“My favorite moment is when students demonstrate that they learned and applied a lot from what they gained from my courses. I am motivated to work harder.”

Kenneth Moore

Agronomy — 25 years of service

“Participating in graduation ceremonies of students I worked with. Each of those moments reflects years of hard work and personal growth. It always reminds me of and reinforces the reason I am here.”

Rebecca Musselman

Sponsored Programs Administration — 25 years of service

“Ringing the bell at the Iowa State Capitol with Dr. Tom Barton.”

Thomas Peterson

Genetics, Development & Cell Biology — 25 years of service

“Helping to establish the ISU Plant Sciences Institute. And working together with the many talented genetics undergraduate and graduate students at ISU.”

Tracy Rullestad

Veterinary Medical Center — 25 years of service

“One of my best memories was when a former student sent me a card in the mail, thanking me for being the best supervisor she had ever had. She wrote very kind and heartfelt words. It meant so much to me, knowing that I made someone’s life a little brighter.”

Marti Steelman

Aerospace Engineering — 35 years of service

“Hilton Magic! Hilton Coliseum during the time Johnny Orr coached. The game when Lafester Rhodes scored 54 points. No one could stop his hook shot. I think the opponent was Iowa.”

Bonnie Whalen

Vice President-Student Affairs — 25 years of service

“My favorite moments are getting to interact with students and families. Making them feel welcome and comfortable here.”