



First-Person Pride

Selected favorite memories and milestones shared by Iowa State faculty and staff honored for continuous service at the 85th annual ISU 25 Year Club Banquet, March 2, 2020

Dianne Brotherson

IT Services Systems & Operations — 35 years of service

“Working with like-minded people who want the best for Iowa State University!”

Brenda Emery

Food Science and Human Nutrition — 25 years of service

“My greatest achievement has been the confidence my supervisors have had in me over the years to coordinate, organize and be the 'go-to' person for six graduate programs I oversee.”

Dennis Vigil

Chemical and Biological Engineering — 25 years of service

“Guiding 12 Ph.D. students and teaching chemical engineering to over 1,500 undergraduates. Working here with colleagues and students has been a joy and a privilege.”

Deborah Lewis

Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology— 35 years of service

“One of my favorite memories was celebrating the 125th anniversary of Ada Hayden's birth with an open house in the Ada Hayden Herbarium in 2009.”

Tin-Shi Tam

Music and Theatre — 25 years of service

“Working with hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni on the Campanile-Carillon Model project.”

Joyce Hagley

TRIO Student Support Services, Div. of Student Affairs — 25 years of service

“Featured in the 2020 Women Impacting ISU calendar.”

Jeffrey Kushkowski

Library — 25 years of service

“As of December 2019, researchers from more than 150 countries have downloaded my research from the Parks Library’s Digital Repository.”

Christine Knight-Gipe

Finance Extension, Div. of Finance — 35 years of service

“Memorable moment: A history-lesson phone conversation with Martha Jean Berry, wife of Clifford Berry [co-inventor of the world’s first electronic digital computer].”

Susan Cross

Psychology — 25 years of service

“Becoming department chair and seeing a whole new side of the university.”

Gina Holtzbauer

Facilities Planning and Management — 25 years of service

“I received the first ISU Facilities Planning and Management Merit Superior Service Honor in 2016.”

Fredric Janzen

Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology— 25 years of service

“I’ve gratefully received a number of major internal and external honors, but training more than 250 high school, undergrad, grad and postdoctoral researchers — mostly women and underrepresented minorities — is my favorite.”

Matthew Besser

Ames Laboratory — 25 years of service

“Having multiple patents issued and a few licensed.”

Glenn Luecke

Mathematics — 50 years of service

“Awarded a million-dollar contract with IBM.”

Christine Meraz

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory — 25 years of service

“Contributing to *Diseases of Swine*, 10th edition.”

David Orman

IT Services Academic Technologies — 25 years of service

“Serving as president of P&S Council.”

Erin Rosacker

Strategic Relations and Communications — 25 years of service

“Being part of the amazing transformation of the Athletics Department from 1994 to 2006, especially the women’s basketball program.”

Doris Nash

Music and Theatre — 25 years of service

“Designing costumes for the opera *Orpheus in the Underworld* in 2018. Performing in the 100th anniversary gala of ISU Theatre is a favorite memory.”

Dan Rice

Liberal Arts & Sciences Student Academic Services — 25 years of service

“Hard to say — so many. Maybe being awarded the Carroll Ringgenberg Award, because it sums up the hundreds of things I would say are my favorite.”

Vicki Speake

Youth & 4H, ISU Extension and Outreach — 25 years of service

“One of my memories is being involved in the ISU Cyclone Football Varsity Marching Band as a member of the flagline.”

Jill Weber

Human Sciences Extension and Outreach — 35 years of service

“Meeting my husband at an ISU Forestry Club Christmas tree sale outside the Memorial Union. My roommate and I were buying a tree for our dorm room. My husband was president of the Forestry Club and who I bought the tree from.”

Diane Schall

Veterinary Medical Center — 25 years of service

“My favorite memory is helping the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering grain bin safety display at the Farm Progress Show when it was in Boone.”

Connie Rasmusson

Receivables, Div. of Finance — 35 years of service

“While working full-time, I received my BLS degree from Iowa State.”

Arlie Penner

ISU Research and Demonstration Farms — 25 years of service

“I’ve been a driver for the annual open house at the ISU Dairy Farm during June Dairy Month, pulling tour wagons through the barns. It’s a joy to meet people who are interested to see what the farm looks like from the inside. Also, I’ve hauled hundreds of loads and traveled thousands of miles transporting materials, equipment and livestock with a pickup and goose-neck trailer for Iowa State’s Research and Demonstration Farms.”

S. Huang Tan

Memorial Union — 25 years of service

“One morning, while working at the Memorial Union hotel desk, I noticed a Board of Regents staff member sitting in the foyer, waiting for the board meeting to begin. I struck up a conversation with him. Among the things we talked about, I told him I liked ISU Catering’s coffee (a signature custom blend by the Roasterie, a company founded by an ISU alum). We then went back to our respective tasks. A few minutes later, he brought me a cup of coffee, with saucer! What a guy! And I think of the Regents a little differently now.”

Jeffrey Hedlund

Facilities Planning & Management — 35 years of service

“Kissing my wife on the lawn by the campanile.”