First – Person Pride: 2024

Notable achievements, accomplishments, milestones and memories shared by faculty and staff honored in April 2024 by the Iowa State University 25 Year Club for continuous years of service to the University.

Jamie Barker
Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs – 25 Years of Service
Helping to implement two different financial systems to better serve our student organizations!

Igor Beresnev
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 25 Years of Service
Watching my daughter and son graduate from Iowa State.

Stuart Birrell
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 25 Years of Service
The planning, development, and commissioning of the Off-Highway Vehicle Chassis Dynamometer Laboratory. The state-of-the-art dynamometer enables controlled, dynamic testing of complete off-highway vehicles up to 1000 kW and speeds of 80 kph.

Nancy Boury
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 25 Years of Service
I won the 2022 American Society for Microbiology Carsk Award for Teaching Excellence on the basis of my teaching microbiology and biology at Iowa State.

Jason Boyd
College of Engineering – 25 Years of Service
Promotion to Manager of the ECpE Department's Electronics and Technology Group (ETG).

Don Boyle
Facilities Planning and Management – 45 Years of Service
Completed 4 degrees at ISU.
Rosalyn Branaman  
*College of Veterinary Medicine – 35 Years of Service*  
Seeing the completion of the new Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.

Kenneth Bryden  
*College of Engineering – 25 Years of Service*  
Receiving 3 R&D 100 awards (2006, 2009, & 2010) and receiving the 2013 Melville Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Sandra Burke  
*Extension and Outreach – 35 Years of Service*  
Completing several research studies.

Kevin Cavallin  
*Institutional Research – 25 Years of Service*  
I've managed numerous core services, trained scientists in molecular biology, and assisted with the installation of almost every piece of equipment in the DNA Facility, reflecting our facility's growth and evolution.

Rae Ann Chilton  
*ISU Dining – 25 Years of Service*  
For many years I was a preceptor for the Dietetic Intern Program on Campus. The interns learned what a commissary kitchen means to the campus as well an opportunity to create new recipes.

Barb Clawson  
*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 25 Years of Service*  
The day I received the CALS Outstanding Advisor award. I looked at the list of advisors that had gotten that award in the past and was humbled and honored to be a part of that very prestigious group of individuals.

Clark Coffman  
*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 25 Years of Service*  
Teaching awards.

Deanna Collins  
*College of Veterinary Medicine – 35 Years of Service*  
2015 Merit Employee of the Year at the College of Veterinary Medicine: For Service to the College of Veterinary Medicine and its students, faculty and staff.
Philip Dixon

*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 25 Years of Service*
Receiving an LAS Master Teacher award for graduate teaching.

Karla Embleton

*Academic Programs – 25 Years of Service*
Proud to be recognized as a person who can solve problems/assist instructors to make their courses work better for students.

Heimir Geirsson

*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 25 Years of Service*
Happened early in my ISU career, but it was significant. After working on conduct and due process policies for about 5 years, the outcome of the work was realized as Ch. 7 in the FH.

Joel Geske

*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 35 Years of Service*
Served as Associate Director of the Greenlee School for three separate terms.

Al Glick

*Information Technology Services – 25 Years of Service*
Data conversion work on many new systems around campus over the year, starting with FP&M's move to FAMIS in 1999 soon after I started, the Workday HCM/FIN implementation and most recently the Workday Student implementation.

Karen Godfrey-Dixon

*College of Veterinary Medicine – 25 Years of Service*
Received EH&S Director and Citation awards

Mike Green

*Athletics Department – 25 Years of Service*
Winning two Football Writers Awards for best press box operations and multiple writing awards from CoSIDA.

Cindy Hadaway

*Department of Residence – 35 Years of Service*
I have been honored twice as the Upper Midwest Region-Association of College and University Housing Officers (UMR-ACUHO) support person of the year and received the Regents Award for Staff Excellence.

Volker Hegelheimer

*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 25 Years of Service*
I have had the opportunity to work with many wonderful colleagues and students and that has meant more to me than individual achievements. I am grateful to have received teaching, research, graduate mentoring and leadership awards.
Tracie Hennen-Bierwagen
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 25 Years of Service
2019 CALS Professional and Scientific Research Award and 2020 Iowa State University Professional and Scientific research awardee.

Karen Hunt
Finance Delivery – 25 Years of Service
My favorite ISU memory: My fondest memories were working for the Center for Non-Destructive Evaluation when Director Bruce Thompson was in charge. All the staff and students that worked there were like a second family. We never had a dull moment. My notable achievement was getting hired to work at Iowa State University in 1998. It’s been the most awesome place to have my career!

Joanna Hildreth
College of Veterinary Medicine – 25 Years of Service
In 2005 I became certified in canine rehabilitation, I also received a clinical teaching award and Merit employee of the year award.

Catheryn Hockaday
Extension and Outreach – 25 Years of Service
Spending a month in Malaysia in 2018 as a Fulbright Specialist.

Sherilyn Hoyer
Extension and Outreach – 25 Years of Service
Planning, preparing, and presenting workshops with extension swine specialist colleagues at the state 4-H and youth conference from 2002 to 2023.

Shelley Johnson
College of Human Sciences – 25 Years of Service
My position in the CTLT has grown and evolved throughout the last 25 years. I have been able to be creative and explore many things that most positions are not able to, further allowing me to share with others - At times it almost doesn't feel like work!

Sunghyun Kang
College of Design – 25 Years of Service
Library Website Design, 2001 University’s Accreditation Website Design, 2003-2004 College of Design Website Design, 2005 Bailey Research Career Development Award, 2008 Serving over 100 graduate Students as a major professor and committee member.

Thomas Lograsso
Ames Laboratory of US Department of Energy – 35 Years of Service
Renewal of the Critical Materials Innovation for an unprecedented third 5-year authorization at $30/M per year.
Elisabeth Lonergan  
*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 25 Years of Service*  
Being named a University Professor.

Steven Lonergan  
*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 25 Years of Service*  
Morrill Professor.

Marcia Mabee  
*Registrar – 25 Years of Service*  
Being involved with the testing of 2 different system - Access Plus and Workday.

Deidre Malmquist  
*Parks Library – 35 Years of Service*  
I think surviving all of the changes over the past 35 years, and learning new skills and technologies is probably my greatest achievement.

Jolene McCoy  
*Extension and Outreach – 25 Years of Service*  
Organizing site logistics for a Democratic presidential candidate debate at the ISU Learning Center in Des Moines for the 2004 election.

W. Allen Miller  
*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 35 Years of Service*  
Discoveries of bizarre mechanisms of barley yellow dwarf virus.

Daniel Ossian  
*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 35 Years of Service*  
24-gallon blood donor.

Jennifer Owens  
*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 25 Years of Service*  
Working with my colleagues to help both students and staff navigate the Covid pandemic years of 2020-2021.

Marc Peterson  
*Institutional Research – 25 Years of Service*  
About 95% of my positions over the years at ISU have been funded through grants and contracts. This has given me the opportunity to make an impact on many different departments and units across campus and in the Des Moines community.
Cheryl Sansgaard
*College of Engineering – 45 Years of Service*
Receiving the College of Engineering Staff Excellence Award in 2021.

Lisa Scarbrough
*Extension and Outreach – 25 Years of Service*
Sharing stories of women in agriculture has been a highlight in my career at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Virgil Schmitt
*Extension and Outreach – 35 Years of Service*
Receiving the CYtation Award.

Doan Schmitz
*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – 25 Years of Service*
Being able to assist and make a positive difference in the Iowa Seed Industry.

Lisa Smith
*College of Veterinary Medicine – 25 Years of Service*
Receiving CVM Merit Employee of the Year (2019).

Traci Stewart
*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 25 Years of Service*
Hanging in there thru ADIN, Tracytime, and Workday.

Yoshinori Suzuki
*College of Business – 25 Years of Service*
Receiving the Land O'Lakes Endowed Professorship.

Jeff Warrick
*Athletics Department – 25 Years of Service*
I was happy to be a part of the Swimming & Diving team's 2nd place finish at the 2023 Big 12 Championships.