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Eight ISU Students Recognized at Scholarship Awards Ceremony

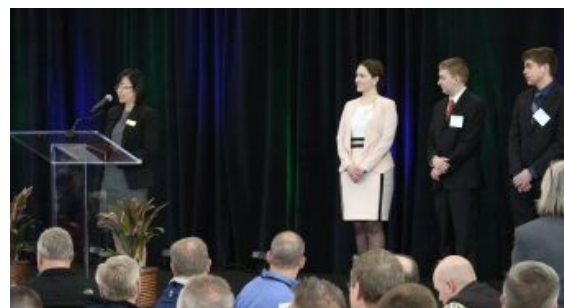
This year, eight ISU students were honored at the 2018 Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Feb 14, 2018. Six students received the Iowa Seed Association (ISA) Scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded. One of these students, Skyler Brazel, was also selected as our "Manjit Misra Outstanding Senior Scholar," and he received \$500 in addition to the \$1,000 ISA scholarship. For the third year, the ISA also awarded the \$1,000 "Bill Latham" Memorial Scholarship in his honor. Bill was a former president of the Iowa Seed Association, the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), the Independent Professional Seed Association (IPSA), and was a former President of his family company, Latham Seed. Bill passed away on July 31, 2015.

The Scholarship Committee and CALS greatly appreciate the generosity, in the form of the scholarship funds, and the great measure of support given to ISU and the College, by the Iowa Seed Association and the American Seed Trade Association.

We also appreciate the leadership of Dr. Manjit Misra, Seed Science Center Director and Seed Science Endowed Chair.

For the second time, the "Lisa Shepherd Jenkins" Memorial Scholarship has been awarded by the ISU Seed Science Center to an undergraduate student engaged in seed science and seed technology. The \$1,000 scholarship honors Shepherd Jenkins who served as Seed Health Testing Coordinator for the Seed Science Center and as Director of the Administrative Unit of the National Seed Health System. Lisa headed one of the most active phytosanitary seed testing programs in the country. Lisa passed away on July 1, 2015.

View all names of students [here](#).



Above: Dr. Susana Goggi, Professor of Agronomy, ISU Seed Science Center, announced scholarships at 2018 ASC luncheon, Feb. 14, 2018.



Seed Science Center Director Manjit Misra, Shannon Latham, Agronomy Professor Susana Goggi, Taylor Davis, AnnaMarie Condon, Skyler Brazel, Governor Kim Reynolds, Savannah Jones, Daniel Korhonen, Jack Pieper, and Michael Tupper. (Jennifer Meyer was not present.)



Pedersen Recognized as 2018 ISA Honorary Member

During the annual Seed Forum hosted by the Iowa Seed Association (ISA), the ISA board of directors recognized Palle Pedersen as the 2018 ISA Honorary Member. The association annually partners with the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference (ASC) in Des Moines to provide attending members a wider range of learning and networking opportunities.

Palle is responsible for the management of the overall Seedcare product marketing team in the United States. Prior to joining Syngenta in 2010, Palle was an associate professor at Iowa State University where he coordinated and provided state leadership in soybean production and management. Palle has his Ph.D in agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an International Executive MBA from Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.



Thank You For Your Leadership!



The Iowa Seed Association Board would like to thank Dana Stubbendeck for his leadership as 2017 ISA President. Dana will move into the Past President roll on the board. Jim Webster, DuPont Pioneer, will serve as ISA Board President effective February 2018 through February 2019. ISA board members can be found online IowaSeed.org.

SeedFirst PAC Event | March 27



Tuesday, March 27, 2018
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

ISA members are invited to join the SeedFirst PAC at an event in support of Congressman David Young, March 27, 2018 at the home of Dave and Denise Bubeck - 12317 NW 85th Ave, Grimes, IA 50111. To RSVP please email sara@frameworkmg.com. Individuals - \$150 / Couple Attendees - \$250. ([click here for flyer](#))



Mirsa Receives 2018 ASABE Sukup Global Food Security Award



Manjit Misra, Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and Director of the Seed Science Center, was awarded the 2018 ASABE Sukup Global Food Security Award. Established in 2015 by Charles Sukup, President of Sukup Manufacturing Co. in Sheffield, Iowa, this endowed award recognizes the enhancement of food security by innovative engineering or the application of engineering in the production and distribution of food, including the storage and handling of grains, oilseeds, and other food products. The award is given annually to one recipient.

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Misra Received the Outstanding Achievement in International Agriculture Award

Manjit Misra will receive the Outstanding Achievement in International Agriculture. Misra is the director of the Iowa State Seed Science Center. His team has led 700 workshops and trained more than 15,000 seed professionals on scientific, biosafety, ethics and policy issues. Misra led the development of a global graduate level course that attracted industry leaders from 21 states and 11 countries. International organizations, such as the World Bank, often call him for advice.

Misra works with people from all over the world and said working at the global level makes a big impact. "The seed center has worked with 80 countries," Misra said. "We work with countries to assess what the seed quality obstacles are and how they overcome them."

[More at Misra's story.](#)

Latham Named 2017 ISU Ag Business Outstanding Alumni

John Latham, 1992 Ag Business, was presented the 2017 Ag Bus Outstanding Alumni Award at the Agricultural Business Club's Banquet at the Scheman Building on March 3, 2018.

Latham graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in agricultural business in 1992. He was a member of the Ag Business Club, a senator for the College of Ag and Life Sciences on Student Government and an officer for the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. During his time at Iowa State, he held an internship with Pioneer Hi-Bred that led to a full-time position as a production agronomist in Illinois. In 1994 he started work as a District Sales Manager for the family company, Latham Seeds, in Alexander, Iowa. Later in 2004, he started Latham Hi-Tech Hybrids which focuses on selling seed corn.

Latham is a long time member of the Iowa Seed Association and is the president of Latham Hi-Tech Seeds. Quoted in Latham's alumni stories he says "Surround yourself with good people whom you trust. Our business won't succeed without extremely competent, loyal people."

Northey Sworn in As USDA Under Secretary for FFAS & Naig Takes Office as Iowa Sec of Ag

Bill Northey was confirmed on Tuesday, February 27, by the U.S. Senate to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue administered the oath of office to Bill Northey at the 6th Annual Iowa Ag Leaders Dinner on Tuesday, March 6. Northey served as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture for more than eleven years.

Deputy Director Mike Naig was appointed by Governor Reynolds Monday, March 5 after Northey's official resignation as Iowa Secretary of Ag. Naig, has served as Deputy Director since 2013, will serve the remainder of Northey's term, which runs through January. Naig has also filled for his candidacy for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture.

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Iowa Seed Association Reminders & Events

- June, 2018 ISA Golf Tournament, IA
- August, 2018 Agribusiness Showcase & Conference - Summer Workshop, IA

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