

**ABE Alumni E-News - Spring Edition - April 30, 2014**

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**U.S. News releases latest graduate school rankings;  
Iowa State's ag engineering ranked 4th**

Iowa State University's graduate program in agriculture and biosystems engineering continues to be a national leader, according to the latest U.S. News & World Report graduate school rankings released March 11th.

The program ranks fourth overall and fourth among public universities, according to the magazine's 2014 rankings.

To read the original story, [click here](#).



## Engineering duo elected to lead ISU GSB

Combining a passion to help others with a drive to solve problems, Hillary Kletscher and Mike Hoefer are ready to take on the challenge of being president and vice president, respectively, of Iowa State's Government of the Student Body.

Kletscher, a junior in biological systems engineering from the small farming community of Vesta, Minn., has a strong agricultural background with a variety of experiences that center on making people's lives better.

To read the original story, [click here](#).



## The wait is nearly over

Progress continues at the new Biorenewables Complex, with construction over 90 percent complete. Crews have hand-mixed and troweled nearly three-fourths of a white terrazzo floor in the atrium (pictured), which connects Elings (left) and Sukup (center) halls with the Biorenewables Research Laboratory (right), phase one of the complex.

Outdoor site work, including sidewalk pouring, will begin in April. The first faculty and staff should be moving in by late May, with most moves occurring during June and July. Students will use the building fall semester.

For more pictures of the construction, [click here](#).



### **Class Highlights - [Spring Semester, 2014](#)**



### **ABE Events**

Click on the photos for the complete album, and check out our Flickr page for more photos of Spring Events!



### **A round of applause goes to:**

- [Dr. Manjit Misra](#)
- [Dr. David Grewell](#), [Dr. Matt Helmers](#), [Dr. Michelle Soupir](#), & [Dr. Chenxu Yu](#)
- [Samantha Riess](#) (Senior - Biological Systems Engineering) & [Andrew Verhasselt](#) (Agricultural Engineering)
- [Natalie Hanson](#) (Sophomore - Biological Systems Engineering), [Jason Schuster](#) (Junior - Agricultural Engineering), & [Josh Simon](#) (Junior - Agricultural Engineering)
- [Hillary Kletscher](#) (Senior - Biological Systems Engineering) & [Kody Sjoblom](#) (Senior - Agricultural Engineering)
- [Water Rocks!](#)
- Ahmad Bujang, graduate student - 2nd place in oral presentation competition at ASABE Intersectional Meeting
- [Dr. David Grewell](#), [Dr. Jay Harmon](#), & [Dr. U. Sunday Tim](#)

- [Dr. Carl Bern & Susana Bucklin](#)
- [Kate Klavon \(Senior - Agricultural Engineering\)](#)
- Jon Olsen (Senior - Agricultural Systems Technology): [Iowa Seed Association](#) Scholarship

### **ABE alumni news**

- [Alumna engineers reliability for biofuel production at Flint Hills Resources](#)
- [Five questions for agricultural engineering alumnus Bret Euken](#)
- [ITec alumnus named CALS alumni of the month](#)

### **More ABE news**

- [Research by Helmers and Tang featured in RESOURCE](#)
- [Raman gives boost to Hoover's STEM Academy](#)
- [BSE combines engineering and life sciences to create a new generation of professionals](#)
- [New ABE faculty uses supply chain management to improve rice distribution](#)
- [Kruse, AST senior, talks internship experience](#)
- [Corn Stover Gains Attention in Iowa for Industrial Uses](#)
- [Yin Bao, ABE PhD candidate, profiled by Graduate College](#)
- [Stinn, ABE PhD candidate, profiled by Graduate College](#)
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- [Hurburgh comments on new food safety legislation](#)
- [BioCentury Research Farm intern named 2013-2014 Student Employee of the Year](#)
- [Cellulosic ethanol requires efficiently collecting corn stover bales](#)
- [Iowa State part of \\$320 million national manufacturing lab announced by White House](#)
- [Gross, ABE PhD candidate, featured in Farm News for algal research](#)
- [Pork producers tips on conserving propane](#)
- [Grain Quality Lab prepares students, samples](#)
- [New Holland provides tractors to BioCentury Research Farm](#)

### **Mark your calendars!**

- **May 9** - [Masters and Ph.D. Graduation and Pre-Commencement Reception with LIVE WEBCAST](#)
- **September 25** - New Building Dedication
- [ABE Calendar](#)
- [College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Calendar](#)
- [College of Engineering Calendar](#)

### **E-News schedule**

ABE Alumni E-News is published on a quarterly basis. The next issue will be published July 31, 2014. If you have news items or event dates to include, please send them to Dana Woolley by July 17.

## Connect with us

For more pictures of the capstone day, senior recognition banquet, ABE complex construction, and class highlights, check out our Facebook and Flickr pages.



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