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## **ABE Alumni E-News - Summer Edition - July 31, 2014**

# **We've Moved!**

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### **Guest Post - Dr. Steve Mickelson: A new home for ABE**

Ask anyone who has ever been associated with the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and they'll all say the same thing – our new building was a long time coming.

For years, the department was housed in no less than four buildings, including Davidson Hall – a building with a rich history which included educating and employing the pioneers of our field. Davidson held many memories for the faculty, students and staff that called it home.

And now, in 2014, we are excited to open a new chapter in our residence.

For the full story, [click here](#).



## Floating World

Floating World, a public art piece, was installed in early July in the Biorenewables Complex on the west side of campus. The piece was created by artist Ralph Helmick who worked with a committee of faculty and staff from the agricultural and biosystems engineering department.

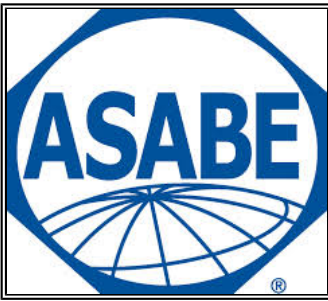
The piece is located in the Sukup Hall and Atrium of the Biorenewables Complex, which is bordered by Elings Hall, Sukup Hall and the Biorenewables Research Laboratory. The artwork consists of 14 steel scrim panels that weigh around 3,000 pounds.

Helmick was inspired by Grant Wood and Japanese woodblock prints called ukiyo-e, which means floating world. The sculpture illustrates the university's central role in the history of agriculture and reflects its groundbreaking endeavors.



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### **ABE recognized for achievement at ASABE conference**



From July 13 to July 16, the hallways in Elings Hall and Sukup Hall were a little vacant. This was due to many in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering attending the 2014 ASABE (American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers) annual international meeting in Montreal. Faculty, staff and students were in attendance, and several were recognized for their outstanding and exemplary

contributions to their field. Congratulations to the recipients of the following awards: [click here](#).

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### **Summer Study Abroad**



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### **Goodbye Davidson**



### More ABE news

- A current graduate student who set a state biking record, extension tips on energy efficiency and how the Power Pullers made the leap from 22nd to 4th place are just a few of the stories you'll find in our [ABE News Feed](#).

### Mark your calendars!

- **September 25** - Biorenewables Complex Dedication  
Dedication begins at 4:30p.m. Check out our [events page](#) for more information when it becomes available.

### E-News schedule

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

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