2017 Ambassador Reception

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Reception and Open House 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. including a short program at 3:30 p.m.

Welcome
Christopher Atchison, Director, State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa

Building Bridges from the Present to the Future
Dan Reed, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, University of Iowa

Outgoing Ambassador
Kelli Ryckman, MS, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health
University of Iowa

2017-2018 Ambassador
Steve Mandernach, J.D., Bureau Chief,
Food and Consumer Safety Bureau
Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Concluding Remarks
Christopher Atchison
The State Hygienic Laboratory’s Ambassador Program raises awareness of Iowa’s environmental and public health laboratory and helps drive environmental, public health, training and research initiatives that span the public and private sectors. Each year, a leader in one of these fields is asked to serve as the Hygienic Laboratory Ambassador, which is typically a one–year appointment without funding.

2017-2018: Steve Mandernach  
Emphasis: Iowa’s Food Safety  
Bureau Chief, Food and Consumer Safety Bureau, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

2016-2017: Kelli Ryckman  
Emphasis: Genomics for Public Health  
Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health, University of Iowa

2015-2016: Michael Schultz  
Emphasis: Radioactivity in Drinking Water Resources in Iowa: Closing the Loop  
Associate Professor, Departments of Radiology, Chemistry and Radiation Oncology, University of Iowa

2014-2015: Dave Jacoby  
Emphasis: Educational Excellence and STEM  
Iowa State Representative and University of Iowa Public Relations Outreach Coordinator for the Southeast Iowa STEM Region

2013-2014: Rachel Hurley  
Emphasis: Biotechnology and Economic Development  
Executive Director of the Iowa Biotechnology Association

2012-2013: Sandra Daack-Hirsch  
Emphasis: Maternal and Newborn Screening  
Associate Professor, University of Iowa College of Nursing

2011-2012: Doug Herman  
Emphasis: Laboratory Science in the Classroom  
Iowa City West High science teacher and national “Outstanding Biology Teacher”

2010-2011: Hector Ibarra  
Emphasis: Mentorship in Competitive Science Projects  
Nationally recognized science educator and retired science teacher for the West Branch Community School District

2009-2010: Anne-Michael Langguth  
Emphasis: Engaging Girls in the Sciences  
Miss Iowa, government degree from Harvard University and 2014 graduate from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine