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FACULTY PRESENTATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
“GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS”

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Executive Summary: A strategic priority of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is to support student, faculty, and staff involvement in international opportunities. The Office of Global Agriculture Programs coordinates global engagement activities. Its mission is to provide leadership and service in globalizing learning, discovery, and engagement programs that serve the people of the state, the nation, and the world.

International engagement is an appropriate activity for students within the context of their curriculum or program of study. Through scholarships for international study, students have an opportunity to participate and to become more competitive in the job market after graduation.

Professor David Acker will describe the success of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in expanding the number of undergraduate students participating in global experiences. Two undergraduate students will provide their perspectives – Leslie Freehill and Emily Eggleston.

David Acker serves as Associate Dean for Academic and Global Programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He is a Professor of Agricultural Education and holds the Raymond and Mary Baker Chair for Global Agriculture. Dr. Acker has been involved in international research and education since 1975, including eight years living and working at agricultural and extension education institutions in Greece and Tanzania. His research focus is on agricultural education. Dr. Acker earned a Ph.D. from Oregon State University in 1989. He has directed agricultural and natural resources research and extension programs in Tanzania, Malawi, and Senegal and was a Fulbright research fellow in Greece. He has served as the president of the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education and as a volunteer member of the Board of Trustees of the American Farm School in Greece.