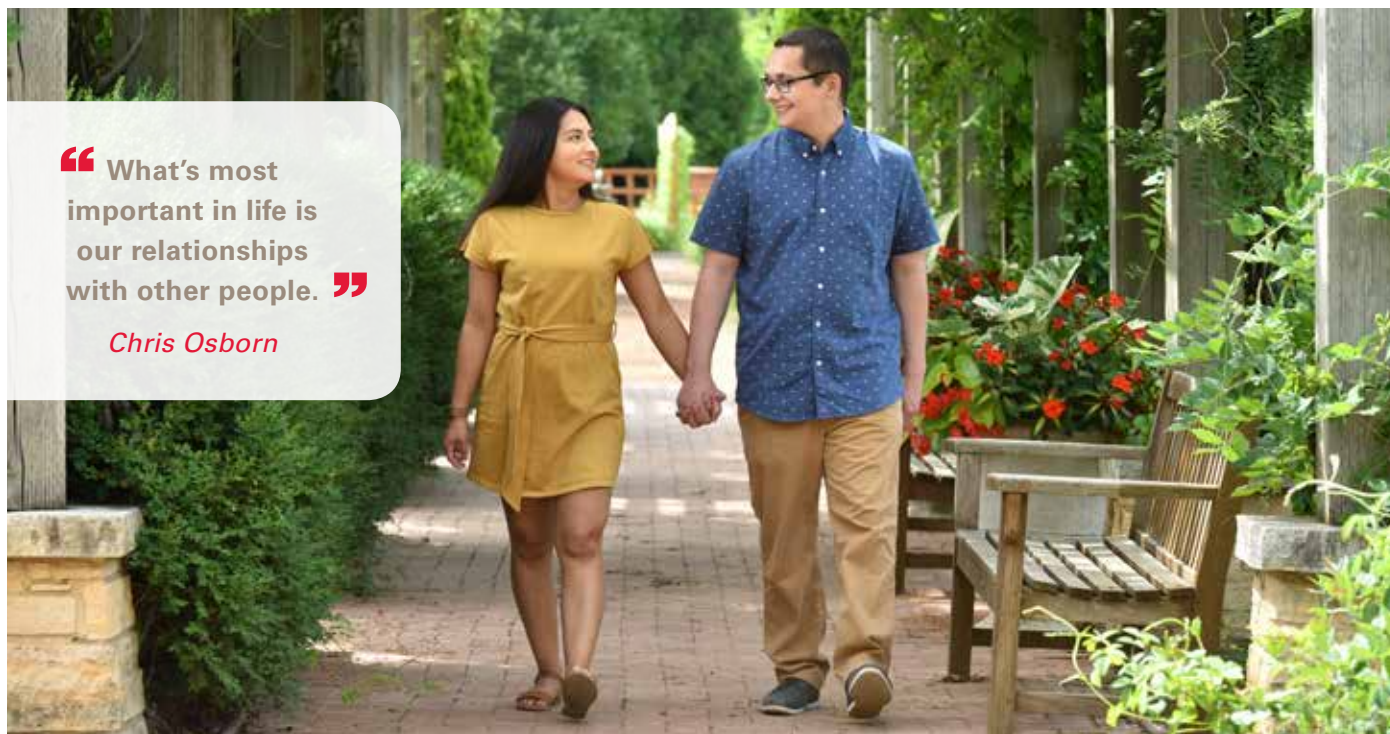


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Chris Osborn

Photo: Paul Gates

Journey to Recovery – and Discovery

Many college juniors count the days to graduation. After experiencing a serious illness, **Chris Osborn**, a senior in management information systems and recipient of the Craig Hansen and Judith Ralston-Hansen Business Scholarship, appreciates each day – and has learned what really counts in life.

Tell us about your life-changing experience.

During my sophomore year in 2013, I was diagnosed with Stage III testicular cancer. After chemotherapy, I was declared to be in remission, but once I started classes again, I learned I had tumors growing near my spine. I dropped out of school that day and

traveled across the country for specialized surgery, more high-dose chemotherapy and a tandem cell transplant. I’ve been in remission for over three years now.

How have things changed since you’ve returned to Iowa State?

I now volunteer as an ambassador for the Testicular Cancer Awareness Foundation, and for Imerman Angels. I want to make sure people with similar cases don’t feel alone on this tough journey. I’m also even more aware of the value of scholarships. I have a lot of medical bills, so that’s at the top of my list of worries. I can’t express just how grateful I am for the support.

How has your experience shaped you as a student?

It’s made me want to get the most out of my Iowa State experience and lay a good foundation for my future – which I hope will include landing a job in the information technology industry. I also plan to start a family with my girlfriend, **Brenda Garcia**, who is majoring in human services at Purdue University Global.

What’s the biggest lesson you’ve learned?

What’s most important in life is our relationships with other people. I focus on having positive relationships, being as happy as I can and making others happy.

Practical Makes Perfect

Every day, Iowa State students and faculty are tackling thorny problems with inventive yet practical solutions. What does that process look like? Maybe a little like this...



This illustration an example of sketchnoting, a dynamic, visually engaging way of capturing information during project planning or idea generation. Sketchnoting is taught by Iowa State University Assistant Professor of Industrial Design Verena Paepcke-Hjeltness. To learn more, see the fall issue of Forward magazine, available at www.foundation.iastate.edu.

Gerdin Grows

Construction of a 45,000-square-foot addition to the Gerdin Business Building, home of the Debbie and Jerry Ivy College of Business, is scheduled to begin this spring. Providing much needed space to accommodate the college's growth, the expansion facing Wallace Road is expected to be completed in 2020.

Conceptual rendering



Grooms Named Dean of College of Veterinary Medicine

Dan Grooms has been appointed the next Stephen G. Juelsgaard Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. He began his duties in October.

Grooms previously served as professor and chair of the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at Michigan State University. Grooms is an expert in bovine infectious diseases and holds board certification from the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, with specialty in veterinary virology.



Robison Named Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Daniel J. Robison has been named Iowa State University's next Endowed Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and director of the Iowa Agricultural and Home Economics Experiment Station.

Robison comes to Iowa State from West Virginia University, where he served as dean of the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design and director of the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station.

TOP NOTCH

— TOP 17% —

Iowa State University is in the **top 17 percent of ranked universities** in 75 countries in the fifth annual U.S. News "Best Global Universities."



— TOP 25 —

Iowa State University's programs in landscape architecture, interior design and architecture are ranked among the top 25 in the United States, according to DesignIntelligence.

— TOP 50 —

Iowa State is in Princeton Review's "Guide to 399 Green Colleges" for the eighth consecutive year and is the **only Iowa school included in the review's "Top 50 Green Colleges"** for 2018.

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relive some of your own Iowa State memories.

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What We Love About Iowa State

Maybe it was love at first sight, or perhaps the attachment grew over time. Whichever way it started, the love Iowa State alumni and friends have for the university endures the test of time. Here are photos of a few things we love about Iowa State. What about you? Follow us on social media, use #ForeverTrueISU and share what you love about Iowa State.