The 2012 Hoover Wallace Dinner

Honoring Iowa’s Agricultural & Humanitarian Heritage

Monday, August 20
The World Food Prize Hall of Laureates
The Hoover-Wallace Dinner was established in 2004 by Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, President of the World Food Prize Foundation, to recognize Iowa's agricultural and humanitarian leaders. The bi-partisan event is designed as an occasion where Iowans come together above political, social, ethnic and racial differences to celebrate Iowa's legacy of feeding the world and alleviating human suffering.

The theme of the dinner is exemplified by the achievements of its namesake native Iowans: Former President Herbert Hoover who, while working for Democratic President Woodrow Wilson, arranged for the delivery of food to Europe during World War I, saving hundreds of millions of people from starvation; and former Vice-President Henry Wallace, whose agricultural innovations increased food availability and nutrition for millions more. The dinner is sponsored in collaboration with the Greater Des Moines Partnership.

Past honorees at Hoover-Wallace Dinners have included former Vice President Walter Mondale and former Iowa Gov. Robert Ray; John Deere, both the man and the company; former Sen. John Culver, former Congressman Jim Leach and Iowa City physician Dr. Ignacio Ponseti; and Senators Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin.

Proceeds from the event help fund the World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan International Internship Program, which has sent over 140 Iowa high school students on eight-week, all-expenses-paid research assignments at renowned international research institutions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Known as the “crown jewel of the Iowa high school experience,” this program aims to give students real-world experiences confronting the global challenges we face in the 21st Century.
This year, we honor Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack for their extraordinary leadership in promoting agriculture and agribusiness, particularly in regard to the visit of Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping, and for supporting exceptional educational opportunities for the next generation.

PROGRAM

Procession of Honored Guests

The Visit of Vice President Xi Jinping

Presentation of Borlaug Public Service Award

Amb. Kenneth M. Quinn, President, The World Food Prize Foundation

Remarks

H.E. Yang Guoqiang, Consul General of the People’s Republic of China

Dinner

Iowa Corn Song

Performed by Legendary Iowa opera star Simon Estes