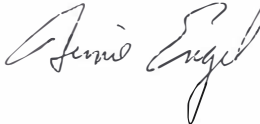


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*Bernie Engel**Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patrick Wolfe
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Bernie Engel
Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture 

DATE: February 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Corteva AgriScience Henry A. Wallace Chair in Crop Sciences

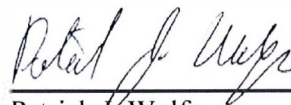
I am delighted to endorse the candidacy of Dr. William Johnson for the appointment to the Corteva AgriScience Henry A. Wallace Chair in Crop Sciences. The ideal candidate for this prestigious position should share a commitment to advancing the social good through research and extension programs that enhance agriculture, reminiscent of Henry Wallace's dedication to making hybrid corn accessible worldwide. Additionally, the chairholder should possess a fervor for educating students and cultivating a love for plants. Dr. Johnson's cutting-edge research, with a specific focus on addressing the needs of farmers in Indiana and neighboring states, coupled with his impactful mentorship of both graduate and undergraduate students, positions him as an excellent fit for this esteemed chair.

In his letter, Dr. David Jordan from North Carolina State University indicates that he has "reviewed nomination packages that are truly outstanding and are examples of faculty productivity and contributions to the scientific community and practitioners that are at the very top of our institution. I have not reviewed a single nomination packet during this process that was more deserving of recognition than what I see in Dr. Johnson's nomination for the Henry Wallace Chair of Crop Science." I enthusiastically agree!


Attached you will find Dr. William Johnson's recommendation letter from Dr. Ron Turco, full CV, exemplary letters of support, abbreviated CV and introduction. Dr. Johnson is at the top of his field, and I wholeheartedly support this appointment. I hope that you will agree that Dr. Johnson is worthy of this distinction, and that you will in turn recommend him to the Board of Trustees for the Corteva AgriScience Henry A. Wallace Chair in Crop Sciences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Approval Recommended:

 4/10/2024
Patrick J. Wolfe Date
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs and Diversity
Miller Family Professor of Statistics and
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Approved:

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