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### Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Paul M. Winistorfer has served as dean of the **College of Natural Resources and Environment** at Virginia Tech since August 2009. Under his leadership, the college has undertaken strategic initiatives to move the college forward, including renaming the college (formerly Natural Resources), renaming two of the four academic departments, creating new degree programs, creating the Student Leadership Institute, reorganizing the Academic Programs Office, creating the Dean's Cabinet, and instituting the Dean's Development Tour. Winistorfer helped the college meet its goal for the campaign for Virginia Tech: Invent the Future by closing the six-year campaign at more than \$14 million for the college.

Dr. Winistorfer earned his doctorate in forestry (wood science) from Iowa State University in 1985. Prior to serving as dean, Winistorfer was head of the college's Department of Wood Science and Forest Products (now the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials) from 2001 to 2009. Winistorfer was chair of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Tech Department Heads Council in 2009.

Winistorfer began his professional career as a postdoctoral scientist at the University of Georgia. He served on the faculty at the University of Tennessee for 16 years, where he was the founder and director of the Tennessee Forest Products Center (now the Center for Renewable Carbon). He was recognized as the outstanding teacher in the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee in 1992-93.

Winistorfer has extensive experience in the field of wood composites, having directed a research program at the University of Tennessee that focused on density and densification of these products during manufacture. This work led to successful national USDA Research Initiative Competitive grants and a stream of important publications and technology that has been commercialized in the private sector and is in place at over 120 manufacturing facilities, R&D labs, and government and university labs worldwide. He is a U.S. patent holder and received the American Museum of Science and Energy Emerging Technology Award in 1999 and 2000.

Winistorfer has served his profession as president of the Forest Products Society, president of WoodLINKS USA, and on the board of directors for the Virginia Forestry Association, the Powell River Association, and the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation. He maintains an active professional membership in the Forest Products Society and the Society of American Foresters.

At Virginia Tech Winistorfer serves on the President's Academic Council, the Academic Affairs Council, the Council of College Deans, the Energy and Sustainability Committee, the Economic Development Leadership Team, and the Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station Executive Committee. He is the 2011-12 chair of Virginia Tech's Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, the annual workplace giving campaign for employees of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Winistorfer and his wife, Jeanette, have twin sons, Jonah and Soren, and live in Blacksburg.

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